

in Rockville, Maryland; the FBI SWAT team assisted the Montgomery County Police Department, and FBI investigators processed the crime scene. In 2009, the American Civic Center in Binghamton, New York was the site of a mass killing when an armed subject killed 13 people. The FBI was asked to assist, and lent their Evidence Response Team, Victim Assistance program, and Behavioral Analysis unit. The FBI also assisted in the investigation to identify the student who opened fire at Virginia Technical Institute in 2007.

The FBI lent invaluable support to state and local law enforcement officials on several occasions. However, as the law currently holds, there is no specific statutory authority allowing them to do so. The Investigative Assistance for Violent Crimes Act specifically authorizes, by statute, that which the FBI is consistently asked and expected to do.

This bill is an important measure aimed at increasing the safety and security of the American people. When faced with a mass killing or other violent crime, our state and local law enforcement officials should have access to every necessary resource in order to mitigate the situation, identify the perpetrators, and bring them to justice. In Houston, Texas, where I represent the 18th Congressional District, the FBI reports 22,491 violent crimes in 2010. I know that my constituents would appreciate knowing that their local law enforcement officials have access to the resources of the FBI, should they need them.

As a senior Member of both the Judiciary and Homeland Security committees, I have worked tirelessly to ensure the safety of the American people, and this legislation does just that. I am pleased at the bipartisan manner in which this bill is being considered, and urge my colleagues to support H.R. 2076, the Investigative Assistance for Violent Crimes Act.

**HONORING REVEREND AND MRS.
LESTER COUSIN**

HON. NITA M. LOWEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 13, 2011

Mrs. LOWEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Reverend Doctor Lester Cousin and his wife, Mary Katherine Simpson Cousin. Their devoted service to the Calvary Baptist Church in White Plains, New York, will be recognized at the Retirement Banquet in their honor on September 17th, 2011.

For the last 38 years, Rev. Cousin has been the pastor of the Calvary Baptist Church. Under his leadership and vision, the church has tripled the size of its physical space—which now includes 18 classrooms, a youth church chapel, computer room, games and exercise room—and greatly expanded the spiritual and educational services it provides to meet the needs of a growing congregation.

Rev. Cousin, known fondly as the “Senior Pastor of White Plains” because of his long tenure, also carries out his ministry in the broader community. He served as Chaplain for the White Plains Police and Fire Departments for 25 years, a Commissioner for the Public Access Cable TV Commission for seven terms, Treasurer of the Ministers Fellowship Council of White Plains and Vicinity, and is an active member of the White Plains/

Greenburgh NAACP. He assists with the Pastoral Care Ministry of the White Plains Hospital Center and the Chaplain Staff at the Norwood E. Jackson Correctional Facility in Valhalla, New York, and has chaired the Annual Neighborhood Health Fair which his church co-sponsors annually. Rev. Cousin also is a member of the Advisory Board of the Schnurmacher Nursing Home and an honorary member of the Board of Directors of S.H.O.R.E. (Sheltering the Homeless is Our Responsibility).

Rev. Cousin has been the worthy recipient of countless certificates, citations and honors. In 1987 he was awarded the Honorary Doctor of Divinity Degree from Shaw Divinity School in Raleigh, North Carolina. He is also a nationally known Gospel singer and recording artist.

Rev. Cousin and Mrs. Cousin, who have been married for 58 years, are deeply committed to serving their church and our community at large. I am proud to recognize Reverend Doctor Lester Cousin and Mrs. Mary Katherine Simpson Cousin for their almost four decades of inspirational leadership and example, hard work and dedication, and I urge my colleagues to join me in honoring their many contributions to the spiritual and civic life of White Plains and Westchester County.

**COMMENDING MRS. RUTH
BROUSSARD**

HON. RODNEY ALEXANDER

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 13, 2011

Mr. ALEXANDER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate and honor a true living legend. This September, Mrs. Ruth Broussard will be honored by her induction into the “Order of Living Legends.” Mrs. Broussard’s dedication to the Acadian Museum, her town of Abbeville, Vermillion Parish, and the Acadian community as a whole make her deserving of this recognition.

After the completion of Mrs. Broussard’s Bachelor of Arts degree from Louisiana State University, she began her career as an educator in Lake Charles before returning to her birth town of Kaplan, La. Upon her return to Kaplan she became an active member of her community by joining the La Clique D’ Etud where she organized many fundraising drives to help raise money for cancer research, and by forming the first Girl Scout Troop. Shortly after marrying her late husband, Justin John Broussard in 1941, he joined the U.S. Coast Guard and they were briefly relocated to Galveston, Texas while he served his country. Upon their return to the state they so dearly loved, they made their new home in Abbeville, La. where they raised 3 children, Jay, Rebecca, and Eric. It did not take long for Mrs. Broussard to once again become an active part of her community. Over the years she has played an important role in many local organizations throughout the Acadian region, such as the Vermillion Historical Society, which reflects her love for history and the history surrounding South La., serving as chairman of the Executive Committee for the Acadian Museum, her founding role of the Abbeville Tour Guides, a member of the St. Anne Alter Society, her involvement with the historic St. Mary Magdalen Catholic Church that she loves so much, and is a member of the Abbeville Arts

Council, as well as being a very talented artist in her own right. In addition to her numerous roles of community service, she continued teaching elementary students for 18 years at Eaton Park Elementary. Mrs. Broussard’s strong belief and value of education continues to be evident as she recently, at the young age of 93, began taking continuing education classes at the University of Louisiana-Lafayette.

Altruistic service and commitment to one’s community like Mrs. Broussard’s are what make our Bayou State’s rich history transparent. The love for her culture and region has created a lifelong passion for service to her community and state. I ask my colleagues to join me in passing good wishes to a true living legend, Mrs. Ruth Broussard.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. DEBBIE WASSERMAN SCHULTZ

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 13, 2011

Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ. Mr. Speaker, on September 9, 2010, I missed the following rollcall votes because I was unavoidably detained out of town: rollcall vote No. 695—on agreeing to the Hunter amendment; rollcall vote No. 696—on agreeing to the Carney amendment; rollcall vote No. 697—on motion to recommit H.R. 1892; and rollcall vote 698, on final passage of H.R. 1892. All of these rollcall votes were related to H.R. 1892, the Intelligence Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2012.

If present, I would have voted “aye” on all four rollcall votes.

**IN HONOR OF CHABOT COLLEGE’S
50TH ANNIVERSARY**

HON. FORTNEY PETE STARK

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 13, 2011

Mr. STARK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the 50th anniversary of Chabot College in Hayward, California. Chabot College was the first college opened by the Chabot-Las Postas Community College District. On January 10, 1961 voters approved the formation of a junior college district, with the first board of trustees elected on April 18, 1961.

Chabot College opened for classes on September 11, 1961, on a 7.5-acre temporary site in San Leandro, California and an enrollment of 1,163 students. On September 20, 1965 students began classes on the 94-acre Chabot College site in Hayward. Today, Chabot has an enrollment of close to 15,000 students and is a fully accredited institution that offers a curriculum of over 175 majors of study spread among its six academic divisions.

Fostering civic responsibility is one of the college-wide learning goals of Chabot. During the 2010 fall semester, senior faculty in the Administration of Justice and Political Science engaged in discussions about ways to revive the culture of civic engagement and service learning at the college. A key outcome of those discussions was an idea for a course in Law and Democracy as well as a Law and