

economic viability of our communities and paving the way for our students to compete and succeed in a global workforce.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Helios Education Foundation for serving our communities, and in particular, I commend its Founder and Chairman, Vince Roig, for his passion and commitment to this work. In addition, I congratulate Helios Education Foundation's Board of Directors and Staff for the tangible and critical impact the Foundation has had over the past 10 years. Most importantly, I am excited about the long-lasting and transformative change Helios Education Foundation will have on our community in perpetuity through education.

**HONORING THE EXCEPTIONAL
HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS AC-
CEPTED INTO THE WAUKEGAN
TO COLLEGE PROGRAM**

HON. BRADLEY S. SCHNEIDER

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 14, 2014

Mr. SCHNEIDER. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to rise today to honor Jazmin Bahena, Luz Cruz, Roberto Flores, Vanessa Flores, Maria Gaytan-Martinez, Marely Guadiana, Hansel Lopez, Mirian Lopez, Deshawn Mitchell, Stephanie Pakula, Victor Solano, Mauricio Sosa Cardenas, Fernando Tovar and Magrullio Zuniga for their admittance into the Waukegan to College program.

Launched in 2009, W2C seeks to advance local students' intellectual and emotional development, cultivating a strong commitment to community and a profound belief that they can build a brighter future for themselves, their families and their communities. By establishing high academic expectations and counseling students and their families on the college application process, W2C helps students realize their full potential by making the dream of college a reality.

All first-generation college students, these young people were selected for the W2C program because of their impressive academic achievements as well as their contributions to their communities. As leaders in the classroom, these students demonstrated tremendous resolve in overcoming difficult obstacles as well as dedication to positively contribute to society.

In order to revitalize our communities, we must dedicate ourselves to rebuilding the ladders of opportunity so that all Americans are assured the prospect of personal advancement. This requires providing each and every child, regardless of zip code, access to a high quality, affordable education.

When our nation's talented young people pursue their passions and follow their dreams, they accomplish far more than personal growth. By applying to college and achieving individual success, these young leaders embody and advance an ethos that permeates into all aspects of society. Their efforts inspire hope and promise among their families, friends and neighbors, igniting a social transformation that has the potential to dramatically reshape our local communities and our nation.

These students truly are Champions of Change. I wish them all the best of luck in their future endeavors.

**RECOGNIZING EMERGING BUSI-
NESS LEADERS UPON RECEIVING
THE AMHERST CHAMBER OF
COMMERCE 2014 YOUNG PROFES-
SIONAL LEADERSHIP AWARD**

HON. BRIAN HIGGINS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 14, 2014

Mr. HIGGINS. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to recognize the founding members of Emerging Business Leaders on receiving the 2014 Young Professional Leadership Award from the Amherst Chamber of Commerce. This award acknowledges a group of young professionals that demonstrate commitment to the Buffalo Niagara Region.

Originally called the Creative Class Consortium, Emerging Business Leaders is a network of over 500 smart and dynamic professionals under the age of 40. Four years ago, Chamber President Colleen DiPirro adopted a non-traditional business model, and reached out to local firms and invited employees under the age of 40 to create a dialogue that encourages their engagement. These members come from different industries, have different ideas, but are all committed to innovation. With the creation of the Emerging Business Leaders, these professionals were given a network to become community stewards.

I stand here today, Mr. Speaker, to recognize the enormous contribution that comes with the foundation of Emerging Business Leaders to the Buffalo Niagara region. This group of young and progressive individuals will keep the Amherst Chamber of Commerce relevant, benefitting the entire region.

**RECOGNIZING VICE ADMIRAL WIL-
LIAM D FRENCH ON HIS RETIRE-
MENT FROM THE UNITED
STATES NAVY**

HON. MADELEINE Z. BORDALLO

OF GUAM

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 14, 2014

Ms. BORDALLO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Vice Admiral William D. French on his retirement from the United States Navy after 35 years of Federal service. Vice Admiral French retired as the Commander, Navy Installations Command.

Admiral French earned his commission as an officer in the United States Navy through the Naval Reserve Officers Training Corps Program in 1979. In addition to his bachelor's degree in Mechanical Engineering from Vanderbilt University, Admiral French holds a Master of Science degree from Naval Postgraduate School in 1986 and a Master of Arts from the Naval War College in 1999.

He served at sea on a number of submarines including as Executive Officer on the USS *Helena* (SSN 725) and commanded the USS *Salt Lake City* (SSN 716). Admiral French also served as Deputy Commander of Submarine Squadron 11; as Chief of the Strategy and Policy Division at U.S. Strategic Command and Commanded Submarine Squadron 3 in Pearl Harbor, Hawaii.

Throughout his distinguished naval career, Admiral French has worked tirelessly to de-

fend his nation and develop strong community relationships wherever he was stationed. Admiral French's commitment to community was readily apparent in his second flag officer assignment serving as commander, Joint Region Marianas and concurrently serving as U.S. Defense Representative to Guam, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, Federated States of Micronesia and Republic of Palau. Admiral French was one of the most popular and effective Admirals to have served on Guam.

In particular, he advocated, prepared for and assisted in the military buildup on Guam, and he did it through establishing strong relationships within the community. He also worked closely with then Brigadier General Doug Owens, Commander 36th Wing at Andersen Air Force Base, on implementing the Joint Region concept on Guam. There were many unique and difficult challenges in implementing this requirement from the 2005 round of BRAC but their framework endures to this day.

Moreover, he prioritized direct and open lines of communication with our community at all the Navy regions he served. On Guam, he demonstrated a keen understanding of the Chamorro culture that is an important part of understanding Guam and relating to our local community. Admiral French demonstrated a model of leadership that should be emulated by any military officer. He established ground rules on Guam which are still in place today.

I also commend Vice Admiral French for his leadership as Commander, Naval Installations Command. He provided leadership of the shore-based Navy installations at a time of budget constraints. He has been able to ensure that the sailors and marines are provided with shore facilities that support their mission and their families. Despite the budget challenges he ensured that the Navy continued to invest in improving the housing and facilities that support Marines and sailors.

Despite his tremendous accomplishments, Vice Admiral French and his family suffered an unimaginable tragedy earlier this year. On January 24, 2014 Admiral French's daughter, Teresa was tragically killed. Admiral French and his family stood strong in the face of adversity and were an example for us all to follow. In the days following Teresa's passing there was a tremendous outreach to his family from any community in which Admiral French served or where his family lived. That was a clear demonstration of the strength of his personal bonds and leadership wherever he served his nation.

I have enjoyed working with Admiral French when he was on Guam as well as during his tenure as Commander, Navy Installations Command. On behalf of the people of Guam and a grateful nation, I commend Vice Admiral French for his many years of dedicated service to our country. I wish him the best in his retirement.

**COMMEMORATING THE LIFE OF
SARDAR GANGA SINGH DHILLON**

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 14, 2014

Mr. CONNOLLY. Mr. Speaker, I, along with my colleague Mr. Honda, rise today to commemorate the distinguished life of Sardar

Ganga Singh Dhillon, who passed away on September 24, 2014 at the age of 86.

Ganga Singh Dhillon was born in the Sheikhpura area of West Punjab. He received his early education at Chak 19 and the Guru Nanak Khalsa High School Nanakana Sahib. He later joined the Sikh National College Lahore.

This was a time of great political and religious turmoil throughout the Indian sub-continent. The region was on the verge of being divided, and the interests of the Sikh community were not being addressed. S. Dhillon became one of the foremost original leaders of the Sikh struggle. In 1947, he was arrested in Lahore along with several other students for promoting Khalistan, a Sikh nation. That same year, his father was shot and killed by the Pakistani army while trying to resolve an issue between the Sikhs and Muslims.

Ganga Singh Dhillon then moved with his family to India where he was mentored by S. Joginder Singh Mann, an old family friend. While in India, S. Dhillon began his battle to preserve Sikh holy sites, especially the birthplace of the first Sikh guru, Guru Nanak Dev, and to allow Sikh pilgrims the right to visit these sites. However, his cause was considered far too radical, and he was taken into custody and held in the Nabha jail for a year and a half. It would take fifty years for this battle to be won; in 1999 the President of Pakistan finally granted the Pakistan Gurdwara Parbandhak Committee the right to maintain Sikh shrines and began granting more visas so that Sikhs abroad can visit them.

With the help of S. Mann, Sardar Ganga Singh Dhillon moved to the United States in the 1960s where he continued his advocacy on behalf of Sikh concerns. S. Dhillon was committed to improving relationships and understanding between Sikhs and other cultures and religions. He discussed issues with patience, logic, and advocacy for peaceful solutions, even with his most bitter adversaries. In 1965, S. Dhillon founded the John F. Kennedy Memorial Hockey Tournament. The core mission of this tournament was to build friendship and stronger bonds through sport, and to develop better understanding and mutual respect for people of all countries, rich and poor, through competition and sportsmanship. This tournament is now one of the largest international hockey tournaments in the United States.

In 1981, S. Dhillon returned to India to deliver a Presidential Address entitled "Sikhs Are a Nation" at the 54th All India Sikh Educational Conference. Reaction to his speech was overwhelmingly hostile, forcing him to leave India immediately. He was banned from ever travelling to India as a result.

S. Dhillon was also a leader on other issues of importance to the international Sikh community. He along with others established the Nanakana Sahib Foundation, the purpose of which was to bridge the gap between Sikhs and their Pakistani Muslim brothers. This foundation is jointly funded and run by Muslim and Sikh private individuals, to support a library, a guest house, and hospital where free medical care is provided to the poor.

Mr. Speaker, we ask that our colleagues join us in commemorating and celebrating the life of our friend, Sardar Ganga Singh Dhillon and in expressing sincere condolences to his family. Sardar Ganga Singh Dhillon rightfully belongs in a select group of very rare individ-

uals who, through peaceful means, have truly changed the world. His efforts on behalf of the international Sikh community and the improvement of relationships between cultures will be his enduring legacy.

THE ANNIVERSARY OF THE DAUGHTERS OF PENELOPE

HON. DINA TITUS

OF NEVADA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 14, 2014

Ms. TITUS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 85th Anniversary of the Daughters of Penelope. This fine organization was founded on November 16, 1929, in San Francisco, with the mission of improving the well-being of Greek women and providing them with opportunities to make significant contributions to American society. Over the past 85 years, Daughters of Penelope has grown into a leading international organization of women of Hellenic descent and Philhellenes, recognized and respected worldwide for its scholarship programs and public advocacy.

Today, the Daughters are instrumental in promoting the ideals of ancient Greece, with a focus on education, philanthropy, civic responsibility, and individual excellence through community service and volunteerism. Most recently, through their 250 chapters around the globe, they have supported efforts to end domestic violence in the United States and Greece by sponsoring domestic violence centers, shelters, and hotlines.

I am proud to work with them on these important issues and look forward to continuing our partnership to empower the next generation of female Hellenic leaders.

HONORING THE LIFE OF RUTGERS UNIVERSITY PROFESSOR CLEM- ENT PRICE

HON. DONALD M. PAYNE, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 14, 2014

Mr. PAYNE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Rutgers University Professor Clement Price, who passed away earlier this month.

Dr. Price was born in Washington, DC, but adopted Newark as his beloved home. He became one of Newark's most ardent supporters and an esteemed author, historian, and humanitarian.

He moved to Newark shortly after the 1967 riots, and earned his Ph.D. from Rutgers University, later becoming a professor there.

Dr. Price was a very thoughtful man, and he was always supportive of me, often providing guidance. I will forever be grateful for his help and dedication to our shared beloved city. Newark is without a doubt a better place to live because of Dr. Clement Price.

The last time I saw Dr. Price was just days before his passing. He was being honored by the Newark YMCA.

He had told me before that when he was a youngster, he was a server in the Members Dining Hall. Unfortunately, though, because of the color of his skin, he was never able to dine there. So, I had invited him down to dine with me.

He reminded me of my offer that day, and the last thing he said to me was "We're going to keep that date; and we're going to taste that bean soup." I only wish we could have kept that date. It would have been my absolute pleasure.

To his wife, Mary Sue, I extend my deepest condolences, thoughts, and prayers.

RECOGNIZING CCS ONCOLOGY UPON RECEIVING THE 2014 INNO- VATION AWARD FROM THE AM- HERST CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

HON. BRIAN HIGGINS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 14, 2014

Mr. HIGGINS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize CCS Oncology as the recipient of the 2014 Innovation Award presented by the Amherst Chamber of Commerce. This award recognizes a firm that goes beyond the industry standard to advance their service through the integration of technology.

Located in Williamsville, Kenmore, Lockport, Niagara Falls, Hamburg, West Seneca, and Dunkirk, CCS Oncology provides comprehensive cancer services to Western New York. With over 30 board certified physicians and 200 professionals, CCS Oncology is dedicated to providing the most advanced technology and personalized treatment plans to their patients. Their services include chemotherapy, hematology, radiation therapy, general surgery, and genetic screening, and numerous others.

To better serve their patients, and all of Western New York, CCS Oncology provides the highest quality clinical services, giving hope for all stages and types of cancer. It is with great honor, Mr. Speaker, which I stand here today to recognize CCS Oncology on the receiving of the 2014 Innovation Award.

REMEMBERING U.S. NAVY COM- MANDER CHRISTOPHER E. KALAFUT

HON. PHIL GINGREY

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 14, 2014

Mr. GINGREY of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate and celebrate the life of U.S. Navy Commander Christopher E. Kalafut, of Acworth, GA, and honor his service to this great nation.

Commander Kalafut passed away in late October while serving at Al Udeid Air Base in Qatar at the age of 49.

A native of Oceanside, California, Kalafut was a gifted student and athlete. Upon his graduation, he attended the prestigious U.S. Merchant Marine Academy in Kings Point, NY where he earned a Bachelor of Science and was commissioned into the U.S. Navy in 1987. Chris earned his pilot wings in 1990 and spent 23 years as an Active Duty and Reserve pilot flying the E-2C Hawkeye in support of combat, humanitarian, and disaster relief missions.

Chris also served as a U.S. Customs pilot, flew for Delta Airlines, and was first an officer based out of Atlanta. In 2001, Kalafut and his