Dr. Mckoy is a Diplomat and Board Certified member of the American Psychotherapy Association. He is also a member of American Psychological Association and a clinical member of American College of Counselors. He is a Lion and a member of the F & A.M., New York, and served as a worshipful Master of Publicity Lodge 1000.

His youngest daughter, Sheria, is 30 years old. She is a graduate of Rutgers University and the Naval Academy. She is now pursuing a medical degree. The oldest, Melissa, is 32 years old. She is a graduate of New Jersey Technical Institute. She is an Army Reservist, with a degree in finance and marketing. She is currently pursuing her dreams.

Dr. Mckoy has always placed a great importance on education. He would like to see his children continue their educational interests. He has lived a life based on hard work, education, and responsibility. It is these principles that he believes can have the greatest impact on anyone's success.

Madam Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in recognizing the achievements of Dr. Jeffrey A. Mckoy.

HONORING JULIA J. NOBLE, RECIPIENT OF THE DEPARTMENTAL CITATION AWARD AT THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA–BERKELEY

HON. ENI F.H. FALEOMAVAEGA

OF AMERICAN SAMOA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 17, 2010

Mr. FALEOMAVAEGA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the accomplishments of a young woman who has risen above very challenging circumstances, has attained an outstanding achievement, and serves as an example for other young people to follow.

I want to recognize Ms. Julia J. Noble, a 19-year-old Chinese-American, who recently graduated from the University of California–Berkeley this past May. Julia remarkably completed her prestigious english honors program in less than 2 years and was presented the Departmental Citation Award, or the Mark Schorer Prize, as the most outstanding English major to graduate from the University in 2010. As an Asian Pacific Islander and an alumnus, I am proud of her accomplishment which is eminently remarkable and considered impossible given her young age. The Departmental Citation Award was conferred by Dr. Samuel Otter, Chair of the English Department at University of California–Berkeley.

As an infant, born in California, Julia moved with her family to many countries in the Pacific, including Taiwan, Australia, and Japan. Through her diverse upbringing, she has always displayed a generous and noble compassion towards others. At age 13, a deep love for her homeland brought Julia back to the United States to pursue her education. Having spent the majority of her life attending Chinese- and Japanese-speaking schools, Julia had to be tutored by family friends for even the most basic reading skills. Thus her aspiration during high school to study English literature at a premier university was always met with derision and doubts. Yet Julia was undeterred, and through her determination and hard work she excelled at her high school and gained admission to the University of California–Berkeley, where she pursued a rigorous course of study in English Literature.

Julia continues to believe that one can do anything as long as one is determined and motivated by a heartfelt cause; her phenomenal success is a model for every aspiring young person. I invite my colleagues to join me in congratulating Julia for this singular superior academic accomplishment; and I personally hope this tribute may reach other young people and serve as inspiration for their future achievement as well.

A TRIBUTE TO JOSE ANTONIO ZAPATA

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 17, 2010

Mr. TOWNS. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Jose Antonio Zapata for his dedication to his community and excellence in his field.

A personable and dedicated retail bank professional, Jose Antonio Zapata is the oldest of three sons raised in Bronx, New York by proud parents Honoria Guaba and Antonio Zapata. Jose's parents left their native country of the Dominican Republic and migrated to the United States with the hope of giving their children a better life. His parents instilled in him that dedication, hard work, higher education and motivation will lead to success in life.

Graduating from the prestigious Bronx High School of Science, Jose immersed himself in becoming a noteworthy athlete in Track and Field. He also volunteered throughout the Bronx, through such deeds as helping in the clean up project at Van Cortland Park.

With his mother's relentless support for academic advancement, Jose earned a Bachelor of Science degree from Baruch College in Real Estate and Metropolitan Development. He chose this field in hopes of filling the need of affordable housing in underserved communities. However, he soon realized that having a solid understanding of financial services would enable an individual to go much further than being provided affordable shelter. Ever since then he has focused his efforts on the financial industry.

Mr. Zapata is now a highly accomplished bilingual management professional with expertise in retail banking and an interest in microfinance. Jose joined Citibank, a leading global financial services company, in 2004 and quickly became an award-winning employee, earning the 2005 CitiStars Top Sales Producer Award. He also became Chair of the Community Outreach and Professional Development Committee for the Citigroup Hispanic Network and Editor of the Citibank Management Association newsletter. His hard work continued to pay off as he was selected to work on high-profile initiatives for the previous chairman and C.E.O. of Citibank North America.

Jose quickly moved on to becoming Branch Manager of Citibank's Liberty Avenue branch where he has had great success. Through his management, Citibank's Liberty Avenue Branch is intensely focused on serving its clients, customers, and community through branch involvement in events such as the Bangladesh Festival, the Mobile Mexican Consulate, Community Board Meetings, and various customer appreciation initiatives.

Prior to joining Citibank, Jose provided marketing support for Gala Resources LLC and Powerhouse Mortgage and Funding and sale support for the Unicasa Realty. When he is not working, he loves playing basketball, and nurturing his younger brothers' affinity for the sport. He is also a boxing aficionado. Jose now hopes to continue his educational endeavors and entering a graduate program of study in the near future.

Madam Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in recognizing the achievements of Jose Antonio Zapata.

CONGRATULATING BERNARD ''BERNIE'' BEHRENDS ON HIS 89TH BIRTHDAY

HON. AARON SCHOCK

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 17, 2010

Mr. SCHOCK. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Mr. Bernard ''Bernie'' Behrends, an exceptional philanthropist with a passion for education. He will be celebrating his 89th birthday on July 27, 2010. His passion and dedication for providing charity to others is inspiring and commendable. Bernie's mother was widowed and raised Bernie and his sister Anna with the help of their grandfather. At an early age, they were inspired by a philosophy of charity. They were taught to help others whenever possible and to view their successes as opportunities to help others in the future. These values were the foundation on which Bernie started his volunteer and charity work and why he continues to do so to this day.

Bernie was born in Lincoln, Illinois on July 27, 1921. He completed his primary and secondary education in Lincoln, through the Lincoln public school system. In 1946, after three years of service during World War II, Bernie was honorably discharged from the United States Navy.

Bernie attended Lincoln College from 1946 to 1948 and Bradley University from 1948 to 1950, receiving his Bachelor of Science degree in general engineering from Bradley University. After completing his post-secondary education with assistance from the GI Bill of Rights, Bernie began his successful career working as a civil engineer with the Illinois Department of Transportation. After thirty two years of service, he retired in 1982.

Throughout the years, Bernie Behrends has been an invaluable asset to our community in central Illinois by volunteering countless hours of his time and expertise. Between 1958 and 1963, Bernie served as Vice President of Immanuel Lutheran Church, and during the Vietnam War, he was a member of the Logan County Selective Service Board. Through this position, he was assigned to the Abraham Lincoln Memorial Hospital Board of Trustees from 1967 to 1973. This experience was followed by membership on the Logan County Election Board for eight years. Eventually in 1992, Bernie was elected to the coveted Board of Trustees at Lincoln College, a position he has now held for eighteen years.

Through his position on the Board of Trustees, he has worked to provide financial assistance to high school students seeking to attend