

and after completing a residency in Los Angeles General Hospital, served at the Long Beach Naval Base in the V12 training program. He left California to complete a surgical residency at the Veterans Administration Hospital in McKinney, Texas. While performing surgery there, he met a surgical nurse, Lillian, who became the love of his life.

In 1951, Dr. Adami and Lillian married and moved to Denton, Texas, where he opened his surgical practice. Dr. Adami joined eight other physicians and developed Westgate Medical Center, which later became Denton Regional Medical Center, furthering his goal of expanding emergency services in Denton. In addition to managing his medical practice for over 50 years, Dr. Adami, with his wife's help, developed real estate, operated a ranch, and engaged in other entrepreneurial pursuits.

Dr. Adami attended Immaculate Conception Catholic Church and was a Charter Member of the local Chapter of the Knights of Columbus. He was also a great tennis player, pilot, and loved being outdoors, especially with fellow hunters, sons, son-in-laws, and grandsons.

In 1998, the Denton County Medical Society awarded Dr. Adami the prestigious Gold-Headed Cane Award, honoring him as an outstanding physician who demonstrated the highest qualities of excellence, service, and selflessness in contributions to his family, the art and science of medicine, and to the community. He will be missed greatly. It was an honor and a privilege to represent Dr. Gilbert Ernest Adami in the U.S. House of Representatives and I extend my condolences to his family, friends, and the patients, nurses, doctors, and medical professionals who loved and respected him.

COMMENDING THE SUPREME COURT'S RULING IN TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY AFFAIRS V. THE INCLUSIVE COMMUNITIES PROJECT

**HON. LOIS FRANKEL**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 7, 2015*

Ms. FRANKEL of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commend the Supreme Court's ruling last month in Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs v. The Inclusive Communities Project. The Justices ruled 5-4 that federal housing law allows people to challenge lending rules, zoning laws, and other housing practices that have a harmful impact on minority groups, even if there is no proof that companies or government agencies intended to discriminate.

Justice Anthony Kennedy wrote, "Much progress remains to be made in our nation's continuing struggle against racial isolation." He continued, "The Court acknowledges the Fair Housing Act's continuing role in moving the nation toward a more integrated society."

Housing is one of the backbones of the American economy and for many is integral to the American dream. No person should be shut out because of the color of their skin.

HONORING THE PUBLIC SERVICE OF MR. HAROLD DRINKWATER

**HON. CHELLIE PINGREE**

OF MAINE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 7, 2015*

Ms. PINGREE. Mr. Speaker, I would like to recognize a dedicated public servant and committed firefighter.

On August 6, 1955, Harold Drinkwater joined the Camden Fire Department, just after returning from the Korean War. His leadership and bravery served as inspirations to every member of the department, and he was soon promoted to Assistant Fire Chief. Nearly sixty years later, Harold continues to serve the Department.

I know that the Fire Department is deeply grateful for Harold's heroism and commitment to his community. When the Department received its most recent engine, Camden's firefighters chose to honor Harold by placing his name on the truck. This summer, the Department plans to recognize him at their annual family picnic.

I wish Harold the best as he continues to serve the Town of Camden, and I thank him wholeheartedly for his many years of service to his town and to our nation.

RECOGNIZING THE LIFE AND WORK OF ANNE GAYLOR

**HON. MARK POCAN**

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 7, 2015*

Mr. POCAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize a constituent who dedicated her life's work to advancing principles of justice and fairness in her community, her state, and her country.

Anne Nicol Gaylor began her life in a small town near Tomah, Wisconsin. After graduating high school at age 16 and earning a degree from University of Wisconsin-Madison, she became a businesswoman and editor at Middleton Times Tribune where she successfully transformed the publication into an award-winning weekly. Anne notably founded the Women's Medical Fund which has raised and donated nearly \$3 million to low-income women who lack access to healthcare services. Throughout her career, Anne remained involved with the Women's Medical Fund and was a tireless advocate for women's rights.

In 1976, Anne founded the Freedom from Religion Foundation, the nation's leading defender in the fight to protect and preserve the separation of church and state. This organization grew from a small group of committed individuals discussing the advancement of civil liberties into a major national organization with more than 23,000 members.

Throughout her retirement, she remained active in the Women's Medical Fund, dedicating her time to providing direct service to those in need. Thanks to her tireless leadership, Anne received a number of prestigious awards and recognitions, including the Humanist Heroine Award from the American Humanist Association, Wisconsin National Organization for Women's Feminist of the Year Award, and NARAL's Tiller Award. These out-

standing achievements and recognitions are a testimony to Anne's resilient spirit and tireless advocacy on behalf of the issues closest to her heart.

Anne's commitment to community and work as an activist, feminist, and free-thinker have been invaluable to Wisconsin.

Mr. Speaker, it is with great honor that I recognize Ms. Anne Nicol Gaylor today.

HONORING THE SERVICE OF EULESS POLICE OFFICER MIKE DUFF

**HON. KENNY MARCHANT**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 7, 2015*

Mr. MARCHANT. Mr. Speaker, I am honored to recognize retiring Corporal Mike Duff for his 31 years of public service as a Euless Police Officer for the City of Euless, Texas.

Mike Duff joined the Euless Police Department in 1983 where he was hired as a patrol officer. After serving four years in that capacity, Mike was transferred to the Criminal Investigation Division (CID). Mike's hard work in the CID was acknowledged in 1990 by the department when he was promoted to Corporal. In addition to his primary roles in the department, Mike has also served as a member of the Euless Tactical Team.

Throughout his career, Mike Duff has been a training officer with the Euless Police Department; furthermore, he has been assigned to local and federal drug task force agencies because of his outstanding police training and abilities.

As a committed law enforcer, Mike Duff has sought training and certification throughout his years of service. His achievements include Basic Police Certification in 1983, Intermediate Police Certification in 1987, Advanced Police Certification in 1993, and Masters Police Certification in 2004. Furthermore, Mike received his Police Officer Firearms Instructor Certificate in 2005 and his Field Training Officer Certification in 2004. He has received over 2,000 hours of in-service training during his 31-year career as a police officer.

Mike Duff's extensive experience and training in criminal investigation has been recognized on many occasions as a result of his contributions to the police department and community. He has received over 35 police commendations in which he was recognized for his professionalism and service to the community. Moreover, Mike has been nominated six times for Officer of the Year and was also selected for the Certificate of Merit in 2012, the Distinguished Service Award in 2006, and the Blackie Sustaire Award in 1996.

Outside the field of law enforcement, Mike Duff recently earned his associate degree in General Studies from Columbia College in 2014. He is married to his wife, Andrea, and they have one daughter named Lyndsey.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the 24th Congressional District of Texas, I ask all my distinguished colleagues to join me in thanking Mike Duff for his years of public service as a Euless Police Officer.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE SESQUICENTENNIAL OF THE SECOND BAPTIST CHURCH OF ANN ARBOR

**HON. DEBBIE DINGELL**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 7, 2015*

Mrs. DINGELL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Second Baptist Church of Ann Arbor for its sesquicentennial anniversary. Second Baptist has stood since 1865 as a symbol of the African American community of Ann Arbor. As this country has gone through a transformative journey to live up to its creed of "All men are created equal" for the past century and a half, the Second Baptist Church of Ann Arbor has been on a journey to perfect itself.

Second Baptist's journey began when it was chartered in 1865. The original congregation was led by Rev. Lewis and met in a small frame cottage overlooking the Huron River. They would later move into a new building in the heart of the segregated black residential community of the city in 1890. As Second Baptist grew, so did Ann Arbor's African American community. In the late 1910's and early 20's, the "Great Migrations" led to a large growth in the African American population in Washtenaw County. In the late 20's and 30's programs were inaugurated to help community members get through the Great Depression. In 1966 Rev. Emmett L. Green was chosen to lead Second Baptist through a new Civil Rights Era. Rev. Green was committed to Martin Luther King's inspired Social Gospel civil rights activism during his tenure as pastor.

Second Baptist is currently led by Rev. Dr. Stephen Daniels, who aims to help Second Baptist continue its tradition of building a church with Christ and His Gospel as its foundation. On its 150th year, Second Baptist pauses to reflect, to renew and to embrace the limitless possibilities that God has scripted for the coming seasons.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me today to honor The Second Baptist Church of Ann Arbor for its sesquicentennial anniversary and its dedication to enriching the lives of the surrounding community.

H.R. 160, THE PROTECT MEDICAL INNOVATION ACT OF 2015

**HON. PATRICK MURPHY**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 7, 2015*

Mr. MURPHY of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I support passage of H.R. 160, the Protect Medical Innovation Act of 2015.

While I strongly believe the bill should be paid for before becoming law, this bill is a great first step of furthering the promise of the Affordable Care Act, a law that will cover 32 million lives when fully implemented.

The Affordable Care Act has created jobs, lowered costs, and significantly expanded coverage, as it was designed to do. It did away with bans on preexisting conditions, allowed young adults to stay on their parents' plan, eliminated annual and lifetime limits, and is

closing the Part D prescription drug donut hole. As the law continues to improve the lives and health security of the American people, I will look for ways to improve the law. No law is perfect. That is why I support the Protect Medical Innovation Act and have cosponsored other pieces of legislation designed to keep consumers from feeling the hit of unintended consequences. Congress should look for ways to create jobs, lower costs further, and encourage states to accept Medicaid expansion, which will cover an additional 800,000 working Floridians.

I am hopeful that with a strong vote in the House of Representatives, H.R. 160 will soon arrive at the President's desk, fully offset, to be signed into law.

HONORING MAJOR STEPHEN REICH AND THE HOME OF THE BRAVE QUILT PROJECT

**HON. ELIZABETH H. ESTY**

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 7, 2015*

Ms. ESTY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Major Stephen Reich and to recognize the compassionate work of the Home of the Brave Quilt Project.

Today, we recognize the history and importance of quilting in our society as a symbol of Americana. Quilting can tell stories through fabric and stitches when words fail. For hundreds of years, quilting has been used not only as a means of communication, but also as a sign of respect for fellow community members. In keeping with this tradition, the Home of the Brave Quilt Project has taken on the task of honoring our brave men, women, and families touched by war through the gift of a quilt.

Susan and Raymond Reich from Washington Depot, Connecticut, lost their son, Stephen, on June 28, 2005. Stephen graduated from the United States Military Academy in 1993. While studying at the Academy, he pitched for the baseball team. Two years into his military career, the Baltimore Orioles drafted the southpaw, and he played for their minor league affiliate team before the Army recalled him to finish his term. Choosing to answer the call of military service and relinquishing his pro baseball career, he returned to fight for our great country. Stephen was killed along with seven other Night Stalkers during a rescue operation to save a Navy SEAL team in Afghanistan; he was on his fourth tour of duty.

Shortly after Stephen died, his mother and father received a quilt in his honor. As a quilter by profession, Susan understood the significance of this act. Receiving the quilt helped her family heal and it provided them with comfort, knowing that others were thinking of them during their difficult time.

When Don Beld founded the Home of the Brave Quilt Project in July of 2004, his goal was to give families comfort in the best way he knew how. Since Don did not serve during the Vietnam War like many of his peers, he knew in his heart that he needed to serve America's families in some way. With this idea in mind, Don embarked on a project that would expand to 59 states and territories, honoring those who have died from injuries while

on active duty in Iraq or Afghanistan. Each quilt is based on patterns originally designed by the United States Sanitary Commission during the Civil War era. To date, the Home of the Brave Quilt Project has delivered over 6,000 quilts to more than 5,000 families. They serve as a reminder that bravery will always be revered.

On Sunday, June 28, the Reich family marked the tenth anniversary of Stephen's death. I hope that the quilt they received continues to provide comfort and reminds their family that we, as a nation, hold them in our hearts.

THE CIVIL RIGHTS ACT OF 1964

**HON. SHEILA JACKSON LEE**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 7, 2015*

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise in strong support of the 51st anniversary of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, one of the consequential governmental actions since the issuance of the Emancipation Proclamation.

On July 2, 1964, President Lyndon B. Johnson signed the act that would profoundly change our country and brought about the greatest reduction in economic and social inequality among Americans in history.

Mr. Speaker, today it is difficult to imagine there once was a time in our country when blacks and whites could not eat together in public restaurants, use the same public restrooms, stay at the same hotels, or attend the same schools.

It is hard to believe today that just 51 years ago, discrimination on the ground of race was a legal and socially accepted practice.

The Civil Rights Act of 1964 changed that.

The Civil Rights Act outlawed discrimination and segregation in employment, public accommodations, and education on the ground of race, gender, religion or national origin.

This act became the soil from which our country flourished; opportunities were bred and dreams were born.

This change did not happen overnight or by accident.

It took hard work and courage and an unwavering faith that America could live up to the true meaning of its creed.

With American leaders embodying faith and courage the Civil Rights Act signifies battles fought over many years that our champions finally won.

Leaders like the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Whitney Young, Rosa Parks, and John Lewis are just a few of the many noble champions who took a stand for freedom and risked their lives to make real the promise of America for all Americans.

Today, 51 years later, we continue to preserve the rights and freedoms that so many fought for and could only dream of before the Civil Rights Act.

On the evening of June 11, 1963, President John F. Kennedy addressed the nation and uttered these words that would echo in history: "It ought to be possible for every American to enjoy the privileges of being American without regard to his race or his color. But this is not the case. We are confronted primarily with a moral issue. It is as old as the Scriptures and is as clear as the American Constitution. The