

RECOGNIZING THE EMERGENCY NURSES ASSOCIATION

HON. LOIS CAPPS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 14, 2010

Mrs. CAPPS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Emergency Nurses Association and to congratulate them on their 40th anniversary.

The Emergency Nurses Association, or ENA, is the only professional nursing association dedicated to defining the future of emergency nursing and emergency care through advocacy, expertise, innovation and leadership. It boasts more than 37,000 members worldwide.

Founded in 1970 as the Emergency Department Nurses Association and led by Anita M. Dorr, RN and Judith C. Kelleher, RN, it was originally established to set standards for best practices in emergency nursing care. It also provided continuing education programs for emergency nurses and a united voice for nurses involved in emergency care. In 1985, the Association name was changed to Emergency Nurses Association, ENA.

Among its many accomplishments, ENA published its first Roadway Safety Scorecard in 2006, providing an overview of the kinds of roadway laws that prevent injuries and save lives, and a listing of the States that have enacted those laws. The initial report and the follow-up report in 2008 have provided the impetus for more States to pass roadway laws that protect lives and prevent injuries.

ENA is also working to make emergency departments safer by pressing for Occupational Safety and Health Administration standards that would help prevent violence in emergency departments. A recent ENA report on workplace violence found that more than half of emergency nurses have been physically assaulted on the job in the past 3 years and scores more endure verbal abuse regularly. Violence in the emergency department adversely affects patient care and also puts patients themselves at risk of assault or worse.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in thanking the Emergency Nurses Association and its more than 37,000 members for their commitment to establishing public policies that reduce the need for emergency care and for working to improve the quality of that care when it is needed. I also ask that my colleagues join me in congratulating ENA on the occasion of its 40th anniversary.

RECOGNIZING THE THIRD GRADE STUDENTS AT LOUDOUN COUNTY DAY SCHOOL

HON. FRANK R. WOLF

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 14, 2010

Mr. WOLF. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the third grade students at the Loudoun Country Day School in Leesburg, Virginia. They are conducting a food drive called "Kids Helping Kids" to benefit Loudoun Interfaith Relief. I am honored to recognize the ongoing contributions of these special young people to help feed the hungry in their community.

These talented students are collecting healthy breakfast and lunch items to distribute to Loudoun County families this summer. Many families depend on free and reduced price hot meals for their children during the school year, and will greatly benefit for receiving meals during the summer months.

This is the second food drive that the Loudoun Country Day students have implemented this year. Last fall, the students collected 1,296 pounds of food that allowed 40 families to have a complete Thanksgiving feast.

I ask that my colleagues join me in congratulating the following students for their commitment to helping the hungry in their community.

- Aidan Kennedy
- Alex Moran
- Annabella Stavrou
- Ben Kowkowski
- Greyson Sequino
- Hunter Gowin
- Lindsey Fouty
- Lyndsey Coleman
- Lauren Miller
- Peyton Carter
- TJ Donovan
- Lauren Rubino
- McKenna Martinez
- Maddi Moran
- Ella Parsons
- Brian Wilmans
- Christophe Atkinson
- Luke Miller
- Stephen Kalivokas
- Drew Johnson
- Gabrielle Latimer
- Zyannah Malick

COMMEMORATION OF VAISAKHI

HON. MICHAEL M. HONDA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 14, 2010

Mr. HONDA. Madam Speaker, I rise today in commemoration of Vaisakhi, a festival celebrating the founding of the Khalsa Sikh community in 1699. It has special significance for Sikhs because the tenth guru, Guru Gobind Singh, chose Vaisakhi as the occasion to formalize the Sikh identity and religious practice by forming the Khalsa, the body of initiated Sikhs. Vaisakhi also marks the new solar year and harvest season.

I would also like to take this opportunity to recognize the contributions American Sikhs make to our society. According to the 2000 Census, more than 650,000 Sikhs live in the United States, and more than 250,000 reside in my home state of California. Throughout history, American Sikhs have made great contributions to our cultural landscape, the government, business and civil sector, as well as the military. In 1956, the Hon. Dalip Singh Saund was the first Sikh, Asian- or Indian-American elected to the House of Representatives. In addition to making great progress for racial equality and diversity in American government, Rep. Saund was instrumental in ending statutory discrimination against Asian- and Indian-Americans by working to grant naturalization rights for immigrants from the Philippines and India. Around the country, Sikhs serve as mayors, business leaders, athletes, actors and other leadership positions.

It is my honor to rise today to recognize the Sikh festival of Vaisakhi and recognize the achievements and contributions of all American Sikhs to our country.

RECOGNIZING THE UNITED WAY VOLUNTEERS OF EAST TENNESSEE

HON. DAVID P. ROE

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 14, 2010

Mr. ROE of Tennessee. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commend the United Way volunteers of Washington County, Jonesborough, and Johnson City for their service to East Tennessee. I am proud of the example these fine volunteers set and for all they give back to the great state of Tennessee.

Nearly 125 volunteers will be attending the annual Volunteer Breakfast on April 23, 2010. With approximately 150 volunteers of their own, United Way of Washington County partners with many other organizations and thousands of other volunteers to change the lives of people in East Tennessee.

I sincerely thank the United Way of Washington County and all partnering organizations for all they do for the Volunteer State.

WELCOMING HEARTLAND CHURCH

HON. KENNY MARCHANT

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 14, 2010

Mr. MARCHANT. Madam Speaker, it is with great pleasure and pride that I rise today to welcome Heartland Church to its new location in the 24th District of Texas. Heartland Church has been a centerpiece of spiritual growth and community outreach in the greater Irving area for 58 years.

On Christmas Eve of 1951, The First United Pentecostal Church of Irving held its inaugural service in the Irving Community Center. This was the beginning of the rich spiritual history of Heartland Church which today has grown into a caring, compassionate, service centered congregation. Soon after opening, The First United Pentecostal Church of Irving moved from the Irving Community Center to its first building on Camano Road and then eventually to Story Road. Heartland Church has made several building transitions and a name change (originally Christ Temple and then later Heartland Church) to more adequately reflect its desire to meet the needs of its congregation and the community. In December of 1984, the building dedication ceremony was held for what Heartland Church called home up until December 2009.

Guided by faith, in 2000, Heartland Church made the decision to purchase 25.8 acres located on the west side of Highway 161. But God in His infinite wisdom had other plans and that was to bring Heartland Church to Carrollton. Today, through the vision and leadership of the church's founders and with the help of the surrounding community, Heartland Church has flourished from a small congregation, meeting in a 3,000 square foot building, to a thriving congregation with more than 22,000 square feet of meeting space.

On behalf of the 24th District of Texas, I would like to welcome Heartland Church to its new location in Carrollton, Texas. I am certain that Heartland Church will succeed and continue to be an example of Christ's love to others in the community.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JIM JORDAN

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 14, 2010

Mr. JORDAN of Ohio. Madam Speaker, I was absent from the House Floor during four recent rollcall votes.

Had I been present, I would have voted in favor of H. Res. 1215, H. Res. 1222, H. Res. 1041, and H. Res. 1042.

HONORING WILLIAM CLAY FORD
ON HIS SELECTION AS A MICHIGAN
GREEN LEADER

HON. JOHN D. DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 14, 2010

Mr. DINGELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor of William Clay Ford Jr. Mr. Ford has been chosen as one of 16 people and institutions by the Detroit Free Press as a Michigan Green Leader. Selected from over 300 nominations, Mr. Ford will be recognized on April 22 as part of a 40th anniversary celebration of Earth Day. Green Leaders are people or entities who have had exceptional impact on the community through their leadership and contributions in their efforts to protect our environment.

Born May 3, 1957, in Detroit, Michigan, Mr. Ford is the great-grandson of both Henry Ford and Harvey Firestone. He received a bachelor of arts degree from Princeton University in 1979 and a master of science degree in management as an Alfred P. Sloan fellow from Massachusetts Institute of Technology in 1984. Immediately after graduating from Princeton, Mr. Ford went to work as a financial analyst for Ford Motor Company. In his first 10 years with Ford he held 11 jobs. In 1987 he became managing director for Ford Switzerland and in 1990 he was head of business strategy. In 1992 he was appointed general manager of Climate Control Division where he created the company's first wildlife habitat at a plant and established the first automotive plant to use 25 percent post-consumer materials in all of its plastic parts. Under his lead, the division won the President's Commission on Environmental Quality Award for the substitution of water for hazardous chemicals in a production process. He was elected vice president and headed the Commercial Truck Vehicle Center in 1994 and in 1995 took the chair of the board of directors finance committee. He was elected chairman of the board of directors and took office at the start of 1999, served as Ford's chief executive officer from October of 2001 to September of 2006, and was subsequently named executive chairman.

Mr. Ford is a lifelong environmentalist and throughout his time at Ford he has not only given to our environment through personal choices, but has proposed rigorous environmental policy changes for the company. The company published its first corporate citizenship report in 2000 with him at the helm. The report assessed the environmental, economic, and social ramifications of the company's projects and products around the world. In 2004, while Mr. Ford was CEO, the company finished the world's largest brownfield reclamation project with the Ford Rouge Center in Detroit. As a long-time advocate of hybrid vehicle technologies, Mr. Ford not only owns a hybrid, but has overseen the launch of expansive plans to offer electric and hybrid-powered automobiles to consumers.

In addition to his work with Ford Motor Company, Mr. Ford is a vice chairman of the Detroit Lions and has championed the environmentally friendly stadium in Detroit. He chairs the Detroit Economic Club board, co-chaired the National Summit in 2009, is the vice chair of the Business Leaders for Michigan, serves on the board of directors of eBay, and is a member of the board of trustees for The Henry Ford.

This is the first year the Detroit Free Press has held the Green Leaders event. Mr. Ford is a superb choice. His great drive and dedication are assets to us, our community, and our environment.

RECOGNIZING NEW YORK LGBT
HEALTH MONTH

HON. PAUL TONKO

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 14, 2010

Mr. TONKO. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize March 2010 as Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender, or LGBT Health Month in the state of New York. The health and happiness of all LGBT individuals in New York and across the country is of tremendous importance. I applaud the efforts of the Healthcare Committee in organizing LGBT month for March 2010, and I look forward to seeing this tradition grow and thrive in the years to come.

The Healthcare Committee of the NYS LGBT Health and Human Services Network, in conjunction with the Empire State Pride Agenda, declared the theme of this year's inaugural event "31 Ways for 31 Days." The Committee has gathered 31 simple and useful health tips, one for each day in March, to serve as a resource for the LGTB community.

LGTB Health Month is an opportunity for the LGTB community, and all New Yorkers, to unite around the common goal of good health. In following the 31 Ways for 31 Days, we are all reminded that a healthy community is also a happy community.

Madam Speaker, I ask that you and my distinguished colleagues join me in recognizing March 2010 as New York LGTB Health Month.

HONORING WILMA PEARL
MANKILLER

HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 14, 2010

Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas. Madam Speaker, I rise today in support of H. Res. 1237 to honor Wilma Pearl Mankiller, the first female Chief of the Cherokee Nation, who passed away on April 6, 2010.

Wilma Mankiller was a remarkable human being and served as Principal Chief of the Cherokee Nation from 1985 to 1995. While Cherokee culture has traditionally embraced the concept of both male and female leadership, this custom had fallen out of practice in recent years. At the time she became Chief, the hierarchical system of the Cherokee Nation had become male dominated, and Mankiller faced numerous gender barriers in becoming and serving as Chief. During her tenure, she would go to great lengths to resurrect the balance of male and female leadership in the Cherokee Nation, and additionally, she worked to reinvigorate the Nation through community projects and programs.

Throughout our daily lives, we rarely stop to reflect on the remarkable accomplishments of women across the country and world. I am emboldened by people like Wilma Mankiller who worked diligently for others and tore down gender barriers in the process. Today young girls know that they too can grow up to become Indian Chiefs and it is because of the work and life of Wilma Mankiller that this is true.

Madam Speaker, Wilma Mankiller was a great leader and extraordinary advocate for the Cherokee Nation. I ask my fellow colleagues to join me today in honoring her memory and celebrating her distinguished life and work.

OUR UNCONSCIONABLE NATIONAL
DEBT

HON. MIKE COFFMAN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 14, 2010

Mr. COFFMAN of Colorado. Madam Speaker, today our national debt is \$12,831,193,383,690.69.

On January 6th, 2009, the start of the 111th Congress, the national debt was \$10,638,425,746,293.80.

This means the national debt has increased by \$2,192,767,637,396.89 so far this Congress. The debt has increased \$4,813,927,403.84 since just yesterday.

This debt and its interest payments we are passing to our children and all future Americans.