

To that end, NWIFC provides a forum for member Tribes to jointly address natural resource management issues and enables Tribes to speak with a unified voice on issues of mutual concern. For decades, NWIFC and the Tribes have asked the Federal Government to fulfill its treaty obligations by protecting the Puget Sound and restoring salmon runs.

Today, I thank the Northwest Indian Fisheries Commission for its partnership and co-operation in the development of the Promoting United Government Efforts To Save Our Sound Act, or the PUGET SOS Act. This bill requires a more coordinated and deliberate effort within the Federal Government to restore and protect the Puget Sound, and it explicitly recognizes and prioritizes the treaty rights of the sovereign Tribes. I sincerely thank the Commission's staff for their assistance and advice in crafting this important piece of legislation.

I raise my hands to the Northwest Indian Fisheries Commission and its member Tribes for their tireless efforts to save the Puget Sound.

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#### HONORING BECKY BRUMMET

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#### HON. JOHN GARAMENDI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 29, 2015*

Mr. GARAMENDI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the work of Becky Brummet, a special education teacher 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, Becky Brummet was recognized as a 2015 Woman of the year.

Whereas, Becky is a dedicated Special Education teacher at Orland High School who previously taught students at the Continuation School and Head Start. Becky goes the extra mile to ensure her students who face challenges get the services they need. Becky is described by her colleagues as a Worker Bee and a fearless child advocate.

Whereas, Becky served the Glenn County Fair Board by appointment under Governor Schwarzenegger and has continued to support current appointees and activities since her departure. Becky was the co-founder of the "Avenue of Lights", an annual display installed at the fairgrounds during the holidays that has expanded over the years to encompass a full mile. It poses as a Winter Wonderland to delight local residents of all ages.

Whereas, additionally, Becky serves as President of the California Teachers Association in Orland where she is a strong voice for fairness in the workplace. Her voice is amplified each day with a powerful task: she leads by example.

*Resolved*, That I Congressman JOHN GARAMENDI of California's Third Congressional District, do hereby recognize and celebrate the accomplishments of Becky Brummet.

#### RECOGNIZING LAUREN WHALEY

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#### HON. MARK WALKER

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 29, 2015*

Mr. WALKER. Mr. Speaker, today, I rise to recognize Lauren Whaley as she and her family begin a new chapter in their lives. I want to thank her for her service to the Carolinas Credit Union League and all the credit unions in North Carolina they represent.

Lauren and her husband, Charles, are graduates of North Carolina State University, and have called Raleigh home for many years. Last year, they were blessed to welcome their beautiful daughter, Margaret Blaire Whaley, into their family.

Lauren has been with the League for over six years and has served as the Vice President of Governmental Affairs representing credit unions in both the North Carolina General Assembly and the United States Congress. She has represented credit unions with the highest degree of professionalism and has a work ethic that is second to none.

Lauren was instrumental in working to help pass legislation to curb elder financial abuse in North Carolina. Her accomplishments are many and her mark is as lasting as her impression on those she meets. As a freshman member, I appreciate the resource she has been to me and my staff.

I know Lauren will be missed as she departs from the League not only for her industry knowledge, but also for who she is as a person. I wish Lauren and her family the best.

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#### SHEDDING LIGHT ON NATIONAL SICKLE CELL DISEASE AWARENESS MONTH

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#### HON. CHARLES B. RANGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 29, 2015*

Mr. RANGEL. Mr. Speaker, during the month of September, we recognize National Sickle Cell Awareness month, which is significant to me because this rare blood disorder affects many constituents in my congressional district. I understand how important it is to not only be aware of the illness but also to ensure those with Sickle Cell receive proper treatment.

Sickle cell disease, most commonly found in individuals of African American, Hispanic, Indian, Caribbean, Mediterranean, Middle Eastern, and South Asian descent, affects more than 100,000 individuals worldwide. It is an illness that affects the red blood cells. People with sickle cell disease have red blood cells with abnormal types of hemoglobin. This abnormal type of hemoglobin looks crescent-shaped, is difficult to pass through blood vessels and causes less blood to reach certain parts of the body. When the proper amount of blood does not circulate throughout the body, they can have damaging effects, causing anemia, jaundice and the formation of gallstones.

It is imperative that we not only educate ourselves but those around us as well. I am

proud that in 2014, I co-founded the Congressional Sickle Cell Caucus with Rep. DANNY DAVIS (D—7th, IL) and Senator TIM SCOTT (R—SC) to support legislation, promote policies and inform the public about the disease. Together we are pushing to reauthorize the Sickle Cell Disease Research, Surveillance, Prevention, and Treatment Act which allows states to collect data, conduct health initiatives and identify and evaluate strategies for prevention and treatment of sickle cell disease complications. I commend organizations like the Sickle Cell Disease Association and Sickle Cell Foundation Support Group, Inc. for their efforts and I will continue to support initiatives that will help improve the lives of those with Sickle Cell disease.

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#### HONORING BARBARA LEVAKÉ

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#### HON. JOHN GARAMENDI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 29, 2015*

Mr. GARAMENDI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the work of Barbara LeVake a County Supervisor of Yuba County 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, Barbara LeVake was recognized as a 2015 Woman of the year.

Whereas, raised on a dairy farm in Merced, Barbara LeVake has been involved in agriculture and public policy issues all her life. She has been a member of the California Women for Agriculture for 40 years and is currently the State Legislative Director.

Whereas, a resident of Sutter County for over 30 years, Barbara is a County Supervisor having previously served from 1989–1992 and as a Governor appointee to the State Reclamation Board.

Whereas, since 1995, Barbara has been the CEO of Brazil/LeVake Government Relations providing services to clients ranging from agriculture to energy to water interests. She also actively represents the agricultural industry as a member of the California Elected Women's Association, California State Association of Counties, Capitol Network, National Association of Business Women Owners, Western Growers Association, California Farm Bureau, and Western Plant Health Association. She is also a member of the Sutter Buttes Flood Control Agency and the Sutter Yuba Farm Bureau.

Whereas, Barbara is respected as a bold leader who demonstrates grace under pressure. She works to shape policy to address the needs of today while being mindful of future generations yet to come. As a role model, Barbara helps to inspire in others, a reminder to advocate passionately, be a leader, and to always act with integrity and class.

*Resolved*, That I Congressman JOHN GARAMENDI of California's Third Congressional District, do hereby recognize and celebrate the accomplishments of Barbara LeVake.

HONORING NINE WORLD WAR II  
FEMALE VETERANS

**HON. THEODORE E. DEUTCH**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 29, 2015*

Mr. DEUTCH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of the nine outstanding World War II female veterans from Palm Beach County who will soon be honored by the Palm Beach County Veterans Committee. They are a cohort defined by dedication, excellence, and selflessness in their willingness to serve.

On Veterans Day, we pay tribute to the men and women who throughout history and to this day have defended our Nation and our values through service in our armed forces. The debt we owe to these veterans is immeasurable, and we must always strive to be a nation worthy of their heroic sacrifice.

For the past eight years, the Palm Beach County Veterans Committee has sponsored annual Veterans Day parades and ceremonies honoring our Nation's veterans. This year, nine female World War II veterans will be personally honored as Grand Marshalls in the Palm Beach County Veterans Day Parade on November 8th.

Congratulations to Dorothy Echeverria, Maxine Bodman, Nina Gebrian, Marjorie Ulsamer, Florence Mascott, Virginia Stefan, Bernice Harwood, Eleanor McFadden, and Jean Mahonney on being chosen as Grand Marshals in this year's Veterans Day parade. I am proud to honor them in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD, and express deep appreciation for their service to our Nation.

HONORING BARBARA CHRISTWITZ

**HON. JOHN GARAMENDI**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 29, 2015*

Mr. GARAMENDI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the work of Barbara Christwitz, a community leader 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, Barbara Christwitz was recognized as a 2015 Woman of the year.

Whereas, Barbara Christwitz is the founder of Citizens Caring 4 Clearlake, a non-profit organization that leads neighborhood clean ups of trash and debris. She is dedicated to making Clearlake a better place.

Whereas, in addition to Citizens 4 Clearlake, Barbara has been an active community member with an extensive volunteer resume. She volunteers for the Lake County Time Bank and Lake County Coop and is a coordinator of monthly Peace Prayer dances. Barbara helped establish the Highlands Senior Service Center Garden and is a leader in the Girl's Circle sponsored by the Lake County Family Resource Center.

Whereas, Barbara has been a tutor specialist at Yuba Community College for the past ten years. She is an amazingly giving person with an inexhaustible spirit who takes pride in her community.

*Resolved*, That I Congressman JOHN GARAMENDI of California's Third Congressional

District, do hereby recognize and celebrate the accomplishments of Barbara Christwitz.

IN APPRECIATION OF THE PUGET  
SOUND PARTNERSHIP

**HON. DENNY HECK**

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 29, 2015*

Mr. HECK of Washington. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and thank the Puget Sound Partnership for its tireless efforts to protect and restore America's largest estuary.

The Puget Sound Partnership is the agency of Washington state serving as the backbone organization for Puget Sound recovery. The Partnership coordinates the efforts of citizens, governments, tribes, scientists, businesses and nonprofits to set priorities, implement a regional recovery plan, and ensure accountability for results.

It is this kind of cooperative effort that can turn back the tide of degrading habitats and changing ocean chemistry, and I commend the Partnership for taking on the mantle of leadership in this vital mission.

The Puget Sound is not only a national environmental treasure; it is the centerpiece of our cultural identity and economic strength in the Pacific Northwest. If habitats continue to degrade and our cool, clean water is jeopardized by changing ocean conditions, we will lose much of what makes the Puget Sound and Washington state so special.

That is why I have worked closely with the Puget Sound Partnership and its Executive Director, Sheida Sahandy, to bring their model of cooperative, coordinated recovery to federal agencies through the Promoting Unified Government Efforts To Save Our Sound Act, or the PUGET SOS Act. This bill is a significant first step to bring more federal attention to bear on Puget Sound recovery, and I sincerely thank the Partnership's staff for their assistance and advice in crafting this important piece of legislation.

RECOGNIZING THE NATIONAL EN-  
DOWMENT FOR THE ARTS ON  
ITS 50TH ANNIVERSARY

**HON. LOUISE McINTOSH SLAUGHTER**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 29, 2015*

Ms. SLAUGHTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 50th anniversary of the National Endowment for the Arts. Fifty years ago today, President Lyndon Baines Johnson signed the National Foundation on the Arts in Humanities Act as an umbrella for creating the National Endowment for the Arts and National Endowment for the Humanities.

Since President Johnson signed National Endowment for the Arts (NEA) into law 50 years ago, the NEA has been supporting artists and arts organizations across this country. The NEA's grant programs have helped support the creation of new artwork in our communities, taught generations of children the power of creativity and problem solving, preserved our nations artistic heritage, and brought art forms to stages, movie theatres,

televisions, and public spaces across the United States.

The investment we make in the arts provides us not only with the enrichment of our communities across the country, but it is also a powerful economic driver. Each year, the nonprofit arts industry generates \$135.2 billion in economic activity, providing 4.13 millions jobs, and returns billions to the federal government in income taxes. Additionally, for every one dollar of federal funds we invest in the arts, we return 9 nonfederal dollars back—an unprecedented return on investment. Through this federal investment, the non-profit arts industry generates \$22.3 billion in government revenue.

The NEA has been at the forefront of a national effort to support arts and health in the military through the NEA/Walter Reed Healing Arts Partnership. This program supports writing, visual and music arts therapy, and yoga for service men and women at Walter Reed National Military Medical Center and the National Intrepid Center of Excellence (NICOE). These cost effective, non-invasive arts therapy programs rank consistently in the top five "helpful" and "wish to continue programs" on patient satisfaction surveys of men and women who have gone through the program. Through art therapy programs, our servicemen and women can transition away from large numbers of prescription medications to art therapy programs which allow for healing, psychosocial skill building, and self expression directly correlated to an increase in quality of life after leaving the treatment at NICOE.

The NEA also supports life-long learning in the arts through education programs that have been proven to help close the education achievement gap and help increase better grade point averages in core academic subjects.

As President Johnson said: "The arts and humanities belong to the people, for it is, after all, the people who create them." Please join me in recognizing the NEA on its 50th anniversary.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 40TH AN-  
NIVERSARY OF BAYSHORE SEN-  
IOR HEALTH, EDUCATION AND  
RECREATION CENTER

**HON. FRANK PALLONE, JR.**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 29, 2015*

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Bayshore Senior Health, Education and Recreation Center in Keansburg, New Jersey as it celebrates its 40th anniversary this year. The Center's efforts to enhance the well-being of the community's senior population is truly deserving of this body's recognition.

Through its activities, workshops, outings and classes, the Bayshore Senior Health, Education and Recreation Center provides an opportunity for seniors to receive resources, information, exercise and lunches, but also an opportunity to give back to the community through programs such as Crochet for a Cause and ESL lessons. In addition, the Center's community involvement extends beyond its services to seniors, offering internship and practicum opportunities to college students