

and grow our nation's economy. These communities have also had historically low enrollment in the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program, which would otherwise help them to achieve stability and security.

Mr. Speaker, as a representative for tens of thousands of Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders, I join with my colleagues in recognizing the contributions of Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders to not just our history, but our economy and our future. I call on all Americans to celebrate Asian Pacific American Heritage month by deepening their understanding about these contributions, and pledge to support and serve Asian American and Pacific Islander families.

UNITED NATIONS GLOBAL ROAD  
SAFETY WEEK

**HON. CHRIS VAN HOLLEN**

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, May 8, 2015*

Mr. VAN HOLLEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise in recognition of the third annual United Nations Global Road Safety Week and to celebrate the contribution of the Association for Safe International Road Travel (ASIRT) to the global effort to reduce the number of road crashes around the world.

ASIRT is extremely active in the global movement to promote and improve road safety. Tens of thousands of people are injured as a result of traffic collisions each year. More than 500 children are killed every day in road crashes and 186,300 children under 18 die from road traffic crashes annually. The rates of road traffic death are three times higher in developing countries than in developed countries.

As part of the Decade of Action for Road Safety, ASIRT has joined with the United Nations Road Safety Collaboration to announce #SaveKidsLives, a global campaign focused on delivering a Child Declaration on Road Safety to the policymakers who can make a difference. During UN Global Road Safety Week, the #SaveKidsLives Campaign seeks to highlight the plight of children on the world's roads and generate action to better ensure their safety. The campaign features hundreds of events hosted by governments, international agencies, civil society organizations, and private companies, including the delivery of the "Child Declaration for Road Safety" to policymakers.

During this Global Road Safety Week, I salute ASIRT and the United Nations for the work they are doing to promote road safety domestically and around the world.

RECOGNIZING UNIVERSITY OF  
MIAMI PRESIDENT DR. DONNA  
SHALALA

**HON. CARLOS CURBELO**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, May 8, 2015*

Mr. CURBELO of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of University of Miami President Dr. Donna Shalala, a woman who has made such mark on our community since

her first day on June 1, 2001. As a two-time University of Miami graduate, I have witnessed my alma mater's immense development during President Shalala's tenure; a reflection of her tremendous dedication to our community. During her tenure, UM has solidified its position among top research universities in the country. The University's two successful Momentum campaigns have raised \$3 billion dollars in private support towards its endowment, academic research programs, and world-class facilities. Born in Cleveland, Ohio, President Shalala received her A.B. degree in history from Western College for Women. One of the country's first Peace Corps Volunteers, she served in Iran from 1962 to 1964. She earned her Ph.D. degree from The Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs at Syracuse University. She has held tenured professorships at Columbia University, the City University of New York (CUNY), and the University of Wisconsin-Madison. She served as President of Hunter College of the City University of New York from 1980 to 1987 and as Chancellor of the University of Wisconsin-Madison. Thank you President Shalala for your commitment to UM, for being a mentor, an educator, and a friend to our country's next generation of leaders.

IN HONOR OF ALL THE MOTHERS  
OF THE ARMED FORCES

**HON. PETE SESSIONS**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, May 8, 2015*

Mr. SESSIONS. Mr. Speaker, I rise in honor of all the Mothers of The Armed Forces who have served, or who have family members who have served. Let us remember their sacrifice and give thanks to them and their families on this Mother's Day. I submit this poem penned in their honor by Albert Carey Caswell.

FOR ALL THE MOTHER'S

For all of the Mother's of war.  
For all the Mother's across our shores.  
Whose son's and daughters burdens bore.  
And for all the families who have been separated by war.  
While, mommy for our nation so fought for.  
And all those hours of worry and pain.  
And all of that heartache with them which now remains.  
As they rebuild from the scars and loss of war.  
And for all those Mothers who aren't coming home.  
For all their sons or daughters.  
Who now lie in such cold dark graves so all alone.  
Remember them this Mother's Day,  
and say a prayer for all of them . . . please say.  
And for of those Mothers who must learn to walk again.  
And son's and daughters must somehow start their new lives,  
so begin.  
Without arms and legs,  
and with scars and burns upon their faces.  
all in such places.  
As they help them rebuild,  
so face this.  
Lets give thanks and praise for all of them.  
And for all of those little boys and girls,  
who have now lost their best friends in the world.

Their Mother's who are the heart of the home.

Mommy aint coming home.

Who now on Mother's Day sit with tear in eye.

not understanding why mommy didn't say goodbye.

For the Mother is the heart of the home.

They give us life and they give us love.

And in our darkest of all hours help us to rise above.

And how they cry.

when their most beloved daughters and sons die.

A pain that can not be healed by time.

Only when in heaven they reunite.

As they teach us even more.

About faith and courage,

and with hope how to overcome the scars of war.

This Mother's Day carry them with you in your thoughts,

upon your way as you pray.

And give thanks for what they give,

and what they gave.

For all the Mother's this Mother's Day!

TRIBUTE TO YOUNG STAFF MEMBERS  
FOR THEIR CONTRIBUTIONS  
ON BEHALF OF THE PEOPLE  
OF THE 18TH CONGRESSIONAL  
DISTRICT OF TEXAS AND  
THE UNITED STATES

**HON. SHEILA JACKSON LEE**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, May 8, 2015*

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Mr. Speaker, as Members of Congress we know well, perhaps better than most, how blessed our nation is to have in reserve such exceptional young men and women who will go on to become leaders in their local communities, states, and the nation in the areas of business, education, government, philanthropy, the arts and culture, and the military.

We know this because we see them and benefit from their contributions every day. Many of them work for us in our offices as junior staff members, congressional fellows, or interns and they do amazing work for and on behalf of the constituents we are privileged to represent.

Mr. Speaker, I believe there is no higher calling than the call to serve a cause larger than ourselves. That is why I ran for public office. I was inspired to serve by President Kennedy who said, "Ask not what your country can do for you, ask what you can do for your country," and by the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. who said:

"Everybody can be great because anybody can serve. . . . You only need a heart full of grace. A soul generated by love."

By this measure, there are several other great young men and women who served as volunteers this year in my offices. They may toil in obscurity but their contributions to the constituents we serve are deeply appreciated and that is why today I rise to pay tribute to six extraordinary young persons for their service to my constituents in the 18th Congressional District of Texas and to the American people. They are: Kenya Metters, Chelsea Ukoha, Ryan Wallace, Gregory Butchello, Fabian Rubio, and Danielle Konerth.

Mr. Speaker, the energy, intelligence, and idealism these wonderful young people

brought to my office and those interning in the offices of my colleagues help keep our democracy vibrant. The insights, skills, and knowledge of the governmental process they gain from their experiences will last a lifetime and

prove invaluable to them as they go about making their mark in this world.

Because of persons like them the future of our country is bright and its best days lie ahead. I wish them all well.

Mr. Speaker, I am grateful that such thoughtful committed young men and women can be found working in my office, those of my colleagues, and in every community in America. Their good works will keep America great, good, and forever young.