

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.