

RECOGNIZING SEPTEMBER AS
NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS MONTH

HON. MADELEINE Z. BORDALLO

OF GUAM

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 7, 2016

Ms. BORDALLO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the month of September as National Preparedness Month. I commend the Guam Homeland Security/Office of Civil Defense (GHS/OCD), first responders and all community organizations, local government agencies, our military partners, and advocates who work to raise awareness and stress the importance of emergency preparedness in our community.

The National Preparedness Month theme for 2016 is "Don't Wait. Communicate. Make your emergency plan today." National Preparedness Month serves as a reminder that we all must take action to prepare, now and throughout the year, for the types of emergencies that could affect us where we live, work, and also where we visit. Guam joins the national campaign throughout the month of September to stress the importance of planning and preparing for natural, man-made and technological disasters. National Preparedness Month gets everyone in the community involved to build a safer, more prepared island community.

I call upon our community to do our part to ensure that we are prepared for any emergency that may occur. Family members may not all be together when a disaster strikes so it is important to work in our individual families to create a plan. National Preparedness Month also encourages businesses, schools and communities to take the steps to prepare.

Additionally, I commend the Guam Homeland Security/Office of Civil Defense along with our island's numerous community partners, organizations and agencies that have come together to actively promote, educate, and provide resources for our people through various programs and initiatives. Guam Homeland Security/Office of Civil Defense carries out the mission of coordinating and facilitating all Government of Guam, military and Federal liaison response agencies and their resources in mitigating, preparing, responding, and recovering from any and all types of emergencies in order to protect the lives, environment, and property of the island of Guam.

On behalf of the people of Guam, I join Guam Homeland Security/Office of Civil Defense and all local government agencies, our military partners, organizations and advocates in recognizing survivors on Guam and commending those who assist in building a stronger, safer and more prepared island community.

HONORING ALABAMA MUSIC
LEGEND JEFF COOK

HON. ROBERT B. ADERHOLT

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. ADERHOLT. Mr. Speaker, I want to recognize Alabama country music legend Jeff Cook in honor of his birthday and the music festival named in his honor in Guntersville, Alabama.

Cook is a lifetime resident of the Fourth Congressional District. He was born and raised in DeKalb County in Fort Payne. It was in Fort Payne that he formed a band with his cousins Randy Owen and Teddy Gentry. The three young men would first call themselves Wild Country, and then in 1977 they changed the group's name to Alabama.

During the next four decades their group, Alabama, would become one of the best-selling music groups in history. Fans of Alabama have bought more than 75 million albums and singles. They were named the 1980s Entertainers of the Decade.

Then, in 2004, Jeff formed the Allstar Good Time Band. Jeff plays backup to his wife, Lisa, who also sings. Jeff and Lisa spend a great deal of their time in Guntersville, Alabama, which is in the heart of the Fourth Congressional District. It is where, each year, Jeff is honored for his birthday with the Jeff Cook Days.

On behalf of the citizens of the Fourth Congressional District of Alabama, I commend, recognize and honor Jeff for his accomplishments and the work he has done and for being a positive image for Alabama, and for his dedication to his home state. Also, I want to take this opportunity to wish him a very happy birthday and many more.

IN RECOGNITION OF DR. JAMES M.
LALLY

HON. NORMA J. TORRES

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mrs. TORRES. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Dr. James M. Lally for his dedicated service to the medical community in the Inland Empire and across the United States.

Dr. Lally is the President and Chief Medical Officer at the Chino Valley Medical Center in California's 35th district where he leads by example and works tirelessly every single day to give back to his community. In my district alone, he oversees the sports medicine programs of four local high schools in the Chino Valley Unified School District; is a member of the YMCA Board of Directors; serves as medical director for clinics in Chino and Montclair; and serves on the Board of Trustees for Chino Valley Medical Center and Montclair Hospital Medical Center.

Dr. Lally is also committed to educating the next generation of physicians, serving as a clinical professor of family medicine at Western University of Health Sciences, College of Osteopathic Medicine in Pomona, California, and at Touro University California, College of Osteopathic Medicine, in Vallejo.

However, Mr. Speaker, his generous character and service reaches far beyond my district and the state of California. Dr. Lally is a past President of the American Osteopathic Association and currently serves on the Board of Trustees for the Association. Dr. Lally also serves as the team physician as well as the President of the USA Shooting Team. He is the Chairman of the Medical Committee of the International Shooting Sports Federation and a member of the International Olympic Medical Committee.

Today, Mr. Speaker, it is my honor to recognize Dr. James M. Lally for yet another lifetime

achievement. He is being honored as the Physician of the Year by the American Osteopathic Foundation. This accolade is designated to an individual whose extraordinary accomplishments and service bring a sense of pride to the profession and whose actions promote the science of medicine and the betterment of public health.

For his many contributions to my community, and to the greater national healthcare community, I would like to recognize Dr. James M. Lally here on the House floor today.

HONORING COACH STAN SLABY

HON. THOMAS MacARTHUR

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 7, 2016

Mr. MACARTHUR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the memory and life of Coach Stan Slaby, of the Third Congressional District, and to express my sincerest condolences to his family and loved ones he has left behind, as well as to recognize his career of service and community engagement.

Coach Slaby was a beloved educator at Admiral Farragut Academy for 39 years at its northern campus in Pine Beach, New Jersey. He was born in 1924 to Polish immigrants and enlisted in the United States Navy almost immediately after graduating high school. He received the Navy & Marine Corps medal for saving a drowning marine in the sea at Normandy on June 9th of 1944 and continued on to receive four more service medals before being honorably discharged in April of 1946.

After resuming his education and receiving his BA in History with a Minor in Physical Education, Coach Slaby was hired by Admiral Farragut Academy where he taught history and eventually became the full-time Athletic Director. Coach Slaby coached many great teams and outstanding student-athletes, won coaching awards, and was admired by his peers. He is remembered fondly for his teachings and legacy of discipline, self-reliance, and respect that his coaching philosophy was centered upon.

Mr. Speaker, the people of New Jersey's Third Congressional District are tremendously honored to have had Coach Stan Slaby as a selfless and dedicated member of their community, whose coaching legacy and vivacious spirit will never be forgotten. It is with a heavy heart that I commemorate his honorable service to our nation, as well as his coaching career and life, before the United States House of Representatives.

MOMENT OF SILENCE FOR VICTIMS
OF AUGUST FLOODS IN
LOUISIANA

HON. CHARLES W. BOUSTANY, JR.

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 7, 2016

Mr. BOUSTANY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today with a heavy heart in the aftermath of a trying and challenging time felt throughout Louisiana, where 13 of our own lost their lives as a result of the recent flooding.

The rain started falling on August 10th and continued for weeks. Water rose up to rooftops, families lost most of their possessions,

schools were damaged, and as the water has continued to recede, the extent of devastation is still being realized. It was most definitely a flood of historic proportions.

Louisiana is known for its *joie de vivre*: we work together, we play, fish and hunt together, and this event showed just how strong that community spirit shines throughout our state. We came together to volunteer at shelters, dispatch our own “Cajun Navy” in rescue efforts, lend hands to gut flood-stained homes, and donate millions of dollars to post storm relief efforts.

It has been said before, and remains true, Louisianans are resilient. We have persevered before and we will again.

Unfortunately, this tragic event resulted in the death of 13 individuals—two deaths in Livingston Parish, two in St. Helena, five in East Baton Rouge, three in Tangipahoa and one in Rapides Parish.

As our community begins to recover from this devastation, I simply ask my colleagues to stand with me, my colleagues from our Louisiana delegation, and with the State of Louisiana for a moment of silence in remembrance of those we lost.

JESSICA NOFFSINGER

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 7, 2016

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Jessica Noffsinger, teacher at the STEM Magnet Lab School in Northglenn, CO, for her 2016 Presidential Award for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching (PAEMST).

The PAEMST program, administered by the National Science Foundation on behalf of the White House Office of Science and Technology Policy, recognizes outstanding teachers for their contributions to the teaching and learning of mathematics and science. Jessica has been an active teacher at the STEM Magnet Lab School and has played an integral role in ensuring her students are prepared with critical thinking and problem-solving skills that are vital to their future success.

Jessica's dedication to teaching and commitment to her students serves as a role model for other teachers and is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Jessica Noffsinger for her PAEMST Award and for representing the great State of Colorado on a national level. I have no doubt she will exhibit the same dedication and character in all of her future accomplishments.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE LOUDOUN COUNTY DIVISION OF PROCUREMENT

HON. BARBARA COMSTOCK

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 7, 2016

Mrs. COMSTOCK. Mr. Speaker, I rise to acknowledge the Loudoun County Division of Procurement (LCDP) which has received the

Achievement of Excellence in Procurement Award from the National Procurement Institute.

The Loudoun County Division of Procurement has worked tirelessly to achieve this award consecutively for the past 18 years. Loudoun County is one of only nine government agencies in Virginia and one of only 48 counties in the United States and Canada to receive this important award. By skillfully acquiring all goods and services, including professional services and construction for Loudoun County Government operations, the LCDP has continued to exude excellence. This has helped many businesses throughout Loudoun to receive the tools they need to advance and prosper.

This accolade exemplifies the great levels of service which the division provides to its citizens. The LCDP has succeeded in its mission to provide resources and strengthen the economic stability of the Loudoun County area and has successfully created an environment which conveys expertise and excellence. I am certain that it has the resources and the backing to continue this trend and live up to its reputation.

Mr. Speaker, this is an institution which helps the American people to thrive and to live out their aspirations within Loudoun. It embodies accomplishing the American dream by giving our citizens a chance to let their ideas grow. I would ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating the Loudoun County Division of Procurement. I wish this institution continued success in the future.

TRIBUTE TO BARB AND LANNY WALKER

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 7, 2016

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor Barb and Lanny Walker of Council Bluffs, Iowa, on the very special occasion of their 50th wedding anniversary. They were married on June 4, 1966 at Henderson Christian Church in Henderson, Iowa.

Barb and Lanny's lifelong commitment to each other, their children and grandchildren truly embodies Iowa values. As they reflect on their 50th anniversary, I hope it is filled with happy memories. May their commitment grow even stronger as they continue to love, cherish, and honor one another for many years to come.

Mr. Speaker, I commend this great couple on their 50th year together and I wish them many more. I know my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives will join me in congratulating them on this momentous occasion.

RECOGNIZING NORTHWEST INDIANA'S NEWEST CITIZENS

HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKY

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 7, 2016

Mr. VISCLOSKY. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure and sincerity that I take this

time to congratulate twenty-five individuals who will take their oath of citizenship on Friday, September 16, 2016. This memorable occasion, presided over by Judge Philip Simon, will be held at the United States Courthouse and Federal Building in Hammond, Indiana.

America is a country founded by immigrants. From its beginning, settlers have come from countries around the world to the United States in search of better lives for their families. Oath ceremonies are a shining example of what is so great about the United States of America—that people from all over the world can come together and unite as members of a free, democratic nation. These individuals realize that nowhere else in the world offers a better opportunity for success than here in America.

On September 16, 2016, the following people, representing many nations throughout the world, will take their oaths of citizenship in Hammond, Indiana: Jolly Rameshchandra Joshi, Placido Agustin Lopez Garcia, Gun Margaret Porter, Mei Han, Huong Ngoc Kha, Albino Akon Ibrahim Akon, Sergio Alaniz, Rozeta Bajmakoska, Anjin Balleza Carter, Patty Ann Veronica Cornwall, Morten Ring Eskildsen, Shylaja Balakrisnan, Balakrishnan Rajagopala Iyer, Jihwan Jeff Jeong, Vania Nshuti Kagabo, Elizabeth Lopez de Martinez, Pedro Martin Marin, Celia Martinez de Campos, Patricia Navarrete-Arceo, Yejee Oh, Pamellah Akinyi Otieno Owilli, Ericka Alejandra Sanchez, Oretha Fannie Smith, Abel Soto, and Shuhui Grace Yang.

Although each individual has sought to become a citizen of the United States for his or her own reasons, be it for education, occupation, or to offer their loved ones better lives, each is inspired by the fact that the United States of America is, as Abraham Lincoln described it, a country “. . . of the people, by the people, and for the people.” They realize that the United States is truly a free nation. By seeking American citizenship, they have made the decision that they want to live in a place where, as guaranteed by the First Amendment of the Constitution, they can practice religion as they choose, speak their minds without fear of punishment, and assemble in peaceful protest should they choose to do so.

Mr. Speaker, I respectfully ask you and my other distinguished colleagues to join me in congratulating these individuals who will become citizens of the United States of America on September 16, 2016. They, too, are American citizens, and they, too, are guaranteed the inalienable rights to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. We, as a free and democratic nation, congratulate them and welcome them.

HONORING ELIZABETH MARY BURKO

HON. JARED HUFFMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 7, 2016

Mr. HUFFMAN. Mr. Speaker, I, along with my colleague, Representative MIKE THOMPSON, rise today in memory of Elizabeth “Liz” Mary Burko who gave nearly thirty years of service to the California Department of Parks and Recreation, and whose career was recently commemorated by a bridge dedication in her name in Bodega Bay, California.