

Gampel, Evan Graf, Rio Greenshields, Beatrice Lee, Chae Young Lee, Matthew Lee, Daniel Moon, Kyle Pacenza, Arpeet Patel, Emily Patunas, Madison Smith, Brooke Tommaney, Hannah Tracy, Heather Wang, David Acampora, Antonio Belmonte, Paige Cassella, Michael Cirilli, Ethan Cohen, Samantha Creamer, Athena Davis, Lia DiPiazza, Brianna Francis, Brianna Jakus, Matthew Lowery, Wesley Ng, Ian Quin, Basit Qurbanzada, Adam Reisfield, Alexa Remia, Zachary Rockefeller, Bridget Scanlon, Thomas Scanlon, Jonathan Scheibenpflug, Shayna Scott, Jeong Seo, Ashley Silecchia, Emily Yankovich, Laura Branna, Kyle Buser, Dale Cheyne, Sophia Colon, Pauline Crepy, William Danz, Kyle DeBel, Amber Finkeldey, John Gaffney, Lina Hyman, Julianne Kadien, Alexandra Kilkenny, Julia Kissel, Kendall Magennis, Thomas McCormack, Michael McGuirk, Jannica Mendez, Aleasa Molinari, Matthew Myhr, Matthew San Julian, Margaret Schiazza, Evan Shi, Michael Turso, Peyton Wejnert, Min Soo Kang, Scott Balcom, Bridget Beyer, Emily Boylan, Kevin Caroli, Sophie D'Souza, Lauren Gallagher, Yeonsoo Kim, Jack Kuipers, Connor LaSpina, Jeffrey Lieto, Margaret McCarthy, Ryan McKenna, Justin Murad, Kerri-Anne Nicholson, Rosemary Pawloski, Brandon Potenza, Nicholas Proscia, Tyler Ramirez, Hayley Rieman, William Romano, Melissa Samanoglu, Nicholas Scavone, Kathleen Smith, Alexander Tekerian, Daniel Tuite, Roberto Paraz, Michael Han, and Issaac Utter.

I would also like to take this opportunity to recognize Patrolman Timothy Shoemaker, Lead D.A.R.E. Instructor for the Ramsey Police Department. A thirteen-year veteran of the force, Patrolman Shoemaker was recently honored as the New Jersey D.A.R.E. Officer of the Year. As Patrolman Shoemaker told the Bergen Record, "A policeman needs to be a leader and a role model in the community. I'll protect you from the bad guys. But, also, if you're going through something tough . . . a policeman can be your friend." Patrolman Shoemaker has daily lived up to these words. All who interact with Patrolman Shoemaker—criminals aside—can't help but sing his praises, and today I add my voice to the choir. I commend this humble and dedicated public servant on this well deserved recognition. I know Ramsey students and parents alike would join me in saying that our streets are safer and communities stronger for his presence.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

### HON. CAROLYN MCCARTHY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 9, 2009*

Mrs. MCCARTHY of New York. Madam Speaker, yesterday, I missed three votes. I would have voted:

Rollcall No. 311, on the motion to suspend the rules and agree to H.R. 1736, the International Science and Technology Cooperation Act of 2009, I would have voted "yea."

Rollcall No. 312, on the motion to suspend the rules and agree to H.R. 1709, the STEM Education Coordination Act of 2009, I would have voted "yea."

Rollcall No. 313, on the motion to suspend the rules and agree to H. Res. 420, Cele-

brating the symbol of the United States flag and supporting the goals and ideals of Flag Day, I would have voted "yea."

#### A TRIBUTE IN REMEMBRANCE OF REVEREND DOCTOR PASTOR LAURENT LOUIS

### HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 9, 2009*

Mr. TOWNS. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Reverend Doctor Pastor Laurent Louis, a man dedicated to serving God, his family and the community.

Pastor Laurent Louis was born on February 12, 1956 in Port-au-Prince, Haiti. He attended Lycee Petion a school that stressed duty, responsibility and serving others. In June 1978, he graduated high school and studied theology at the International Seminary of California. He is a caring father, loving husband, devoted pastor and a committed community leader.

At the age of 15, Pastor Louis began serving his church and the community with great respect and responsibility. He taught Sunday school and led the youth to a spiritual and disciplined life while devoting time and energy to his community. People in his community elected him to be the General Secretary of the soccer teams of the Croix Des Bouquets. He later became a sports broadcaster and an impartial referee in his sportive career. He knew health and sports can lead to good academics and a successful life.

Pastor Louis came to New York City in January of 1981 and soon fell in love with the Big Apple. He saw the need for his community to organize spiritually, and he immediately joined Emmanuel Baptist Church. It did not take his pastor long to discover Pastor Louis' leadership and appointed him assistant pastor, youth president and leader of the missionary. He accomplished his mission so well that when there was a need for a station church at Coney Island, Pastor Louis was selected to take on the task; within a few months there were 40 members.

Pastor Laurent Louis also founded an academic club to have students help one another. He understood how to bring good people together from the community to help in this endeavor. This club saved many young students and 95 percent succeeded academically. With good will and the help of good people, Pastor Louis was able to accomplish so much for his community.

Pastor Louis has been happily married for 25 years, and enjoyed a successful life with his wife Marie Mireille Louis and their six children. His first daughter Deborah, his sons Nathanael and Benjamin are attending college. His daughters Eltamar and Jessica are in high school and Johanna is in elementary school.

Madam Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in recognizing Pastor Laurent Louis.

JUSTIN McADOW

### HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 9, 2009*

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Justin McAdow who has received the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. Justin McAdow is a senior at Arvada High School and received this award because his determination and hard work have allowed him to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Justin McAdow is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential that students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic that will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations once again to Justin McAdow for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. I have no doubt he will exhibit the same dedication he has shown in his academic career to his future accomplishments.

#### HONORING DUNCAN HALL FOR HIS APPOINTMENT TO THE UNITED STATES NAVAL ACADEMY

### HON. PHIL GINGREY

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 9, 2009*

Mr. GINGREY of Georgia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize a young man from Georgia's 11th Congressional District who has distinguished himself as an excellent student and leader and has committed to serving his country. I am proud to announce that Duncan Hall from Kennesaw, Georgia has received an appointment to the United States Naval Academy.

Duncan attends North Cobb High School, where he has a 4.104 Grade Point Average and is the Vice President of the student body. Duncan is the Commanding Officer of the North Cobb and Harrison High School NJROTC Unit and has been the NJROTC Unit Academic Team Commander for the past two years. Duncan also serves as NJROTC Academic Tutor and a Character Education Advisor for Underclassman. He was presented the Theodore Roosevelt Youth Medal for Outstanding Performance of Duty in the NJROTC program by the Navy League of the United States and was selected as the Atlanta Metropolitan Navy League's 2nd runner up for Cadet of the Year. Duncan has also been recognized with the American Legion's Scholastic Achievement Medal.

In addition to Duncan's focus on academics and military preparation, he has remained very active in extracurricular activities, lettering on both North Cobb's track and cross country teams. Duncan Hall is an incredibly well-rounded young man, and I am honored to have the privilege to nominate him for an appointment to the U.S. Naval Academy. I ask that my colleagues take this time to congratulate Duncan as well as his parents, Duncan and Stefani Hall, for his accomplishments. It is because of dedicated young people like Duncan that America has the finest military in the

world. Our nation is fortunate to have his service.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. PAUL W. HODES**

OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 9, 2009*

Mr. HODES. Madam Speaker, I missed the following votes on June 8, 2009. I would have voted as follows:

(1) Rollcall vote 311—H.R. 1736—International Science and Technology Cooperation Act of 2009 (Representative BAIRD—Science and Technology)—“yea”

(2) Rollcall vote 312—H.R. 1709—STEM Education Coordination Act of 2009 (Representative GORDON—Science and Technology)—“yea.”

(3) Rollcall vote 313—H. Res. 420—Celebrating the symbol of the United States flag and supporting the goals and ideals of Flag Day (Representative LATT—Oversight and Government Reform)—“aye.”

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. HENRY C. “HANK” JOHNSON, JR.**

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 9, 2009*

Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia. Madam Speaker, I regret that I was unavoidably detained and was unable to vote on Thursday, the 4th of June. Had I been present, I would have voted: “No” on rollcall vote No. 309, On Motion to Recommit with Instructions to H.R. 626.

“Yea” on Final Passage of H.R. 626, Federal Employees Paid Parental Leave Act of 2009.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. ADAM H. PUTNAM**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 9, 2009*

Mr. PUTNAM. Madam Speaker, on Monday, June 8, 2009, I was not present for 3 recorded votes. Please let the record show that had I been present, I would have voted the following way:

Roll No. 311—“yea,” Roll No. 312—“yea,” Roll No. 313—“yea.”

IN HONOR OF JAMES E. LEIGHTY,  
LIEUTENANT COLONEL, USMC

**HON. JOHN P. MURTHA**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 9, 2009*

Mr. MURTHA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Lieutenant Colonel James E. Leighty, USMC, upon his retirement after twenty years of service to the Marine Corps and to the Nation. My initial experience with Lt. Col. Leighty was when he was selected to serve as a Congressional Fellow in my office

in 2004. During this period, he displayed a dedication to duty and a maturity that represent the finest attributes of the men and women wearing our Nation’s uniform. After completing his fellowship, Lt. Col. Leighty was assigned to the Pentagon, assuming the vitally important position as the principal Marine Corps Appropriations Liaison Officer. In that capacity, he was the primary source of information and education regarding Marine Corps programs for the Members and staff of the Congress’ Appropriations Committees. Lt. Col. Leighty was instrumental in articulating Marine Corps requirements on a wide range of issues, from the needs of our Wounded Warriors and their families to the requirements of Marines on the front lines in Iraq.

In addition, Lt. Col. Leighty often accompanied Members of Congress and their staff on official travel to various locations around the world. During these trips, he was always focused, enthusiastic and totally knowledgeable on the Marine Corps. He provided valuable insights to all those he accompanied.

Lt. Col. Leighty was born in Roseburg, OR and graduated from the University of Rochester in 1989 with a degree in Economics and Political Science, and received his commission through the NROTC program. His various assignments included a tour as a Budget Officer with the Marine Corps Systems Command in Quantico, VA, Deputy Comptroller for the 3d Marine Division in Okinawa, Comptroller for the 12th Marine Corps District aboard Marine Corps Recruit Depot, San Diego, and analyst within Programs & Resources, Headquarters Marine Corps. He has attended the Amphibious Warfare School at Quantico, and the Naval Postgraduate School in Monterey, California.

Lt. Col. Leighty’s personal awards include the Meritorious Service Medal and the Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal.

On behalf of the United States Congress, I wish to express my sincere thanks for his hard work, selfless service, and dedication to the Marine Corps. I want to personally wish him and Jayne continued success in all their future endeavors.

A TRIBUTE IN REMEMBRANCE OF  
RONALD LAW

**HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 9, 2009*

Mr. TOWNS. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Ronald Law, a dedicated public servant of New York.

Ronald Law has spent his career in both public and private sectors as an advocate for education, health care, community development, business management and human rights. Mr. Law has held key positions in city, state and federal government. He has served two governors, a United States Senator and New York City Mayor. He has an undergraduate degree from the State University of New York at New Paltz and is a graduate of Harvard University’s Kennedy School of Government.

Mr. Law began his career in 1976 as a member of the advance and scheduling team for the mayoral candidacy of then Manhattan Borough President Percy Sutton. In 1978 he

joined the staff of Governor Hugh L. Carey, as a confidential assistant. In July of 1985 Mr. Law was appointed Executive Director of the Paul Robeson Health Organization in Central Harlem, a fee-for-service health care facility offering 32 medical services. Upon leaving the Paul Robeson Health Organization, he became the Executive Director of the Center for the City, an organization sponsored by the New York City Council of Churches. Mr. Law directed IDS education, drug prevention, emergency shelter and community outreach for this organization.

In 1990, Governor Mario M. Cuomo appointed Mr. Law Director of the New York State Crisis Prevention Unit within the New York State Division of Human Rights. In 1993, Mr. Law joined the staff of the U.S. Senator Daniel Patrick Moynihan as the New York Regional Director. In 1996, he joined Mayor Rudolph W. Giuliani’s administration as the chief of staff for Deputy Mayor Rudy Washington. Today he is the Director of Intergovernmental Relations for Metro Plus Health Plan, a subsidiary of the New York City Health & Hospitals Corporation.

Mr. Law is a member of the New Paltz Foundation which raises funds for scholarships, campus programs and student/faculty mentoring experiences. Mr. Law has published an article on health care in *The Review of Black Political Economy*.

Madam Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in recognizing Ronald Law and his many contributions to New York.

KAITLYN MAZZONE

**HON. ED PERLMUTTER**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 9, 2009*

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Kaitlyn Mazzone who has received the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. Kaitlyn Mazzone is a senior at Arvada West High School and received this award because her determination and hard work have allowed her to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Kaitlyn Mazzone is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential that students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic that will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations once again to Kaitlyn Mazzone for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. I have no doubt she will exhibit the same dedication she has shown in her academic career to her future accomplishments.

HONORING SCOTT ROWE FOR HIS  
APPOINTMENT TO THE UNITED  
STATES NAVAL ACADEMY

**HON. PHIL GINGREY**

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 9, 2009*

Mr. GINGREY of Georgia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize a young man from