

had the honor of performing at Carnegie Hall. She was also an avid reader, a sports fan and a lifelong golfer. She will be remembered by family, friends and colleagues for her laughter, her insight, her honesty and her vibrant spirit.

This evening, we salute and honor a great human being, Ms. Andrea Lewis. Our community is indebted to her life's contribution in countless ways. We extend our deepest condolences to Ms. Lewis's family and to all who were dear to her. May her soul rest in peace.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

### HON. JOE WILSON

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, December 15, 2009*

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Madam Speaker, I submit to the RECORD the following remarks regarding my absence from votes which occurred on December 14th. Listed below is how I would have voted if I had been present.

H. Res. 779—Recognizing and supporting the goals and ideals of National Runaway Prevention Month, roll No. 969—"yea."

H. Res. 942—Commending the Real Salt Lake soccer club for winning the 2009 Major League Soccer Cup, roll No. 970—"yea."

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

### HON. JUDY CHU

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, December 15, 2009*

Ms. CHU. Madam Speaker, on rollcall No. 969, Runaway Prevention Month, rollcall No. 970, Real Salt Lake Soccer Club, had I been present, I would have voted "yea."

COMMEMORATING THE 70TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY OF JAMES H. AND ELIZABETH GARBUTT SHAW

### HON. ALLEN BOYD

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, December 15, 2009*

Mr. BOYD. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the 70th wedding anniversary of two American patriots residing in my District. Their deep dedication to this country founded in the commitment to each other is a testament to the strong values that have made this country and its people the model for the world to emulate.

James Henry Shaw married Elizabeth Garbutt on December 14, 1939 in Valdosta, GA. James is a former U.S. Marine who stormed the beaches of Yellow Beach with the First Marine Division on April 1, 1945 and fought long and hard in the entire 82-day campaign that saw over 50,000 American casualties including over 12,000 dead or missing. James was one of those casualties sustaining shrapnel wounds in his side earning him the Purple Heart. Once the island was secure, James and his fellow Marines began training exercises preparing to invade the main Islands

of Japan on their push to Tokyo until the Japanese surrendered on August 15, 1945. He was then part of the occupying U.S. forces in China before returning home in 1946. Elizabeth remained back on the home front contributing to the vital efforts supporting our troops abroad. She raised two children and is now the proud matriarch of a family that has grown into 6 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren. Her son was a career Air Force enlisted man with his children all serving proudly in the officer and enlisted ranks of the United States Air Force. Her daughter had two sons that attended the United States Naval Academy and are currently active duty officers in the United States Navy. Besides being a father and grandfather, James has been a career railroad freight man moving to trucking freight later in his life and retiring. James and Elizabeth are now in their 9th decade, still living unassisted, and until recently, served tirelessly and unselfishly as volunteers at their local polling precinct assisting others to vote.

This achievement allows for reflection on what it means to remain in a committed and loving relationship dedicated to the values and ideals that help shape and foster the citizens of this great country. On behalf of my colleagues, and myself, I extend to James and Elizabeth Shaw my gratitude, deep appreciation, and continued health for many more years to come. Thank you both for your service and commitment to our country.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

### HON. CAROLYN MCCARTHY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, December 15, 2009*

Mrs. MCCARTHY of New York. Madam Speaker, yesterday, I missed 2 votes. Had I been present, I would have voted as follows:

Rollcall No. 969, on the Motion to Suspend the Rules and Agree, as Amended, to H. Res. 779, I would have voted "yea."

Rollcall No. 970, on the Motion to Suspend the Rules and Agree to H. Res. 942, I would have voted "yea."

#### 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE McALLEN MONITOR

### HON. HENRY CUELLAR

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, December 15, 2009*

Mr. CUELLAR. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the 100th anniversary of the McAllen Monitor, which has served as a vital news source for the Rio Grande Valley of south Texas and our communities.

This newspaper has accomplished a "century of service" to our community over the years.

From copy boys in the past, to computers in the present, the Monitor has kept an unprecedented pulse on south Texas.

They've generated news and reports of historic people, legends, events, tragedies and accomplishments, that have served to shape the story of the Rio Grande Valley.

The first issue was released on December 11, 1909.

The Monitor was founded in a small facility at the corner of Beaumont and Broadway in McAllen, Texas.

It was "humble beginnings" for our neighborhood paper.

Now the Monitor has a 100,000 square foot building, equipped with modern equipment and journalists of all backgrounds.

Over the past 100 years, the Monitor has undergone change, along with changes in news on a daily basis.

The paper was even renamed four times. But the spirit of its content, unchanged through all the years.

For a century now, the Monitor has provided a steady flow of information as a trusted news source throughout the region.

The McAllen Monitor has covered groundbreaking news items that have shaped the Nation, State, and community.

From 1909 to 2009, the newspaper has covered landmark events including:

"Black Tuesday" when the Nation fell into the Great Depression;

1933 when a hurricane hit Brownsville to McAllen;

and in August 1957, a Russian spy was taken into custody in McAllen.

In 1968, Hispanics participated in a walkout at Ecouch-Elsa High School because of unjust treatment in the school.

Three years later, Cesar Chavez visited the Valley followed by the great late Senator Edward "Ted" Kennedy who visited the Valley in October 1980.

These are landmark, local civil rights movements in our community.

For all these events in history, the Monitor was there.

That's why they are our trusted news source in the Rio Grande Valley, McAllen and in south Texas.

They are our local newspaper who understands the spirit of our City and the values of our People.

Madam Speaker, I am honored to recognize the 100th anniversary of the McAllen Monitor newspaper.

The Monitor is celebrating 100 years of service, continuing its mission for the Rio Grande Valley of south Texas.

A century of news for our community, so I commend and congratulate the Monitor with the greatest gratitude.

#### RECOGNIZING THE VILLAGE OF MUNDELEIN'S 100TH ANNIVERSARY

### HON. MELISSA L. BEAN

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, December 15, 2009*

Ms. BEAN. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize Mundelein, a town in my district celebrating a milestone anniversary this year. This community has made a unique contribution to the district I represent, and to the State of Illinois.

Mundelein is celebrating its 100th anniversary. As early as 1650, the Potawatomi Indians were trading with French fur traders in the area now known as Mundelein. Nearly two centuries later, a group of English immigrants came to the area and named their new community "Mechanics Grove". In 1921, Cardinal George Mundelein of Chicago bought property