

family was doing, and asking for stories and updates to make sure everything was alright. She felt like a family member because she cared so much about everyone.

While she had many jobs and significant responsibilities, the roles that Julie cherished more than any others were that of loving wife, mother, grandmother, sister, and aunt. Julie loved her family with all of her heart—and it was one of the biggest hearts I've ever known. She spoke frequently and proudly about her family members' latest accomplishments. Nothing brought Julie more joy than spending time with her husband Don—her one and only true love and high school sweetheart to whom she was married for 47 years—and the rest of their family, including their children, Laurie and Michael, along with their spouses, Perry and Kori; and their grandchildren Elizabeth Julianne, Caden and Taylor. Despite all of the many great accomplishments throughout her life, there was no greater achievement in Julie's life than building this beautiful family.

Mr. Speaker, I add my voice to those honoring the life of Julianne Elizabeth Marks Allen. I offer my heartfelt condolences to her family and many friends. I am deeply grateful for the opportunity to have known and worked closely with Julie. The world is an emptier place without Julianne Elizabeth Marks Allen, but her legacy and impact on the lives of others will live on forever.

NATIONAL OVARIAN CANCER
AWARENESS MONTH

HON. KATHLEEN C. HOCHUL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 20, 2012

Ms. HOCHUL. Mr. Speaker, in recognition of the month of September being National Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month, I would like to express my deep support for the women and families who are affected by ovarian cancer. In 2012, over 22,000 women will be diagnosed with ovarian cancer in the United States, and we will lose more than 15,000 mothers, daughters, wives, sisters, and friends to this disease.

While great strides have been made in cancer research, education, and awareness, there is still much work to be done, especially on ovarian cancer. Though many other cancers have seen significant reductions in mortality rates due to improved prevention methods, screenings, and treatments, the mortality rate for ovarian cancer has remained nearly the same for the past 40 years.

I commend the many programs and organizations dedicated to ovarian cancer research, education, and awareness, including the National Cancer Institute, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's Ovarian Cancer Control Initiative, the Department of Defense Ovarian Cancer Research Program, and the many advocacy, education, and awareness organizations.

I urge my colleagues to join me in recognizing September as National Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month, remembering the women who have lost the battle with this disease, and supporting research, education, and awareness efforts so that eventually, future generations will no longer feel the effects of ovarian cancer.

IN HONOR OF MRS. ALINA
CZERNEC

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 20, 2012

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor Mrs. Alina Czernek who is being honored by the Polonia Foundation on October 7, 2012.

Alina was born in pre-World War II Poland. During the war she was forced to spend five years of her life living in Polish refugee camps in Iran, India and Pakistan. Following the War, her family reunited in England in 1947 and immigrated to Cleveland, Ohio's Tremont neighborhood in 1952. After graduating from St. John Cantius High School, Alina was attending Fenn College and working for the Polish daily newspaper, *Wiadomosci Dodzienne*. In 1959, Alina married Steve Czernek and together they had three children, Lisa, Richard and Chris. Alina spent much of her time volunteering at local schools and nursing homes and eventually became the director of admissions at Broadview Nursing Home. She worked at Heights Drapery Company, which she and her daughter own, until her retirement in 2004.

Alina has been involved in the Polish-American community since she settled in the U.S. She has belonged to a number of organizations including Gmina 6, PNA and the Alliance of Poles. She is also an active member of the Polish American Cultural Center and has spent countless hours volunteering at St. John Cantius Church.

Mr. Speaker and colleagues, please join me in honoring Mrs. Alina Czernek and congratulating her as she is recognized by the Polonia Foundation.

A TRIBUTE TO HIS HONOR JUDGE
MICHAEL T. MCSPADDEN—TEXAS
JUDGE

HON. TED POE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 20, 2012

Mr. POE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, there are thousands of individuals who make it their life's work to make communities safer while holding criminals accountable for their actions. One of the best is Judge Michael T. McSpadden. I have known Judge McSpadden for what seems like forever. We served in the district attorney's office as prosecutors together. Judge McSpadden prosecuted criminals for 8 years in the Harris County district attorney's office under the leadership of District Attorney Carol Vance.

In 1982, Judge McSpadden became a Criminal District Court Judge in Harris County, Texas. He tried felony cases. Judges in Texas are elected on a partisan ballot and Judge McSpadden has been elected 8 consecutive times to the bench of the 209th Criminal District Court. We served as judges together and I witnessed his remarkable dedication to the law and justice. As a community, we are truly privileged to have such an extraordinary man answer the call to public service and as an individual, I am grateful to call Judge McSpadden a friend.

Judge McSpadden has served the citizens of Harris County, Texas for over 35 years. A graduate from the University of Oklahoma (though we don't hold it against him), he has worked diligently to rise through the ranks in Texas courts. He started his legal career in the Harris County District Attorney's office as an Assistant District Attorney, and then he became the Chief Prosecutor of the 209th District Court.

In 1982, Judge McSpadden was elected as a judge for the same court and, for the last 30 years, he has continued to preside over the 209th. His extensive knowledge of the justice system and his incredible work ethic have gained the respect of many in the law profession. Over his career, he has earned the respect and admiration among lawyers and judges within the legal community: he is always among the highest rated judges by members of the Houston Bar Association and was the highest rated judge in Harris County in the 2011 Houston Bar Association Judicial Qualification Poll. Our community has benefited greatly from the many, many years of service that he has dedicated. In addition, Judge McSpadden has been recognized by the Houston Police Officer's Association and Harris County Deputy Sheriffs Association. He has also been honored and named Champion of Crime Stoppers by the Bay Area Crime Stoppers. These organizations recognized that he has not only dedicated his professional time to helping others, but he has dedicated his personal time to helping the next generation as well. In 1994, Child Advocates honored him for his efforts to help children. He has been also honored by the Samaritan Center and the Assistance League of Houston for his work with inner city youth. Judge McSpadden is a positive mentor to young males at risk. In 2002, he was the first recipient of the Chuck Norris Team Spirit Award for his work with Kick Drugs Out of America. He continues to serve on the advisory boards of many non-profit organizations. By giving his time and lending his hands, Judge McSpadden has changed many lives, and I want you to know that our Nation is a better place because of his commitment to helping our communities become safer.

Prior to his three decades of public service in the courtroom, Judge McSpadden also served his country as a United States Marine. While enlisted, he even found time to win the Marine Corps Tennis Champion title. He is a 3-time Big 8 Conference Tennis Singles Champion and still enjoys playing at River Oaks Country Club.

The impact of Judge McSpadden's work is far reaching. He truly is an unsung hero whose efforts are felt in communities, neighborhoods and homes across Texas each and every day.

Judge McSpadden's achievements at the 209th and in the community far surpass these recognitions. His innovation, determination and compassion for serving others make him one of the best judges in the Nation. Judge McSpadden is a close personal friend, excellent lawyer, tremendous judge, and amazing public servant for Texas.

And that's just the way it is.

HONORING MONTANA'S WORLD
WAR II VETERANS

HON. DENNY REHBERG

OF MONTANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 20, 2012

Mr. REHBERG. Mr. Speaker, today it is my distinct privilege to welcome a very special group of men and women to our Nation's capital. And while it is incumbent upon us to honor them, the truth is, they honor us with their presence here.

On September 23, 2012, nearly 100 veterans of the Second World War will arrive in Washington, D.C. through the Honor Flight program. Since 2005, Honor Flight has worked to bring WWII veterans to visit their war memorial at the foot of the Washington Monument, and a few feet from the White House. In that first year, 137 veterans participated in the program. By last year, that total annual participation had swelled to 18,055.

And while each of the veterans who has participated deserves our thanks and our honor, this particular group is special because it marks the second time this year that Honor Flight has brought out a group of veterans from Montana.

You won't find a state that's more proud of our veterans than Montana. And we have a lot of them. In fact, you won't find many states that have more as a percentage of our population.

On December 7, 1941 the United States was pulled into the war and Montanans answered the call to service. Within the first year, 40,000 men and women from the Treasure State enlisted. By the end of the war, 57,000 had served—nearly 10 percent of the state's entire population at the time, one of the highest rates in the country.

They served in every branch and in every theater of the conflict. And too many of them never made it back to Montana, although I think that heaven must be a little something like a peaceful sunset over the Yellowstone River.

But Montana's veterans didn't sacrifice in vain. They bled and died to defeat the greatest threat to freedom the world has ever seen. They fought across the bloody islands of the Pacific and in the frozen forests of Europe. They fought in the air, land and sea. Some even fought below the waves. And they won.

Today, the men and women who fought and won that war are justifiably part of what is called the Greatest Generation. The sacrifices of men and women who arrive in Washington, D.C. are the reason for this honorable title. It is not something we gave to them, it's something they earned.

As they visit this city and reflect on what it stands for as a beacon of freedom to the world, I think the rest of us should remember that the reason liberty still exists is because good men stood up to tyranny. They are the greatest of the Greatest Generation, and on behalf of all Montanans, I want to thank them.

57,000 Montanans served during World War II. Just under 100 are here this week. Please join me in welcoming and honoring:

Lee Alderdice (Polson, MT); Milton Lyman Amsden (Broadus, MT); Harry A. Arvidson (Lincoln, MT); Peter N. "Bert" Bertram (Absarokee, MT); Leonard E. "Len" Bestrom (Laurel, MT); Warren Charles Bodecker

(Plains, MT); Ralph Floyd Brewington (Broadview, MT); James C. "Jim" Brook (Lewistown, MT); William Boner "Bill" Brown (Billings, MT); Jackson Lamar "Jack" Burger (Lavina, MT); Filmore Burton Canon (Broadus, MT); John M. Clark (Butte, MT); Harold Lee "Hal" Conrad (Lewistown, MT); Hollis E. Coon (Butte, MT); Gool Counts (Livingston, MT); Carley Rhein Cromwell (Missoula, MT); Leo Eckhardt (Billings, MT); James E. "Jim" Elander (Missoula, MT); James "Jim" Ellison (Billings, MT); Charles T. "Bosco" Eskro (Billings, MT); Frank D. Evans (Billings, MT); Alvin Oscar Fisher (Billings, MT); Samuel W. Frank (Laurel, MT); Durl J. Gibbs (Buffalo, MT); Raymond P. "Ray" Gregori (Hungry Horse, MT); Robert Glover Hall (Potomac, MT); Charles E. "Chuck" Halstead (Columbus, MT); Thomas A. "Tom" Hanel (Billings, MT); Russell LeRoy Hartse (Missoula, MT); James "Jim" Hasterlik (Great Falls, MT); Milam V. Hearron (Billings, MT); McDonald Watkins "Don" Held (Billings, MT); Lewis William "Louie" Holzheimer (Great Falls, MT); Bernard E. "Barney" Ilertson (Corvallis, MT); Earl T. Jackson (Deer Lodge, MT); Elwin M. Johnson (Laurel, MT); George L. Kimmel (Billings, MT); Vincent Leo "Vince" Koefelda (Laurel, MT); Vernon Lee "Vern" Koelzer (Billings, MT); Frank J. Koncilya (Lewistown, MT); Andre Rioul "Andy" Kukay (Great Falls, MT); Willard E. "Bud" LaCounte (Billings, MT); Albert Raymond "Al" Lasater (Ryegate, MT); Harold J. Lasater (Forsyth, MT); Gorvan J. "Duke" LeDuc (Laurel, MT); Oscar Lawrence "Lawrence" Lee (Shepherd, MT); Norman D. Leonard (Billings, MT); Joseph Biggs "Joe" Little (Bozeman, MT); Max E. Long (Laurel, MT); Robert W. Lubbers (Billings, MT); Leonard John "Pat" Mager (Harlowton, MT); James J. Marshall (Missoula, MT); William R. "Bill" Matthew (Anaconda, MT); Paul Messer (Billings, MT); Elizabeth Steele "Betty" Meyer (Paradise, MT); Geraldine E. "Gerry" Mihalic (Missoula, MT); Gerald Kenneth "Jerry" Nelson (Billings, MT); John H. "O'bie" O'Bannon (Stevensville, MT); Clarence Allan "Ole" Olson (Billings, MT); Eddie C. Olson (Vida, MT); Ray A. "Ole" Olson (Billings, MT); Thomas F. "Pat" Patterson (Stevensville, MT); Roy Louis "Pete" Peters (Roy, MT); John W. Porter (Deer Lodge, MT); Carl "Corky" Redding (Billings, MT); Michael Gene Rhodes (Billings, MT); Robert V. "Bob" Ryan (E. Helena, MT); Charles Franklin "Frank" Sandford (Missoula, MT); Dave Schledewitz (Townsend, MT); Laurence Norbert Shipp (Miles City, MT); William James "Jim" Sivelle (Poison, MT); Anthony William "Bill" Skorupa (Bridger, MT); Charles E. "Chuck" Smith (Billings, MT); Donald E. Smith (Melville, MT); Kenneth C. "K.C." Smith (St. Regis, MT); Robert M. "Bob" Standefer (Billings, MT); John R. "Jack" Stevenson (Missoula, MT); Frank Phillip Thatcher (Billings, MT); Clifford V. "Cliff" Thomsen (Billings, MT); Robert E. "Bob" Torgirson (Billings, MT); Ronald Wilmar "Buck" Torstenson (KalisPELL, MT); James Arthur "Jim" Vick (Billings, MT); Albert "Al" Wade (Billings, MT); James Forest "Jim" Walker (Billings, MT); Bernard Edgar Wanderaas (Vida, MT); Joseph A. "Joe" Weber (Deer Lodge, MT); Allen L. "Buster" Whittington (Billings, MT); Bryce Wood Williams (Billings, MT); Andrew R. "Pete" Winter (Ronan, MT).

WISHING THE PEOPLE OF TAIWAN
A JOYOUS NATIONAL DAY CELEBRATION

HON. BLAKE FARENTHOLD

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 20, 2012

Mr. FARENTHOLD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to extend my congratulations and best wishes to President Ma Ying-jeou on the occasion of Republic of China (Taiwan)'s National Day. This national holiday commemorates the 1911 Wu-ch'ang uprising that ended centuries of monarchy and led to the birth of the Republic of China.

Taiwan and the United States enjoy a robust relationship that reflects our two countries' historical, cultural and economic ties over the last century. Despite lack of formal relations between the two countries, the United States and Taiwan continue to be strong partners in trade, cultural and educational exchanges as well as cooperation in many other areas. Taiwan's cooperation with the United States in combating global terrorism has earned the trust of the American people and boosted exchanges and friendship between our two nations. Such relations also extend to discussions over Taiwan's military needs. A strong Taipei-Washington relationship is in both governments' best interests for the stability of East Asia. This year, we celebrated the 33rd anniversary of the enactment of the Taiwan Relations Act, the cornerstone of U.S.-Taiwan relations.

My additional congratulations to the people of Taiwan for their continued participation in the World Health Assembly meetings this May in Geneva. I hope Taiwan will also soon join the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO).

I join my fellow colleagues in wishing the people of Taiwan a joyous National Day celebration and look forward to expanding our strong relationship.

RECOGNIZING MR. ROBERT SMALL

HON. JEFF DENHAM

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 20, 2012

Mr. DENHAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and thank Mr. Robert W. Small for the time and energy he has dedicated to the Military Academy Nomination process by serving the constituents of the 19th Congressional District as a member of our Academy Selection Board.

Robert W. Small was born in Lordsburg, New Mexico on February 11, 1935. Mr. Small served his country in both the United States Marine Corps and the United States Army. While in the Marine Corps, he was called to duty on combat missions in both Korea and Vietnam; yet, his service went beyond combat. Mr. Small completed duty as a Marine Corps Drill Instructor and Marine Corps Recruiter in addition to assignments with Inspector Instructor Staff, Hawk Missile System, and Infantry and Tanks.

Beyond his work with the United States Marine Corps, Mr. Small has a distinguished career with the United States Army. As an Army