

IN RECOGNITION OF DR. ANTHONY D. BRUNO, RECIPIENT OF 2015 ITALIAN-AMERICAN ASSOCIATION'S PERSON OF THE YEAR AWARD

HON. MATT CARTWRIGHT

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 9, 2015

Mr. CARTWRIGHT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Anthony D. Bruno II, M.D., who will be awarded the Italian-American Association's Person of the Year Award on Sunday, October 11, 2015. Anthony is a native of Pittston and is the son of Dr. Anthony Bruno and Pauline Bruno.

Anthony attended Wyoming Area High School and graduated from the University of Scranton with a bachelor's degree in biology, magna cum laude. Following college, Anthony earned his Doctor of Medicine degree from Creighton University School of Medicine in Omaha, Nebraska. During his time there, he received the Most Outstanding Student in Surgery Award. Following medical school, Anthony trained in general surgery at Westchester Medical Center in New York and at Creighton University Medical Center. Anthony completed an additional three years of training in plastic and reconstructive surgery at Duke University Medical Center in Durham, North Carolina. Today, Anthony is certified by both the American Board of Surgery and the American Board of Plastic Surgery and is a member of the American Society of Plastic Surgeons.

In 2007, Anthony returned to the Wyoming Valley to raise a family and serve the community of Northeast Pennsylvania. He started the Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery Department at Geisinger Wyoming Medical Center. He was recognized for his leadership and professionalism by the Times Leader and was awarded the paper's 40 Under 40 Award.

It is an honor to recognize Anthony for all of his accomplishments, and I extend my congratulations on his award. I wish him the best in all future endeavors and thank him for the contributions he has made serving his fellow Pennsylvanians.

NATIONAL DAY OF THE REPUBLIC OF CHINA

HON. ELIZABETH H. ESTY

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 9, 2015

Ms. ESTY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the National Day of the Republic of China, commonly known as Double Ten Day, on October 10.

The United States and Taiwan maintain strong economic and cultural ties as evidenced by the fact that Taiwan is now our 10th largest trading partner.

In Connecticut, we are particularly close with the people of Taiwan. Connecticut is the proud home to thousands of people born in Taiwan and countless children and grandchildren of immigrants from Taiwan.

I would like to extend my congratulations and best wishes to the people of Taiwan and all Connecticut residents of Taiwanese descent. Happy Double Ten Day.

IN RECOGNITION OF MOUNT ZION BAPTIST CHURCH'S 150TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. SANFORD D. BISHOP, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 9, 2015

Mr. BISHOP of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, it is my honor and pleasure to extend my sincerest congratulations to the congregation of my church home, Mount Zion Baptist Church in Albany, Georgia, as we celebrate a remarkable 150 years. A celebration in honor of this very significant anniversary will be held on Sunday, October 11, 2015 at the church. This celebration will also serve as an opportunity to honor Pastor Daniel Simmons for his 24 years of faithful leadership to the church.

Tracing its roots back to the Civil War era, the church was founded in 1865, the same year that the Thirteenth Amendment abolishing slavery was passed by Congress and ratified by the States. In the beginning years, the members of the church met at Jerry Walter's Blacksmith Shop at the corner of Highland Avenue and Jackson Street. The church had purchased land and was constructing a new building at Washington Street and Highland Avenue but the structure was destroyed by a storm before it was completed.

The church next purchased land at Whitney Avenue and Jefferson Street. A Yankee colonel donated a house that was brought to Albany from nearby Leesburg. The house served as the first church structure at that site until years later when it was torn down and a church of brick was built. This brick structure is known as the Old Mount Zion building.

Mr. Speaker, this ardent community of believers, whose ancestors had finally been freed from the bonds of slavery, were subjected to continuous oppression and injustice, ultimately resulting in the Civil Rights Movement. They attempted to register to vote, they rallied, they marched, and they were thrown in jail. The Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. came to Albany to mobilize the African-American community and was himself incarcerated. Yet, the spirit of the congregation of Mount Zion was not broken, and their faith in God grew stronger than ever before as they prevailed.

Many of the rallies during the Albany phase of the Civil Rights Movement were held at Mount Zion and to commemorate those struggles, the church donated the building to the Albany Civil Rights Museum which is currently housed there. In 1972, the church moved to a new location at 1905 Martin Luther King, Jr. Avenue.

In 1994, Mount Zion again faced adversity when floods inundated the church with eight feet of water. The congregation took the old adage, "come Hell or high water," to heart and continued to worship at the local Jewish Temple B'nai Israel until the church building was reconstructed a little over a year later.

In its 150 years, Mount Zion has seen only nine pastors but each has left a lasting mark on the church. The founding pastor, Rev. R.R. Watson faithfully served the church during its first 15 years of existence until he was called to his heavenly reward. In 1944, Rev. Dr. E. James Grant began leading the flock. During his 47 years of service, the church grew and flourished tremendously.

In 1991, Pastor Daniel Simmons took leadership of Mount Zion and this year, he celebrates 24 years of service to Mount Zion. A charismatic evangelical innovator, Pastor Simmons' spiritual zeal is both infectious and highly contagious. Under his leadership, Mount Zion expanded its ministry services, increased its membership tremendously to the point where a second worship service was added, and moved into its new state-of-the-art facility on 109 acres of land at 901 South Westover Boulevard in 2010.

With a congregation of over 3,000 members and 54 ministries, including both radio and television ministries, Mount Zion is truly "reaching the world for Christ through evangelism, discipleship, fellowship, and missions."

On a personal note, I am proud that Mount Zion is my church home and that I am an ordained Deacon and Trustee. My wife, Vivian, and I have been blessed by Pastor Simmons' wise counsel and sage advice. Over the 19 years I have been a member of the church, I have known some of the most kind, loving, and generous Christians who truly have a heart for Jesus. To God be the glory, for He is doing amazing things through Mount Zion.

Mr. Speaker, today I ask my colleagues to join me and my wife, Vivian, in honoring and commending Mount Zion Baptist Church in Albany, Georgia for its enduring commitment, despite adversity, to each other and to our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. May Mount Zion continue to inspire the community in courage, in dedication, and in faith for many more years to come.

HONORING DR. CHARLES V. SHANK

HON. BARBARA LEE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 9, 2015

Ms. LEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the extraordinary life of Dr. Charles V. Shank. Known by many for his seminal development of ultrafast lasers and his visionary leadership as Director of the Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory from 1989 through 2004, Dr. Shank made the Advanced Light Source a world-leading center for soft X-ray science. As a recipient of the U.S. Department of Energy's Enrico Fermi Award on October 20, 2015—presented to outstanding scientists for distinguished achievement—we honor Dr. Shank's life work and lasting legacy.

Graduating summa cum laude in 1965 from UC Berkeley, Dr. Shank went on to receive an M.S. and PhD in Electrical Engineering. These early academic achievements were the catalyst for a distinguished twenty year career at AT&T Bell Laboratories, where Dr. Shank made his mark as a pioneer in femtosecond laser spectroscopy and the study of ultrafast events.

In 1989, following his meteoric rise at AT&T, Dr. Shank was appointed Director of Berkeley Lab. Here, Dr. Shank would more than double the annual budget and grow the Lab's workforce to nearly 4,000 personnel. Under his watch the stage was set to attract the National Energy Research Scientific Computing Center (NERSC) and the creation of the Joint Genome Institute (JGI) to settle at Berkeley. Not long after, he championed the Supernova Cosmology Project, which led to the Nobel

Prize-winning discovery of “dark energy”, a phenomenon partly responsible for the expansion of the universe.

These extraordinary advancements brought further discoveries, including the top quark and neutrino mass, the Time Projection Chamber for the Relativistic Heavy Ion Collider, the front-end system for the Spallation Neutron Source, and the reclamation of valuable land occupied by the long-defunct Bevatron.

Today, California’s 13th Congressional District salutes the life and work of an outstanding individual and pioneer, Dr. Charles V. Shank. His contributions have truly impacted the Berkeley community, the field of energy and applied science, as well as the lives of his family, friends, and patrons. I join all of Dr. Shank’s loved ones in celebrating his incredible accomplishments and offer my highest gratitude for the distinction he has brought upon the 13th Congressional District.

EXPRESSION OF SYMPATHIES TO THE INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT OF DOCTORS WITHOUT BORDERS

HON. MAXINE WATERS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 9, 2015

Ms. MAXINE WATERS of California. Mr. Speaker, I submit a letter to Dr. Joanne Liu, International President of Doctors Without Borders, extending my deepest sympathies to the victims of the U.S. airstrike in Kunduz that killed 22 patients and staff within a hospital run by Doctors Without Borders.

CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES,
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, October 6, 2015.

Dr. JOANNE LIU,
*International President,
Doctors Without Borders/Médecins Sans
Frontières.*

DEAR DR. LIU: It is with an extremely heavy heart that I extend my deepest sympathies to the victims of the U.S. airstrike in Kunduz that killed 22 patients and staff within a hospital run by Doctors Without Borders. Doctors who volunteer their skills in some of the most dangerous regions of the world make sacrifices as brave and selfless as the sacrifices made by our U.S. service members when they are sent into harm’s way. My heart goes out to all who were affected by this tragic incident.

I have always admired the work of Doctors Without Borders. The organization led the international response to last year’s deadly Ebola outbreak in West Africa, and it continues to treat patients in numerous isolated and dangerous parts of the world, including areas of violent conflict like Afghanistan. The courage and compassion of Doctors Without Borders’ staff and volunteers are beyond compare.

With this tragedy, we are once again reminded of the very real costs of war and recall our collective responsibility to promote international peace and security and protect civilians. It is my sincere hope that there will be a thorough and impartial investigation of the incident and that we work hard to ensure that such an incident never happens again.

Once again, my thoughts and prayers are with the victims of this tragedy and I pray that their families may find peace and comfort in the memories of their loved ones and

the sympathies of the international community.

Sincerely,

MAXINE WATERS,
Member of Congress.

CONGRATULATING WARDEN LINDA SANDERS ON HER RECOGNITION BY THE FEDERAL BUREAU OF PRISONS’ AGENCY FOR EXCEL- LENCE IN PRISON MANAGEMENT

HON. BILLY LONG

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 9, 2015

Mr. LONG. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Warden Linda Sanders, head of Springfield Missouri’s U.S. Medical Center for Federal Prisoners (USMCFP), on her recent national recognition by the Federal Bureau of Prisons’ (BOP) Agency for Excellence in Prison Management.

This distinguished honor highlights outstanding wardens for overall management of staff, inmates, and efficient operations. In earning this award, Warden Sanders was evaluated on the impact of her innovative ideas on the institutional programs she oversees, her steadfast efforts to improve the USMCFP, and extraordinary leadership as the head of her team.

Additionally, this honor is a testament to Warden Sanders’ impressive career in our justice system. In 1987, she got her start as a correctional officer in a low-security facility in Sandstone, Minnesota. After proving her exemplary work ethic, she was eventually named Warden of Lompoc U.S. Penitentiary in California, where she was the first female warden and first African American warden. Ultimately, after vying for the opportunity to lead the USMCFP, she was assigned as the medical center’s warden in 2012.

Overseeing the USMCFP, Warden Sanders is responsible for upholding a renowned institution with a rich American history dating back to the Great Depression. At that time, Springfield residents gave 620 acres to the federal government for the construction of a hospital complex, of which the first buildings were completed in 1933. Since, the center has cared for the physical and mental ailments of federal prisoners from across the nation. The prison even hosted a handful of prisoners with infamous names in American justice lore, like John Gotti, Robert Stroud (the Birdman of Alcatraz), and Larry Flynt—just to name a few.

Mr. Speaker, Warden Linda Sanders deserves this body’s utmost respect for her dedication to our justice system, and I extend her my deepest appreciation for her impressive leadership. Her efforts have not only made Springfield a better community, but have made me ever-prouder to serve the people of Missouri’s seventh Congressional District.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ROBERT PITTENGER

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 9, 2015

Mr. PITTENGER. Mr. Speaker, on roll call no. 543 and 544, I would have voted as fol-

lows: Ben Ray Lujan (D-NM) motion to Re-commit on H.R. 538 with instructions—NAY, and Passage of H.R. 538—Native American Energy Act—YEA.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 50TH AN- NIVERSARY OF THE NATIONAL COLLEGIATE HONORS COUNCIL

HON. MICHAEL F. DOYLE

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 9, 2015

Mr. MICHAEL F. DOYLE of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the National Collegiate Honors Council for their 50th anniversary this year. The National Collegiate Honors Council represents 800 colleges and universities and is composed of 325,000 students dedicated to achieving educational excellence in diverse subject curriculum areas in order to achieve professional career goals.

In my district, the National Collegiate Honors Council includes the University of Pittsburgh, Duquesne University, Robert Morris University, and Point Park University.

For instance, Point Park’s Honors Program welcomes students from all disciplines who desire an enriched college experience. The program builds a community of scholars who have opportunities in three important areas; academics, community services, and leadership. Students participate in a learning process that encourages engagement, creativity, and imagination through honors sections of courses that include additional assignments and a rigorous curriculum. At the end of their degree programs, undergraduate honors students must submit thesis papers and special honors projects capping off their academic careers. Many of these gifted young people participate in Pittsburgh-oriented community projects and the annual Storytelling and Human Rights Symposium, providing their city with invaluable public service. The program also encourages membership in the Honors Student Organization, one of the most active clubs on campus, where members can hold prestigious leadership positions. Honors students also benefit from special housing opportunities, on-campus job opportunities, and enriching study abroad programs that include destinations like London and Rome. Point Park University deserves our recognition for giving its most motivated and gifted students the opportunity to fulfill their potential.

The National Collegiate Honors Program, after decades of growth and experience, continues to dedicate itself to promoting educational excellence within our nation’s colleges and universities while preparing students for successful professional careers. I invite my colleagues to join me in commending the program’s outstanding contributions to our nation’s educational and professional communities honoring its 50th anniversary.

TRIBUTE TO EAGLE SCOUT WILLIAM LYBARGER

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 9, 2015

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate William