

J.R.O.T.C. program to receive this prestigious award. As a senior at Burke High school, Mr. Polack rose to the rank of Major within J.R.O.T.C. program. This amazing accomplishment recognizes the progress of leadership skills and scholarly knowledge within military and academic achievements within our nation's college preparation programs.

Not only has he reached tremendous heights in the military preparation program, but he is also involved with actively volunteering at the Friedel Jewish Academy, National Honor Society, and a member of student council. This remarkable young man has set goals to attend West Point, the Naval Academy in Annapolis, and continue to participate in officer preparation courses at a higher level of education.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in congratulating Jared Polack and the J.R.O.T.C. Mentors within Omaha Burke High School—J.R.O.T.C. on this achievement. They have set the standards high and have become a symbol for Nebraskans within the Junior Reserve Training Corps for years to come.

IN RECOGNITION OF STEVE K.
OSHITA

HON. JACKIE SPEIER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 8, 2014

Ms. SPEIER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor Steve K. Oshita—affectionately called Mr. O—who retired after 37 years of teaching math and science at Crocker Middle School in Hillsborough, California. Mr. O is no ordinary math and science teacher because his students learn about life and leadership.

He starts out his new classes by announcing that “respect is the very first thing we will learn in this class.” That is followed by his instruction that “body language is everything, students. If you are sitting up, you are ready to learn; if you slouch, you are not!”

Every student in his class sits up straight and is ready to learn. The respect is mutual. Mr. O is one of the most thoughtful and dedicated educators I have met. He gained the deepest respect of my two children whom he taught math, science and invaluable lessons for life. They remember him as personable, resolute, with a wonderful sense of humor and the gift of creating a great environment for learning.

In the Hillsborough community, Mr. O is known as one of the most beloved teachers at Crocker. Alumni often return just to visit with him. For one year he served as the Vice Principal, but that took too much time away from the classroom and he went back to teaching only.

Steve Oshita was born in San Francisco, California. His parents wanted him to become a dentist and he started his education at UC Berkeley in pre-medical technology, but his calling was science and he earned his degree in Biology and Entomology, the study of insects. He then earned his teaching credential at San Francisco State University and has been teaching ever since.

Not surprisingly, Mr. O married another Hillsborough teacher, Robyn Chamness. They met in 1986, married in 1995 and have two lovely children, Reid and Renee.

Mr. O loves to dress up at school events. A fan of Motown music, Saturday Night Fever and Miami Vice he has been spotted as John Travolta and Don Johnson. He is also an enthusiastic sports fan and enjoys SCUBA diving, basketball, tennis—religiously every Sunday—and the Giants.

Mr. Speaker, I ask the House of Representatives to rise with me to honor Steve Oshita, a model educator who has inspired hundreds of children and set them on a path to lifelong learning and success.

TO RECOGNIZE THE 101ST ANNI-
VERSARY OF THE LADIES AUX-
ILIARY TO THE VETERANS OF
FOREIGN WARS OF THE UNITED
STATES

HON. MICHAEL G. FITZPATRICK

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 8, 2014

Mr. FITZPATRICK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Ladies Auxiliary to the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States on its 101st year of service. The organization honors military service and ensures that the history of America's veterans is preserved for future generations. Rallied behind National President Ann Pantekakos's theme “Patriotism Begins at Home,” 500,000 members across the country, including those from the seven auxiliaries in my home district, work to maintain veterans' memorials, share veterans' history with the community, volunteer at veterans' hospitals, and provide scholarships to students recognizing patriotism through art and volunteerism. I congratulate the Ladies Auxiliary on its outstanding work and wish its members continued success as they serve our veterans and their families.

IN RECOGNITION OF DANNY
GLOVER

HON. SANFORD D. BISHOP, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 8, 2014

Mr. BISHOP of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize an outstanding actor, producer, humanitarian, activist and motivational speaker, Mr. Danny Glover. Mr. Glover was featured at a Health and Wellness Benefit on Friday, August 15, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. at the Occasion Event Center in Columbus, Georgia.

Mr. Glover was born in San Francisco, California on July 22, 1946. He trained at the Black Actors' Workshop of the American Conservatory Theatre. His Broadway debut in Athol Fugard's Master Harold . . . and the Boys earned him national recognition and led director Robert Benton to cast him in his first leading role in 1984's Academy Award-nominated Best Picture, *Places in the Heart*. Mr. Glover then starred in two more Best Picture-nominated films, Peter Weir's *Witness* and Steven Spielberg's *The Color Purple*. In 1987, Mr. Glover partnered with Mel Gibson in the first *Lethal Weapon* film and went on to star in three hugely successful *Lethal Weapon* sequels. Throughout his career, he has starred in a multitude of films, including in *The Royal*

Tenenbaums; *Saw*; *Shooter*; *Death at a Funeral*; 2012; and the critically-acclaimed *Dreamgirls*.

Mr. Glover has also invested his talents in more personal projects including the award-winning *To Sleep With Anger*, which he executive produced and for which he won an Independent Spirit Award for Best Actor; as well as *Bopha!*; *Manderlay*; *Missing in America*; and the film version of Fugard's play *Boseman and Lena*. In 2005, Mr. Glover co-founded New-York based *Louverture Films*, a company dedicated to the development and production of films of historical relevance, social purpose, commercial value and artistic integrity.

Not one to rest on his laurels, Mr. Glover dedicates much of his time to community activism and philanthropic efforts, concentrating on advocacy for economic justice and access to health care and education programs in the United States and Africa. He served as a Goodwill Ambassador for the United Nations Development Program from 1998–2004, focusing on issues of poverty, disease and economic development in Africa, Latin America, and the Caribbean. He currently serves as a UNICEF Ambassador.

Among his many recognitions and accolades, Mr. Glover was the recipient of a 2006 Director's Guild Award; 2011 “Pioneer Award” from the National Civil Rights Museum; and several NAACP Image Awards and CableACE Awards. He earned an Emmy nomination for his performance in the title role of the HBO *Movie Mandela*.

Mr. Glover has not only been a commanding presence on screen, stage, and television but also a driving force on the international stage for humanitarianism. Nelson Mandela once said, “For to be free is not merely to cast off one's chains, but to live in a way that respects and enhances the freedom of others.” Mr. Glover embodies this statement thoroughly, for in light of his enormous personal success, he continues to fight hard for the rights and freedoms of others.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me, my wife Vivian, and the more than 700,000 residents of Georgia's Second Congressional District in recognizing Mr. Danny Glover for his remarkable accomplishments as an actor and for his unwavering courage, strong values, and an avid pursuit of equality and justice as a humanitarian.

HONORING THE CARREKER-JONES
FAMILY

HON. HENRY C. “HANK” JOHNSON, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 8, 2014

Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I submit the following Proclamation.

Whereas, in the 1800's, the Carreker-Jones Family began with their oldest known family members in Talbotton, Talbot County, Georgia; since that time, they have blessed us with descendants across the country who have helped to shape and mold our nation; and

Whereas, today we honor all of the matriarchs and patriarchs, who are pillars of strength for the Carreker-Jones family; and

Whereas, in our beloved Fourth Congressional District of Georgia, we are honored to have many members of the Carreker-Jones

family who are some of our most productive citizens; and

Whereas, family is one of the most honored and cherished institutions in the world, we take pride in knowing that families such as the Carreker-Jones family have set aside this time to fellowship with each other, honor one another and to pass along history to each other by meeting at this year's family reunion in Washington, DC; and

Whereas, the U.S. Representative of the Fourth District of Georgia has set aside this day to honor and recognize the Carreker-Jones Family; Now therefore, I, HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, Jr., do hereby proclaim, July 25, 2014 as The Carreker-Jones Family Reunion Day in the 4th Congressional District of Georgia.

Proclaimed, this 25th day of July, 2014.

**DOMINICAN STATE PARADE AND
FESTIVAL OF NEW JERSEY**

HON. BILL PASCRELL, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 8, 2014

Mr. PASCRELL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Dominican State Parade and Festival of New Jersey on the 25th Anniversary of their dedication in the promotion and celebration of Dominican culture and values. The Dominican State Parade and Festival of New Jersey has reached a milestone that few other organizations in our community can claim, and has made many valuable contributions throughout our great State of New Jersey over the past 25 years.

Founded in 1989, the Dominican State Parade and Festival of New Jersey celebrated to commemorate the restoration of independence for the Dominican Republic. The Dominican Restoration War, a guerilla war between nationalists and Spain, who had recolonized the country 17 years after the Dominican Republic had gained independence from Haiti, ended with Dominican victory and is celebrated in August.

For the past 25 years, the Dominican State Parade and Festival of New Jersey has been a great event in the Dominican community in the State of New Jersey. It was initially celebrated in August in celebration of the restoration of independence but is now celebrated during the month of September.

The Dominican State Parade and Festival of New Jersey had its beginnings with the election of a board of directors composed of men and women members of Club Dominicano Ramon Matías Mella and Casa Dominicana de Paterson. My good friend, Ms. Elsa Mantilla, was elected as the first president followed by 15 other individuals who have led this organization.

Ms. Elsa Mantilla has returned to serve as president of the Dominican State Parade and Festival of New Jersey and has been serving since 2004. For the past 10 years, Ms. Mantilla has devoted herself by taking on the management responsibility of the activity, with the help of previous presidents.

The Dominican State Parade and Festival of New Jersey has served to project Dominican values in the State of New Jersey, which stand out in culture, sports, arts, folklore, as well as providing an opportunity for many

youths to be recognized within the social and political environments of the state.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you join our colleagues, all Dominican State Parade and Festival of New Jersey members, and all Dominican-Americans in New Jersey as they celebrate this amazing milestone. It is without question that all those affiliated with the Dominican State Parade and Festival of New Jersey have a great love for their heritage and their dedication and loyalty to project Dominican values in America is commendable.

**RECOGNIZING JON CASEY OF THE
SOUTHLAKE FIRE DEPARTMENT**

HON. KENNY MARCHANT

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 8, 2014

Mr. MARCHANT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Jon Casey of the Southlake Fire Department in Southlake, Texas. Casey was honored yesterday, September 7th, by the Southlake Baptist Church during a special service for first responders. Though only having been a firefighter in Southlake for a short time, Casey has demonstrated noteworthy courage and dedication to serving others.

Jon Casey was hired by the Southlake Fire Department on June 17, 2013. In little more than a year, he has made a difference in the lives of those around him numerous times. He and his colleague, Kevin Barry, stayed with fellow firefighter, Justin Speaker, and cared for him as he went through a medical tragedy and eventually passed away. Later they helped his family when they came to town to mourn and settle affairs.

On another occasion, Mr. Casey was off duty and driving outside of Southlake with two other firefighters, Kyle Warden and Isaiah Gonzalez, when they approached an overturned and ablaze ATV. They sprang into action and gave medical attention to an 11 year old girl who had been trapped underneath it and found nearby with severe burns. They then accompanied the local paramedics who arrived afterward and continued to provide needed assistance. They have since visited her at Parkland Hospital's burn unit and have followed her recovery.

Instances of Mr. Casey going out of his way to help others have also been noted in ways that would seem small but that made a world of difference to those whom he has touched. He was among three firefighters who helped Betty Hawthorne, a woman who was traveling and had pulled over at their station for help with her power window that would not roll up. Little did they know that she was coming from the funeral of a dear friend and lost many other loved ones that year. She was deeply distraught and was driving hours on a blistering hot day to see her grandson play in a baseball game. Along with Lieutenant Marshall Urbanosky and Engineer Tony Peyton, Casey successfully repaired her window. Their compassion left Betty with such an impression that she wrote a letter to the Fire Chief, describing the whole story with great gratitude.

Southlake Fire Department Deputy Chief Wade Carroll, reflecting on Jon Casey, has written that he cannot "help but think that his kind heart toward those in need has driven his career choice, his actions, and the actions of

his friends. Because of people like [Jon] the fire service will continue to stand for showing the compassion of Christ to those in need." The City of Southlake will be most fortunate as Casey continues to devote himself to public service, both on and off duty.

Mr. Speaker, it is my honor to ask all of my distinguished colleagues to join me in congratulating Jon Casey on his well-earned community recognition for his exceptionally sacrificial and caring service as a member of the Southlake Fire Department.

**PAYING TRIBUTE TO MS. LEE
STURTEVANT**

HON. ZOE LOFGREN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 8, 2014

Ms. LOFGREN. Mr. Speaker, I rise with my colleagues, Congress members ANNA ESHOO and MIKE HONDA, to recognize the impact of Ms. Lee Sturtevant's lifelong service on the County of Santa Clara. We would like to express our deep sadness over her passing on August 7, 2014, in San Jose at the age of 91.

Ms. Sturtevant was a life-long, dedicated, selfless, and influential activist in Santa Clara County, particularly in her tenacious leadership capacity within the Santa Clara County Democratic Central Committee and of Democratic Activists for Women Now (DAWN). A committed Democrat, she believed in the government's importance in advancing opportunities for those who had none.

Ms. Sturtevant dedicated her life to getting women involved in politics. In 1974, she successfully managed the campaign of Assemblywoman Leona Egeland, the only woman serving on the Assembly at the time. In 1981, Ms. Sturtevant served as my Chief of Staff when I was first elected to the Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors. She was a staffer for many other Santa Clara County area elected officials over the years, including Congressman Honda.

Ms. Sturtevant was a dedicated advocate for those with developmental disabilities. She worked as a teacher and librarian for the Cupertino School District, and served on the San Jose Unified School District Board of Education. She had walked precincts for Franklin D. Roosevelt, organized community college professors, and conducted workshops on collective bargaining for the Detroit United Auto Workers. Ms. Sturtevant's continued hands-on involvement in key social issues cannot be overstated.

We join Ms. Sturtevant's family, colleagues, and the Santa Clara County community to express our heartbreak and great sense of loss. Ms. Lee Sturtevant was a source of tireless advocacy for social change and improvements in the lives of others and a tremendous force for good. She was a leader, advisor, and a mentor to many women and girls over the course of her impressive career. She leaves Santa Clara County and our world a better place and will be dearly missed.