

rheumatology and postdoctoral training as a Howard Hughes Medical Institute (HHMI) fellow at the National Jewish Medical & Research Center (NJMRC). Dr. Finkel also served on the faculty at NJMRC and the University of Colorado.

In 1999, she was recruited to lead the Division of Pediatric Rheumatology at The Children's Hospital of Philadelphia (CHOP) and to serve as the Joseph Lee Hollander Chair of Pediatric Rheumatology and Associate Professor of Pediatrics at the University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine, where she was later promoted to Professor of Pediatrics. At CHOP, Dr. Finkel built the Division of Rheumatology from a small group to one of the largest and most academically productive divisions of rheumatology in the country. Her trainees are currently on faculty at leading academic medical centers in the United States and abroad. In 2011, she was recruited to help lead the building of Nemours Children's Hospital, which opened in October 2012.

Dr. Finkel has devoted more than 20 years to caring for children with rheumatic diseases. U.S. News & World Report has ranked her in the top one percent of pediatric rheumatologists in the Nation for each of the past 4 years, a distinction held by only 15 physicians across the U.S.

Dr. Finkel's work has been recognized by more than 100 publications and she has received 140 invitations to speak nationally and internationally. She has nine issued patents and patents pending, and has had continuous funding from the National Institutes of Health (NIH) since 1990, with research grants totaling more than \$12 million. Among Dr. Finkel's many honors and awards are those from the American Cancer Society, American College of Rheumatology, American Foundation for AIDS Research, American Medical Association, Children's Miracle Network, Colorado Women's Hall of Fame, Henry Kunkel Society, HHMI, Lupus Foundation, Pediatric AIDS Foundation, Philadelphia Magazine, State of Pennsylvania, and Gates Foundation.

A strong advocate of evidence-based medicine, Dr. Finkel's research has helped to uncover extensive genetic overlap across many pediatric autoimmune diseases. Using cutting-edge genomics, she has successfully unmasked dozens of novel risk factors common to childhood arthritis, lupus, diabetes, inflammatory bowel disease, celiac disease, immunodeficiency, thyroid disease, and psoriasis. Dr. Finkel has led studies that investigate the origins of immunodeficiency and autoimmunity in individuals with HIV infection and AIDS. Other key interests include expanding caregiver sharing of electronic medical records and exploring faster ways to deliver new therapies to patients.

In 2001, the Arthritis Foundation selected Dr. Finkel as one of 50 "Research Heroes" for her significant contributions to the field of rheumatology. In 2003, the Arthritis Foundation of Eastern Pennsylvania presented the Arthritis Hero Award to Dr. Finkel for her leadership in the field of arthritis. In 2004, Dr. Finkel was awarded the University of Pennsylvania's Lady Colyton Prize for Autoimmune Research, based on her research on autoimmune disorders. In 2009, she was elected to the prestigious Henry Kunkel Society for her contributions to the fields of immunology and rheumatology.

Dr. Finkel is married to pediatric neurologist Dr. Richard Finkel. Among the Finkels' proud-

est accomplishments are their two children. Paul will graduate this year from Carnegie Mellon University with a master's degree in Electrical & Computer Engineering. Valerie is completing a master's degree in Philosophy at The New School in New York City.

I am happy to honor Dr. Terri Finkel, during Women's History Month, for her leadership and contributions to the medical community.

WORLD TB DAY

HON. GENE GREEN

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 24, 2014

Mr. GENE GREEN of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize World TB Day and call for a continued effort to drive down rates of tuberculosis (TB) across the world and accelerate progress toward ending TB as a threat to global public health.

World TB Day is an opportunity to raise awareness about TB-related problems and solutions and to support TB-control efforts. While great strides have been made to control and cure TB, much more needs to be done to eliminate this disease.

Often believed to be a disease of the past, TB is still a life-threatening problem in the United States and around the world. Anyone can contract TB, and our current efforts to find and treat latent TB infection and TB disease are not sufficient.

We must raise awareness, enhance prevention, control, and treatment efforts, and develop new therapies to treat TB, especially for multi-drug resistant (MDR-TB) and extensively-drug resistant TB (XDR-TB).

Everyone has a role in ensuring that one day TB will be eliminated. As a co-chair of the Congressional TB Elimination Caucus and longtime advocate on this issue, I look forward to working with my colleagues in Congress and our partners to further the commitment to a world free of TB.

RECOGNIZING WHITE CASTLE

HON. STEVE STIVERS

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 24, 2014

Mr. STIVERS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize White Castle, a family-owned hamburger chain based in my district, for being the creators of Time Magazine's "Most Influential Burger of All Time."

Since White Castle opened in 1921 in Wichita, Kansas, White Castle has revolutionized the fast food industry. White Castle's signature 5-holed square patty has skyrocketed the company's popularity, developed an almost-cult following of self-proclaimed 'Cravers' and resulted in White Castle becoming the first hamburger chain to sell one billion hamburgers.

A little over a decade after its first store opened, White Castle moved its headquarters to Columbus, Ohio—where it has resided for the last 80 years. This trailblazing company has provided hundreds of jobs in the great state of Ohio, as well as in Ohio's 15th Congressional District.

Today, White Castle is more than a hamburger chain. White Castle is now an experience which people from across the country and across the world travel great distances to get their hands on.

I offer my congratulations to White Castle for their years of success and their designation as having the "Most Influential Burger of All Time" by Time Magazine. Ohio's 15th District, the Buckeye State and Cravers across the nation have loved the first billion sliders and look forward to one billion more.

RECOGNIZING THE ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF DONNA DOWLESS

HON. ALAN GRAYSON

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 24, 2014

Mr. GRAYSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today, in honor of Women's History Month, to recognize Donna Dowless, Chairman of the XOXO Media Group. Dowless is an instrumental and creative force in her community and in the entertainment industry. She is an experienced executive and strong community leader that is goal oriented and results driven. She fosters powerful partnerships with diverse groups to cultivate positive change and create economic impact and sustainability.

Prior to starting her own Orlando-based entertainment media and arts consulting company, Ms. Dowless served as Executive Vice President of Industry Relations for Ticketmaster, a position she held for 18 years. She has over 30 years of experience in sports and live entertainment. She has directed and managed sports arenas, theaters and concert venues and worked with professional sports leagues, prominent live event producers and numerous political and presidential event directors. Ms. Dowless was recently recognized by Venues Today Magazine as one of the "Top 5 Women of Influence in the Entertainment Industry." In 2005, she was honored with a lifetime achievement award for distinguished service from the International Association of Venue Managers.

As Chairman of XOXO Media group, Dowless is dedicated to delivering results-driven programs for her arts and entertainment clients. Her specialty services range from event development, public relations, branding, and customer relations management to strategic insights for growth and sustainability. Additional services include career and business development, public speaking, mentoring and motivational programming. Her clients, who include the Ticketmaster Corporation, Atlantic Hill Music, Churchill Development, Castaneda Studios, Florida Artists Registry, Kosmo Creative Studios, and select arts and entertainment venues, have achieved great success under her direction and counsel.

Ms. Dowless is an award-winning contemporary artist creating compositions of balance and harmony which express affirmations from the heart. Her art is featured in collections worldwide. Over the years she has encountered many unique individuals and entertainers, including the Beatles, Elvis, Tina Turner, Madonna, Frank Sinatra, The Rolling Stones, Bob Dylan, and Bruce Springsteen. All of these entertainment icons left her with inspiring memories that continue to stir her desire and passion to create each day. An early

1970's encounter with Andy Warhol left her with these defining words: "If you are in an artist in your heart, so be it."

Dowless currently serves on the Executive Board of the Downtown Orlando Arts District and CityArts Factory, the Executive Board of See Art Orlando, the Orange County Public Art Review Board, the Executive Board of After School All Stars, and Full Sail University's Entertainment Advisory Board. She has been an arts advocate and supporter, community leader, executive volunteer, mentor, and philanthropist for over 25 years. Because of her inspirational efforts to spread the meaningful message of love through arts and culture, Orlando Mayor Buddy Dyer appointed Donna as Orlando's official "Ambassador of Love" in October, 2007. Dowless' impact is sure to be seen and cherished for decades to come.

I am happy to honor Donna Dowless, during Women's History Month, for her contributions to the Central Florida community.

SELECTION OF SENATOR ROBERT DOLE FOR THE 2014 NATIONAL VETERANS AWARD

HON. SPENCER BACHUS

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 24, 2014

Mr. BACHUS. Mr. Speaker, on behalf of National Veterans Day in Birmingham, it is my privilege to inform this House that a distinguished American statesman and patriot, Senator Robert Dole, has been selected as the recipient of the 2014 National Veterans Award.

The National Veterans Award was created in Birmingham for America's first official National Veterans Day observance November 11, 1954 as authorized by Congress and tirelessly advocated by Raymond Weeks. Each year, the award recognizes an outstanding veteran who has made the greatest contribution to veterans and veterans organizations in America.

As one of the greatest of our "Greatest Generation," Bob Dole embodies the values celebrated by this award and essential to the preservation of our freedom: duty, honor, and service to country.

Senator Dole's life story should inspire every American. As a young man, he left his home state of Kansas to answer the call of duty during World War II. He received two Purple Hearts and a Bronze Star for his valor in combat. As so many know, he was gravely wounded on the battlefield while leading a platoon of the 10th Mountain Division in Italy in April 1945.

Returning home, Bob Dole surmounted the challenge of physical injury and entered into a new form of service to his country: public service. He was elected to this House in 1960 and elected in 1968 to the U.S. Senate, where during his 28 years of service he earned recognition as one of the true legislative giants in the history of the chamber. He was the Republican vice-presidential candidate in 1976 and the Republican presidential candidate in 1996.

Throughout his service in elected office, Senator Dole stood as a principled voice for fiscal responsibility, free enterprise, a strong national defense and American values. He was skilled in working in a bipartisan manner on issues including hunger and the Americans with Disabilities Act. The National Veterans

Award specifically recognizes his unwavering support of our troops in the field and his commitment to ensuring quality medical care for veterans.

After leaving government service, Senator Dole accepted a new mission that will stand as an enduring and indeed monumental legacy: the construction of the National World War II Memorial on our National Mall. His leadership of the national campaign for the memorial was instrumental in bringing this long-held dream to honor those who fought on overseas battlefronts and those who contributed here at home into magnificent reality.

At the dedication ceremony on May 29, 2004, Senator Dole said, "What we dedicate today is not a memorial to war, rather it's a tribute to the physical and moral courage that makes heroes out of farm and city boys and that inspires Americans in every generation to lay down their lives for people they will never meet, for ideals that make life itself worth living."

As a congressman, I have cherished the opportunity to welcome and express gratitude to veterans brought to the World War II Memorial by Honor Flight. Senator Dole is known for coming to the memorial to meet with Honor Flight groups, and I have personally witnessed how proud and privileged veterans from Alabama have felt to be in the presence of this American hero. It is altogether appropriate that Senator Dole has been recognized with his own bronze plaque at the memorial.

Senator Dole has always been modest about the immense contributions that he has made to the good of our nation, often minimizing them with his quick wit and willingness to share credit. But his steadfast devotion to the cause of freedom towers as sure and lasting as any of the glorious monuments in our nation's capital. With the support of his lovely and accomplished wife Elizabeth, he continues to provide wise guidance and inspiration to our country.

National Veterans Day in Birmingham takes pride in being the home to the largest and longest-running commemoration of Veterans Day in the U.S. The recipient of the National Veterans Award holds a special and esteemed place in this tradition. For lifelong defense of liberty and dedication to America, Senator Robert Dole honors us by accepting the 2014 National Veterans Award in the name of the veterans across many generations who have sacrificed to keep us all free.

RECOGNIZING THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF STEPHANIE PORTA

HON. ALAN GRAYSON

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 24, 2014

Mr. GRAYSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of Women's History Month, to recognize Stephanie Porta. Born and raised in Orlando, Florida, Stephanie has been a leader from an early age. While in middle school, she received the Girl Scout Silver Award, the highest award a Girl Scout Cadet can earn for her demonstration of successful leadership skills.

After graduating with honors from American University in Washington, DC, she worked on several campaigns until becoming Director of Central Florida ACORN and then Florida ACORN.

Stephanie left Florida ACORN in 2009 when she co-founded Organize Now! and the Florida Institute for Reform and Empowerment (FIRE). Both organizations work to address the needs of Florida's low and moderate income communities. Stephanie serves as the Executive Director for both organizations.

Throughout her career, Stephanie has worked on a variety of successful campaigns for candidates and issues, including affordable utilities, police accountability, foreclosures, environmental justice, community safety, community development, health care, and public education.

In 2012, Stephanie led the effort to pass an ordinance to allow employees in Orange County to earn sick time. When the effort was thwarted by the Orange County Commission breaking the law, the campaign called out the injustice and continued to fight for more transparency and accountability in Orange County while leading the investigation around the scandal called "Textgate" in which the Mayor and Commissioners were secretly communicating with special interest lobbyists via text messages to thwart the will of 50,000 voters.

In 2013, Stephanie was recognized by the Orlando Sentinel as an "up and comer" for its "25 Most Powerful People in Central Florida" list and was recognized as one of "12 to Watch" in Orlando Magazine's "50 Most Powerful People in Orlando" list.

Stephanie was raised by Katie Porta, a single mother who spent her lifetime advocating for the disabled and taught Stephanie from an early age to treat people with dignity. Katie raised Stephanie with the belief that "people don't want to be treated down; they want to be treated up," a mantra that has influenced Stephanie's work. Stephanie's relentless quest to achieve justice for those who have no voice in our community has been a beacon of hope and inspiration.

I am happy to honor Stephanie Porta, during Women's History Month, for her contributions to the Central Florida community.

RECOGNIZING THE LEADERSHIP OF LINDA W. CHAPIN

HON. ALAN GRAYSON

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 24, 2014

Mr. GRAYSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today, in honor of Women's History Month, to recognize former Orange County Mayor Linda Chapin. A Florida native, Ms. Chapin holds a Bachelor's Degree from Michigan State University. Ms. Chapin served as the first elected mayor of Orange County, Florida, from 1990–1998.

After leaving office, she joined the University of Central Florida where she founded the Metropolitan Center for Regional Studies, which focuses on issues facing the region such as growth, the environment, and transportation. Today she serves on a number of civic and community boards, and is Chairman of the Orlando Health Board of Directors.

As Orange County Mayor, Ms. Chapin took a strong role in promoting business and industry in Central Florida by developing an economic action agenda that included annual regional economic summits; incentives for high-technology companies; and trade missions to Europe, Asia, and Latin America. Under her