

Portland, Oregon. On behalf of a grateful State and country, we welcome these heroes to our Nation's capital.

The veterans on this flight from Oregon are: Eldon Ashmore, U.S. Army; Joseph Bakkensen, U.S. Army; Elvin Ballou, U.S. Army; Marceline Clark, U.S. Army; William C. Eggiman, U.S. Army; William Gaddie, U.S. Army; Clarence Giebelhouse, U.S. Army; Donald Gourley, U.S. Army; Roy Haley, U.S. Army; Harold Johnston, U.S. Army; Edward Lapp, U.S. Army; Phillip Leveque, U.S. Army; Charles Marshall, U.S. Army; Jack Morse, U.S. Army; Vernon Charles Newton, U.S. Army; Charles B. Wilkins, U.S. Army; Robert Blomquist, U.S. Army Air Corps; Atlee Hawes, U.S. Army Air Corps; Donald Manwiller, U.S. Army Air Corps; Gustave Mohr, U.S. Army Air Corps; Robert Perrin, U.S. Army Air Corps; Harold Pickrell, U.S. Army Air Corps; Robert Schuberg, U.S. Army Air Corps; Norman Bailow, U.S. Army Signal Corps; John F. Kramer, Jr., U.S. Marine Corps; Robert Wing Eisenhart, U.S. Marine Corps; Ellery Marvel, U.S. Marine Corps; George Vukich, U.S. Marine Corps; William Adams, U.S. Merchant Marine; Charles Bergseng, U.S. Navy; William Copp, U.S. Navy; Robert Goss, U.S. Navy; Richard Graham, U.S. Navy; George Hamlin, U.S. Navy; James Holland, U.S. Navy; James Hurd, U.S. Navy; Robert Jurgens, U.S. Navy; Melvin Leak, U.S. Navy; Jack Marsicano, U.S. Navy; Clarence William McDonnell, U.S. Navy; Leo Miner, U.S. Navy; John Orloff, U.S. Navy; Richard M. Page, U.S. Navy; Harlie Peterson, U.S. Navy; Arthur Ragan, U.S. Navy; John Ervin Rice, U.S. Navy; Jack Royle, U.S. Navy; Benjamin C. Webb, U.S. Navy; Jack Yaggie, U.S. Navy; Carl Duyn, U.S. Navy; Lois Raftshol, U.S. Navy Wave.

These 50 heroes join more than 81,000 veterans from across the country who, since 2005, have journeyed from their home states to Washington, DC to reflect at the memorials built in honor of our Nation's veterans.

Mr. Speaker, each of us is humbled by the courage of these brave Americans who put themselves in harm's way for our country and way of life. As a nation, we can never fully repay the debt of gratitude owed to them for their honor, commitment, and sacrifice in defense of the freedoms we have today.

My colleagues, please join me in thanking these veterans and the volunteers of Honor Flight of Eastern Oregon and Portland, Oregon for their exemplary dedication and service to this great country. I especially want to recognize U.S. Army veteran Dick Tobiasson and the Bend Heroes Foundation, whose tireless work will result in over 100 World War II veterans from Oregon visiting the memorials and U.S. Capitol.

20TH ANNIVERSARY OF NATIONAL  
MEN'S HEALTH WEEK

**HON. JON RUNYAN**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 11, 2014*

Mr. RUNYAN. Mr. Speaker, this week marks the 20th anniversary of National Men's Health Week (NMHW), which was passed by Congress and signed into law by President Clinton in 1994. NMHW was legislation sponsored by Senator Bob Dole and Congressman Bill Rich-

ardson and is celebrated each year during the week that ends on Father's Day.

Recognizing that many health problems that affect men can be prevented, the week was designed to encourage men, boys and their families to develop positive health attitudes, engage in preventive behaviors, lead healthy lifestyles, and seek timely medical advice and care.

As co-chair of the Congressional Men's Health Caucus, I am proud to celebrate this week and help raise awareness of health issues that affect men, boys, and their families.

This week I participated in the Men's Health Network's health screenings that were being offered to Members and their staff. It is so important that we encourage men to be proactive about their health so that they can live longer and healthier lives. I applaud the Men's Health Network for helping to raise awareness right here on Capitol Hill.

As we celebrate the 20th anniversary of National Men's Health Week, we are reminded of how far our country has come in improving the health and well-being of men and boys, but there is still a lot of work left to be done.

Mr. Speaker, this week, along with the entire month of June (Men's Health Month), provides an excellent opportunity to focus on ways that we and our loved ones can live healthier, longer lives.

COMMENDING MALAYSIA & WEL-  
COMING AMBASSADOR AWANG  
ADEK HUSSIN

**HON. ENI F.H. FALEOMAVEGA**

OF AMERICAN SAMOA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 11, 2014*

Mr. FALEOMAVEGA. Mr. Speaker, on April 26, 2014, President Barack Obama arrived in Malaysia—the first American President to visit since 1966. President Obama's visit to Malaysia is indicative of Prime Minister Najib Razak's leadership in building a nation which has become a pivotal player globally and regionally.

Malaysia's growing contributions to security and prosperity cannot be underestimated, and I am pleased that the United States and Malaysia have formalized a comprehensive partnership to include trade, defense and maritime cooperation.

With Malaysia set to chair ASEAN in 2015, the nation is set to propel itself further in the region. Malaysia has a good human rights record and a stable government and, given that ASEAN member countries are looking forward to Malaysia assuming the chair, Malaysia will be in a strong position to bring multilateral parties together to address very serious issues, including South China Sea disputes.

As a major U.S. trading partner, Malaysia is one of 12 nations negotiating the Trans Pacific Partnership (TPP), a potential trade agreement that is a high priority for the U.S. and Asia. Malaysia is a strong partner for U.S. security and economic initiatives. Malaysia works closely with the United States on counter-terrorism, participated in stabilization efforts in Afghanistan, and also supports United Nations' peacekeeping missions, many of which are led by America. Malaysia is also a multi-ethnic, multi-religious society, a member of the

Organization of the Islamic Cooperation, and an advocate of moderation.

I am pleased to associate myself with Malaysia, and I am proud to welcome Malaysia's new Ambassador to the United States. Prime Minister Najib personally appointed Ambassador Awang Adek Hussin ahead of President Obama's visit to Malaysia to bolster the U.S.-Malaysia partnership. Progress stalled between the two nations in the absence of a Malaysian ambassador to the United States since August 2013, and particularly when former Ambassador Jamaluddin Jarjis completed his term. With the presence of Ambassador Awang to fill the void left by Ambassador Jamaluddin Jarjis, I have every confidence relations will improve significantly.

Ambassador Awang Adek Hussin holds a Ph.D. in economics from the University of Pennsylvania's Wharton School of Business. He has served as Deputy Finance Minister, Senator, Assistant Governor, and in other notable positions. His first son was born in the United States. He is married to Madam Latifah Mohd Yusof and they have five children—Abd Aziz, Norjasara, Ahmad Azran, Nur Ain and Nur Nadira—and one grandchild, Lora. Lora accompanied her grandparents for the Ambassador Credentialing Ceremony on May 21, 2014 in the Oval Office where President Obama received the credentials from His Excellency Awang Adek bin Hussin. Three-year old Lora won the hearts of those in attendance with an impromptu dance and a playful back-and-forth exchange with President Obama in which she exclaimed "you rock" while the President kept saying "no, you rock."

Without a doubt, Ambassador Awang will carry forward the work of Prime Minister Najib and President Obama in pushing for greater economic and business ties with the United States, and I look forward to working closely with him as he does so. Once more, I welcome Ambassador Awang to the United States, and I commend Prime Minister Najib for his leadership in bringing about growth, development, investment—and a visit from the President of the United States.

HONORING MARY V. LAURO

**HON. ELIOT L. ENGEL**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 11, 2014*

Mr. ENGEL. Mr. Speaker, Mary V. Lauro was a wonderful example of someone who had continually given back to her community over the course of her 87 years. Her commitment to her Bronx neighborhood was nothing short of inspirational.

Mary was born on May 4, 1926 and spent 50 years of her life living on Matilda Avenue in the Bronx. She graduated from Hunter College in 1947 and later went to work for Adhesive Products Corporation where she co-invented Monzini; a synthetic casting compound used by many museums in dinosaur skeletons as well as by sculptors and makeup artists.

During her employment, she also found time to be an influential and prominent figure in her community. She was the president of the Wakefield Taxpayers and Civic League (WTCL) for 25 years and wrote about the community in a weekly column for The Bronx News.

The WTCL is one of the oldest community organizations in the city and under the strong leadership of Ms. Lauro the organization took on a variety of pressing issues facing the community. These included fighting for more police officers—a 10 year battle to shut down a drug and prostitution infested OTB parlor—and the completion of a study that resulted in new zoning regulation for motels in residential areas.

Mary established strong relationships with neighboring communities and worked closely with the Woodlawn Taxpayers Association. In addition, Mary was a former member of Community Board 12, an active parishioner at Saint Francis of Rome, a member of the Wakefield Civilian Patrol and the Safe Way/Safe Home Program, and a participant in the 47th Precinct Community Council who held multiple positions throughout her membership.

Although we lost Mary last year to her battle with lung cancer, my wife and I will fondly remember Mary, as she was truly one of a kind. I remember her from the beginning of my career, over 40 years ago. She was a constant in the community—it was her whole life, and the community was like her own family. She lived a full life and will be sorely missed.

Last December the New York City Council voted to honor Mary Lauro by re-naming the street she used to live on for more than 50 years as “Mary V. Lauro Way.”

Mary’s dedication to improving the community and the lives of its inhabitants through her various public service efforts will hopefully inspire and remind residents of her legacy and I am proud to be a part of the celebration of a woman who had brought so much progress to a community.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

### HON. GARY C. PETERS

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 11, 2014*

Mr. PETERS of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, on Monday, June 9, 2014 I was not present for 3 votes. I wish to submit my intentions had I been present to vote.

Had I been present for rollcall No. 272, I would have voted “yea”; had I been present for rollcall No. 273, I would have voted “no”; had I been present for rollcall No. 274, I would have voted “no.”

#### HONORING SHANNON MATHEW

### HON. THEODORE E. DEUTCH

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 11, 2014*

Mr. DEUTCH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of Shannon Mathew, a graduating senior from Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School who has received the Miami VA Healthcare System’s James H. Parke Memorial Fund Youth Scholarship for her commitment to the veterans of South Florida. As a public servant and the son of a World War II veteran whose bravery motivated me to serve in Congress, I am so proud of Shannon’s dedication to our community.

Shannon has devoted every summer of high school volunteering at the Physical Medicine

and Rehab Unit of the William “Bill” Kling VA Clinic. In addition to providing encouragement, emotional support and a warm smile to all the veterans receiving treatment at the clinic, Shannon also assists administratively in keeping the physical therapy department running smoothly. Her supervisors describe her as spirited and helpful and veterans seeking treatment at the center have said that her presence encourages them to push through their pain. Shannon will begin her undergraduate career at the University of Florida this fall and plans to volunteer at the VA clinic in Gainesville in her spare time.

Representing a district home to veterans of every major conflict since World War II, I know very well the sacrifices that our military men and women and their families have made for our country and the importance of honoring them. Shannon Mathew’s passion for serving our veterans is an inspiration to me and my district, and I have no doubt that she has a bright future in store.

#### RECOGNIZING MILITARY APPRECIATION NIGHT AT ROGER DEAN STADIUM

### HON. PATRICK MURPHY

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 11, 2014*

Mr. MURPHY of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Military Appreciation Night at Roger Dean Stadium in Jupiter, Florida. This event serves to honor and recognize all those who serve and who have served in our military to protect our great nation. The event will be held the day before Independence Day when we celebrate our nation’s freedom, which we owe to the men and women who serve in our Armed Forces. The Stadium will hold a ceremony recognizing veterans on the field and present a special color guard for the occasion. This event allows us to demonstrate our respect for the men and women who serve in our military and all that they do for us and our country, and to honor those who sacrificed everything and lost their lives in the line of duty. This event allows us not only to celebrate our nation’s freedom and independence but also to remember all those who don a uniform signifying the protection of our country’s citizens by means of protecting our freedoms.

Over Memorial Day weekend, I was humbled to have had the opportunity to spend this most solemn holiday with our troops stationed in Afghanistan. A few weeks later, I was honored to greet local veterans at the World War II Memorial while they were on their Honor Flight to D.C. for the 70th Anniversary of D-Day. From active duty to WWII veterans, our country is forever indebted to the sacrifices they have made in service to our nation. From an unacceptable benefits claim backlog, mistreatment at the VA, and the disgraceful high rates of unemployment, homelessness, and suicide among our nation’s heroes, it is clear that our nation has been failing these heroes once they return home. We must—and will—do better.

That is why I have been pleased to see bipartisan support for my efforts to help reduce the backlog and increase mental health and suicide prevention efforts for our veterans. I hope to see the same support for my recent

proposals to reduce the appeals claims backlog and expand educational opportunities for veterans and military families. Our nation’s heroes should not have to wait years to receive the benefits they have earned or have to fight for a job after fighting for our nation and these common sense proposals will help address these serious issues, reassuring our veterans, troops, and their families that we will be there for them as they have been there for our nation.

While we rededicate ourselves to better serving our veterans, troops, and military families, we must do so always remembering the ultimate sacrifice that many of their comrades, friends, and families made for our nation. This is one of the best ways we can pay tribute to our fallen heroes, including the 18th District’s own Marine Corps Corporal Ian T. Zook of Port St. Lucie, Army Captain Adam P. Snyder of Fort Pierce, Marine Corps Lance Corporal Justin J. Wilson of Palm City, Army Specialist Jordan C. Schumann of Port St. Lucie, Navy Chief Petty Officer Aaron C. Vaughn of Stuart, and Army Sergeant Justin R. Johnson of Hobe Sound. All of these men were selfless heroes whose sacrifices will never be forgotten.

Mr. Speaker, as Military Appreciation Night is recognized at Roger Dean Stadium, I encourage my colleagues to join me and the residents of Jupiter, Florida in pausing to appreciate all that these brave men and women have done for our country by encouraging similar local events of recognition across the nation.

#### HONORING JOHN H. GLOSE, JR.

### HON. BRIAN HIGGINS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 11, 2014*

Mr. HIGGINS. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to recognize John H. Glose, Jr., who will be honored at the 6th annual Mount Mercy Academy 5K Race in Buffalo, New York for his admirable community involvement and dedication to Mount Mercy Academy.

John has played sports since grammar school, and pursued soccer, volleyball, and track through high school and college teams. After earning his bachelor’s degree in 2005 and a master’s degree in 2010, John translated his passion to volunteer coaching and cultivating the talents of young people.

John serves as a vital part of the Erie II BOCES Baker Road Alternative High School as a Physical Education and Health teacher. Here, John founded the Goodwill Transition Basketball League that gives the students at alternative high schools a chance to be a part of a school basketball team and learn the life lessons that team sports can teach them.

In addition to these commitments, John was the Head Coach of the varsity soccer, basketball and tennis teams at Mount Mercy Academy. At Mount Mercy, he conceived of and implemented the Wounded Warrior Game to raise awareness of the sacrifices of members of the armed forces. This endeavor has raised over \$5,000 for the Wounded Warrior Project Foundation.

Among the teams lucky enough to receive his guidance are the travel soccer teams of the South Buffalo Soccer Club, Mount Mercy basketball teams’ summer leagues, and Mount