

with an opportunity to recognize women business owners and executives for their outstanding endeavors to expand the influence of women in business.

Chartered in 1980, the Greater Detroit Chapter of NAWBO was founded to further the mission of its national organization in Southeast Michigan region; to expand the access of women to the top echelons of decision-making in social, economic and political endeavors around the world. To execute this mission, the members of NAWBO, both in Detroit and across the country, engaged in an exchange of knowledge and experiences that allowed them to develop and hone their entrepreneurial skills. Specifically, NAWBO sponsors programming that is designed to strengthen the capacity of its members to promote economic development, create innovative and effective change in business culture, build strategic partnerships and influence public policy discussions.

To support these goals and its mission, the Greater Detroit Chapter of NAWBO hosts a number of events like Entrepreneur-YOU, which provides women entrepreneurs with a workshop to support the development of critical skills for creating and running a business; expos that allow members and the community at-large with a chance to build their social and business networks; and the Circle of Learning, which allows members to directly interact with each other in an effort to strengthen their brand, work culture and performance.

The Top 10 Awards allows NAWBO to recognize leading women in business from Southeast Michigan, whose work is expanding the opportunities for women, to be recognized by their peers for their commitment, their vision and, most importantly, their excellence. I am pleased to congratulate this year's winners: Barabara Whittaker, Suzanne Bobbitt, Eva Scurlock, Mary Buchzeiger, Ann Reinman, Jmai Moore, Pamela Smith, Mashell Carissimi, Mary Ann Lievois, Carla Walker-Miller and Shirley R. Stancato, on the remarkable impact they are making on the Greater Detroit community.

Mr. Speaker, as we celebrate National Women's History Month and reflect upon the remarkable impact women have made on our country, I am honored to recognize the Greater Detroit Chapter of NAWBO and this year's Top 10 Awards winners for the work they are doing to expand opportunities for women in business. For the last thirty-four years, the members of NAWBO in Southeast Michigan have been at the forefront of supporting women in business and I wish them continued success in their future endeavors.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. DIANE BLACK

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 12, 2014

Mrs. BLACK. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall No. 86 (Cummings Amendment), rollcall No. 87 (Connolly Amendment), rollcall No. 88 (Jackson Lee Amendment) and rollcall No. 89 (Motion to Recommit), which took place Friday, February 28, 2014; I am not recorded because I was unavoidably detained. Had I been present, I would have voted "no."

On rollcall No. 90 (Final Passage of H.R. 899), I would have voted "aye."

JULIE VILLEGAS

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 12, 2014

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Julie Villegas for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. Julie Villegas is a 12th grader at Standley Lake High School and received this award because her determination and hard work have allowed her to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Julie Villegas is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Julie Villegas for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. I have no doubt she will exhibit the same dedication and character in all of her future accomplishments.

CONDEMNING VIOLATION OF UKRAINIAN SOVEREIGNTY, INDEPENDENCE, AND TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY

SPEECH OF

HON. MIKE KELLY

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 11, 2014

Mr. KELLY of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in strong support of H. Res. 499, a resolution condemning the violation of Ukrainian sovereignty, independence, and territorial integrity by military forces of the Russian Federation.

This resolution is a loud, strong message from this body, the House of Representatives, the People's House, that the people of the United States stand firmly behind the people of Ukraine in their mission to maintain their independence, free from Russian aggression.

Our friends in the world must always have full assurance that we are with them, that our resolve is unshakeable, and that nothing will intimidate us.

This resolution lays out what our game plan looks like as we take concrete steps to back our friends in Ukraine. I want to focus on one key part of this plan: achieving energy independence for Ukraine and the region.

For too long Russia has used the threat of manipulating energy prices and supplies to impose economic and political pressure on Ukraine and other countries. This has got to stop.

We can provide a reliable source of energy to our partners in Europe. Congress is ready to do its part. However, the Obama administration needs to speed up the permit approval process to get liquid natural gas flowing to our friends in Europe, approve the Keystone XL pipeline, and take other pro-American, pro-growth, pro-energy actions. There is truly no better time than now.

We can hit Vladimir Putin where it hurts—in the wallet. We can strengthen Ukraine's hand

in the short run and sell them the fuel they need for the long haul. We can create jobs for American workers—good, meaningful jobs. It just makes sense.

I urge support for H. Res. 499.

OUR UNCONSCIONABLE NATIONAL DEBT

HON. MIKE COFFMAN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 12, 2014

Mr. COFFMAN. Mr. Speaker, on January 20, 2009, the day President Obama took office, the national debt was \$10,626,877,048,913.08.

Today, it is \$17,495,622,444,209.79. We've added \$6,868,745,395,296.71 to our debt in 5 years. This is over \$6.8 trillion in debt our nation, our economy, and our children could have avoided with a balanced budget amendment.

RECOGNITION OF SAM SIMON AND THE ACTUAL DANCE

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 12, 2014

Mr. CONNOLLY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Samuel A. Simon on the success of his important one man performance, The Actual Dance. By creating and performing this moving and evocative show, Sam has helped to increase awareness about the lesser-known experience of spouses who have lost loved ones to breast cancer, a cruel and devastating disease that continues to affect far too many Americans.

Mr. Simon, a resident of Fairfax County, Virginia, and a close family friend, was inspired to create his one man show when his wife, Susan, was diagnosed with breast cancer in 2000. Sam used his family's personal struggle as a source of inspiration to create a one man drama, so that he could educate and mobilize audiences across the country. He first told the story of his spiritual journey at the 2013 Capital Fringe Festival, right here in Washington, DC. Since then he has performed across the Mid-Atlantic and in New York City, where his performance has earned the praise of audiences and critics alike. He was honored with the 2013 Northern Virginia Theater Alliance Award for Best Production of an Original Play, as well as Best Overall Production. The NVTA also nominated Sam for Best Actor, and in New York, the Midtown International Theatre Festival nominated Sam for Best Playwright.

Clearly, Mr. Simon's show is an artistic success. But more than that, by sharing his family's personal experience with breast cancer, Sam has given voice to Americans all across the country who have battled this disease: mothers, sisters, spouses, even Members of Congress. In my home state of Virginia, the number of women diagnosed each year now tops 6,200. Advocates like Sam Simon, who are willing to share their experience and strength, give hope to all the families that suffer because of this terrible disease. Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to recognize

the contribution of Samuel A. Simon, wish him heartfelt congratulations on his achievements, and urge him on to even greater artistic excellence.

RECOGNIZING THE MIAMI BRAIN FAIR

HON. MARIO DIAZ-BALART

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 12, 2014

Mr. DIAZ-BALART. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate Brain Awareness Week, which runs from March 10–16 of this year.

Brain Awareness Week serves to educate students and the general public on brain science in Miami, and across the country. During this week, neuroscientists around the world educate individuals through informative activities on the wonders of the human brain. These activities contribute to a public understanding of brain function, scientific research, and also bring awareness to the brain disorders and diseases that affect the lives of the nearly 100 million Americans.

In recognition of Brain Awareness Week, I would like to specifically highlight the Miami Brain Fair. At this year's Miami Brain Fair, students from the area will be able to learn about the brain through hands-on activities and participate in either the Brain Bee or Brain Jeopardy competitions. In previous years, over 3,000 children attended the event. This year's event will include five local universities, and over 70 scientists presenting at 30 different exhibits.

Serving as a member of the Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies subcommittee of the House Committee on Appropriations, I understand that programs like the Miami Brain Fair play a major role in inspiring the next generation of scientists. It is imperative that we support important educational activities such as the Miami Brain Fair, so that we can continue to improve the lives of the nearly 100 million Americans who suffer from brain-based diseases and disorders.

Mr. Speaker, I am honored to recognize Brain Awareness Week and I ask my colleagues to join me in observing the contributions that thousands of dedicated scientists are making in the field of brain science.

MARKING THE THREE YEAR ANNIVERSARY OF THE HUMANITARIAN CRISIS IN SYRIA

HON. SAM FARR

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 12, 2014

Mr. FARR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to mark the three-year anniversary of the humanitarian crisis in Syria. This horrific conflict has left over 100,000 people dead, a population roughly the size of Boulder, Colorado. Of those 100,000 casualties of war, 10,000 were children. As I speak, 5.5 million living children are dangerously vulnerable, having "lost lives and limbs, along with virtually every aspect of their childhood," according to the United Nations. And the displacement crisis continues to explode, with some 6.5 million Syrians inter-

nally displaced within their own country and 2.4 million Syrians living as refugees in neighboring countries.

Mr. Speaker, it is easy to become desensitized by numbers of this scale. But these are not merely newspaper headlines. These statistics are made up of real people who had real hopes and real dreams, too many of which have been crushed by war and violence. The international community must draw on the full spectrum of diplomatic and development tools to bring swift, lasting stability to Syria and the surrounding countries. Three years is three years too long. The time for peace is now. We cannot wait a moment longer.

HONORING CHANG DUK HUH, OWNER OF JOHNNIE'S CHICAGO RED HOTS

HON. ED PASTOR

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 12, 2014

Mr. PASTOR of Arizona. Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing a small business owner from Arizona's Seventh Congressional District who has left his indelible mark on the Phoenix Metropolitan Area through his much-beloved "Johnnie's Chicago Red Hots" restaurant.

Chang Duk Huh, also known as "Johnnie," was born in Seoul, South Korea, on February 25, 1953. The eighth of nine children, Chang immigrated to the United States in 1976. By 1978 he and his wife, Hae, settled in the greater Phoenix area where the couple raised their two daughters. Chang and Hae purchased "Johnnie's Chicago Red Hots" in August of 1985 from its original owner, Johnnie Dieffenbach.

In business now for nearly three decades, Johnnie's restaurant is best known for its 100 percent Vienna beef, Chicago-style hot dogs complete with mustard, onions, neon relish, tomatoes, pickles, celery salt and sport peppers encased in a steamed poppy seed bun and served with a side of homemade French fries. The dogs have been featured in a variety of local news publications over the years, including The Arizona Republic and the Phoenix New Times "Best of" issue. What started out as a tiny three-table restaurant with a handful of bar stools became a Phoenix mainstay that has been frequented by many prominent community figures such as Department of Homeland Security Secretary Janet Napolitano, Phoenix Suns Coach Jeff Hornacek, and sports executive Jerry Colangelo.

What really defines the heart and soul of this small mom-and-pop shop, however, has been its loyal patrons through the years. Chang and his wife, Hae, take great pride in their product (Chang has eaten a hot dog for lunch every day for almost 30 years), and the couple has a strong love and appreciation for their customers. They have strived to provide quality food and great service with a smile. They have found great joy in making their customers happy.

I have been one of those happy customers, not just because of the quality food and service, but also because they have allowed me, as their Congressman, to watch them grow their restaurant into a well-respected and thriving eatery. Small businesses are the heart of

America's local economies and they are critical for our Nation's strength. Immigrants have especially driven entrepreneurship and job creation throughout the country, and Chang and Hae are a perfect example of this.

After nearly three decades in business, the establishment sadly closed its doors on February 27, 2014. In recognition of their success, I ask my colleagues to join me in paying tribute to Chang Duk Huh and his wife, Hae.

A TRIBUTE TO NICHOLAS LEE

HON. ADAM B. SCHIFF

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 12, 2014

Mr. SCHIFF. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the memory of Nicholas Choung Lee, a Los Angeles police officer who selflessly served his community.

Nicholas was born on May 8, 1973, in Seoul, Korea. When he was six years old he moved to California with his father Heung Jae Lee, mother Choung Ja Lee, younger brother Danny, and sister Jenny. They settled in Los Angeles' Koreatown, and Nicholas attended high school in Los Angeles and college at California State University Fullerton. He joined the Los Angeles Police Department on August 31, 1998.

After probationary training, Nicholas transferred first to the Van Nuys Division, and later to the Hollywood Division, where he was assigned to a patrol car. He worked as both a Field Training Officer and Vice Officer in Wilshire, before returning to patrol in the Hollywood Division in 2008. In his 16 years as a police officer, Nicholas received more than 70 commendations. He was recently among the officers featured in a birthday video for a 7-year-old-boy with leukemia, which was just one of the many ways Nicholas constantly demonstrated his selfless desire to help others.

As much as he contributed to Los Angeles as a police officer, everyone who knew him would agree that his family always came first. Nicholas married Cathy Kim in 2001, and they went on to have two daughters, Jalen and Kendall. He could frequently be seen riding a scooter alongside the two girls on their way to school. When the family would have barbecues, Nicholas was always the person serving his family and friends. His wife described him as a great provider and loving husband and father.

Tragically, and much too soon, Nicholas passed away on March 6, 2014, when a truck hit his patrol car in Beverly Hills. He is survived by his wife Cathy, and daughters Jalen and Kendall.

We depend upon the bravery and dedication of police officers every moment of every day, and we often forget the dangers and challenges they face on our behalf. I ask all members to join me in expressing our condolences to the Lee Family and the Los Angeles Police Department and pledge to remember the courage and commitment of Officer Nicholas Lee, a man who cared deeply about his family and the Los Angeles community.