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HONORING THE EURO-AMERICAN BRANDS

HON. STEVEN R. ROTHMAN

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 26, 2012

Mr. ROTHMAN of New Jersey. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Euro-American Brands, in recognition of its designation as honoree at the Englewood Hospital's 2012 Gala.

What began as a childhood passion for sweets today stands as a model for success, ingenuity and perseverance. Founded in 1990 by siblings Dite Van Clief and Tami Targovnik, in partnership with Peter Leiendecker, Paramus, New Jersey-based Euro-American Brands (EAB) is one of the nation's premier importers of confections and specialty food products. EAB's love of sweets soared to new heights in 2010.

Joining forces with its supplier of 20 years—Ritter Sport, a popular German confectionery brand—they introduced the Strawberry Crème Bar to support the fight against breast cancer: 100% of the profits earned by EAB from sales of the Ritter Sport Strawberry Crème Bar benefit The Leslie Simon Breast Care and Cytodiagnosis Center at Englewood Hospital. Their efforts yielded much-needed support for The Breast Center which provides lifesaving medical services to countless women in need.

Mr. Speaker, today I rise to honor this remarkable company, and the great work they are doing in support of the Breast Care Center at Englewood Hospital. I join with the grateful guests of the Englewood Hospital Gala, and all of my constituents in North Jersey, in thanking the Euro-American Brands for its generous contribution to the good health of our community.

SOUTH ATLANTIC REGION OF ALPHA KAPPA ALPHA SORORITY

HON. FREDERICA S. WILSON

OF FLORIDA

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Ms. WILSON of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise with pride and exuberance to mark my return to Greenville, SC, home to my very first regional conference as the 11th South Atlantic Regional Director in 1987.

In March of 1987, more than 1,300 sorors from Florida, Georgia, and South Carolina convened in Greenville, South Carolina for the South Atlantic Regional Conference. We captured the attention of both State and local dignitaries, including Lt. Governor of South Carolina, the Mayor of Laurens, South Carolina, and were presented "Keys to the City" by the Mayor of Greenville William Workman. Former Supreme Basileus Janet Ballard and many members of the Directorate were in attendance. The conference theme was "Service with a Global Perspective" and it was planned and coordinated by Soror Charlotte Walker and Soror Xanthe Norris, Cluster VIII coordinator. When the conference concluded on

March 22, 1987, we returned to our respective homes renewed in our bonds of sisterhood.

Two decades later, the South Atlantic Region of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., continues to blaze trails and stands largest of the ten Alpha Kappa Alpha regions with more than 10,000 members strong. Our region is home to two former Basileis, Soror Mary Shy Scott, and Soror Norma Solomon White. Currently leading our esteemed sisterhood is our own, Soror Carolyn House Stewart, the 28th Supreme Basileus of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated.

It is my pleasure to pay tribute to each of my Sorors of the South Atlantic Region as we gather for our 59th annual conference, under the leadership of our Regional Director, Soror Marsha Lewis Brown. There is no other place I would rather call home. My pride is showing.

A TRIBUTE TO NEUMANN BROTHERS, INC.

HON. TOM LATHAM

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 26, 2012

Mr. LATHAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate and recognize the renowned, family-owned Iowa building company, Neumann Brothers, for turning 100 years old this month.

Since its founding in 1912 by then 28-year-old Arthur Neumann, Neumann Brothers, Inc. has played an integral role shaping the landscape of the state we love. It's no exaggeration to say that you can look down any street in downtown Des Moines and recognize a building that has been touched by the expertise of Neumann Brothers. A full century in business is quite a feat, but it is no surprise Neumann Brothers' reputation for putting their customers first through keeping deadlines and being accountable have earned them a stellar rapport with Iowa communities.

Thankfully, Neumann Brothers is no longer limited to erecting buildings with mules and steam power. Instead, the company has continually remained on the cutting edge of building technologies and techniques. Neumann Brothers continues that tradition today through their innovation in constructing the most important buildings in our state, and recognition through dozens of awards and the continued patronage of its customers. From the reconstruction of William Penn University in 1916, to recently converting Des Moines' century-old public library into the headquarters of the World Food Prize, the contribution of the Neumann Brothers to Iowa's rich history is incalculable.

Mr. Speaker, it goes without saying that Neumann Brothers has become synonymous with Iowa's most treasured buildings. I know that my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives will join me in congratulating this company on the milestone of their 100th birthday. I wish Neumann Brothers another hundred years of success and thank them for their contribution to Iowa's history and landscape. Thank you.

HONORING THE CENTENNIAL ANNIVERSARY OF THE AMERICAN RED CROSS LIFE SAVING CORPS' IN DUVAL COUNTY, FLORIDA

HON. ANDER CRENSHAW

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 26, 2012

Mr. CRENSHAW. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor the Centennial anniversary of the American Red Cross Life Saving Corps' outstanding volunteer services to the beach communities in Duval County, my hometown. On April 29, 2012, the members of the Volunteer Life Saving Corps will rededicate the Station at Jacksonville Beach and its new training wing, which will enhance its life-saving mission. Created in 1912 by locals who saw the need, the U.S. Volunteer Life Saving Corps was established to protect lives along the Atlantic Ocean shoreline and became Florida's first chartered American Red Cross Volunteer Life Saving Corps on April 17, 1914. Today, we celebrate a century of uninterrupted beach guard services each Sunday and holiday throughout the summer season.

Beginning with the first class, volunteers have been required to undergo a vigorous training regimen and meet the high physical and mental standards established by the Corps before they are allowed to stand watch on our beaches. My father, McCarthy Crenshaw, was a proud member of this Corps. For the past 100 years the American Red Cross Life Saving Corps has protected our beaches and has built a long-lasting working relationship with our community, which benefits both our local residents and visitors as they enjoy the surf.

Florida's northeast coastline has 20 miles of gorgeous beach and the Life Saving Corps has a long, rich history of protecting those who come to swim or surf. The first station built for the Corps was established on April 6, 1913, at Pablo Beach. The Corps was comprised of 19 volunteers equipped with a surf boat and life lines. Over the years, the Corps has recorded over 1500 ocean rescues, logged 1,300,000 volunteer hours, made 1700 life-saving assists, and administered first aid to 26,000. The faces of the Corps change each year, but the mission remains the same as the summer of 1912 when the first Life Saving Corps posted the beach watch.

It is my honor to bring this historic commemoration of a century of service by volunteers in the American Red Cross Volunteer Life Saving Corps to the attention of the United States Congress and to invite Members to join me in extending our appreciation.

FIGHTING TO PREVENT A STUDENT LOAN RATE HIKE

HON. MAZIE K. HIRONO

OF HAWAII

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 26, 2012

Ms. HIRONO. Mr. Speaker, "Don't double my rate."

I've heard this message loud and clear from college students in Hawaii and across the country. If Congress does not act, almost 17,000 student loan borrowers in Hawaii will