

leader in the Union community, he helped organize rallies in Washington, DC fighting for workers' rights, Medicare, and Social Security, and in 2004 spoke on senior health issues at the 2004 Democratic National Convention in Boston, Massachusetts.

Bill is remembered by his loving family as a passionate story and joke teller with interests in bowling, painting, drawing, antiques, and furniture refinishing. His excellent memory for Geography and History was accompanied by a love and passion for his Finnish background. As a member of the Catholic Church, Bill attended the services of Father Gusper at St. Stephens Church in Niles, Ohio.

Bill was preceded in death by his parents, as well as his sister, Judy Dennison, son, Timothy Luoma, and grandson, Isaiah Luoma. He is survived by his wife, Janice Macchia Luoma, whom he married on August 12, 1988. He is also survived by daughters, Jill Luoma, Lori Luoma, Elizabeth Luoma, step-daughter, Crystal Zimomra; sons, Raymond Luoma and William Luoma; he was Grandpa to Ryan Maki, Papiou to Zachary Brewer, and Landon Zimomra; Grandpa to Erica Maki, and Kristia Luoma. He is also survived by great-grandchildren, Emilee, Paisley, Trenton and Brailin Moore.

I am deeply saddened by the loss of Bill Luoma, such a dedicated and strong servant of the American armed forces, his fellow workmen and women, and his family. He will be remembered and celebrated as a Warren, Ohio community leader and it is my honor to recognize his life here today.

TRIBUTE TO MARJORIE ANN BROWNE

**HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON**

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA  
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 24, 2015*

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to salute the long and distinguished career of Marjorie Ann Browne, a native Washingtonian and servant of Congress in the area of foreign affairs. On October 10, 2015, Ms. Browne will retire after a remarkable 55 years of faithful service to the legislative branch as an international relations specialist in the Foreign Affairs, Defense, and Trade Division of the Congressional Research Service (CRS).

Marjorie Browne graduated from the University of Rochester in 1960 with a B.A. in history. After working for a few summers as a typist at the State Department, Marjorie joined the Library of Congress on October 10, 1960, in the office of the deputy director of the Legislative Reference Service (LRS), as CRS was known prior to 1970. In 1962, she was promoted to a reference assistant and moved to the Foreign Affairs Division of LRS. After working closely with analysts who specialized in international organizations and international law, Marjorie was converted to an analyst in 1971. She became increasingly involved in multiple issues related to the United Nations. Ms. Browne has served as a specialist on the United Nations and international organizations for Congress, producing numerous reports, committee prints, and individualized responses to congressional inquiries for several decades. Over the years, she has mentored scores of colleagues and has always sought to assist others in their work.

Highlights of Marjorie Browne's long career include her attendance intermittently from 1973 to 1982 at meetings of the U.N. Conference on the Law of the Sea in New York and her attendance in the 1980s at the National War College in Ft. McNair, D.C. More recently, during a congressional visit to the United Nations, U.N. Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon recognized her service during his remarks to the visiting delegation. For a long stretch of her career at CRS, Ms. Browne worked actively in the Congressional Research Employees Association (CREA), including during the time period when CRS staff moved from the Jefferson Building to the then-new Madison Building in 1980, and on CREA's health and safety committee. In 2010, the Library of Congress honored Marjorie for 50 years of service.

Marjorie Browne leaves behind multiple legacies: distinguished public service over half a century, an indefatigable commitment to fulfilling the mission of CRS and the work of Congress, and an extraordinary career that has served as a role model for many.

Mr. Speaker, I ask the House of Representatives to join me in expressing our deepest gratitude and appreciation to Marjorie Ann Browne on the occasion of her retirement for 55 years of service to Congress and our nation.

TRIBUTE TO LINDA WHEELER

**HON. DAVID YOUNG**

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 24, 2015*

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Linda Wheeler of Lenox, Iowa for being selected as Taylor County's 2015 inductee into the Iowa 4-H Hall of Fame.

Linda was a member of the Platte Peppy Pals 4-H group for 10 years while growing up. Her mother and father were both 4-H leaders in her county. She participated in 4-H camp and focused on home improvement projects like refinishing furniture for fair projects. Linda became a leader herself in 2002, and has since spent numerous hours working with members and her own children on 4-H projects as part of the Washington Winners.

Mr. Speaker, Linda's efforts are a true representation of the Iowa spirit and I am honored to represent her and Iowans like her in the United States Congress. I know that all of my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives will join me in congratulating Linda for her achievements and wish her nothing but continued success.

CONGRATULATING BISHOP URUNDI KNOX ON HIS 21ST ANNIVERSARY AND THE EBENEZER MINISTRIES ON THEIR 46TH ANNIVERSARY

**HON. DANIEL T. KILDEE**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 24, 2015*

Mr. KILDEE. Mr. Speaker, I ask the United States House of Representatives to join me in

recognizing Ebenezer Ministries on the occasion of their 46th anniversary and Bishop Knox on his 21st pastoral anniversary.

Over the past 46 years, Ebenezer Ministries has gained a membership of over 1,000 members. Leading the Ministries today is the Bishop Urundi B. Knox. Pastor Knox became pastor on the third Sunday of September, 1994. Since Pastor Knox has been serving Ebenezer, the church has gained over 200 members.

In 1999, the congregation agreed to change the name from Ebenezer Missionary Baptist Church to Ebenezer Ministries.

After taking on the new name, fresh outreach programs were implemented. These programs included the Elderly Ministries, Abused & Battered Women Ministry, Prison Ministry, Street Ministry, and the largest, the Take Back the City Crusade.

Other programs included the CK Travelers for senior citizens, Save Our Sons mentoring program, Daughters of Destiny mentoring program, a Motorcycle Ministry, a health Ministry, a Marriage Ministry, a Junior Deacon Board, and an outdoor concert series, "Gospel Under the Sun".

Under Pastor Knox, many leaders of the church have been cultivated. Thirty members received their calling in to the ministry, 21 deacons have been ordained, and seven licensed ministers have joined Ebenezer. Pastor Knox was one of the First African American Ministers in Flint to value women in a traditionally male dominated field, licensing 23 female ministers.

Mr. Speaker, I applaud the leadership of Bishop Urundi Knox, the accomplishments of Ebenezer Ministries and the positive effects both have had on the community.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 30TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE PACIFICA FOG FEST

**HON. JACKIE SPEIER**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 24, 2015*

Ms. SPEIER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the 30th anniversary of a California coastal tradition that now entertains 60,000 people over a weekend in September. The Pacifica Fog Fest is a community celebration filled with sun, fun, food, contests and music. In three decades it has grown from six community groups working booths to 49 community organizations working in food and beverage booths and behind the scenes to produce Fog Fest. Fog Fest perfectly reflects the personality of Pacificans: a sense of humor with a healthy dose of whimsy, the appreciation of the outdoors, the joy of life, and the commitment to give back.

Locals know that fog in September is almost an oxymoron, but you don't have to go very far to hear the stereotypical "It's always foggy in Pacifica!" In fact, that is how the festival was christened. In 1986, a city council-appointed citizens committee was charged with creating a plan to increase commercial development in Pacifica. A subcommittee came up with the idea to attract tourists with a unique festival. Every time subcommittee member Jean Headley wore her "I Love Pacifica" pin in San Francisco, people would snidely say

"Why do you love Pacifica? It's always so foggy!" It was time to dispel this myth, poke fun at Pacifica's weather and hold the festival on a weekend that was almost guaranteed to be sunny and hot.

A new committee consisting of representatives from the city council, the Pacifica Tribune, the Chamber of Commerce, city staff and volunteers developed the idea further and eventually took its recommendation to the full city council. Not without controversy, the council voted 3-2 to create the Pacifica Coast Fog Fest on the last full weekend in September.

The City of Pacifica, with the help of a professional festival planner, produced the first Fog Fest. The only fog to be found was fog made by a rented fog machine. Some 30,000 visitors walked Palmetto Avenue, watched the Discover Pacifica parade, shopped at 100 arts and craft booths, listened to live music, sampled clam chowder, jambalaya and Fog Dogs, and sipped wine, beer and Fog Cutters. They also participated in a surfcasting contest, a Family Fun Fest, a God and Goddess of the Fog contest, a 7K beach run, a fog photo contest, an ocean kayak race and the Councours D'Pacifica.

Thanks to the creativity and hard work of the original steering committee the first Fog Fest was a success and a new tradition was born.

The city continued to produce Fog Fest until 1993 when it authorized a newly founded non-profit to take over. Pacifica Festivals Inc. (PFI) produced the event for the next seven years and kept many of the existing traditions such as the Discover Pacifica Parade, the Friday night Fandango at the Sanchez Adobe, Family Fun Fest, Classic Car show, the Fog Jog on Sunday morning and the beautiful Pacifica Historical Society photo display. KRQR Radio began broadcasting from the event bringing it to the entire Bay Area. In 1992, the Human Fog Horn contest had its debut. And of course the food and arts and craft booths continued to offer local delicacies and treasures.

In 2000, the Fog Fest Organizing Group (FFOG), a group of community minded residents, took on the leadership of the festival. Through tireless fundraising efforts the board members have spurred remarkable growth of sponsorships of Fog Fest. Today it features over 200 arts and crafts booths, three stages with live music, the Discover Pacifica parade and marching band competition on Saturday morning, the Family Fun Fest, the Great Sand Sculpture, Surf Art Experience, Fog Jog and Stride and many contests and games for every age.

In addition to offering family entertainment, Fog Fest has a conscience and is socially responsible. FFOG instituted a "Go Green Campaign" and in partnership with Recology of the Coast recycles anything that's recyclable. It created a "Gift to Pacifica Fund" in 2001 and has given a special gift to the community every year since then. For example, it purchased the original painting featured on the 2004 Fog Fest poster and today it hangs in the Community Center. It donated a bench that sits in the Rotary plaza at the Center for the Performing Arts. For the last 30 years, almost \$900,000 in proceeds from Fog Fest were given back to the community.

While Pacifica's signature event keeps growing and evolving with the times, some things haven't changed: Fog Fest is a celebration of sun, sand, surf and the mythical mist.

Fog Cutters will always be the cocktail of choice.

Mr. Speaker, I ask the House of Representatives to rise with me to honor the 30th anniversary of the Pacifica Coast Fog Fest that lasts only one sunny weekend in September, but benefits the community all year around.

#### HONORING MARGARET FERNANDEZ

#### HON. JOHN GARAMENDI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 24, 2015*

Mr. GARAMENDI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the work of Margaret Fernandez a Community Leader for Hispanic Advancement, Business Development, and one of my district's 2015 Woman of the year.

Whereas, on the Twenty-Second Day of September, of the Year Two Thousand and Fifteen, Margaret Fernandez was recognized as a 2015 Woman of the year.

Whereas, Margaret was born into a large family and raised in the Midwest. She came to Yuba-Sutter in 1985 where she studied business administration at Yuba Community College. A former Marketing Manager, Margaret currently works as Branch Operations manager for The Plus Group in Yuba City, a job placement agency. There are many moving pieces within the Marketing and Managing of the Human Resources industry today and it is a challenging job that Margaret has enjoyed for the past 10 years.

Whereas, Margaret is the President of the Alliance for Hispanic Advancement. As one of its founding members, Margaret has organized a project, 'Saber es Poder' (Knowledge is Power) to bring together residents with local, state, federal agencies to share and align need with services. She also serves on the Boards of the Yuba Sutter Economic Development Corporation and North Central Counties Consortium.

Whereas, what makes Margaret so special is that her passionate commitment is perfectly tempered by a kind heart and gentle and respectful demeanor combined with practical, progressive action.

*Resolved*, that I Congressman JOHN GARAMENDI of California's Third Congressional District, do hereby recognize and celebrate the accomplishments of Margaret Fernandez.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

#### HON. BRENDAN F. BOYLE

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 24, 2015*

Mr. BRENDAN F. BOYLE of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, on June 3, 2015, I travelled to Philadelphia, Pennsylvania to attend the funeral of John P. "Jack" Peiffer. For this reason, I missed rollcall vote numbers 274 through 287 the floor of the House of Representatives.

CELEBRATING THE CAREER OF  
U.S. CAPITOL POLICE DETECTIVE  
WILLIAM J. ZIMMERMAN

#### HON. STENY H. HOYER

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 24, 2015*

Mr. HOYER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to celebrate the career of U.S. Capitol Police Detective William J. Zimmerman, who is retiring in October after thirty-two years with the force.

Since 1987, Det. Zimmerman has served with the Threat Assessment Section, the division responsible for investigating threats made against Members of Congress, their families, or others who receive special protection under the law. Det. Zimmerman currently serves as the Senior Investigator, playing a lead role in identifying threats and keeping Members of Congress safe as they serve this nation.

When an individual or group contacts a Member's office in a suspicious way, it is up to Threat Assessment Section investigators like Det. Zimmerman to assess whether a danger is present. As a longtime veteran of the process, Det. Zimmerman has helped establish threat assessment and management programs for other law enforcement services across the United States and in the United Kingdom as well. He has conducted training for House and Senate staff on security awareness and spoken at conferences around the country to share best practices.

Det. Zimmerman served as the first President of the Washington D.C. chapter of the Association of Threat Assessment Professionals and holds that position today. In 2004, he became the inaugural recipient of the Association's distinguished Meritorious Service Award for his work and leadership in the field.

The U.S. Capitol Police play an extraordinarily important and often-overlooked role in the functioning of our nation's democracy. Without the safe and secure space they provide, lawmakers would be unable to conduct the American people's work and carry out our functions under the Constitution. All of us who serve in Congress hold the U.S. Capitol Police and its personnel in high esteem, and we are grateful for those who put on its uniform every day.

I hope my colleagues will join me in thanking Det. William J. Zimmerman for his more than three decades of service to the U.S. Capitol Police, to the Congress of the United States, and to our nation. I wish him all the best in his retirement.

#### HONORING MARIE SPOONER

#### HON. JOHN GARAMENDI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 24, 2015*

Mr. GARAMENDI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the work of Marie Spooner for a lifetime of community giving, and as one of my district's 2015 Women of the year.

Whereas, on the Twenty-Second Day of September, of the Year Two Thousand and Fifteen, Marie Spooner was recognized as a 2015 Woman of the year.

Whereas, Marie Spooner is a homemaker from Williams. Having lived through the Great