

I would also like to pay tribute to a colleague and friend who played an integral part in the *Loving v. Virginia* case. I had the honor of serving with Attorney Bernard S. Cohen in the Virginia House of Delegates for 3 years. As Mr. and Mrs. Loving's attorney, Mr. Cohen worked tirelessly for the protection of the Fourteenth Amendment, and I think it is appropriate to recognize him for all of his efforts and his commitment to civil rights.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join with me in remembering this historic case, and urge our nation to keep in mind the equality and freedom for which the Court's decision stands.

RECOGNIZING LOUISE BOTZEK FOR
EXTRAORDINARY SERVICE AT
THE ST. CLOUD VA MEDICAL
CENTER

HON. MICHELE BACHMANN

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 12, 2008

Mrs. BACHMANN. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor one of my constituents, a true community servant, Ms. Louise Botzek.

Ms. Botzek has volunteered at the St. Cloud VA Medical Center for over 30 years, totaling more than 5,000 hours of service. As a wife and sister of men who served in our Nation's armed forces, Ms. Botzek has made it a priority to give her time to those who have fought to protect our Nation's freedom.

While at the VA Medical Center, Ms. Botzek plays card games with the patients and transports them to medical appointments and chapel services. Her dedication to service has made a difference in the lives of many treated at the Center. A simple task like taking someone outside to enjoy the weather makes a world of difference to these veterans.

Our Nation's heroes sacrificed their comforts and safety so that Americans can enjoy their continued freedoms. For their great efforts, veterans deserve much from the American people. It's efforts like those of Ms. Botzek that truly show our appreciation for these heroes.

Madam Speaker, it is my honor to recognize and congratulate Ms. Louise Botzek for her exemplary service to our Nation's heroes. The time that she has sacrificed to serve the military men and women of our great state of Minnesota will not be forgotten.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ROBERT E. ANDREWS

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 12, 2008

Mr. ANDREWS. Madam Speaker, I was not present on June 4, 2008. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea" on the following rollcall votes: rollcall 370, rollcall 371, rollcall 372, rollcall 373, rollcall 374, rollcall 375, rollcall 376, and rollcall 377.

I would have voted "nay" on the following: rollcall 378 and rollcall 379.

HONORING EVAN MILLER

HON. GEORGE RADANOVICH

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 12, 2008

Mr. RADANOVICH. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate and express my pride in former staffer Evan Miller upon her graduation, magna cum laude, from the T.C. Williams School of Law at the University of Richmond.

Ms. Miller grew up in Sanger, California, and graduated from Sanger High School in 1998. She attended University of California, San Diego, and, upon graduation in 2002, worked closely with constituents in my Fresno district office from July through December 2002. Ms. Miller then moved to Washington, DC, and served as staff assistant, administrative assistant, and legislative assistant, and left to attend law school at the University of Richmond in 2005.

Ms. Miller contributed to the office through her legislative work in the areas of health care, transportation, appropriations, education, and judiciary issues. In addition to legislative responsibilities, Ms. Miller was active in the California State Society and was crowned the Cherry Blossom Princess for the 19th district of California in the annual Cherry Blossom Festival competition.

Ms. Miller was an extremely active member of her law school class and received many accolades and honors due to her diligence, intellect, and enthusiasm. She was the editor-in-chief of the University of Richmond Law Review, and a member of the Honor Council, McNeill Law Society, and Christian Legal Fellowship. In addition, she served as the University of Richmond Federalist Society Vice President. Another significant accomplishment by Ms. Miller included being one of two winners in the 2006 Carrico Moot Court Competition.

At her May 2008 graduation, Ms. Miller received the Charles T. Norman Award, given to the best all-around graduating student. Additionally, she was awarded the T.C. Williams Law School Scholarship Award, which is given to the student who made the most significant contribution to overall legal scholarship.

Ms. Miller received a competitive and prestigious position to clerk for Judge James R. Spencer, Chief Judge of the Eastern District of Virginia in Richmond. She will begin the one-year clerkship beginning in August 2008.

Madam Speaker, I rise today to commend and congratulate Evan Miller on her graduation from the T.C. Williams School of Law at the University of Richmond. I invite my colleagues to join me in wishing Ms. Miller success in her future endeavors. I am certain that her judicial career will allow her to continue the significant achievements she has worked toward for public policy in my office as well as in her own legal work thus far. I truly believe Ms. Miller's character, work ethic, and values will recommend her for positions of influence for the rest of her life.

THE DAILY 45: SAM'S CLUB

HON. BOBBY L. RUSH

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 12, 2008

Mr. RUSH. Madam Speaker, the Department of Justice tells us that, everyday, 45 people, on average, are fatally shot in the United States. And while I normally highlight a death related to guns, I thought this next incident was worth mentioning.

In Columbia, South Carolina, a 4-year-old girl, while at a Sam's Club, took a gun from her grandmother's purse and shot herself in the chest. The grandmother has a valid permit to carry a concealed weapon. She was not charged with a crime. The child underwent emergency surgery and apparently, thankfully, will survive.

Americans of conscience must come together to stop the senseless death of "The Daily 45" and the dozens more unnecessary accidents and injuries related to guns. When will we say "enough is enough, stop the killing!"

RECOGNIZING THE TENTH ANNI-
VERSARY OF THE ADA JOBS
FOUNDATION OF ADA, OKLA-
HOMA

HON. TOM COLE

OF OKLAHOMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 12, 2008

Mr. COLE of Oklahoma. Madam Speaker, it is my privilege today to rise in recognition of an organization that has done tremendous work in helping bring jobs and prosperity to central Oklahoma. The Ada Jobs Foundation is celebrating ten years of fostering economic and career development in the Ada area. Working closely with local and state and tribal government, the Ada Jobs Foundation has helped make Ada's unemployment rate among the state's lowest.

Focusing on three main goals, the Ada Jobs Foundation strives to assist businesses in retaining their existing jobs, recruiting new firms to relocate to Ada, and encouraging and supporting new start-up firms. It has a very impressive and successful track record of working closely with the Ada Area Chamber of Commerce, the Ada Industrial Development Corporation, the city of Ada, the Ponotoc County Commissioners, East Central University, the Science and Natural Resources Foundation, and the Chickasaw Nation.

Madam Speaker, this non-profit organization seeks to reach out and build lasting connections between hard-working Oklahomans and the communities in which they live. This mutually beneficial relationship is a testament to the positive changes that can occur when business and government work together for the economic wellbeing of their community. With over 19,000 people currently employed in the Ada area, it currently has one of the lowest unemployment rates in the state of Oklahoma. I am proud to represent the city of Ada, and I am especially proud of the initiative taken by Ada's civic leaders to create and continue a program as successful as the Ada Jobs Foundation. Creating a diverse pool of

jobs, focusing on developing local infrastructure, and strategic planning sessions to create long-term, sustainable progress in the Ada community is something that generations of citizens will surely benefit from for years to come.

It is my honor to stand here before you and celebrate an organization which has been the source of great pride and progress in central Oklahoma. I congratulate the Ada Jobs Foundation on ten years of bringing economic development to their community, and wish them many more years of success.

IN HONOR OF THE 233RD ANNIVERSARY OF UNITED STATES ARMY

HON. NANCY E. BOYDA

OF KANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 12, 2008

Mrs. BOYDA of Kansas. Madam Speaker, I rise in recognition of an important anniversary—the birthday of the United States Army.

Just shy of 233 years ago the people of our nation came together as volunteers to meet the demands of the American Revolutionary War. On June 14, 1775, the United States Army was born. I believe that on that day, the defense of our freedom and the American spirit of democracy was born.

Since the birth of our Army, we've battled through 24 major engagements including the War of 1812, the Mexican-American War, the American Civil War, two World Wars, the Korean War, the Vietnam War, and more recently, Operations Enduring and Iraqi Freedom.

The Army's senior leadership said it best in their birthday message to the force at large. They stated, "Our sacrifices have preserved our way of life, built a better future for others, and led our nation to victory over our enemies. We are the best in the world at what we do, and because of our values, our ethos, and our people—especially our people. Our Army is hugely resilient, professional, and battle-hardened." The men and women I've met in my travels to our bases in Iraq and at home in Kansas reassure me that the United States Army is still made up of the finest people our country has to offer.

On the anniversary of the United States Army, I encourage everyone to take a moment to think about the bravery of our men and women that serve. These sons and daughters of America take an oath that could mean the ultimate sacrifice. Not a day goes by that I don't think about the priceless gift they give our nation, and each day I pray for everyone's safe return. Spirit, patriotism and courage shine through in the faces of today's members of the Army, in just the same way I imagine it did in 1775.

Happy Birthday—U.S. Army!

HONORING THE SERVICE OF MARIE McELLIOTT TO THE COMMUNITY OF GUAM

HON. MADELEINE Z. BORDALLO

OF GUAM

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 12, 2008

Ms. BORDALLO. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor and recognize Ms. Marie O.

McElligott, for her outstanding service to the community of Guam, and her countless contributions to its people. As an active member of our island community, Marie has been a great leader in both her volunteer and public service capacities.

Marie has served our country for 26 years as an officer in the U.S. Navy in various capacities including communications officer, administrative officer, commanding officer for personnel support and director of family service centers and at many different ports, in Long Beach, California; London, England; Pearl Harbor, Hawaii; and Naples, Italy. From 1981 through 1983, Marie led the coordination of a Navy logistics support and mobilization plan, which was used during Operation Desert Storm. During the latter part of her career serving as director of Navy Family Centers in Bangor, Washington and Guam, Marie was instrumental in developing a violence protection program for the submarine community, training programs for the prevention of sexual harassment, and an affirmative action plan. In the Guam Navy Family Center, Marie led military and civilian personnel in providing counseling and other family services for as many as 15,000 military personnel and their dependents. While on Guam Marie became an active member of the community off base, and served the community for many years in various government and private non-profit organizations. Marie was the Navy ex-officio member of the then Territorial Board of Education, the cochairman of the "Just Say No Task Force," a member of the Mental Health Five-Year Planning Committee on Aging, a member of the Guam Chapter of the American Red Cross Board of Directors, and the executive director of the Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society.

After retiring from the Navy in 1991, Marie returned to Guam as a civilian, and making our island her home. Since then, she has dedicated herself to the people of Guam in both government and community organizations. For 13 years she worked as the administrator of client services and family counseling for the Superior Court of Guam. Under her guidance, a law to create policies for diversion and family violence prevention was passed. She also chaired the committee that created guidelines for Guam's only family visitation center. Her efforts have been recognized through numerous awards and accolades, including an induction into the Ancient Order of the Chamorro—the highest honor bestowed upon non-native residents of Guam; resolutions of commendation from the Guam Territorial Board of Education; Legislative Resolutions from the Twentieth, Twenty-Sixth and Twenty-Eighth Guam Legislatures; and a Resolution of Commendation from the Judiciary of Guam.

For the last 3 years, Marie worked as the director of Guam's Lighthouse Recovery Center under the Salvation Army, managing a staff of 10 to provide food and shelter to the homeless and counseling and rehabilitation to those suffering from drug addiction on Guam. Her work has resulted in the implementation of a quarterly "clean and sober" event for Lighthouse Recovery Center residents, members of Alcoholics Anonymous, and supportive Aftercare clients. She has also been instrumental in growing the financial base for the Lighthouse Recovery Center with military chapels and non-profit organizations.

Marie's knowledge and expertise has been a significant contribution to the operations of Guam's community service organizations. Over the years she has served as president and vice chair of the Guam Women's Club, and has also been an active member and chairperson of the Guam American Cancer Society, Guam American Red Cross, and the Guam Humanities Council, amongst many others. To date, Marie has given over 10 years of her personal time and commitment to advancing the issues and objectives of local non-profit organizations.

Marie has been a part of our community for over 20 years and our island will be saddened by her departure, we will remain forever grateful for the service she has given to Guam. On behalf of the people of Guam, I extend our sincere appreciation to Marie O. McElligott for her service to our Nation and to our community. We wish her the best as she embarks on a new journey in life.

HONORING THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN C.S. MOTT CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL

HON. JOHN D. DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 12, 2008

Mr. DINGELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the University of Michigan C.S. Mott Children's Hospital, located in Ann Arbor, Michigan, for being honored as one of the U.S. News and World Report's Top 30 Hospitals in the Nation for pediatric care. This achievement recognizes all of the hard work they have done providing outstanding medical services not only to the children of Michigan's 15th Congressional District, but also across the State.

Some specific honors they achieved deserve mention. The magazine ranked C.S. Mott Children's Hospital 4th nationwide in the area of pediatric heart care and surgery, and 27th for general pediatric care. They were the only hospital in Michigan to be nationally ranked for all seven pediatric specialty areas. I commend them for this fine achievement.

Since C.S. Mott Children's Hospital opened in 1969, it has been at the forefront of providing innovative, high-quality pediatric care. Surgeons at the hospital were among the first in the Nation to perform open heart surgery on children. Specialists at Mott also pioneered an in-house education system that allows patients to keep up with their school work, now a commonplace feature of hospitals across the Nation. Small wonder that Mott has treated over 170,000 patients from across the United States and the world.

Pediatric care is one of the most important aspects of our Nation's health care system. We should always make it a priority to provide treatment for the youngest and most vulnerable in our society. It is clear that the doctors and nurses at Mott have taken this ideal to heart by providing such outstanding care in the community. The University of Michigan should be proud of the achievements it has made. It is an honor to represent this fine institution here in Congress. I look forward to seeing their sterling efforts recognized on the list again next year.