

is also a one-time White House Fellowship candidate.

Locally, Steven has been involved in various community groups and efforts, including serving as a founding Director of the Westchester Shakespeare Festival.

A recipient of the Consumer Electronic Industry's Design and Engineering Award, and author of numerous articles, Mr. Rosenfeld is also a member of the National Academy of Recording Arts and Sciences. Mr. Rosenfeld is listed in Who's Who in America, Who's Who in Entertainment, and Who's Who in Business. He holds a Bachelor of Arts degree from Long Island University, and he was a Master's Degree candidate at St. Francis College. In addition, Steven was previously a member of the board of advisors of the Department of Psychiatry at Columbia Presbyterian Hospital.

Steven has been dedicated to the longevity of The Riverdale Temple and the community. This year, the Riverdale Temple is honoring him at their 2017 Student Sponsorship Breakfast for all of the support he has shown to the Temple and its members. The honor is well-deserved. I want to congratulate Steven on this wonderful occasion and thank him for all he has done in the community.

SUPPORTING INVESTMENT IN ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE CURE RESEARCH

HON. RO KHANNA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 4, 2017

Mr. KHANNA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to express my support for increased investment in research to combat Alzheimer's disease. Over five million Americans are currently living with Alzheimer's and more than fifteen million Americans are acting as a caregiver to a family member or friend with Alzheimer's. The disease is projected to afflict thirteen million Americans by the year 2050 unless we achieve significant advances in treatment. Alzheimer's disease is the sixth leading cause of death in the United States.

Investing in Alzheimer's research is the right thing to do and good policy. The cost of caring for people with Alzheimer's disease to Medicaid and Medicare is 175 billion dollars. That makes up nineteen percent of the total Medicare budget. By 2050 that cost could grow to 758 billion dollars. Medicare for an individual with Alzheimer's or dementia costs nearly four times more than it does for a person without Alzheimer's or dementia.

As a member of the Committee on Armed Services, I am especially concerned with the number of our Veterans that suffer from dementia. Traumatic brain injuries and post-traumatic stress disorder have been linked to an increased risk for Alzheimer's and dementia. I am glad the military has recognized the importance of Alzheimer's research. Programs like the Peer Reviewed Alzheimer's Disease Program are essential to address the long-term consequences of traumatic brain injuries.

I urge my colleagues to join with me to support and increase in funding to combat Alzheimer's. We owe it to all Americans, especially those who have served, to find a way to prevent and treat this disease.

HONORING THE LIFE OF MS. NELLIE CROWSTON

HON. ELIZABETH H. ESTY

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 4, 2017

Ms. ESTY of Connecticut. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Ms. Nellie Crowston and her tireless work on behalf of students, teachers, and our entire community in Torrington, Connecticut. Nellie passed away on July 30, 2017, at the age of 79, but her contributions and legacy will live on in Torrington for many years to come.

Many in Torrington knew Nellie for her decades of work as a public school teacher. She represented the best of what it means to be an educator. Nellie's students remember her for her caring and encouraging nature. Nellie also possessed an astounding memory and regularly recognized her students around town years after they had left her classroom. Even after retiring, Nellie loved to return to the classroom as a substitute teacher and work with children. She was an inspiration to both her students and her fellow teachers.

Outside of her teaching career, Nellie was an active member of our community and contributed to a number of causes close to her heart. Her work was instrumental in saving and expanding the Torrington Alpha Delta Kappa chapter, a society for women educators. She boosted the group's membership and organized fundraisers and events that expanded its presence in our city. Her work allowed Alpha Delta Kappa to provide grants to local teachers and scholarships to high school students. Nellie's dedication to service should be a model for public servants everywhere.

Mr. Speaker, Nellie Crowston was a dedicated teacher and community leader who inspired countless students and made Torrington a better place to live. It is fitting and proper that we honor her legacy here today. All those who knew her will cherish her memory.

HONORING SISTERS OF CHARITY OF NEW YORK 200TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. ELIOT L. ENGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 4, 2017

Mr. ENGEL. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor one of the finest charitable organization's operating not just in my district, but across the entire State of New York. For two centuries, the Sisters of Charity of New York has met the challenges of the times and ministered to the needs of the poor. It is my honor to recognize their incredible work as they celebrate their 200th anniversary.

The history of the Sisters of Charity begins with its foundress, Elizabeth Ann Seton, who was later canonized as the first American-born saint. Elizabeth was born in 1774, into an upper class, well-educated, Episcopalian family in New York City. A well-educated, talented young lady, she and other young prominent women in New York society served the poor, particularly widows and orphans. Ironically, Elizabeth became a penniless widow within 10

years of marrying her husband, William Magee Seton, with whom she had five children. Influenced by the kindness of her husband's friends and her attraction to the Eucharist, Elizabeth converted to Catholicism.

In 1817, after Elizabeth had opened several Catholic Schools with a small community of women concentrated on a defined lifestyle for their religious congregation, and founded the first American congregation of women religious, she sent three of her sisters to New York City to open an orphanage, establishing the foundation of the Sisters of Charity in New York.

The SCNY mission is simple: to share in the ongoing mission of Jesus by responding to the signs of the times in the spirit of St. Vincent de Paul and St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, by revealing the Father's love in our lives and in our varied ministries with and for all in need, especially the poor. Their work speaks for itself. There are 250 Sisters of Charity of New York and 121 Associates; seven sisters and 33 Associates live in Guatemala. In their 200-year history, the Congregation opened and/or staffed 185 schools, 28 hospitals, 23 childcare institutions, and other ministries to care for people on the margins of society. SCNY also sponsors ministries across the State aimed at helping others, including on the campuses of the College of Mount Saint Vincent and St. Joseph's Medical Center. From housing to anti-human trafficking programs, the breadth of SCNY's reach is truly inspiring.

All of this could only be achieved and sustained by individuals who are truly dedicated to their mission, and who care deeply for people from all walks of life. I am proud the Sisters of Charity of New York is based in my district, and I want to say thank you to its leadership and all of its members for their remarkable dedication and hard work.

IN RECOGNITION OF MUSCULAR DYSTROPHY AWARENESS MONTH

HON. DEBBIE DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 4, 2017

Mrs. DINGELL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Muscular Dystrophy Awareness Month and on behalf of Americans diagnosed with muscular dystrophy. Initiatives like Muscular Dystrophy Awareness Month are crucial for raising public awareness about the effects of the disease while driving action and new treatments for individuals that result in improvements in care.

Muscular dystrophy is a family of diseases in which abnormal genetic mutations interfere with protein production that is critical to forming healthy muscle. The disease progressively causes weakness and loss of muscle mass in affected individuals and can result in the complete paralysis of all voluntary muscles, including those used in breathing and swallowing. Over one million individuals in the United States are affected by some form of muscular dystrophy, and there is currently no cure for the disease. However, research into muscular dystrophy has recently led to new treatments for several types of muscular diseases, and experimental treatments like gene therapy have also shown promise.

It is critical that we work to raise awareness of muscular dystrophy and related diseases

while promoting research initiatives that have the potential to lead to breakthroughs in treatments and advances in care. Muscular Dystrophy Awareness Month provides a special opportunity to bring together advocates and researchers to educate the public and support efforts to better understand this disease while working to improve the quality of life for impacted individuals. Washtenaw County's participation in the Light It Up Green event underscores the community's support for individuals diagnosed with muscular dystrophy, and it is my hope that public officials continue to play a leading role in combating this disease and promoting policies that provide all Americans the opportunity to live healthy lives.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing June as Muscular Dystrophy Awareness Month. We must continue to support efforts to better understand muscular dystrophy so that there will one day be a cure for this devastating disease.

OPPOSING TRUMP ADMINISTRATION'S ATTACK ON AFFIRMATIVE ACTION IN HIGHER EDUCATION

HON. SHEILA JACKSON LEE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 4, 2017

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Mr. Speaker, in less than one week, the Trump Administration has managed to level a double blow to the fight against discrimination faced by minority groups in our country.

Yesterday, the Trump Justice Department, currently headed by Attorney General Jeff Session, announced plans to redirect departmental resources toward investigating and suing universities over their affirmative action admissions policies.

Mr. Speaker, this preemptive attack on higher education affirmative action programs, if fully implemented, will deny educational opportunities to millions of deserving students from underrepresented communities and hamper America's ability to compete and win in an increasingly complex, competitive, multicultural global economy.

Not only does the announcement by the Justice Department threatens to undo decades of progress in trying to ensure that every child in America—regardless of race or ethnicity—has an equal opportunity to succeed, but it is directly contrary to long line of judicial precedent upholding the use of race-conscious affirmative action programs that are narrowly drawn and administered to achieve diversity in higher education.

It was only a year ago that the Supreme Court, in *Fisher v. University of Texas*, No. 14-981, 579 U.S. (2016), affirmed that the admissions policy of the University of Texas at Austin complied with the principles established in *Grutter v. Bollinger*, 539 U.S. 306 (2003), which held that “obtaining the educational benefits of student body diversity is a compelling state interest that can justify the use of race in university admissions.”

Mr. Speaker, as the Member of Congress for the Eighteenth Congressional District of Texas, I am proud to be a representative from a state that has played a pivotal role in the nation's educational equity jurisprudence, begin-

ning with the landmark case of *Sweatt v. Painter*, 339 U.S. 629 (1950), won by Thurgood Marshall and which held that segregated law schools violated the Equal Protection Clause of the Fourteenth Amendment and laid the foundation for the landmark decision in *Brown v. Board of Education*, 347 U.S. 483 (1954), which prohibited racial segregation in all schools.

Affirmative action is needed to ensure diversity on college campuses which will yield diversity in the ranks of America's future leaders.

In a globalized and increasingly interconnected world, the nation that succeeds is the one best positioned to adapt to a world of differences—cultural, religious, economic, social, racial, and political.

The key to success in a diverse global economy is learning to adapt and thrive in diverse communities where the next generation and its leaders are educated and trained.

That is why it is truly appalling that the Sessions-led Department of Justice is seeking to undermine the principles established in *Grutter v. Bollinger* that diversity in higher education is such a compelling governmental interest that race-conscious admission policies are permissible if other alternatives are found to be inadequate.

Mr. Speaker, we have seen before the effects of university admissions policies that do not address racial disparities in access to higher education.

From 1997 to 2004, affirmative action in admissions at the University of Texas was barred by the infamous Fifth Circuit decision in *Hopwood v. Texas*, 78 F.3d 932 (5th. Cir. 1996).

As a result of the University of Texas's inability to consider a qualified applicant's race in the admissions process, between 1997 and 2004 African-American students never comprised more than 4.5 percent the entering class—far below the 13 percent of Texas high school graduates who are African Americans.

Worse yet, for the students attending the University of Texas during that period, 4 out of every 5 of classes (79 percent) at the University had zero, or only one, African-American student.

It should go without saying that these are not statistics we would like to see repeated, nor is this any way to produce a generation of American leaders for the 21st century.

Affirmative action works; it is the right thing to do for our country.

Fostering educational diversity and greater opportunity is critical to our nation's future in a global economy and an increasingly interconnected world.

That is why diversity is supported by a broad cross-section of American society, including military leaders, major corporations, small business owners, educators, and students from all backgrounds.

An America that celebrates diversity in higher education will produce the leaders, inventors, entrepreneurs, diplomats, public servants, and teachers that will serve our nation well in the global economy of the 21st century.

We must stand loudly and unequivocally against any effort made by this Administration to subvert the progress we have made in guaranteeing every American student, regardless of race, ethnicity, religion or other immutable characteristics, access to higher education and in positioning our country to com-

pete and win in the global economy of the 21st century.

HONORING ELISA MARCUS AND DROR BIKEL

HON. ELIOT L. ENGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 4, 2017

Mr. ENGEL. Mr. Speaker, it is vitally important that we recognize those who strengthen our communities through their involvement. For the Conservative Synagogue Adath Israel in Riverdale, two of those individuals are Elisa Marcus and Dror Bikel, who are being honored this year with CSAIR's Kehillah Award at their annual Spring Gala.

Elisa grew up in Dayton, Ohio, where participating in shul life was a given and Shabbat meant going to synagogue and being with family and friends. Dror took a different path to Jewish involvement. Born in Berkeley, California to Israeli parents, then living in Brookline, Massachusetts, Dror was not particularly involved in formal Jewish life. While he was studying at Brandeis University, his interest in Israel and Jewish life awakened. Both Elisa and Dror spent formative years studying in Israel. They later found themselves and each other on the Upper West Side, where their friendships and involvement in the community of young Jews brought them together.

Fast forward to Riverdale and CSAIR. Through Mason Voit, CSAIR Director of Education and Family Life, Elisa was drawn to serve the shul. For three years she led the Young Children's Family Program and joined the Board of Trustees. She played an important role in a three-year review of the synagogue's mission statement and currently serves as the Vice President for Education.

Dror's passion for Krav Maga first led him to teaching evening classes in the synagogue, then to answering a call by CSAIR president Abby Pitkowsky and Rabbi Katz to lead CSAIR's security program. His work led to the hiring of a security consultant to help with the acquisition and implementation of \$100,000 in grants to improve the building's access control, physical structure, and communication system.

The character of the community is something Dror and Elisa care deeply about. Their children, Ariel, 9, and Liat, 7 love being in the building, attending services, and have developed great friendships. From the beginning of their involvement, Elisa and Dror have been struck by the degree to which people care about CSAIR and want to be involved, and it shows through their dedication and service. Congratulations to them both on receiving this great honor.

HONORING DR. ROBERT (BOB) SHILLMAN

HON. EDWARD R. ROYCE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 4, 2017

Mr. ROYCE of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor Dr. Robert (Bob) Shillman. I have been a friend of Dr. Bob's for many years. I