

Council and also serves as co-chair of the Texas Center for Nursing Workforce Study Advisory Committee.

Under her leadership, the School of Nursing has embarked on several new programmatic endeavors. Dean Starck worked tirelessly to ensure the creation of the Doctor of Nursing Practice Program, a practice doctorate degree focused on patient quality outcomes. The University of Texas School of Nursing at Houston was the first school in Texas to offer a Doctor of Nursing Practice (D.N.P.) degree. During her tenure, the School has also established the Women's Health Care Nursing Program; the Center for Nursing Research; the Center on Aging; the Pediatric Nursing Practitioner Program; the Neonatal Nursing Program; the Acute Care Nursing Program; the Adult Health Nursing Program; the Center for Substance Abuse Prevention, Education and Research; the Biological Sciences Laboratory; and the Nursing Leadership and Administration Program.

Dean Starck has also contributed to scholarship and research in her field, receiving fourteen grant awards for her work; publishing forty-five articles for journals; publishing and serving as editor on eighteen publications; and collaborating on and leading twelve clinical research projects and six education research projects for instructional distribution.

She has brought honor to the School and to herself as the recipient of numerous awards and distinctions, including the 2005 Health Policy Award; the Presidential Award for Distinguished Contributions and Sterling Leadership, the XIV Congress on Viktor Frankl's Logotherapy; the Griffin B. Bell Distinguished Lecturer, Georgia Southwestern State University; Sister Bernadette Armiger Award, American Association of Colleges of Nursing; Nursing Excellence Leadership Award, Houston Organization of Nurses; Distinguished Professional Woman's Award, The University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston Committee on the Status of Women 1993; Collaboration Between Nursing Service and Education Award, Council Deans/Directors and Nurse Executives; Woman of Excellence, Federation of Business and Professional Women; Outstanding Woman in Education, YWCA Honoree; Leadership Texas; and Lifetime Membership, Alumni Association, The University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston School of Nursing. She is a member of Sigma Xi, Sigma Theta Tau and Phi Kappa Phi societies; and is a Fellow of the American Academy of Nursing.

Congratulations to Dr. Patricia Starck for twenty-five years of outstanding work for The University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston School of Nursing, and best wishes for the years to come.

HONORING THE ACHIEVEMENTS OF
MS. BRITTANY BERGQUIST

HON. WILLIAM D. DELAHUNT

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 14, 2009

Mr. DELAHUNT. Madam Speaker, I rise today so that my colleagues in the House of Representatives can join me in congratulating a young, profoundly dedicated community volunteer—and a constituent of mine—Ms. Brittany Bergquist.

As a distinguished winner of the 2009 Prudential Spirit of Community Award, Brittany was recently named as one of our nation's top 10 youth volunteers. Her passion for improving the lives of others was sparked five years ago by a TV news story about an Army reservist who struggled with overwhelming cell phone bills while trying to keep in touch with his loved ones overseas. Sympathetic to our brave men and women in uniform, Brittany and her brother Robbie began raising money to send on their behalf. They scraped together piggy-bank savings, hosted car washes, and organized bake sales as their dedication to the cause intensified day-by-day.

Today, the nonprofit organization that the Bergquist kids co-founded—"Cell Phones for Soldiers"—has collected and recycled nearly 700,000 pre-paid phone cards for the men and women serving in our armed forces. She and her brother arranged for a recycling company to purchase donated phones; designed a Web site to spread awareness of their campaign; recruited volunteers from across the continent; and secured a large donation from a mobile phone company. To date, the Bergquist children have sent more than \$2.5 million worth of one-hour phone cards to military hospitals and bases around the world.

What began as the idealistic initiative of a young girl and her brother, "Cell Phones for Soldiers" has blossomed into a national effort well-deserving of the recognition it has received. Brittany is an inspiration not only to the people of her home state of Massachusetts, but to young adults nationwide who aspire to make a difference.

On behalf of the thousands of soldiers who have been able to communicate with their families thanks to Brittany's efforts, I want to take this opportunity to recognize and thank her for her exemplary work and compassion. She is a young woman of exceptional potential, and I wish her the very best of luck in all her future endeavors.

A TRIBUTE TO CHRYSALIS AND
THE 8TH ANNUAL CHRYSALIS
BUTTERFLY BALL ON THE OCCA-
SION OF THE ORGANIZATION'S
25TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. LUCILLE ROYBAL-ALLARD

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 14, 2009

Ms. ROYBAL-ALLARD. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Chrysalis, a nonprofit organization based in Los Angeles County that is dedicated to helping economically disadvantaged and homeless individuals find jobs and become self-sufficient through employment opportunities.

The organization derives its name from the term used to describe the growth stage during which a caterpillar is transformed into a beautiful butterfly. Chrysalis, the organization, seeks to lead its clients on a similar path—transforming lives by helping people who have fallen on hard times work their way out of poverty and obtain economic stability.

When Chrysalis was founded by 22-year-old John Dillon 25 years ago, the organization was a food and shelter agency located on Skid Row in Downtown Los Angeles. John soon realized that he wanted to change the

agency's focus. He then transformed the organization into what it is today: an agency dedicated to helping people find jobs and become self-sufficient through employment opportunities.

To date, Chrysalis has assisted more than 30,000 people on the path toward self-sufficiency at three centers located throughout areas in Los Angeles County where poverty is most pervasive: Downtown Los Angeles on Skid Row, Santa Monica, and Pacoima in the San Fernando Valley. Through its employment programs and services, Chrysalis helps more than 2,500 people each year. Chrysalis clients not only find employment, but they change their lives through their new jobs, reuniting with their families, decreasing their reliance on government support, renting their own apartments, and regaining self-esteem.

To support their work, Chrysalis will hold its 8th Annual Chrysalis Butterfly Ball on June 6 at the Mandeville Canyon home of Susan Harris and Hayward Kaiser. This incredible evening is supported by friends of Chrysalis, including executives and artists in film, television, and music who will come together to help raise funds to keep Chrysalis' doors open to people in need throughout the year.

In recognition of the important role of Chrysalis' supporters, this year's celebration will honor several individuals critical to the organization's success, including Bruce Cohen and Dan Jinks, Academy Award Winning producers most prominently known for their work on the movies MILK and AMERICAN BEAUTY, as well as Doug Ellin, the creator and executive producer of the HBO television series, "Entourage." In addition, Chrysalis client Terry Moore will also be honored as this year's recipient of the John Dillon Butterfly Award. With the help of Chrysalis' services, Terry Moore overcame multiple barriers to find and keep a job, build a successful career, and regain dignity and self-esteem.

Madam Speaker, on the occasion of Chrysalis' 25th anniversary, I join today with my congressional colleagues in recognizing all of the many dedicated people who make this fine organization the beacon of hope that it is today. I extend my thanks to this year's honorees, incredible donors and supporters, invaluable volunteer force, the Chrysalis staff, and, most of all, the agency's clients. Chrysalis provides the resources that enable those seeking a brighter future to truly "transform" themselves and their lives, and I wish everyone involved with this fine organization many more years of continued success.

HONORING BUD DOGGETT

HON. FORTNEY PETE STARK

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 14, 2009

Mr. STARK. Madam Speaker, this week the District of Columbia is renaming 10th Street, NW., "Bud Doggett's Way" after Leonard "Bud" Doggett, an iconic civic, business and political leader here in Washington who passed away last year. It's a well-deserved honor to an individual who devoted his life to making Washington, the Nation's Capital, a better place. During my tenure both as a member and Chairman of the House Committee on the District of Columbia I had the