

In addition, I support the creation of a \$23 billion Education Jobs Fund. Without this injection of federal funding, hundreds of thousands of teachers across the country will be laid off, resulting in increased class sizes and reduced quality of education. This job-saving provision was incorporated in two bills I supported: the Jobs for Main Street Act, H.R. 2847, which passed the House last December, and the Local Jobs for America Act, H.R. 4812, still pending in the House. I join many of my colleagues in urging the Senate to include this fund in their next jobs package.

Each one of us has had a teacher who made a difference in our lives. I am honored to commemorate this valuable core of our community. I am also pleased to join students and teachers at Maxfield Elementary in St. Paul Public School District 625 and all Minnesotans in congratulating 6th grade teacher Ryan Vernosh as the 2010 Minnesota Teacher of the Year. This recognition is a reflection of his commitment and dedication to making a positive impact on students' academic success in his classroom. Mr. Vernosh is one of our finest teachers and is deserving of this honor.

For these reasons, I urge my colleagues to thank the teachers who have made differences in their lives and honor them by supporting H. Res. 1312.

IN HONOR OF TIMOTHY E. RYAN

### HON. JOHN H. ADLER

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 19, 2010*

Mr. ADLER of New Jersey. Madam Speaker, as a representative of the nearly 66,000 veterans in my district, I rise today to recognize the men and women who have selflessly sacrificed their lives to serve our country. On May 28, 2010, the Ocean County Veterans Memorial Association will conduct a wreath laying ceremony to honor all deceased veterans.

I would further like to recognize the host of the memorial service, Mr. Timothy E. Ryan, for the extraordinary contributions that he has done for the local veterans of Ocean County.

Mr. Ryan is a charter member of the Ocean County Deceased Veterans Memorial Association and a longtime sponsor of the annual wreath laying memorial service. He has been named 'Outstanding Citizen of the Year' by local VFW groups, and has been awarded several high honors by the Jersey Shore Council of the Boy Scouts of America. He serves as Director of Timothy E. Ryan Home for Funerals, the largest family-owned firm in New Jersey.

The 14th Annual Veterans Wreath Laying Ceremony and Memorial Service honoring the deceased veterans of Ocean County will occur on May 28, 2010 at the Ocean County Library. In recognition of his outstanding contributions and service to our veteran community, I urge my colleagues to join me in honoring Mr. Timothy E. Ryan.

HONORING MR. DAVID PRINCE

### HON. BRIAN HIGGINS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 19, 2010*

Mr. HIGGINS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the years of service given to the people of Chautauqua County by Mr. David Prince. Mr. Prince served his constituency faithfully and justly during his tenure as the Village Justice in the Village of Fredonia.

Public service is a difficult and fulfilling career. Any person with a dream may enter but only a few are able to reach the end. Mr. Prince served his term with his head held high and a smile on his face the entire way. I have no doubt that his kind demeanor left a lasting impression on the people of Chautauqua County.

We are truly blessed to have such strong individuals with a desire to make this county the wonderful place that we all know it can be. Mr. Prince is one of those people and that is why, Madam Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to him today.

CONGRATULATING LINDA GRANT

### HON. RODNEY ALEXANDER

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 19, 2010*

Mr. ALEXANDER. Madam Speaker, it is with great pride that I rise today to congratulate Linda Grant for being named the 2010 Direct Support Professional (DSP) of the Year for Louisiana. The American Network of Community Options and Resources (ANCOR) recently honored Linda with this wonderful recognition.

As a DSP, Linda works to support people with disabilities through community-based services that promote independence and inclusion for individuals with intellectual, behavior and other disabilities. This award is testament that Linda is a true leader for her work assisting those with disabilities to live meaningful and productive lives.

She is an example of how one person can change the lives of many, and I commend Linda for her hard work and dedication to making a positive difference in the community. I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Linda Grant for this significant achievement.

A TRIBUTE TO JOSEPH W. COTCHETT ON THE OCCASION OF NOTRE DAME DE NAMUR UNIVERSITY'S 2010 COMMUNITY SPIRIT AWARD GALA

### HON. ANNA G. ESHOO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 19, 2010*

Ms. ESHOO. Madam Speaker, it can be said that the word extraordinary has become too commonplace a term used in all-too-ordinary circumstances.

I rise today in appreciation of a man who fully embodies that word, a truly extraordinary man—Joseph W. Cotchett.

He is a man of passion and great intellect, a man of incredible attention to detail, a broad, sweeping embrace for all life has to offer, and a serious man capable of great joy. He has a thirst for fairness, a passion for justice and an unquenchable desire to speak for those who cannot speak for themselves.

On the evening of May 22, 2010, Joe is being honored with the Notre Dame de Namur University 2010 Community Spirit Award. The event is sold out and will be attended by friends, colleagues and admirers, each with a story about Joe standing at their side in a time of need. Similarly, the Honorary Gala Committee is more than 150 names long and represents every profession and every walk of life that Joe has touched—labor, sports, finance, entertainment, the environment, politics . . . including the Speaker of the House, and, of course, his beloved profession of the law.

Joe embodies the finest values of our great nation. With an abiding love for his country, Joe served in the U.S. Army in the Intelligence Corps, the Judge Advocate General's Corps, and as a paratrooper in Special Forces. After active duty, he remained in the Army Reserve for more than 30 years, retiring as a Colonel.

His generosity is legendary . . . whether making a major gift to his alma mater, California Polytechnic University, San Luis Obispo, where he received a degree in Engineering, or the University of California Hastings College of the Law, where he received his law degree. He gives everywhere and to everyone and in countless ways—rebuilding a landmark grocery store in Half Moon Bay, buying a table at the annual fundraising events of dozens of local nonprofits, or serving as a board member to dozens of others.

Then there is Joe Cotchett, the lawyer. He has been named one of our nation's pre-eminent trial lawyers for more than decade, winning every recognition in his profession. He has won judgment after judgment—totaling billions of dollars—on behalf of investors defrauded by modern-day robber barons.

Often donating the time and resources of his talented law firm, Joe has defended the First Amendment against corporate bullying, defended citizens against the oppressive hand of government, brought suit on behalf of the dispossessed children of American servicemen in the Philippines and defended the judicial system against Wall Street.

Wherever power is abused, greed runs rampant or injustice flourishes, Joe is there to stand up and to bring to account those who would twist the American system to their own ends.

Remarkably, after decades of fighting the good fight, he has not grown weary.

He has not lost his capacity to get angry. For all this, he is a man of old-fashioned values . . . carry your own weight, pay your own way, tend to your family and your friends. He has an unending pride in his five children and six grandchildren, who he organizes as if they, too, served in the Armed Forces.

And he does all these things with an endearing quirkiness that can take the form of worrying whether all the chairs in the conference room are facing in the right direction or eliminating every speck of dust around.

Joe is tender and kind. He honors each of us with his presence and does so in a way that makes us feel special when we are blessed to be with him.

Madam Speaker, I ask the entire House of Representatives to join me and the community