

Once again, I congratulate him for an outstanding military career and for his contributions to this Nation's space program.

TRIBUTE TO THE REV. DR. FRANK
REID III

HON. BENJAMIN L. CARDIN

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 7, 2005

Mr. CARDIN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay special tribute to the outstanding accomplishments of the Rev. Dr. Frank Mason Reid III, pastor of Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church in Baltimore, Maryland.

Dr. Reid is a nationally recognized preacher, teacher and motivational speaker who is dedicated to changing lives and rebuilding communities. Since becoming spiritual leader of Baltimore's Bethel AME Church, membership has swelled to 17,000, making it one of the largest AME churches in the Nation. Bethel AME has 36 active ministries that give hope and comfort to the people of the Baltimore community, including cancer patients, drug addicts, and those who suffer from HIV/AIDS.

Dr. Reid's message of hope has reached beyond the Baltimore community. He has a weekly local television show on Sunday mornings, and he has been broadcast nationally on the Armed Forces Network. Dr. Reid also has preached in South Korea and South and East Africa.

During his college years at Yale University, Dr. Reid answered the call to the ministry. After graduating from Yale in 1974 and the Harvard Divinity School in 1978, Dr. Reid served congregations in Charlotte, North Carolina and Los Angeles, California before being called to service at Bethel AME Church in Baltimore, Maryland in the late 1980s.

Dr. Reid has a loving and devoted family. His wife Marlaa Hall Reid and three children—Franshon, Faith and Shane—are proud of his work in helping others rebuild their lives.

Mr. Speaker, I call upon my colleagues to join me in applauding the accomplishments of Dr. Reid on the eve of his 54th birthday. He has had a remarkable career serving the people of Baltimore.

IN MEMORY OF LINDA LISS FINE

HON. HOWARD L. BERMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 7, 2005

Mr. BERMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the memory of Linda Liss Fine. Linda was a compassionate and courageous individual whose dedication and service greatly enhanced the lives of many in Chicago's elderly Jewish community.

Linda was respected and admired by her colleagues, friends and family. Her creative and pioneering work as Director of Selfhelp, an independent organization providing the residential and health care needs of the Jewish elderly, has been recognized and greatly appreciated by many. During her time with Selfhelp, Linda immersed herself in community activities focusing on improving the quality of life of everyone with whom she came in con-

tact. Through her devotion and extraordinary sense of caring, she transformed the institution into a vibrant community where elderly residents would enjoy cultural events such as classical music concerts, take part in educational events such as computer classes and otherwise maintain active and full lives. She was an outstanding member of Chicago's Jewish community and she immeasurably improved many people's lives under her care. Her residents viewed Linda not as merely an administrator, but as a cherished member of the family.

Born in Chicago in 1942, Linda Liss Fine attended Chicago's public schools before embarking on career in the health care profession. As a registered nurse, she worked in a variety of hospital and home health care positions. After work, and while raising three children, she worked tirelessly and attended classes at night, completing her university degree in health care administration.

Linda is survived by her husband, Bernard, son David, daughters Dawn and Dana, sister Hedda, several grandchildren and many relatives across the country.

Linda Liss Fine will be missed by all those whose lives she touched and will be remembered affectionately by her many friends and colleagues. I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring an outstanding individual, a loving wife and mother, selfless caretaker and innovative director—Linda Liss Fine, a woman who brought joy and love into the lives of so many.

HONORING LUCY BELLO AS SHE
CELEBRATES HER 70TH BIRTHDAY

HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 7, 2005

Ms. DELAURO. Mr. Speaker, It is with great pleasure that I rise today to wish my dear friend, Lucy Bello, a very happy 70th birthday. This is a remarkable milestone for an inspiring individual. Not only is she celebrating 70 years of life, but she is also marking her 10th anniversary of being cancer free!

This is a celebration of life. In her seven decades, Lucy has faced many challenges, but none more so than her battle with cancer. As a cancer survivor myself, I know only too well the fear, concern, and obstacles this disease brings. Lucy faced these challenges with the greatest of dignity and courage—serving as an inspiration to all of those who know her story. Today, Lucy is proudly celebrating a decade of remission and I would be remiss if I did not extend my sincere congratulations to her on this very special occasion.

Throughout her life, Lucy has dedicated her time and energy to enriching her community. Since she could first vote at age twenty-one, she has been an active member of Branford's Democratic Town Committee. For nearly fifty years she has offered her support and encouragement to countless candidates. Candidates and committee members alike will tell you that Lucy is their go-to person—always willing to do the grunt work that no one else wants to do. In fact, I cannot recall an event in Branford that Lucy was not involved in either as an organizer or volunteer. It is because of individuals like Lucy—those who participate in the process by simply being involved—that our

democratic process works. She herself served on the local Representative Town Meeting for many years. I consider myself fortunate to call her my friend and cannot thank her enough for all the good work she has done.

Through the last five decades, her kind heart and endless generosity have made all the difference. Later this month, Lucy will be honored by the Democratic Town Committee for her many years of service and I cannot think of a more deserving individual to pay tribute to. Through her hardwork and commitment, Lucy has become a fixture in the Branford community—a local treasure. Every community should be so fortunate!

For her years of outstanding service to the community and for her very special friendship, I am proud to stand today to join the many family, friends, and community leaders who have gathered to wish Lucy Bello a very happy 70th birthday. May you enjoy many more years of health and happiness.

IN HONOR OF OUR UNITED STATES
VETERANS AND THE PARMA
VETERANS CENTER

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 7, 2005

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor and recognition of all veterans of the 10th Congressional District of Ohio for their service, bravery, and dedication on behalf of our country. Most significantly, we stand in tribute and remembrance of those veterans who have made the ultimate sacrifice when they answered the call to duty.

The lives of many veterans and their families have been uplifted by the outreach efforts of the Parma Veterans Center—a haven of services and assistance focused on the emotional, psychological, medical, financial, and employment needs of thousands of veterans and their families.

The services and support provided by the Parma Veterans Center is the least we can do on behalf of our veteran—our brothers, sisters, sons and daughters, mothers, fathers and grandfathers—thousands of whom have made significant sacrifices and suffered great losses during and after their unwavering service to our country.

Mr. Speaker and Colleagues, please join me in honor, tribute and gratitude to the men and women of our armed forces—let us forever remember their service, sacrifice and sense of duty—yesterday, today, and for generations to come.

HONORING THE RETIREMENT OF
MAYOR THOMAS J. PELLEGRINO

HON. GARY L. ACKERMAN

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 7, 2005

Mr. ACKERMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to applaud the achievements of a man who exemplifies the finest combination of civic consciousness, personal achievement, and familial responsibility. Thomas J. Pellegrino, Mayor of Port Washington North, has been a catalyst

of progress and success for the community he has served for more than three decades.

Half a century ago, Thomas began his career as an advertising media trainee. Fifty years later, he has directed campaigns for some of America's greatest corporate luminaries, founded his own innovative franchise, and supervised operations for three nationally successful magazines.

Despite his national success, Thomas has never faltered in his commitment to his local community. During his years as the Mayor of Port Washington North, Thomas has overseen the construction of hundreds of housing developments built for the elderly as well as the enactment of important safety ordinances in the housing and public health sectors. He has watched an entire generation grow into a thriving community under his tenure. Thomas steps down from his municipal office after thirty-four years as the longest-serving mayor in New York State.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to recognize such an accomplished individual and commend Mayor Thomas J. Pellegrino for his years of dedicated service to his community. On behalf of his wife, his five children, his fifteen grandchildren, and the Village of Port Washington North, I ask my colleagues in the House of Representatives to please join me in honoring Mayor Thomas J. Pellegrino and wishing him many years of success as he celebrates his well deserved retirement.

HONORING THE STUDENTS OF HALF HOLLOW HILLS HIGH SCHOOL EAST

HON. STEVE ISRAEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 7, 2005

Mr. ISRAEL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the students from Half Hollow Hills High School in Dix Hills, New York for their hard work in the "We the People: the Citizen and the Constitution" national finals.

The students, Jason Albert, Matt Bernstein, Bryan Cowan, Jennifer Crupi, Arielle Davidsohn, Danielle Gold, Chelsea Gordon, Brittnay Hershkowitz, Joelle Lichtman, Priya Murthy, Lindsay Nussbaum, Liz Oren, Josh Parker, Sylvia Qu, Beth Reisfeld, Dan Roberts, Jill Rubino, Alida Salins, Aaron Schwartz, Ben Seleznow, Jen Signet, Soyoong Sung, Jessica Wasserman, Matt Young, and Jen Zhao, led by their teacher Scott Edwards, demonstrated a remarkable understanding of the fundamental ideals and values of American constitutional government.

It is truly an honor to call these outstanding young Americans my constituents. Their success in the competition is also a testament to the excellent teachers at Half Hollow Hills East High School and elsewhere on Long Island.

I offer my congratulations on their hard-won honorable mention and commend these students on their dedication to the study of the Constitution and the Bill of Rights.

TRIBUTE TO THE 2005 NATIONAL PUERTO RICAN DAY PARADE

HON. JOSÉ E. SERRANO

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 7, 2005

Mr. SERRANO. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I rise today to pay tribute to the 47th annual Puerto Rican Day Parade, which will be held on June 12, 2005 in New York City. This parade, which celebrates the heritage of the Puerto Rican people, is one of the largest outdoor events in the United States.

The first New York Puerto Rican Day parade, held on Sunday, April 12, 1958 in "El Barrio" in Manhattan was a wonderful event presented in the heart of the city's Puerto Rican community. In 1995, the overwhelming success of the parade prompted organizers to increase its size, and transform it into a national affair now known as the National Puerto Rican Day Parade. This magnificent New York institution now includes participation from delegates representing thirty one states, including Alaska and Hawaii and attracts over 3 million parade goers every year.

The great success that this parade has enjoyed over the years is a result of the tireless work of many individuals from all walks of life—who are dedicated to preserving and celebrating Puerto Rican heritage and culture. Leading this effort is the National Puerto Rican Day Parade, Inc., a non-profit organization founded in 1995 with the mission of increasing the self awareness and pride of the Puerto Rican people in order to promote economic development, education, cultural recognition, and advancement.

The Parade up New York's Fifth Avenue, while certainly the most visible aspect of the celebration of the Puerto Rican people, is not the only event associated with the National Puerto Rican Day Parade, Inc.'s activities. More than 10,000 people each year attend a variety of award ceremonies, banquets and cultural events which not only help to highlight but also strengthen the special relationship shared by Puerto Ricans and the City of New York. Over the years, the two have developed a symbiotic relationship—Puerto Ricans sharing a vibrant and beautiful culture and helping to turn New York into a bilingual city and the City of New York helping Puerto Ricans to flourish economically, politically and culturally. The annual parade captures the spirit of this special relationship and celebrates its success.

Mr. Speaker, as a Puerto Rican, a New Yorker, and a Member of Congress, it is an honor to participate in this national event every year in which thousands of individuals march along Fifth Avenue in celebration. The National Puerto Rican Day Parade is a communal cultural treasure, national in scope and impact, and one that unites all New Yorkers. I ask my colleagues to join me in paying tribute to the Puerto Rican people and to all who have worked to ensure that the upcoming parade is a success.

STEM CELL THERAPEUTIC AND RESEARCH ACT OF 2005

SPEECH OF

HON. JIM RAMSTAD

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 24, 2005

Mr. RAMSTAD. Mr. Speaker, I recently joined with nearly all members of this body in voting for H.R. 2520, the Stem Cell Therapeutic and Research Act.

This important piece of public health legislation will help increase awareness of the possibility of using cord blood to improve access to blood-forming stem cell transplants and research.

I also want to take a moment to bring attention to another aspect of this bill, the reauthorization of the National Bone Marrow Registry.

Since its inception in 1986, the Registry has enjoyed strong bipartisan support and has been committed to helping people who need a lifesaving marrow or blood cell transplant.

The National Marrow Donor Program (NMDP) has successfully operated the National Bone Marrow Registry through a competitive contract renewed every 5 years.

The NMDP maintains the largest listing of volunteer donors and cord blood units in the world, supports patients and their doctors throughout the transplant process and matches patients with the best marrow donor or cord blood unit.

This past November, the NMDP celebrated an important milestone when it facilitated its 20,000th transplant.

The NMDP has worked diligently to increase the diversity of the National Bone Marrow Registry so that all Americans have access to lifesaving blood-forming stem cell transplants by increasing donations from racial and ethnic minorities and incorporating umbilical cord blood units as a new source of cells.

The NMDP also provides transplant centers with the logistical support patients need from the moment a physician initiates a search.

The NMDP provides expert advice on searching the National Registry, coordinates the testing of cord blood units and adult donors, ensures that the correct cells are obtained and delivered as directed by the physician, and assists patients with insurance, travel and other needs that arise as part of the transplant process.

These programs help doctors focus on caring for their patients and helps patients and their families focus on what is important—getting well.

I salute the NMDP for all it does to help patients, and I am pleased Congress was able to pass H.R. 2520.

SECURELY PROTECT YOURSELF AGAINST CYBER TRESPASS ACT

SPEECH OF

HON. JOE BARTON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 25, 2005

Mr. BARTON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, in crafting this legislation, the members of the Committee on Energy and Commerce have endeavored to understand and take into account benign and reasonable functions involved with network management, as well as