

worldwide. The number of drugs available to treat different types of cancer has steadily increased over the years thanks to some of these physicians. Today more than two-thirds of patients with cancer are alive five years after their diagnosis. This is a true testament to the groundbreaking research and diligent work of so many in this field.

Mr. Speaker, I commend the American Society of Clinical Oncology for their leadership in the fight against cancer. It is my sincere hope that this and other research avenues will lead to new discoveries to better detect cancer and save lives.

**RECOGNIZING THE U.S. COAST GUARD'S 9TH ANNUAL CHANNEL ISLANDS HARBOR SAFE BOATING EXPO**

**HON. JULIA BROWNLEY**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 8, 2014*

Ms. BROWNLEY of California. Mr. Speaker, today I rise in recognition of the U.S. Coast Guard's 9th Annual Channel Islands Harbor Safe Boating Expo, which recognizes May 17 through 23, 2014 as National Safe Boating Week. The event also marks the start of the year-round effort to promote safe boating.

With an average of 700 people dying each year in a boating-related accident, approximately 71% of these fatalities are caused by drowning. The vast majority of these accidents are caused by human error and/or poor judgment, not by faulty equipment or environmental factors. It is known that a significant number of boaters who lose their lives by drowning each year would be alive today had they worn their life jackets. It is crucial that the public stay educated about boating safety and the ways in which they can protect themselves and others.

At the Channel Island Harbor Safe Boating Expo, attendees will be able to watch offshore helicopter and fire rescue demonstrations, as well as flare inspection and disposal services, vessel safety exams and other hands-on exhibits. The event will also be attended by the American Red Cross, the Coast Guard Auxiliary, Channel Islands Harbor Patrol, Oxnard Police/Fire Dive Team, the Channel Islands National Park, Ventura County Sheriff Rescue, Ventura County Fire Department, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) Weather Service, Channel Islands National Marine Sanctuary and Ventura Sail and Power Squadron. These attendees represent the collaborative efforts and partnerships that we have in Ventura County.

This important and engaging community event is hosted by the United States Coast Guard Station Channel Islands Harbor, a multi-mission unit that conducts Search and Rescue, Homeland Security, Maritime Law Enforcement, Counter Drug & Alien Migrant Interdiction Operations, Marine Environmental Protection and Boating Safety from Point Dume, CA, to Point Conception, CA, and out 50 nautical miles. Their area of responsibility also includes the gorgeous Channel Islands in Ventura and Santa Barbara Counties. The station is also homeport to the 87-foot Patrol boat USCGC *Blacktip* and ESD Detachment Oxnard.

I want to congratulate the U.S. Coast Guard on their ongoing efforts to educate our community about recreational water safety and join them in supporting the campaign efforts of National Safe Boating Week.

**IN RECOGNITION OF DAVID J. WENZEL, RECIPIENT OF THE 2014 AMOS LODGE AMERICANISM AWARD**

**HON. MATT CARTWRIGHT**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 8, 2014*

Mr. CARTWRIGHT. Mr. Speaker, today I rise in recognition of David J. Wenzel, recipient of the 2014 Amos Lodge Americanism Award. This honor recognizes a lifetime of outstanding community service best exemplifying the American spirit. A native of Scranton, he proudly served as Scranton's 27th mayor from 1986 to 1990, and has supported many public, civic, and charitable causes both before and after his distinguished term.

A trained Army officer, David Wenzel served in Vietnam as a First Lieutenant, commanding the mortar platoon of A Company of the American Division. While leading his men in occupying an area near the battalion fire base, he stepped on a land mine and was almost killed. The explosion took both his legs and caused other serious injuries, but Wenzel survived. Upon his return home, he underwent four major operations and an intense rehabilitation, but walked out of the Valley Forge Army Hospital on two prosthetic legs. He received a Bronze Star, the Purple Heart, the South Vietnam Medal, and the Combat Infantryman's Badge in recognition of his outstanding service and sacrifice for his country.

As Mayor of Scranton, Wenzel oversaw an active administration that accomplished a great deal during a period of renaissance and progress for the city. During his term, Scranton began to implement plans for the Mall at Steamtown and established flood control projects to aid in the recovery from Hurricane Gloria. He emphasized full cooperation with the city's growing neighborhood associations and made the city a leader in access for the disabled. Under his leadership, Scranton earned the moniker "Tree City" for the city's commitment to plant thousands of trees in an urban environment. Throughout his term, David embodied honesty, integrity, and co-operation in working with the city council to serve the people of Scranton.

After his term as Mayor, David Wenzel continued serving his community at the Schemel Forum at the University of Scranton, where he still teaches today, and as an advisor to many veterans associations. He has served on the Boards of the United Way, Allied Services, Mayor's Prayer Service, Scranton/Pocono Girl Scout Council, Deutsch Institute, American Legion, and the University of Scranton's Board of Regents. Wenzel was also named the Disabled Veteran of the Year in Pennsylvania and the National Disabled Veteran of the Year.

I am proud to congratulate David Wenzel on this award recognizing his voluminous service to his country and the city of Scranton. His record of serving others embodies the ideals of our country, and he is a role model for all Americans to emulate.

**CONGRATULATING ADAMS COUNTY HEALTH AND WELLNESS COALITION**

**HON. BRAD R. WENSTRUP**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 8, 2014*

Mr. WENSTRUP. Mr. Speaker, congratulations to Adams County for being awarded the Healthy Ohio Healthy Community GOLD award from the Ohio Department of Health!

As a physician, I know the importance of preventative care and the impact of lifestyle choices in creating healthy communities. The leaders in Adams County are to be commended for their efforts.

As we empower residents and families to make healthier choices, we all thrive as a community. Promoting healthy options at home and in the workplace is a positive mission for everyone.

Specifically, the Adams Brown Creating Healthy Communities Program and the Adams County Health & Wellness Coalition deserve recognition. These programs, in collaboration with the Adams County Regional Medical Center Diabetes team, Adams County Court of Common Pleas, and local employers like General Electric, have made effective progress in working towards a healthy and effective workforce and county.

I am excited to watch Adams County's continued success and thank their leaders for working to improve the well-being of all their residents.

**RECOGNIZING NATIONAL MPS AWARENESS DAY**

**HON. KENNY MARCHANT**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 8, 2014*

Mr. MARCHANT. Mr. Speaker, I would like to recognize the National MPS Society for their 40 years of supporting families while searching for cures for this genetic disease. Mucopolysaccharidosis or MPS is a group of genetically determined lysosomal storage diseases that render the human body incapable of producing certain enzymes needed to break down complex carbohydrates. The damage caused by MPS on a cellular level adversely affects the body and damages the heart, respiratory system, bones, internal organs, and central nervous system. MPS often results in intellectual disabilities, short stature, corneal damage, joint stiffness, loss of mobility, speech and hearing impairment, heart disease, hyperactivity, chronic respiratory problems, and, most importantly, a drastically shortened life span. Symptoms of MPS are usually not apparent at birth and without treatment; the life expectancy of an individual affected begins to decrease at a very early stage in their life. Research towards combating MPS has resulted in the development of limited treatments for some of the MPS diseases.

I ask my colleagues and their staff to join me in recognizing May 15, 2014 as National MPS Awareness Day. This is an important time during which the MPS disease community will help increase the awareness of this

devastating disease, as well as supporting research to improve treatments, find cures and receive early diagnosis. The MPS families are encouraged to reflect and support each other and to reach out to those families who have lost loved ones to MPS. By wearing their purple ribbons and sharing these ribbons within their community, they are increasing public awareness about this disease. This date is also the start of the National MPS Run/Walk season along with other local community activities to raise awareness along with money for research and for family assistance programs. I commend the National MPS Society and their many volunteers for an unwavering commitment to bring about awareness of this disease and to continue to advocate for federal legislation to streamline the regulatory processes and to speed effective treatments and cures for their loved ones. More must be done to find cures and effective treatments, but let us reflect on the importance of this day. I ask that all of my colleagues join me in commemorating National MPS Awareness Day.

RECOGNIZING THE 90TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE POINT PLEASANT FIRE CO. #1

**HON. MICHAEL G. FITZPATRICK**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 8, 2014*

Mr. FITZPATRICK. Mr. Speaker, on the 90th anniversary of the Point Pleasant Fire Co. #1, we recognize the spirit and unflinching courage of dedicated volunteers who run to the rescue—ready to protect their neighbors and the community—since 1924. The Point Pleasant Fire Co. now has grown into a much larger fire organization with many more well-trained volunteers who comprise the complement of firefighters and dive and technical rescue teams. Also, on his day, we may reflect on the generations of firefighters and company officers who answered the call. They are an integral part of the great history of the Point Pleasant Fire Co. and their service will be remembered as an example of the true spirit of first responders everywhere. Today's firefighters continue to set an example of public service and volunteerism for others to follow and the community is grateful to those who contribute to this effort.

HONORING THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE HOUND EARS CLUB

**HON. VIRGINIA FOXX**

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 8, 2014*

Ms. FOXX. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Hound Ears Club, a community-minded club nestled in the Blue Ridge Mountains near the towns of Blowing Rock, Boone and Banner Elk; and the Robbins Family, who had the vision to found the club. Chartered in 1964, the Club has provided fifty years of community service and economic benefits to

the people of Watauga County, North Carolina.

Over the years, Hound Ears Club members have raised hundreds of thousands of dollars to benefit many Watauga County charities. Members and residents have served, and continue to serve, on the boards and among the ranks of these charities.

Over the past fifty years, the Hound Ears Club has made valuable contributions to the economic needs of the citizens of Watauga County through capital investment projects, local business patronage, college scholarships, real estate development and perhaps most importantly, by providing jobs in the community. Hound Ears members and the Robbins Family have contributed tremendously to the success of Watauga County's tourism industry.

I commend the Hound Ears Club for its fifty years of serving Watauga County, and wish the members all the best as they embark on fifty more.

UNION INSTITUTE & UNIVERSITY'S 50TH ANNIVERSARY

**HON. STEVE CHABOT**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 8, 2014*

Mr. CHABOT. Mr. Speaker, the year 2014 marks the 50th anniversary of Union Institute & University, a private, non-profit, accredited university, designed exclusively for adults seeking academic programs that transform lives and communities.

Headquartered in Cincinnati, Ohio, with centers in California, Florida, and Vermont, Union's vision is to engage, enlighten, and empower motivated adults in their pursuit of a lifetime of learning and service. This forward-facing institution now serves 2,000 students around the nation and offers undergraduate, master's, and doctoral degrees and certificates. Union Institute & University pioneered many of the concepts now common in higher education, including distance and online education, individualized self-paced programs, and an abiding commitment to adults seeking transformative education.

Today, the university's 15,500 alumni—including the Most Honorable Prime Minister of Jamaica, Portia Simpson Miller, and our esteemed colleague, the Honorable Congressman from Illinois, Dr. Danny Davis—are transforming lives and communities, and making a difference wherever they live and work.

HONORING DON RUST

**HON. JASON T. SMITH**

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 8, 2014*

Mr. SMITH of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Mr. Don Rust who on May 1, 2014, retired as Fire Chief for the city of Houston, Missouri.

Don began his career in the fire department in January of 1976 and has served as the

Chief of the Houston department for the past thirty one years. During his tenure, Don has an exceptional list of accomplishments. Don oversaw the construction of a new fire station, created the Junior Fire Fighter Program to attract younger recruits, improved the department's insurance rating, and significantly improved fire fighter pay.

Don also sat on numerous committees and served his community in various ways. He was the County Civil Defense Director, served on the Houston Planning and Zoning Commission, and supervised the Texas County Rescue. In 2007, Don received the U.S. Presidential Service Award that recognizes volunteerism in the fire service.

Don has been married to his wife Janet since 1975 and is the father of two sons, Darren and David. Both followed in their father's footsteps and have served as firefighters. It is my privilege to recognize Don's achievements before the House of Representatives and I wish him a long and fulfilling retirement.

AMERICA LOSES WAR HERO WITH PASSING OF EARL BROWN FLATT

**HON. CHARLES W. BOUSTANY, JR.**

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 8, 2014*

Mr. BOUSTANY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today with a heavy heart to commemorate the passing of a great man in our community who served his country as a United States Marine and later as a community leader in South Louisiana.

Earl Brown Flatt joined the Marine Corps in 1941 at the ripe old age of 17. Earl knew from Day One he wanted to serve his country and make a lasting impact for future generations. He accomplished that goal. Participating in the Iwo Jima campaign during World War II, Earl was a proud member of the Marine Corps exemplifying its core values of honor, courage, and commitment.

After his distinguished career in the Marine Corps, Earl took a leading role in the organization of State Farm Agencies in the State of Louisiana. He was a State Farm Insurance Manager for 44 years and retired in 1994. Earl made sure to give back to his community and worked tirelessly to improve it. He helped establish the Crime Stoppers of Lafayette and was very active in the Republican Party of Louisiana. In addition, he was a charter member of the Oakbourne Country Club. But Earl never wandered very far from the armed services as he served as the President of the Honor Air and arranged 22 flights to Washington, D.C., to visit the memorials. He attended countless funerals throughout Acadiana to honor the lives of fallen soldiers. His patriotism was only matched by his devotion to his family.

Earl is survived by his wife of 62 years, Darlene Storey Flatt of Broussard; two sons, Pat Flatt of Broussard and Jon Flatt of Austin, Texas; two brothers, Wayne Flatt of Dallas, Texas, and Estle Flatt of Nashville, Tennessee; five grandchildren, Rachel, Wesley, Alys, Leigh Anne, and Olivia; and one great grandson, Cooper.