

Villablanca, who has devoted her career in medicine to identifying and building awareness of the cardiovascular disease risk factors for women.

In 1994, Dr. Villablanca established the nation's first program dedicated to researching, preventing and treating heart disease in women. Heart disease is the leading cause of death of women in the United States, causing one in three deaths each year, more than all forms of cancer combined. Dr. Villablanca has conducted laboratory research that has advanced scientific knowledge of the unique biological causes and indicators of heart disease in women.

Dr. Villablanca has actively engaged with grassroots organizations in conducting community-based research to identify and mitigate heart disease risk factors among populations most at risk, including African American and Hispanic women. Her tireless advocacy for women's heart health earned her a place on the Woman's Day magazine Heart Health Advisory Board and the magazine's inaugural Red Dress Award.

Furthermore, this year marks the 20th anniversary of the founding of the Women's Cardiovascular Medicine Program at the University of California, Davis, which recognizes the importance of research and patient-care programs to identify the risk factors and preventions for heart disease among women. As part of the program, Dr. Villablanca has hosted the annual Women's Heart Care Education and Awareness Forum since 2006 to encourage community champions for women's health and expand appreciation for lifestyles and health behaviors that benefit cardiovascular health. In 2010, Dr. Villablanca forged an innovative partnership with the UC Davis Department of Design to create and display a collection of student-designed red dresses and ensure heart-health messages reach a younger generation of women. The Forum embraces the link between health and art that the UC Davis Red Dress Collection represents and its role in engaging young women in understanding the importance of paying attention to their heart health.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me today in recognizing the ongoing work of Dr. Amparo Villablanca and the UC Davis Women's Cardiovascular Medicine Program in providing a woman-centered, culturally sensitive and respectful approach to patient care.

#### HONORING MORRIS TURNER

#### HON. BARBARA LEE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, February 10, 2014*

Ms. LEE of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the extraordinary life of Morris "Morrie" Turner, former cartoonist for the Oakland Tribune. Known throughout the Bay Area and the Nation by his cartoon strip "Wee Pals," Mr. Turner has left an indelible mark on our national discourse. With his passing on January 25, 2014, we look to the outstanding quality of his life's work and the inspiring role he played in breaking racial barriers as the first nationally syndicated African American cartoonist.

Born on December 11, 1923 Morrie Turner was born and raised in Oakland. His passion

for drawing began as a young child. After graduating from Berkeley High School, Mr. Turner served in World War II as a mechanic for the Tuskegee Airmen. During this time, he drew comic strips for military newspapers. Once returning back to the Bay Area, he worked as a clerk for the Oakland Police Department while freelancing cartoons to newspapers and magazines. In 1964, Mr. Turner's drive and admiration for cartooning inspired him to create cartoons full time.

During the height of the Civil Rights Movement, Morrie Turner realized that African American kids rarely appeared in cartoons. Inspired by Charles Schulz's "Peanuts" cartoon, Mr. Turner began creating a comic strip featuring kids from all backgrounds called "Wee Pals." In the beginning, only a few papers would run the strip. After the tragic event of Martin Luther King, Jr.'s assassination in 1968, "Wee Pals" achieved national recognition, appearing in more than 100 newspapers.

Morrie Turner's "Wee Pals" covered issues of racism, sexism and bullying. His hope was "to portray a world without prejudice, a world in which people's differences—race, religion, gender and physical and mental ability—are cherished not scorned." There was a wide range of characters, encompassing many different ethnicities. The success of the comic strip inspired an animated television show called "Kid Power." As he continued to produce comic strips, Mr. Turner wrote and illustrated children's books.

Renowned for his cartoons and children's books, Mr. Turner received numerous awards. Among the many prestigious awards, he received the Sparky Award from San Francisco's Cartoon Art Museum, the Anti-Defamation League's humanitarian award, the Boys and Girls Club Image Award and the California Educators Award. During the Vietnam War, Mr. Turner had the honor as one of six cartoonists with the National Cartoonist Society to travel to Vietnam and draw more than 3,000 caricatures of the service people on the frontlines and in hospitals.

Morrie Turner left an imprint on many generations by addressing these important topics still facing our Nation. He found a creative way to educate children and reach out to approximately 25 million readers with his "Wee Pals" cartoon. In addition, he was actively involved in educational programs and charities in the Bay Area.

On several occasions I was humbled to be one of Morrie's caricatures in his very creative, educational and funny cartoons. When I met him, I knew I was in the presence of not only a brilliant intellect but a soaring spirit. It was an honor and a privilege to have been in his presence on many occasions.

Today, California's 13th Congressional District salutes and honors an outstanding individual and cartoonist, Morris Turner. As an Oakland native, Mr. Turner's efforts have truly paved the way for minorities and impacted so many lives throughout the Nation. I join all of Morrie's loved ones in celebrating his incredible life. He will be deeply missed.

#### RECOGNIZING THE SERVICE AND CONTRIBUTIONS OF JOHN COLACCHIO

#### HON. ALAN GRAYSON

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, February 10, 2014*

Mr. GRAYSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize an outstanding member of the Central Florida community, John Colacchio. Mr. Colacchio is an 89-year-old veteran of the Second World War who recently participated in an Honor Flight. The Honor Flight, comprised of 50 World War II, Korean, and Vietnam veterans, was a one-day event in which these veterans flew from Florida to Washington, D.C. and visited the memorials to their fallen comrades. A native of Long Island, New York, Mr. Colacchio was drafted at the age of 18 after graduating from high school. He bravely fought with the Army's 2nd Infantry Division in historic battles including the Invasion of Normandy. Mr. Colacchio served with distinction for two years and nine months. He earned the rank of Staff Sergeant and was awarded a Bronze Star and two Purple Hearts.

After his service, Mr. Colacchio returned to work at the Long Island Railroad, where he worked for another 34 years. In 2008, after the passing of his beloved wife, Laura, Mr. Colacchio moved to be near his only child, in Celebration, Florida. His daughter, Barbara, is a Marine Corps veteran and served as Honor Guardian on his recent Honor Flight. On Veterans Day 2013, his daughter and friends dedicated a memorial brick in his name at the Veterans Memorial Park in Celebration.

Mr. Colacchio sacrificed greatly to help our country in a time of need. He served with dedication and bravery and has remained active in the veteran community. It is my pleasure to recognize his accomplishments and contributions to the community.

#### HONORING KEIFER MARSHALL, JR

#### HON. JOHN R. CARTER

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, February 10, 2014*

Mr. CARTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Keifer Marshall, Jr., recipient of the Drayton and Elizabeth McClain Community Achievement Award for individuals who truly exemplify public service leadership. Marshall's life of sacrifice and activism reflects the very best values of central Texas.

Marshall, a native son of Temple, TX, bravely stepped forward when his country needed him most and served in the U.S. Marine Corps during WWII. Stationed in the Pacific Theater, he fought the ferocity of the Japanese head on. At Iwo Jima, the casualties of his company were the severest of the entire campaign. Out of 250 Marines, Marshall was one of the lucky few to survive.

This proud Marine is also a committed citizen. Marshall returned to Temple and began the next chapter of his life of extraordinary service. A member of numerous councils and boards, he later became a City Councilman and a two-term Mayor. Marshall was President of the Temple Chamber of Commerce, was

commissioned a Kentucky Colonel, and was awarded Temple Citizen of the Year honors in 1992. He remains a respected leader who's made a real and positive impact on his community.

Ronald Reagan once said, "Some people live an entire lifetime wondering if they've made a difference in the world, Marines don't have that problem." Keifer Marshall is a local treasure and a fitting recipient of the Drayton and Elizabeth McClain Community Achievement Award. I join all who celebrate his selfless service to his nation and his hometown.

#### HONORING GEORGE PHIL WRIGHT

### HON. JASON T. SMITH

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, February 10, 2014*

Mr. SMITH of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Mr. George Phil Wright of Rolla, Missouri for his years of exemplary service to his country through the United States Air Force. Mr. Wright's career as meteorological technician first began when he entered the Air Force as a weather apprentice in 1964. His active military service includes assignments in Illinois, Missouri, South Carolina and Turkey. Mr. Wright was a distinguished airman earning several awards including the Air Force Good Conduct Medal and Air Force Expert Marksman Ribbon. He also completed the Non-Commissioned Officer Leadership School at McGuire Air Force Base in New Jersey.

After ten years of active military service, Staff Sergeant Wright separated from the Air Force and was hired as a civil service weather observer at McEntire Air Force National Guard Base, South Carolina. He was later promoted to his most current position at Fort Leonard Wood in Missouri. At Fort Leonard he manages three weather technicians and provides weather support to 4th MEB, 1st of the 106th Air Assault Company, U.S. Army Engineer School, Military Police School, and the U.S. Army CBRN School. Mr. Wright has earned many awards and accolades during his time serving as a weather observer. On May 15, 2014 Mr. Wright will have completed 50 years of service to the United States Air Force Service. It is my pleasure to recognize his efforts and achievements before the House of Representatives.

#### TO RECOGNIZE JACK CORY FOR HIS WORK WITH THE FLORIDA ALLIANCE OF BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS

### HON. DENNIS A. ROSS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, February 10, 2014*

Mr. ROSS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Jack Cory for his work with the Florida Alliance of Boys & Girls Clubs.

Boys & Girls Club organizations located across Florida serve over 161,000 youths between the ages of 6 and 18 annually.

Since 2006, Jack has represented the Florida Alliance of Boys & Girls Clubs—fighting to secure funding for over 40 member organizations.

This funding is vital for the Florida Alliance of Boys & Girls Club's mission to help young people; especially those who need us most to reach their full potential as productive, caring, responsible adults.

By encouraging civic involvement at a young age, Jack has also empowered entire generations of young Floridians remain active in their respective communities for years to come.

Again, I rise to recognize Jack Cory for his achievements, and his hard work and dedication to the Florida Alliance of Boys & Girls Clubs.

#### CELEBRATING THE 25TH ANNIVERSARY OF COMMUNITY OPTIONS

### HON. RODNEY P. FRELINGHUYSEN

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, February 10, 2014*

Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Community Options of New Jersey, as they celebrate their 25th anniversary this year.

Founded in 1989, Community Options, Inc. was established around the belief that all people should have the freedom to experience the highest degree of self-determination. The nonprofit is built around that philosophy and provides housing and support services, and advocates on behalf of people with disabilities.

Originating in New Jersey, Community Options has expanded its services across multiple states to support people with mental retardation, autism, physical disabilities, traumatic brain injury and dual diagnoses. Recognizing that people with the most severe disabilities require environments and support that are tailored to very specific needs, Community Options works with state and county based authorities to facilitate community placement and work opportunities that encourage individual choice and flexibility.

Community Options is the sixth-largest nonprofit organization in New Jersey, and has developed a number of partnerships with Non-Governmental Organizations in countries across the world. Providing advocacy assistance to empower people with disabilities, Community Options believes that all people, regardless of disability level, should live and work in the community with dignity, choice and self-determination.

I have seen firsthand how their facilities in Wayne and Morristown work to create the best possible environment for persons with disabilities. This includes 24-hour residential services, supported employment to match people with disabilities for competitive jobs, entrepreneurial businesses, as well as programs supporting persons with very significant medical needs.

The mission and work of Community Options has made the nonprofit an important asset to New Jersey. Their continued dedication to support thousands of families, and champion the rights of persons with disabilities, is to be commended.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you and my colleagues to join me in congratulating Community Options, Inc. of New Jersey as they celebrate their 25th anniversary.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

### HON. JOHN A. YARMUTH

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, February 10, 2014*

Mr. YARMUTH. Mr. Speaker, during rollcall 50 on final passage of H.R. 3694, the Sacramento-San Joaquin Valley Emergency Water Deliver Act, my vote was incorrectly recorded as "yes." I intended to vote "no."

#### SENATE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Title IV of Senate Resolution 4, agreed to by the Senate of February 4, 1977, calls for establishment of a system for a computerized schedule of all meetings and hearings of Senate committees, subcommittees, joint committees, and committees of conference. This title requires all such committees to notify the Office of the Senate Daily Digest—designated by the Rules Committee—of the time, place and purpose of the meetings, when scheduled and any cancellations or changes in the meetings as they occur.

As an additional procedure along with the computerization of this information, the Office of the Senate Daily Digest will prepare this information for printing in the Extensions of Remarks section of the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD on Monday and Wednesday of each week.

Meetings scheduled for Tuesday, February 11, 2014 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

#### MEETINGS SCHEDULED

FEBRUARY 12

10 a.m.

Committee on Environment and Public Works

To hold hearings to examine Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century (MAP-21) reauthorization, focusing on the economic importance of maintaining Federal investments in our transportation infrastructure.

SD-406

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

To hold hearings to examine extreme weather events, focusing on the costs of not being prepared.

SD-342

Committee on the Judiciary

To hold an oversight to examine the report of the Privacy and Civil Liberties Oversight Board on Reforms to the Section 215 telephone records program and the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court.

SD-226

Committee on Rules and Administration

To hold hearings to examine bipartisan support for improving United States elections, focusing on an overview from the Presidential Commission on Election Administration.

SR-301

Special Committee on Aging

Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship

To hold a joint hearing to examine the challenges and advantages of senior entrepreneurship.

SD-562