

River Athletic Association, the Board of Education of Toms River, the Ocean County Bar Association, the Toms River Rotary Club, the Ocean County Council Boy Scouts of America, and Toms River Chamber of Commerce. He was named Ocean County College (OCC) Foundation's Humanitarian of the Year twice, and also twice received the OCC Distinguished Service Award.

His benevolent acts in the community through the Citta Foundation are legendary. His significant contributions through the Foundation are directed at the betterment of education and life in Dover Township, which he has called home for so many years.

I am pleased to congratulate my friend, Joseph A. Citta, on his retirement, and to extend the gratitude of the community for his generosity and support during a lifetime of service.

A PROCLAMATION IN MEMORY OF
GEORGE TOZZI, SR.

HON. ROBERT W. NEY

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 3, 2005

Mr. NEY. Mr. Speaker:

Whereas, I hereby offer my heartfelt condolences to the family, friends, and community of George Tozzi, Sr.; and

Whereas, George Tozzi, Sr. was a retired meat cutter with Kroger company, the former owner of the Tee-Pee in West Bellaire, and former owner of Phillip's Trailer Court; and

Whereas, George Tozzi, Sr. was a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church in St. Clairsville, the Knights of Columbus, Board of Directors for A Special Wish Foundation, former member of the Bellaire Civil Service Commission, and American Legion Post 52 of Bellaire; and

Whereas, George Tozzi, Sr. bravely defended our country for four years aboard the U.S.S. Nashville in the Pacific Theater of World War II; and

Whereas, the understanding and caring to which he gave to others will stand as a monument to a truly fine person. His life and example inspired all who knew him.

Therefore, while I understand how words cannot express our grief at this most trying of times, I offer this token of profound sympathy to the family, friends, and colleagues of George Tozzi, Sr.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 90TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE ARMENIAN GENOCIDE

HON. JOE KNOLLENBERG

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 3, 2005

Mr. KNOLLENBERG. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 90th Anniversary of the Armenian Genocide.

April 24th, of every year, marks the anniversary of the Armenian Genocide. Ninety years ago, 1.5 million innocent Armenians were killed at the hands of the Ottoman Empire. This, the first genocide of the 20th century, must be remembered, acknowledged, and continuously reaffirmed.

It must be our goal to remind the Congress, remind the country, and remind the world that the Genocide happened. It is a historical fact, and we will never forget.

The United States should affirm the genocide once and for all for so many reasons. But one of the most important reasons is so that we prevent atrocities from happening in the future.

If we're ever going to prevent genocides in the future, the world has to admit to the past. When genocides happen, we have to condemn them for what they are.

The quote from Adolf Hitler, in justifying his evil acts, says it all—"who remembers today the extermination of the Armenians?"

Well, as Co-Chair of the Congressional Caucus on Armenian Issues, I'm here today to answer that question. We remember. And we'll never forget.

And we're not alone by a long shot. In fact, 37 States in this country have formally recognized the Armenian Genocide. I think that's a strong statement about the level of support in this country for recognizing the Genocide.

And of course the Congressional Caucus on Armenian Issues is fully committed to this cause. On April 24th of every year, the President is required to issue a statement on the Armenian Genocide. Recently, 178 Members of the House of Representatives, and 32 Senators sent letters to the President urging him to use the word "genocide" in this year's statement.

We will continue our efforts here in Congress and use all the means at our disposal.

Some dispute the charge against the Ottomans, but let me make my feelings clear; the Armenian Genocide happened, and it is the duty and responsibility of the United States and this Congress to affirm that. I rise today, to reaffirm my position; it is time the United States Congress does the same.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. GINNY BROWN-WAITE

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 3, 2005

Ms. GINNY BROWN-WAITE of Florida. Mr. Speaker, on April 27, 2005, I was out of the office and was unable to vote. Had I been present I would have voted:

H.R. 748, On Agreeing to the Scott Amendment—"No".

TRIBUTE TO VAN JOHNSON

HON. DORIS O. MATSUI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 3, 2005

Ms. MATSUI. Mr. Speaker, today I rise in tribute to a man with a truly distinguished career in the healthcare community. To say that Van Johnson has made a permanent mark in the healthcare field would only begin to skim the surface of the many wonderful contributions that he has made as a leader in the healthcare industry and in his own community. As his family, friends, and colleagues gather to celebrate Mr. Johnson's illustrious career, I ask all my colleagues to join me in saluting

one of Sacramento's most outstanding citizen leaders.

Mr. Johnson earned his bachelor's degree in international relations and psychology from Brigham Young University, and a master's degree in healthcare administration from the University of Minnesota. Upon completion of his education, Mr. Johnson served for 13 years in leadership roles at Intermountain Healthcare in Salt Lake City, Utah.

Prior to assuming his current position as president and chief executive officer of Sutter Health in 1995, Mr. Johnson served as senior vice president and chief operating officer for Sutter's acute and non-acute facilities as well as services and physician organizations in the Sacramento, Placer and Yolo County region. Under his exemplary and innovative leadership, Sutter Health has built or replaced more than a dozen hospitals and major patient care centers, and has introduced hundreds of new patient services. Mr. Johnson's commitment and dedication culminated in an initiative worth over 5 billion dollars to rebuild, replace, and expand much of Northern California's health care infrastructure. In just the past five years, Sutter Health has invested well over 1 billion dollars in services for the poor and in programs and services that benefit local communities.

Mr. Johnson has also long been active with community-based organizations. In 2001, the Sacramento division of the Boy Scouts of America recognized him as "Man of the Year," and the United Cerebral Palsy Association named him "Humanitarian of the Year." In 2002, he received the prestigious National Healthcare Award from B'nai B'rith International, one of the world's oldest and largest organizations focused on human rights, community action, and humanitarian causes.

In addition to his duties as president and CEO of Sutter Health in Northern California, he is currently board chairperson for the Integrated Healthcare Council of California and an advisory council member for the University of California-Davis Graduate School of Business. He also serves on the boards of the Sacramento Regional Foundation and the Northern California chapter of the March of Dimes.

Mr. Speaker, as Van Johnson's friends, family, and colleagues gather to celebrate his great career, I am honored to pay tribute to one of Sacramento's most honorable citizens. Mr. Johnson's continued leadership is a true testament to public service. If a template for commitment to healthcare could be made, it would surely bear the resemblance of Van R. Johnson. Although his time at Sutter Health may soon be complete, his involvement in community service is, fortunately for us, far from over. I ask all of my colleagues to join with me in wishing Mr. Van Johnson continued success in all his future endeavors.

A PROCLAMATION IN MEMORY OF
NATALIE J. VANNELLE

HON. ROBERT W. NEY

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 3, 2005

Mr. NEY. Mr. Speaker:

Whereas, I hereby offer my heartfelt condolences to the family and friends of Natalie J. Vannelle; and