

American Polish Research Fellowship Program at the University of Notre Dame. He also served as Pastor of Our Lady of the Lake Parish in Culver, IN, and St. Adalbert Parish and St. Hedwig Parishes in South Bend. Father Chrobot was known for his ability to bring people together, regardless of their religious and ethnic backgrounds or their political views. "He was a kind, soft-spoken man who didn't like to see arguments, rather encouraging people to 'pray about it,'" recounted Rosanne Benassi, office manager for St. Hedwig's Parish.

Father Chrobot passed away on Tuesday, September 9, 2014. He is survived and deeply missed by his sister Joan Webber and brother-in-law Charles, brother Hank Chrobot, several nieces and nephews, the St. Mary's College family, the University of Notre Dame family, the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend, his parishioners, and Hoo-siers across the State.

Father Len, as he was affectionately known, loved his work and dedicated his life to the service of his fellow citizens. Although he would not have considered himself a hero, Father Chrobot demonstrated his character daily by conducting himself with compassion, honor, and integrity. Thus, he was a true American hero—in his everyday life as an educator, minister, religious consul, and friend to so many. Let us always treasure the memory of this great man and honor him for his selfless commitment to serving his fellow citizens. May God welcome him home and give comfort to his family and friends.●

GEAR UP HAWAII

● Ms. HIRONO. Mr. President, I rise today to celebrate the successes of Hawaii's Gaining Early Awareness and Readiness for Undergraduate Programs, GEAR UP. Next Monday, September 22 marks the beginning of National GEAR UP Week.

GEAR UP is a national program that provides grants for States to help low-income students with college preparation, enrollment, and completion.

In 2011, the U.S. Department of Education awarded the University of Hawaii a 7-year GEAR-UP grant to improve college access and completion for low-income students. The P-20 Partnerships for Education manages this grant with its partners, the State Department of Education, the UH ten-campus system, and other public, non-profit, and private entities.

Hawaii GEAR UP is helping reach the goal of having 55 percent of working age adults hold a 2- or 4-year degree by 2025. In shorthand, "55 by '25.'" To reach this goal, GEAR UP Hawaii runs many programs to help low-income middle school and high school students focus on academic preparation, explore Early College options, learn more information about college access and financial aid, and improve college enrollment and completion.

In January of 2014, I had the chance to meet GEAR UP Hawaii students at Waipahu High School. The school's Early College High School program helps students earn college credit while still in high school.

One of the students I met was Juanito Moises, National GEAR UP Youth of the Year. He came to Hawaii from the Philippines at age 9, not speaking English. He took rigorous courses and eventually earned a 3.98 high school GPA. He will be the first in his family to attend a 4-year college, and thanks to GEAR UP he will already have English 100 out of the way.

Juanito is just one of the thousands of low-income students in Hawaii and nationwide who GEAR UP is working to serve. The program's results show that GEAR UP students are more likely to complete rigorous coursework, apply and enroll in college, and earn college degrees, when compared with other low-income students who do not have the opportunity to participate.

Since I first came to the House in 2007, I have supported Federal funding for GEAR UP program, and I urge my colleagues in the Senate to do the same.

During National GEAR UP Week, let's celebrate GEAR UP's success and continue our efforts to help Hawaii students enter and complete college.●

RECOGNIZING ZIONS BANK

● Mr. LEE. Mr. President, next week, the Department of Defense will honor 15 companies with the prestigious Secretary of Defense Employer Support Freedom Award. This award is the highest honor given by the Department of Defense to employers in recognition of exceptional support of National Guard and Reserve employees. One of the 15 companies to be honored at this event is Utah's own Zions Bank. I would like to take this opportunity to recognize this company for its contribution to my home State and our Nation.

Zions Bank was founded 22 years before Utah gained her statehood. On July 10, 1873, under the direction of Brigham Young, Zion's Savings Bank and Trust Company was incorporated. It was the first chartered savings bank and trust company in the Utah Territory. Soon after its highly successful opening day, Brigham Young wrote to a fellow Mormon in England: Zion's Savings Bank and Trust Company opened for business on Thursday last. This institution is a cooperative one, and we think it is likely to meet with favor.

President Young and the other bank founders were right. Even though the bank opened just months before America's Long Depression, 1873-1879, was underway, the bank thrived.

Such economic tenacity was woven into the character of Zions Bank. During the Great Depression, the bank's livelihood was threatened when in February of 1932, depositors withdrew \$1.5

million in 2½ days. In order to quell the panic and reassure depositors that the bank was sound, bank President Heber J. Grant ordered signs to be posted at branch locations. The signs noted that the bank was "in a very strong, clean, liquid condition," and that it could "pay off every depositor in full." The note ended, "There is no safer bank in the state or the nation." Because of the trust that the bank developed with customers over previous decades, the panic was subdued and deposits quickly exceeded withdrawals. The bank stood firm in the midst of an extended national economic struggle. During every significant economic downturn since 1873, Zions Bank has weathered the storm and come out stronger for it. This success speaks to the impeccable leadership and business acumen of bank leaders and the hard work of Zions Bank employees.

While it is always important to look to foundational virtues, an organization cannot long survive without emulating those virtues in the present and perpetuating them into the future. Zions Bank continues to be a steadfast partner, not only with businesses and individuals but also with community and charitable organizations in Utah and throughout the Western United States. A large part of Utah's success—what we champion as the "Utah model"—are the Utah businesses that conduct their affairs with integrity and purpose. Zions Bank's famous motto, "We haven't forgotten who keeps us in business," speaks both to its integrity as a corporation and its purpose of creating lasting value for the customer and the community.

One excellent example of this community spirit is Zions' annual Paint-a-Thon. Starting in 1991, Zions Bank employees volunteered for 1 week each year to paint the homes of those in need, including the elderly, disabled citizens, and veterans. This year, 59 homes in Utah and Idaho will be painted, pushing the program past the milestone of 1,000 homes painted since its inception. In addition to the many hours volunteered by its employees, Zions Bank pays for all the paint and materials needed for the projects.

The Zions Bank example of service, which mirrors the spirit of service that one finds throughout Utah, is rooted in a love for fellow man, for country, and for goodness. Such love is the essence of the civil society and the key to real progress in our Nation. I believe that a crucial element of this love is showing appreciation for the men and women who willingly fight to secure our natural rights; for if our rights are taken from us, the civil society and rule of law are not possible.

Zions Bank shows their appreciation by making a special effort to see that their servicemembers' families are properly cared for when deployed. The bank provides internships and training for servicemembers and veterans through its innovative professional development program. For these reasons

and others, the bank was nominated for the Secretary of Defense Employer Support Freedom Award by Army National Guard 1LT Helaman Hurtado. Over 2,800 nominations were submitted for the award.

It is with heartfelt gratitude that I congratulate Zions Bank on being honored as one of the 15 recipients of this award. I thank the bank's president, Scott Anderson, and his predecessors, and I thank the many hard-working employees who have served their fellow Utahns and others for over 140 years. Zions Bank and the extraordinary people who work and serve there strengthen my faith in the American dream and hope for a strong civil society. I urge my colleagues to come together in reducing the size, scope and burden of our government and regulations on free markets and civil society so that more companies are able to emulate the success and positive impact of principled and caring companies like Zions Bank.●

RECOGNIZING GRACE MEDICAL HOME

● Mr. NELSON. Mr. President, I wish to recognize the outstanding work of Grace Medical Home, a comprehensive medical clinic in my hometown of Orlando that provides a broad range of health services to low-income, uninsured residents in Central Florida.

Grace Medical Home provides 8,500 patient visits annually allowing 2,300 Floridians access to high quality medical services at little or no cost to the patient.

Both nationwide and in Florida, free and charitable clinics are a critical component of America's medical safety net.

Our country has a strong tradition of neighbors caring for neighbors, and nowhere is that more apparent than in our free and charitable clinics. There are approximately 1,200 of these clinics throughout the Nation that since the 1960s have been filling in the gap for those who "fall through the cracks" in our current health care system. These clinics believe in giving people a hand-up not a handout, and they activate at the grassroots level, utilizing a volunteer and staff model to provide a range of health care services to economically disadvantaged individuals.

Free and charitable clinics do not receive dedicated Federal funding. Instead, these clinics rely heavily on private donations from individual donors, foundations, grants, and volunteers, which allow them to keep their doors open and to deliver health care to those who need it the most.

Currently, the Affordable Care Act is making great strides to help millions of people gain insurance and access to health care. However, even with the most optimistic projections of health insurance enrollment or Medicaid expansion, roughly 30 million people will still be without health coverage. Therefore, free and charitable clinics

are and will continue to be an important part of our country's safety net.

I look forward to continuing to work with my colleagues in Congress to better address the needs of the underserved with respect to affordability, accessibility, and portability of primary, specialty, dental care, and medication access. And I am thankful that free and charitable clinics across the country like Grace Medical Home are continuing to build a healthy America—one patient at a time.●

TRIBUTE TO MAJOR PATRICK W. MILLER

● Mr. SCHUMER. Mr. President, I would like to recognize and honor MAJ Patrick W. Miller, U.S. Army, for his incredible courage and bravery on April 2, 2014, during the tragic Fort Hood shooting.

Major Miller was born and raised in Allegany, NY and was commissioned in the U.S. Army in 2003 after graduating from St. Bonaventure University. He has been deployed to Iraq for two tours, first as a commander of a platoon of medics and second as an adviser to the Iraqi Army. In August of 2013, he and his wife Ashley were assigned to Fort Hood, TX.

It was there, on the afternoon of April 2nd that a gunman opened fire in a shooting rampage. During that time, the shooter entered Major Miller's building and opened fire, immediately hitting Patrick in the abdomen, just 2 inches below his heart. Despite being critically wounded and at great risk to his own life, he rushed to get his fellow soldiers to safety in a closed office as quickly as possible. Then, while attempting to put pressure on his wound, still thinking of his fellow soldiers, he was able to make a call to 911 to report the shooting. In addition to wounding Major Miller, the shooter ended up killing 3 soldiers and wounding 15 others before taking his own life.

The heroic and distinguished acts by Major Miller, beyond a doubt, saved countless lives.

On behalf of the Nation and my fellow New Yorkers, it is my honor to recognize the exemplary service and overwhelming bravery of Major Miller during such a tragic event. I wish him the best as he continues to serve our great Nation.●

TRIBUTE TO DONNA KUETHE

● Mrs. SHAHEEN. Mr. President, I wish to recognize the achievements of Donna Kuethe Recreation Director for the town of Moultonborough, NH, who was recently named New England Woman of the Year by Every Child is Ours, ECIO, an organization dedicated to promoting universal educational opportunity. For 40 years Donna has been a tireless advocate for children's education, environmental stewardship and community recreation.

On the national and international stages, Donna has volunteered in New

Orleans and South Africa delivering emergency supplies to areas hard-hit by natural disasters. She has worked with Operation Recreation Relief, a group designed to help provide recreation services to areas impacted by disasters, in addition to focusing on assisting children in those areas through her work with the Save the Children foundation.

Back home in New Hampshire, Donna has been active throughout the State through her work with the Children in Nature initiative, the New Hampshire State Parks Great Park Pursuit and other programs focused on encouraging active and healthy lifestyles. She has also advocated for outdoor initiatives through her service on the House/Senate Committee on Child Care Licensing and as Chair of the Legislative Committee for New Hampshire Parks and Recreation.

Donna has also been a key leader at the Moultonborough Parks and Recreation Department, in addition to coaching New Hampshire high school students and establishing after-school programs, youth sports and summer day camps, and programs for seniors.

Donna's lifelong devotion to her community and the many organizations she has served is truly admirable, and her recognition as ECIO's New England Woman of the Year is well deserved. On behalf of Granite Staters everywhere, I thank Donna Kuethe for her service.●

35TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE LATINO CHAMBER OF COMMERCE OF PUEBLO

● Mr. UDALL of Colorado. Mr. President, today I wish to recognize the 35th anniversary of the Latino Chamber of Commerce of Pueblo and its history of serving Latino-owned businesses in Pueblo County, CO. Created in 1979 by an influential group of Pueblo businessmen, the Latino chamber was organized to harness the Pueblo Latino community's significant economic force.

Demonstrating vast community representation, the Latino chamber's 35 inaugural members included influential local leaders such as Judge Joe Ulibarri, Dr. Tom Autobee, Dr. Thomas Duran, Dr. Joe Roybal and Victor Tony Navarro. This diverse and respected initial membership consisted of architects, attorneys, business owners, medical professionals and others.

Since 1979, the Latino chamber has expanded in big ways. With nearly 1,000 members today, the Latino chamber is a respected, dynamic business organization in the area. Its resources and expertise help the organization serve as a launching pad for Latino leaders. Willing and eager to respond to its community's challenges, the Latino chamber played instrumental roles in the development of the Pueblo Hispanic Education Foundation, the El Pueblo Inter-development Corporation, the Southern Colorado International Trade Center and the Human Relations Commission.