

sought-after speaker, trainer and consultant specializing in identity theft protection, detection and restoration. Prior to her work with Marcone Investigations she worked for some of the top investment and insurance companies in the country. She is also an accomplished author, penning *Your Public Identity; Because Nothing is Private Anymore*.

On top of all this, Ms. Kerskie is the founder of the Association of Certified Identity Theft Investigators, and created the Certified Identity Theft Investigator Program. She developed this program after her years of experience working with identity theft victims had given her ample knowledge to develop procedures that greatly reduce the restoration process of these victims, saving them time and money.

Ms. Kerskie's expertise in the identity theft field has made her a featured guest on NBC News, ABC News, and Fox News. She has also written articles, and been highlighted, in *Gulfshore Business*, *Southwest Florida Business Today*, *PI Magazine*, and *Adverse Witness*. Her tireless efforts have also garnered her recognition, being given the 2010 American Business Women's Associations Neapolitan Chapter "Woman of the Year" award, the Harvey R. Morse Founder's Award given for outstanding service to the Florida Association of Private Investigators and the private investigation industry, and in 2009 was selected as one of *Gulfshore Business'* "Top 40 Under 40".

Mr. Speaker, I am honored to pay tribute to Ms. Carrie Kerskie for her continued service to South Florida and I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing this remarkable individual.

PASSAGE OF H.R. 4278

HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 27, 2014

Mr. BURGESS. Mr. Speaker, it has come to my attention that I inadvertently voted "no" on H.R. 4278, the Ukraine Support Act. As such, my intention was to vote "yes." My "no" vote was made in error.

The United States has always stood for democracy, the rule of law and freedom. Passing actions such as H.R. 4278 sends a clear message to the rest of the world that we will not sit idly by and let Russian aggression go unchecked.

I support Ukraine's sovereignty during this turbulent time and sanction those who have sought to undermine its independence and stability. I support H.R. 4278.

HONORING ROBERT C. PENNY

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 27, 2014

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Robert C. Penny upon his retirement as the Veterans Service Officer for Lake County, California, after nearly twenty years working in the Lake County Veterans Service Office. I thank Mr. Penny for his years of dedicated service to Lake County's veterans as well as their dependents and sur-

vivors. His commitment to advocating on behalf of our nation's veterans is both admirable and deserving of recognition.

A veteran himself, Mr. Penny served in the U.S. Navy between July, 1966, and January, 1969, before being disability retired due to injuries he sustained in combat while serving on a River Patrol Boat in Vietnam. For his service, Mr. Penny was awarded the National Defense Service Medal, the Vietnam Service Medal with Two Bronze Stars, the Presidential Unit Commendation Ribbon, the Republic of Vietnam Meritorious Unit Citation (Gallantry Cross Medal Color with Palm), the Combat Action Ribbon as well as a Purple Heart.

Mr. Penny's career with the Lake County Veterans Service Office began in September of 1994, when he was brought in as an office assistant. While working in the office, Mr. Penny pursued a Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration from Dominican University, which he received in 1997. It was then that Mr. Penny began to work full time in the Lake County Veterans Service Office, first as a Veterans Service Representative, and later as a Veterans Service Representative II, Assistant California Veterans Service Officer for Lake County and finally, as the Veterans Service Officer. His colleagues remember him as being not only extremely efficient, professional, and hard-working, but also as being unfailingly friendly and cheerful.

Outside of his official duties, Mr. Penny never ceased to serve the veteran community. He is the co-host of a bi-monthly radio show that aims to inform veterans about the benefits they are eligible to receive and to discuss veterans' issues. Mr. Penny also serves as the elected Commander for Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 2015 and the Educational Committee Chair for the California Association of County Veterans Service Officers. A tireless public servant, Robert Penny has volunteered extensively with his community's youth, through both the Boy Scouts and Sea Scouts.

Mr. Speaker, it is appropriate at this time that we honor and thank Mr. Penny for his invaluable service to Lake County's veterans, their dependents, and survivors. Robert Penny's unyielding dedication to advocating on behalf of our veterans is greatly appreciated by the entire Lake County community and we wish him a most enjoyable retirement.

TRIBUTE TO CELES KING IV

HON. JANICE HAHN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 27, 2014

Ms. HAHN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the life of Celes King IV, who passed away in San Diego.

Celes King was an independent and steadfast man of great fortitude. He was the first son of the prolific Civil Rights leader and successful bail bondsman Celes King III, from whom he drew much inspiration. However, rather than merely live in the shadow of his father, his entrepreneurial spirit drove him around the country to start and operate businesses.

Upon his parents' passing, Celes returned to Los Angeles and passionately carried on his father's great work. Despite losing a leg to diabetes, Celes drove his car to Sacramento

every week during the state capitol's legislative sessions to advocate for the advancement for his hometown. His leadership abilities then led him to become the President and CEO of the King Central Development Foundation, and the Phoenix Alliance.

In 2003 he was appointed to Congress of Racial Equality of California, the organization his father started nearly forty years ago. Celes served there until his passing. It was an honor to have a significant Civil Rights leader like Celes King IV living in the City of Angels. His legacy lives on and continues to inspire.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that all members of the house, join me in a moment of silence to commemorate the life of Celes King IV.

HONORING MS. MARIA CORINA MACHADO

HON. MARIO DIAZ-BALART

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 27, 2014

Mr. DIAZ-BALART. Mr. Speaker, in recognition of Women's History month I rise today to honor Maria Corina Machado, an outstanding individual and someone who has been an inspiration to the global community, and Venezuelans everywhere.

Ms. Machado was born on October 7th, 1967 in Caracas. She earned a B.S. in Industrial Engineering from Universidad Catolica Andres Bello, where she graduated first in her class. She obtained her post-graduate degree in Finance from the Instituto de Estudios Superiores de Administracion. In 2009 she was invited to attend the Yale World Fellows public policy and leadership program in Connecticut. She was a professor of Human Resources Management at the Industrial Engineering Department of her alma mater and in 2005 received the Meritorious Achievement Award from the Ballenger Foundation.

Ms. Machado is currently a member of the National Assembly of Venezuela for the state of Miranda. She leads the Independent Parliamentary Faction and sits on the Interior Policy Committee. During her tenure as a Member of Parliament, she has been a firm critic of the Hugo Chavez-Nicolas Maduro regime and is a founding member of the opposition political movement, VENTE. She also co-founded SUMATE, Venezuela's leading watchdog for electoral transparency and civil rights. For her role in guiding SUMATE, she has been accused by the Chavez-Maduro government of conspiracy and treason, and was forbidden from leaving the country without judicial authorization for several years. In addition, Ms. Machado ran as an independent candidate in the 2012 Presidential Primaries and was subsequently named Chairwoman of National Movements for the campaign.

Most recently, Ms. Machado spoke at the Organization of American States detailing a firsthand account of the Venezuelan unrest. For this action she lost her seat in the legislature and is no longer immune from prosecution for her alleged role fomenting violence in anti-government protests.

Outside of her professional career, Ms. Machado was the co-founder of Funacion Atenea, a center for the care and rehabilitation of orphaned and at-risk youths. It was the first non-profit organization in Venezuela to employ

a model of public infrastructure and private sector management and financing. She also founded and directed Fundacion Oportunitas, a private organization that provides financing, technical and operational support to social development programs aimed at children in poverty. She has also sat on board of Siderurgica de Venezuela S.A., and is currently a member of the Venezuelan Chapter of the International Women's Forum.

Mr. Speaker, I am honored to pay tribute to Ms. Maria Corina Machado for her continued service to Venezuela. I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing this remarkable individual, and to continue to monitor the ongoing situation in Venezuela, and the tireless efforts of Ms. Machado.

31ST ANNUAL NATIONAL EYE
DONOR MONTH—MARCH 2014

HON. AARON SCHOCK

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 27, 2014

Mr. SCHOCK. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor March 2014 as the 31st annual National Eye Donor Month, a month dedicated to recognizing the need for eye donations as well as honoring eye donors, corneal recipients and their families.

Corneal diseases hamper an individual's ability to see properly. Over time, eye diseases lead to vision impairment or, in the most severe of cases, total blindness. Unfortunately, due to higher medical expenses and lost hours of workforce productivity, eye disorders rank as the fifth costliest type of diseases in the United States.

Thankfully, since 1961 corneal transplants conducted by the Eye Bank Association of America (EBAA) have allowed over one million people to regain their vision—a success rate of more than 95%! In 2012 alone, 46,684 corneal transplants were performed.

Of the 97 EBAA eye banks, two—the Illinois Eye Bank—Chicago and Illinois Eye Bank—Watson-Gailey in Bloomington—are located in my home state. Because of their hard work, 2,632 corneal donations were made in Illinois in 2012.

One such individual I was made aware of is Caleb. When Caleb was 5 he was injured in an accident that caused him to lose sight out of his right eye. After working with an ophthalmologist, Caleb was able to undergo a corneal transplant that removed the traumatic cataract and restored sight to Caleb's right eye. According to Caleb's mom, "each new experience he encounters is special because someone had the courage to donate."

I encourage all Americans to register to become eye donors. Everyone is a universal corneal donor—regardless of age or blood type. Once registered as a corneal donor, one should notify their family of their wishes.

I also urge my colleagues to work with their local eye banks in order to promote the importance of eye donation.

During National Eye Donor Month all Americans should remember the sacrifices made by corneal donors and their families while also celebrating the gifts their sacrifices made to

thousands. Additionally, we should celebrate the work of the EBAA and its member banks as they continue to restore the sight of thousands more throughout the U.S.

IN RECOGNITION OF DR. GAYLE
GLENN

HON. PETE SESSIONS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 27, 2014

Mr. SESSIONS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Dr. Gayle Glenn for her outstanding service as the 2013–2014 president of the American Association of Orthodontists (AAO). She completes her term as president of AAO in May of this year.

Born, raised, and educated in Texas, Dr. Glenn earned her Doctor of Dental Surgery at The Dental School at The University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio and her Master of Science in Dentistry at Baylor College of Dentistry in Dallas. She began practicing orthodontics in Dallas in 1984 and, today, treats patients at her Dallas practice she shares with two fellow Baylor College alumni who are pediatric dentists. Dr. Glenn's practice focus is pediatric orthodontics. Her effective communication, kindness, and ability to put nervous patients at ease are some of what has contributed to her success treating children and adolescents.

Dr. Glenn has dedicated countless hours to enhancing orthodontics in Dallas, throughout Texas, and across the country over the course of her nearly 30-year career. She has promoted membership in organized dentistry and orthodontics and has helped to transform orthodontics from the perspective of women.

She was recently elected the 2013–2014 president of the AAO, the oldest and largest dental specialty organization in the world. Dr. Glenn is the first female to hold the position of AAO president in the organization's 113-year history.

Dr. Glenn is also a member and past president of the Southwestern Society of Orthodontists and the Texas Association of Orthodontists, and is a member of the American Dental Association, the Greater Dallas Association of Orthodontists, the Texas Orthodontic Study Club, the Texas Dental Association, the Dallas County Dental Society, and the American Association of Women Dentists.

Mr. Speaker, I know my colleagues will join me in commending Dr. Glenn for her service to her patients, her state, to the orthodontic, dental, and medical communities, and, specifically for her service as the first woman president of the AAO.

HONORING UNDERWRITERS LAB-
ORATORIES ON ITS 120TH ANNI-
VERSARY

HON. BRADLEY S. SCHNEIDER

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 27, 2014

Mr. SCHNEIDER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor UL on their anniversary of "making

the world safer for 120 years." Based in Northbrook, Illinois, in the heart of the district I represent, and with more than 10,000 employees in 40 different countries, UL certifies, validates, tests, inspects, audits, advises and educates. Billions of products bear the universally recognized UL mark.

From humble beginnings in 1894, fire-testing non-combustible insulation materials, UL has grown to encompass seven distinct businesses that industries and governments around the world rely upon to enhance product safety and provide safer work places.

UL's has stayed true to its founding principle to "promote safe living and working environments" while achieving consistent growth through innovation and dedication to excellence. In 2013, UL evaluated over 20,000 types of products, produced by 70,000 manufacturers. UL supports approximately 1,500 published safety standards, and UL safety messages reach almost 700 million worldwide.

Through innovative testing, training, research, design, study and outreach, UL strives to make our world a little safer and give workers and families greater peace of mind.

UL works with stakeholders across an impressive breadth of industries, demonstrating the true extent of its reach in promoting and enhancing safety. I am proud that UL calls the Tenth District home and hope they continue to set the global standards for safety for another 120 years.

HONORING THE INCLUSION OF THE
WORD "YOOPER" IN THE
MERRIAM-WEBSTER DICTIONARY

HON. DAN BENISHEK

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 27, 2014

Mr. BENISHEK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Steve Parks and proud "yoopers" everywhere. Mr. Parks' tireless efforts in Michigan's First Congressional District recently culminated in the addition of the word "yooper" to the Merriam-Webster dictionary. A "yooper" is a nickname for a native or resident of the Upper Peninsula of Michigan. Mr. Parks started the campaign to have the word added to the dictionary back in 2002, and his 12 years of writing to the editors finally paid off this week.

Being from the U.P., or Upper Peninsula, I am proud to share in the history that is "yooper." The U.P. has a rich history of mining and logging. It accounts for 29% of the landmass in the state of Michigan and is the only part of Michigan's First Congressional District that has coastline on three of the five Great Lakes. The beauty that is the U.P. can be found in the large number of state and national parks that make up the area, which is why many Michiganders have made it a vacation destination.

I want to thank Mr. Parks for his persistent efforts and local Upper Peninsula pride and congratulate him on having the word "yooper" officially added to the dictionary.