

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

HONORING CAMP FIRE'S 100TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. JIM McDERMOTT

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 27, 2010

Mr. McDERMOTT. Madam Speaker, today I rise to offer special recognition to Camp Fire on its upcoming centennial celebration. Since its founding in 1910, Camp Fire has worked to build caring, confident youth and future leaders nationwide. In 2009 alone, thousands of youth and family in and around Seattle benefited from its programs.

When it was founded a century ago, Camp Fire was the first interracial, non-sectarian organization for young women in the United States. This legacy showcases an early and bold commitment to enriching the lives of all American girls; this spirit of openness was continued when the organization was expanded in 1975 to include boys.

Camp Fire has positively affected those it serves through its curriculum and through its physical facilities. Camp Fire's camps and classes prepare our children to be responsible leaders in an increasingly global community, with an emphasis on environmental education and healthy living. Camp Sealth, a Camp Fire facility on Vashon Island, continues to be an invaluable resource to the community, providing children with a safe space to learn and grow, and local organizations with an outstanding retreat.

Today, it is as important as ever for the nation's youth to maintain a connection to America's great outdoors, but many children lack such opportunities without outside support. Camp Fire's work to bring communities together around children and to reconnect them to nature is an inspiration. It is with gratitude that I extend my congratulations to Camp Fire on a century of exceptional work, and my best wishes for another century of progress and service.

REMEMBERING LORRAINE FERN PIPKIN

HON. TOM McCLINTOCK

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. McCLINTOCK. Madam Speaker, I rise today in memory of Lorraine Fern Pipkin of Manhattan Beach, CA.

Lorraine was born August 10, 1925 in North Dakota. She was raised on her grandparents' farm, working to help support her family during the Great Depression. At the age of 14 she moved with her mother to Yakima, Washington, and in the 1940s Lorraine moved to Los Angeles, where she went to work to fill the vital jobs vacated by GIs fighting in World War II. Lorraine loved being a mother and cherished time with her family and raising her

two sons and daughters in Hawthorne. She was known for her wonderful cooking and open-house policy of hosting friends and family on a regular basis.

Madam Speaker, Winston Churchill once said, "There is no doubt that it is around the family and the home that all the greatest virtues, the most dominating virtues of human society, are created, strengthened and maintained." Lorraine spent her life raising a family, whom I have had the privilege to know for many years, who reflect the finest virtues of our nation, and I share in mourning their loss.

IN HONOR OF EDNA AND WALT MINNICK

HON. BETSY MARKEY

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 27, 2010

Ms. MARKEY of Colorado. Madam Speaker, I rise today to speak in tribute of Edna and Wayne Minnick, two constituents of the Fourth Congressional District who exemplify the fulfillment of the American dream and who chose to give back to their community in ways that will last for generations.

Edna Minnick was born in 1916 in Springfield, Colorado, and passed away in 2009 at 92 years of age. She loved Baca County, and although she spent the middle part of her life in other places, Baca County was her home.

Wayne was born in 1913 in Oswego, Kansas and developed a love for farming. During the Depression, Wayne moved to Colorado, where he met and married Edna in 1939. They were married for 54 years, until Wayne's death in 1993. Visits to Edna's family ranch in the 1940s, a homestead five miles west and two miles north of Springfield, revealed Wayne's farming potential. The couple moved to California prior to WWII where Wayne worked as an electrical engineer. When drafted into the Army Air Corps during the war, he instructed aircraft mechanics and electricians. The electrical trade followed on his return to Colorado, putting many miles of lines through the Colorado mountains. However, the old love of farming prevailed, and in 1957 Wayne rented a portion of his mother-in-law's Baca County farm. The Minnicks purchased the farm in 1963 and worked the farm on weekends until Wayne could retire from the electric business. This required endless hours of nighttime labor, tractor driving, and commuting time between Colorado Springs and Baca County. Both Wayne and Edna loved wheat farming and trying new ideas.

Edna had great admiration for her family and the homesteaders who settled in Baca County, and she wished to preserve and honor their contributions and lives in Baca County. She wished to contribute to the preservation of Baca County history and help fulfill present and future needs of Baca County, Springfield and their citizens. She was a shrewd businesswoman, and during the years

in Colorado Springs, she purchased real estate surrounding her home and built rental duplexes. She used much of the income to support her deep interests in child and youth welfare, rehabilitation and care.

Upon her death, Edna left her considerable estate to Baca County. Community recipients of this estate include many scholarship funds for area youth; improvements to the Baca County Fairground and a new community building; Cancer and Parkinson's research; the Baca County Food Bank; the Salvation Army; area FFA Buildings; improvements to the Springfield movie theatre and swimming pool; renovations to the Courthouse, Methodist Church, and Walsh Community Center; needed projects on area cemeteries; Clubhouse for the Blue Rose Ranch Horse Rescue; Springfield school milk fund, substantial Hospital improvement projects; and many more.

The Minnicks have truly been a blessing to Baca County. I am honored to remember them today and to have their contributions and generosity recorded in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION—

HON. MIKE PENCE

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 27, 2010

Mr. PENCE. Madam Speaker, I was absent from the House floor during rollcall vote 434. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea."

RECOGNIZING 20TH ANNIVERSARY OF AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT

SPEECH OF

HON. JOHN CONYERS, JR.

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 26, 2010

Mr. CONYERS. Mr. Speaker, in 1990, I co-sponsored the Americans with Disabilities Act, legislation intended to prohibit discrimination against individuals with disabilities and ensure that they are able to claim their rightful place as equal members of our society.

Our legislative mandate was purposefully ambitious. We sought—for once and for all—to prohibit unfair discrimination based on disability.

Last week, at a hearing in the Subcommittee on the Constitution, Civil Rights, and Civil Liberties, we heard from people whose lives have been changed by the Americans with Disabilities Act:

Former Attorney General Dick Thornburgh, who both supervised the enforcement of the ADA in its infancy and has raised a son with a disability;

Lt. Col. Gregory Gadson, a man with 20 years of active duty service who lost both legs

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in Iraq in 2007, and has recently been named the Director of the Army's Wounded Warrior Program;

Adrian Villalobos, a young man from El Paso, Texas, whose spinal injury occurred shortly after the ADA was enacted;

Cassandra Cox, a woman with a mental disability who has advocated for housing for individuals with mental disabilities that fosters their independence and dignity;

Cheryl Sensenbrenner, past board chair of the American Association of People with Disabilities;

and Jonathan Young, the chairman of the National Council on Disability.

Majority Leader HOYER, Congressman LANGEVIN, and Thomas Perez, the Assistant Attorney General for the Civil Rights Division, also testified about the history and future of the ADA.

Each witness had something unique to say about how the Americans with Disabilities Act has changed their lives, and what remains to be done to live up to the Act's mandate of inclusion, dignity and nondiscrimination.

What have we learned in the 20 years since the Americans with Disabilities Act was passed?

First, civil rights legislation has the power to create substantial and necessary change. Before the enactment of the Americans with Disabilities Act, individuals with disabilities were routinely discounted, and their gifts were routinely ignored.

Fundamental human rights—the right to work, the right to live where you want to live, and the right to enter the stores, schools, and government buildings where everyone else shops, learns, and participates—were arbitrarily denied to individuals with disabilities.

Those obstacles were created by ignorance, indifference, and actual prejudice. The effect was the creation of a second-class citizenry, excluded from society in all meaningful ways.

We know that isolation breeds stigma. We also know that inclusion promotes productivity, mutual understanding, and equality.

Civil rights legislation is built on creating a more just society, by empowering and requiring equal access to all that American society has to offer—to every individual.

Second, the Americans with Disabilities Act reminds us that our concern with civil rights legislation does not end once a bill becomes law.

The Act did not magically erase the barriers to equality for individuals with disabilities. All doors and all minds were not instantly opened wide enough to encompass this diverse group.

Progress under the Act was slowed, and even blocked, by Supreme Court decisions that contravened our legislative intent, by narrowing the Act's scope and applicability, time and time again.

But we came together, on both sides of the aisle and in both chambers, to make it clear that we meant what we said: Americans with disabilities must have complete legal equality.

I proudly cosponsored the Americans with Disabilities Act Amendments Act in response to those Supreme Court decisions, and ultimately, a law correcting the Court's misconstruction of the ADA was passed in 2008.

This anniversary is a time to recognize one of our most significant civil rights achievements.

But as the circumstances surrounding the ADA Amendments Act remind us, Congress

must remain a vigilant steward of the civil rights laws we have passed.

Third, we cannot celebrate our accomplishments without recognizing future challenges.

One issue impeding the fulfillment of the Act's promise is the failure of some States to comply with their obligations to offer integrated housing, where appropriate, to persons with mental illness.

The Olmstead case on this issue has correctly been called the *Brown v. Board of Education* for individuals with disabilities, because it condemned the practice of indiscriminately directing all individuals with mental disabilities into separate, segregated housing as inconsistent with the core purposes of the ADA.

Segregation from mainstream society, default warehousing in institutions, and enforced dependence are unacceptable conditions to impose on individuals with mental disabilities who have the ability to live more independent and integrated lives.

The Americans with Disabilities Act demonstrates that civil rights laws not only protect personal dignity, they enrich society as a whole.

In these hard economic times, what can be more important than easing obstacles that prevent individuals with disabilities from becoming productive members of the workforce?

We must continue to attend to the implementation of the Americans with Disabilities Act to ensure that future anniversaries can make us equally proud.

CONGRATULATING STATE POLICE
CAPTAIN MIKE FOSTER

HON. JOHN BOOZMAN

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 27, 2010

Mr. BOOZMAN. Madam Speaker, I would like to congratulate State Police Captain Mike Foster for his recent promotion by the Arkansas State Police Commission.

Captain Foster is a 19-year veteran of the department, faithfully serving the State of Arkansas and working to protect its citizens since 1991. Having served most recently as acting assistant commander and acting commander of Troop I based out of Harrison, Arkansas, he is now officially taking over as commander of Highway Patrol, Troop I. Captain Foster will lead highway patrol troopers in Baxter, Boone, Fulton, Izard, Marion, Newton, Searcy and Stone counties.

Captain Foster is to be commended for his many years of service and sacrifice for the people of Arkansas. He is well deserving of this recommendation and I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing these accomplishments and congratulate Arkansas State Police Captain Mike Foster and wish him future success in his career.

HONORING MS. GLADYS MCDANIEL FOR HER 32 YEARS OF SERVICE TO THE ASHEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT AND CONTINUAL EFFORTS WITHIN THE COMMUNITY

HON. HEATH SHULER

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 27, 2010

Mr. SHULER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Ms. Gladys McDaniel for her dedication to the City of Asheville, North Carolina and to congratulate her on her retirement after 32 years of service to the Asheville Police Department. Her dedication to philanthropy and her community is evident as she has participated in nearly every community event Asheville has had to offer for the last 3 decades.

Ms. McDaniel has come to be known as the "heart" of the Asheville police department. Serving as the gatekeeper of the department, her attention to detail and tireless efforts have touched almost everyone who has interacted with the Asheville police department. Police Chief Bill Hogan recalls how Ms. McDaniel's "organizational and historical knowledge helped to get his feet on the ground" when he joined the department 6 years ago.

In addition to her full time job as a public servant, Ms. McDaniel has taken an unofficial position as a full time volunteer in the Asheville community. From helping to organize the nationally recognized Bele Chere festival to donning costumes to entertain children, no job has ever been too big or too small for Ms. McDaniel. For the past 30 years she has played an integral role in the planning and orchestration of the Bele Chere festival. A proven problem solver, she is the key force behind the scenes. In addition to her efforts at the Bele Chere festival, Ms. McDaniel organizes two blood drives every year, coordinates events for the Special Olympics, and assists with the annual Asheville film festival.

Along with her tremendous commitment to the Asheville Police Department and the Asheville community, Ms. McDaniel has always shown remarkable commitment and devotion to her country and family. Ms. McDaniel spent 4 years in the Army Reserves, and 2 years as an inactive ready-reservist, while raising two gentlemen. A devoted mother of two, Ms. McDaniel describes herself as "[thriving] on nurturing both her family and community." Madam Speaker, I urge my fellow colleagues to honor and thank Ms. Gladys McDaniel for her tireless devotion to her family, country, and community.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION—

HON. MIKE PENCE

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 27, 2010

Mr. PENCE. Madam Speaker, I was absent from the House floor during rollcall votes 465–466. Had I been present, I would have voted "no" on rollcall Nos. 465 and 466.

HONORING TYLER GROSDECK

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 27, 2010

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Tyler Grosdeck. Tyler is a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 447, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Tyler has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Tyler has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges and contributed to his community through his Eagle Scout project, but also earned the respect of his family, peers, and community.

Madam Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Tyler Grosdeck for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

RECOGNIZING 20TH ANNIVERSARY
OF AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT

SPEECH OF

HON. JOHN A. BOEHRER

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 26, 2010

Mr. BOEHRER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to join the Speaker and the Majority Leader in recognizing the 20th Anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act.

First, I want to applaud you, Mr. Speaker, for making history today as the first American with disabilities to preside over this distinguished body. It is a truly inspiring sight and a reminder that the disabled are, of course, among the most active and functional members of our society. It is also a testament to the historic measure we are celebrating today.

I also want to commend my friend from Maryland, the Majority Leader, who I know played a leading role in making this legislation a reality, and in ensuring that we come together across the aisle when necessary to make certain it continues to fulfill its original mission.

Before the Americans with Disabilities Act, nowhere in the world was there a comprehensive declaration of equality for people with disabilities.

In the medical community, people with disabilities are called "HANDY-CAPABLE" because they strive and succeed in the face of great personal obstacles.

There was a time, however, when that courage alone could not get them into their hometown theatres to see a movie, or their office buildings to apply for a job and provide for their families.

Those wrongs were corrected on July 26, 1990 when President George H.W. Bush signed the Americans with Disabilities Act into law on the South Lawn of the White House.

On that day, President Bush noted that it was roughly a year after the Berlin Wall came down and said that this legislation "takes a

sledgehammer to another wall, one which has for too many generations separated Americans with disabilities from the freedom they could glimpse, but not grasp."

For too long, our Nation kept Americans with disabilities dependent when all they yearned for was independence. The Americans with Disabilities Act has given them the tools to do just that—to quench their thirst for life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. It has changed the lives of millions, and it will continue to do so for generations to come.

THE RESTORING AMERICAN
FINANCIAL STABILITY ACT OF 2010

HON. DANNY K. DAVIS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 27, 2010

Mr. DAVIS of Illinois. Madam Speaker, this is a good opportunity to implement Wall Street reform, and help make our financial markets safer for everyday American citizens, investors, and small businesses. At the center of our efforts today is the concept of power, and what it means to those who have it, and those who don't. Baltasar Gracian, a renowned Spanish Jesuit writer, once said that "The sole advantage of power is that you can do more good."

I think many people would agree with me that the corporations and executives on Wall Street have considerable power. The question remains, however, whether they are using that power to do good things. People will point out, and I agree, that they are making many people very wealthy, but at what cost? For too long corporate interests have been allowed to dominate decision making in America's financial capital, and many times, this has meant unfair and predatory practices. As lawmakers, we should set out to make our financial markets a more evenhanded place for our citizens, and the consumers that put their trust and money on the line.

One of the key things that H.R. 4173 will do is to create a Consumer Financial Protection Bureau, tasked with the responsibility of making sure consumer lending practices are fair. Also, under the Volcker rule, large financial institutions would no longer be allowed to engage in risky trading using federal dollars, supported by taxpayers. Throughout the many various initiatives and stipulations in the bill, one theme is clear: protecting American citizens, and maintaining a fair market that allows both informed consumers and powerful financial markets to thrive in tandem.

H.R. 4173 does not set out to take power away from those on Wall Street, but to make sure they use their many strengths and abilities for the benefit of the average American investor and small business owner. I support H.R. 4173, the Restoring American Financial Stability Act of 2010, knowing that the benefits and wealth for the few should not come at the cost of the many.

HONORING COLONEL THOMAS C. CHAPMAN

HON. DORIS O. MATSUI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 27, 2010

Ms. MATSUI. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor COL Thomas C. Chapman upon his retirement from the United States Army Corps of Engineers. For the past three years I have had the pleasure of working with Colonel Chapman on a number of flood protection projects that are key to my hometown of Sacramento. I found Colonel Chapman to be a man of intelligence and integrity, a man who never forgot the public he served. As he retires, I would like to pause today and ask that my colleagues join with me in offering our thanks to a distinguished American.

Beginning with his graduation from the United States Military Academy at West Point in 1984, Colonel Chapman has led a distinguished and notable career in the Corps of Engineers. He has assisted with and led many projects which have helped to maintain the integrity and vitality of our nation's infrastructure and worked to improve the security of our military bases abroad.

Colonel Chapman's career has taken him and his family from Fort Knox to South Korea, from Philadelphia to Afghanistan and a number of stops in between. Each stop has been characterized by success. At Camp Red Cloud in South Korea, he developed a new master plan for installations, which was later adopted as a model for all U.S. forces in Korea. As the Chief of Staff of the U.S. Army Engineer School, he oversaw the integration of the Engineer School into the Army's Maneuver Support Center. In Afghanistan, he served as the senior engineer at NATO Corps Headquarters, where he managed both the construction of all NATO facilities and oversaw NATO's Counter-IED training. Colonel Chapman aided Coalition Forces by developing a new engineer organizational structure and by developing NATO's first Counter-IED doctrine.

In July of 2007, Colonel Chapman was installed as the Commander of the Corps of Engineers' Sacramento Division. Lying at the confluence of the Sacramento and American Rivers, the City of Sacramento and surrounding region faces the constant threat of flooding. Our levee and flood protection systems require continuous attention and the Corps of Engineers is actively involved with major upgrades currently being undertaken at Folsom Dam and along local rivers and streams.

In particular, Colonel Chapman's leadership has helped keep the Folsom Dam Joint Federal Project, a collaborative effort with the Bureau of Reclamation, on schedule and on budget. When completed, this immense project will strengthen the dam and add a second spillway, which will allow more water to be released in anticipation of a storm, giving much of Sacramento over 200-year protection. Colonel Chapman has also worked diligently to advance the Natomas Levee Improvement Project, which will also give 200-year protection to the 75,000 people that call Natomas home. On these and other projects, Colonel Chapman has worked with local and state officials to ensure there is a strong partnership between all levels of government.

Madam Speaker, I am truly honored to stand here today to congratulate COL Thomas Chapman, for his tireless work in Sacramento and throughout his 26-year career with the Army Corps of Engineers. As his colleagues, friends and family gather today, including his wife Deidre and their seven children, I once again ask my colleagues to join me in saluting Colonel Chapman. His work has kept American servicemen and women safe abroad and the public safe at home. I offer him my warmest thanks and wish him continued success in the next chapter of his life.

LIEL MAGHEN

HON. DONALD M. PAYNE

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 27, 2010

Mr. PAYNE. Madam Speaker, I rise to commend Liel Maghen, one of my 2010 summer interns in the New Story Leadership Program. The New Story Leadership Program, hosts interns from Israel and Palestine, to Washington, DC every year. As a requirement of the program a Congressional Forum is held, and in my attendance on July 20, 2010 Liel Maghen gave a remarkable speech. His story is very inspirational and it gives a clear perspective of his culture and obstacles he overcame. At this time, I present to you his speech:

"I am Liel Maghen and I am your Master of Ceremony for this morning's event.

The Middle East story receives high media coverage and public attention. It is a story of a conflict between two people over the same land and it is a story of terror, occupation, and suffering.

The dimensions of this story combine religion, economy, cultural differences and racism in a complex history of hatred, and present reality of mistrust, that seems far from being solved. However, the small particles of this conflict are the personal stories of people that live in that region.

And like looking at atoms of a human body, these stories reveal different perceptions and demonstrate how these separate particles are connected together in one body that is called the Middle East.

My story starts with my heritage. But before I will begin, let me note that today is "Tisha Beav". It is a day of grief for the Jewish people that commemorate the destruction of both great temples in Jerusalem.

According to the religious scriptures, which refer to these temples as Houses, these temples were destroyed as god's punishment for corruption, moral degradation, and false hatred.

I believe that we, the Jewish people who are gathered here today, came here in order to prevent the collapse of our third House the Israeli state.

I was born in the state of Israel to an Italian mother and Libyan father, who decided, as true Zionists, to leave their families and home in order to move to the Jewish state. My mother is a daughter of two Holocaust survivors and my father himself suffered persecution in his Arab homeland throughout his childhood. Therefore, my education, which was traditional Jewish, emphasized the importance of a Jewish state and the need of the Jewish people to defend themselves in order to prevent a second Holocaust. My education was also affected by the political activism of my parents, who were members of the Halikud right wing party.

When I grew up, especially in the time of the second Intifada, I adopted my parents' perspective as my own and believed that the Jewish people are in danger, and that there is no chance for peace. Thus, I was eager to serve my country in a combat unit and to be a representative of my people and history through my army service. This concept of service has a major role in Israeli society and education. And eventually, this service would be the reason for a big change in my perception, a change that occurred because of a friend.

This friend was Johan Zarbib.

I met him in the first week of basic training. We were together in the same unit and partners in the same squad. He, as a foreigner who was born in France, decided to immigrate to Israel for the same reasons as my parents. He told me, that after suffering modern anti-Semitism in his homeland, he understood the importance of the Jewish country and wanted to join the army and contribute his share for the sake of the Jewish people.

I, on the other hand, made a personal and difficult decision to change units. I decided to complete my military service by transferring to an education unit, where I could contribute in a different way.

In the last day of the war of Lebanon, in 2006, after the cease-fire was signed but before it was fully implemented, I was shocked to hear that Johan was killed.

The day after, in his funeral, I saw that many other friends from our unit were injured in the same battle.

Looking at them and thinking about Johan, made me re-examine these values of contribution and service. I have asked myself if serving in the army is the only way to contribute to my society or maybe was there another option.

My conclusion was that it is our responsibility, as people who suffer from the war, to make an effort for achieving peace. Or as Mahatma Gandhi has said: "you must be the change that you wish to see in the world".

Since then, I have participated in different co-existence programs. Although these experiences are difficult and confront sensitive issues, I have come to understand through them, that both sides suffer from this conflict and that only personal connection between people can create a bridge beyond the walls of separation and fear. I have also come to understand that maybe we don't agree on the details of the solution, but we can agree on the process of finding one, process that requires communication, compromise, and reconciliation.

And Finally, Here in Washington, I have had a great opportunity to take this understanding one step further. Thank to Congressman Payne and his inspirational staff I have learned about the political process and how it can make a major impact in people's life. Furthermore, being a part of a group of Israeli and Palestinian activists through the New Story Leadership Program teaches me that many people from both sides are basically on the same side, the side that wants peace.

This future is reachable, and we should join together, Israelis, Palestinians, and Americans, in order to make this future closer to the present."

Thank you very much,

Shalom, Peace and Salam Aleikum

Madam Speaker, I call upon my colleagues in joining me congratulating Liel Maghen and wishing him all the best. He is truly an inspiration to all that know him.

HONORING DYLAN COCHRAN

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 27, 2010

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Dylan Cochran. Dylan is a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 1179, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Dylan has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Dylan has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community. Most notably, Dylan has earned the rank of Warrior in the Tribe of Mic-O-Say and the World Conservation Award. Dylan has also contributed to his community through his Eagle Scout project. Dylan constructed and installed a bench along the Maple Woods Conservation Area trail route.

Madam Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Dylan Cochran for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

RECOGNIZING USA HOCKEY

HON. MIKE QUIGLEY

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 27, 2010

Mr. QUIGLEY. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of USA Hockey and their support of disabled hockey programs. USA Hockey has proven that hockey truly is for everyone, and their efforts to share the wonderful game of hockey should be commended.

USA Hockey supports four disciplines of disabled hockey, all serving players both young and old. This includes Standing/Amputee hockey, Deaf/Hard of Hearing hockey, Sled hockey, and Special hockey. These groups provide unique practices that enable the players to reconnect with a sport they love. For example, Deaf/Hard of Hearing hockey incorporates a special lighting system and allows coaches and players to communicate through sign language, lip-reading and interpreters. And Sled hockey provides paraplegics with the opportunity to enjoy the sport by using specially designed sleds on the ice.

USA Hockey also proudly supports the USA Warriors Ice Hockey Program, providing wounded United States Military Personnel with therapeutic and recreational opportunities to play hockey. This program focuses on integrating disabled and non-disabled players in order to build self confidence and assist disabled veterans to reconnect with the activities they were involved with prior to their disability. While I can't begin to comprehend all that these brave veterans have experienced and what they've done in service to our nation, I can understand why they still want to play hockey.

I believe that hockey is a tremendous game that teaches its players the value of hard work, discipline, and the benefit of playing as a team. Through the support of USA Hockey,

thousands of disabled participants of all ages are able to learn these important lessons that will help them be successful both on and off the ice.

TWENTY-FIRST CENTURY COMMUNICATIONS AND VIDEO ACCESSIBILITY ACT OF 2010

SPEECH OF

HON. ANNA G. ESHOO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 26, 2010

Ms. ESHOO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in strong support of the 21st Century Communications and Video Accessibility Act. I'm proud to be a cosponsor of this legislation, voting for it in the Communications, Technology, and the Internet Subcommittee and in the full Energy and Commerce Committee. I urge all of my colleagues to join me in voting for it today.

Today is a historic day. It is the 20th anniversary of the enactment of the Americans With Disabilities Act, ADA. Twenty years and one day ago, individuals with disabilities did not enjoy the same access to employment, education, or basic services as other Americans. The ADA changed that forever. Our workplaces, schools, buildings, and sidewalks offer safe and fair access for Americans with disabilities, where for too long they had none.

In the 20 years the ADA has been the law of the land, our country has seen significant change. Much of that change has been driven by the high-tech innovators in my Congressional District, the heart of Silicon Valley. In 1990 a supercomputer that would fill a building the size of a warehouse can now fit in the palm of a hand. We can now watch our favorite television shows outside, on an airplane, or in a coffee shop on our computers. Businesses can allow their employees to collaborate face-to-face from offices thousands of miles apart. Communications and video technology have become truly integral aspects of our everyday lives.

Unfortunately, not all Americans have been able to take full advantage of these innovations in technology. By passing the 21st Century Communications and Video Accessibility Act today, we will change this.

Working to address the needs of individuals with vision, hearing, and other disabilities by updating communications laws last revised in 1996, the 21st Century Communications and Video Accessibility Act makes technology and telecommunications devices and services accessible to everyone.

I commend the author of this legislation, Representative ED MARKEY, for his leadership and advocacy on behalf of the disabilities community. On this historic day, I'm proud to support this legislation that will ensure no one is left behind.

HONORING THE NEW LONDON ROTARY CLUB

HON. JOE COURTNEY

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 27, 2010

Mr. COURTNEY. Madam Speaker, I rise today in appreciation and support for the New

London, Connecticut Rotary Club's Camp Rotary, a service program showcased at a July 23rd event that I had the opportunity to attend. The event joined together the Connecticut College AmeriCorps VISTA volunteers and students and teachers of New London Public Schools to celebrate the success of Camp Rotary.

The Rotary motto "Service Above Self" exemplifies their strong devotion to community service internationally, and the Rotary Club of New London demonstrates this commitment every day. The New London Rotary Club organizes many service projects annually, including a holiday book drive, a literacy initiative, and a community playground cleanup.

Rotarians have long understood that many young students lose academic momentum over summer vacation. Often, students also practice unhealthy eating habits and sedentary lifestyles over the summer because they lack access to healthy, affordable food and places to exercise.

Camp Rotary, now in its 18th year, provides a valuable opportunity for disadvantaged students of the New London Public School system to enrich their summers through physical activities, educational programs, and college preparation. The school system partners with New London teachers and Connecticut College student volunteers who graciously devote their summers to helping these youth progress.

Camp activities aim to provide an educational and entertaining experience for the 11–15 year olds, but the overarching goal of the program is to put the students on a college path. Many of these young people would be the first in their family to attend college, and Camp Rotary helps them plan for their future by offering tours of universities and goal planning workshops.

The importance of this effort was recently underscored by a report issued by the National College Board finding that the U.S. is now ranked 12th in the industrialized world in college graduation rates. As recently as 1986, the U.S. was ranked first. Camp Rotary aims to solve this problem by awakening interest and motivation in college achievement at the middle school level, which experts agree is the most successful strategy to increase college involvement and completion.

The New London Rotarians understood the need for the Camp Rotary program in the community and successfully and generously established a program to provide more productive summers for hundreds of disadvantaged students. I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the valuable opportunity the New London Rotary Club and the Rotary Foundation continues to provide for the youth of New London, and the New London teachers and AmeriCorps VISTA volunteers that help Camp Rotary to succeed.

HONORING JORDAN M. MCCLLOUD

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 27, 2010

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Jordan M. McCloud. Jordan is a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citi-

zenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 1179, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Jordan has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Jordan has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community. Most notably, Jordan has earned the rank of Brave in the Tribe of Mic-O-Say and the World Conservation Award. Jordan has also contributed to his community through his Eagle Scout project. Jordan constructed a fire ring and installed erosion prevention measures at New Hope Retreat Center outside of Holt, Missouri.

Madam Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Jordan M. McCloud for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. BARBARA LEE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 27, 2010

Ms. LEE of California. Madam Speaker, today I missed rollcall vote No. 458 on H. Res. 1537. Had I been present, I would have voted "aye."

CONGRATULATING SPECTRUM HEALTH ON BEING NAMED A TOP HOSPITAL

HON. VERNON J. EHLERS

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 27, 2010

Mr. EHLERS. Madam Speaker, it is my distinct pleasure to congratulate Spectrum Health on being named one of the Nation's top ten health care systems. Spectrum has a long-standing reputation as an exceptional health care provider. It is a true benefit and blessing to our community to have world-class health care available locally.

Spectrum Health is now in the company of a very select group of health systems that have demonstrated that they provide better care, save more lives, have fewer medical complications, and make fewer patient safety errors. According to Thomson Reuters, the esteemed national organization presenting this award, Spectrum Health "set the standard for the industry." As a member of The United States House of Representatives serving Grand Rapids and West Michigan, I am delighted to have the opportunity to recognize this health system for its excellence—especially since Spectrum is the only health system in Michigan to receive this honor.

Great recognition brings great appreciation, and I am certain this award will create in our community an increased awareness of the remarkable health care services that Spectrum Health makes available to them through a number of exceptional facilities. I thank Spectrum Health for its steadfast commitment to providing the residents of west Michigan with the finest possible care through the efforts of its physicians and staff.

I am honored to offer my best wishes to Spectrum Health on being named one of the Nation's top ten!

HONORING JOSEPH PAUL HOMAN

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 27, 2010

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Joseph Paul Homan. Joseph is a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 312, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Joseph has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Joseph has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community. Most notably, Joseph has earned the rank of Firebuilder in the Tribe of Mic-O-Say and a four-year Air Force Reserve Officer Training Corps scholarship to the University of Missouri-Columbia. Joseph has also contributed to his community through his Eagle Scout project. Joseph planted landscaping, painted fire lanes and refurbished the flag pole at Lutheran High School of Kansas City, Missouri.

Madam Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Joseph Paul Homan for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

SILVETTE WOMEN'S GOLF CLUB

HON. MICHAEL E. McMAHON

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 27, 2010

Mr. McMAHON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the Silvette Women's Golf Club of Staten Island on their 75th Anniversary and to recognize this organization as the oldest women's golf club in the State of New York.

On Staten Island in 1935, a group of women came together to form their own golf club. The Silvettes became pioneers in the field of women's golf because they formed the first public women's golf club not associated with a country club. These women played weekly tournaments at the Staten Island-Silver Lake Golf Course and the Latourette Golf Course. Combining the names of the two courses, this group became known as the Silvette Women's Golf Club. The club played their first tournament on May 4, 1938 at the Silver Lake Golf Course.

During the late 1930s and the 1940s, the Silvettes continued to grow as an organization. The Silvettes established an executive board and supported the war effort during World War II by giving out Defense Stamps as prizes. The club has also held many tournaments and events to support various charities.

The Silvettes are very active in Islandwide Golf Tournaments. The Silvettes frequently play against six other women's golf clubs on Staten Island. The club also plays interclub

matches against New Jersey and Brooklyn clubs.

In 1968, as a result of overcrowding at the Silver Lake Golf Course, the Silvettes moved to their current home at the South Shore Country Club in the Huguenot area of Staten Island.

I would like to take this time to give special recognition to two members of the Silvette Women's Golf Club. Helen Sangiorgio, the former club president and current publicity chairlady, and Elissa Barry, the current club president, have worked tirelessly for many years to ensure the club continues to grow and prosper. The dedication of these women to the club is representative of their love for the game of golf and for their love of Staten Island.

Madam Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in congratulating the Silvette Women's Golf Club on their 75th Anniversary and on the distinction of being the oldest women's golf club in the State of New York.

THE 60TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE
KOREAN WAR: WHY PEACE MATTERS

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 27, 2010

Mr. KUCINICH. Madam Speaker, this year marks the 60th anniversary of the Korean War and the fifty-seventh anniversary of the signing of the July 1953 Armistice Agreement. The Korean War cost the lives of over 4 million people and a lasting peace remains elusive. The people on the Korean peninsula continue to suffer as they are caught in the midst of a perpetual state of war and heightened tension. Families are divided and they are left voiceless.

The recent sinking of the Republic of Korea Ship (ROKS) *Cheonan* in May and the subsequent announcement that North Korea was severing all relations with South Korea is a symptom of a failed policy in the region. It highlights the need for a permanent peace settlement and for diplomatic efforts to bring North and South Korea to such a settlement.

Following the sinking of the ROKS *Cheonan*, officials in the Administration vowed that the attack would not go unanswered. After 60 years, the United States has failed to establish formal diplomatic channels with North Korea that would be vital in diffusing such crises.

The United States spends over one billion dollars per year to maintain its military presence in South Korea. At a time when millions of Americans are out of work and are struggling to pay their bills, one billion dollars per year is needlessly poured into further militarizing the Korean peninsula. There are debates in Washington over how we are going to pay for unemployment benefits. Yet no one asks how we are going to pay to maintain hundreds of U.S. military bases around the world. No one questions the costs to U.S. taxpayers or the Korean people.

I believe strongly in the power and necessity of diplomacy. The United States has a responsibility to utilize its unique role as an ally of South Korea to bring the nation closer to resolution with North Korea.

The Administration can better express support for the people of the Republic of Korea by recommitting to promoting dialogue between the two nations. The expression of support for a possible military response to North Korea's actions can only serve to heighten the likelihood of a military confrontation. Military action in retaliation to North Korea's attack on the South Korean ship can only result in the further loss of life.

Further militarization in the region can have adverse effects on U.S. national security and our support of a military response to North Korea can only undermine future prospects of peace. Further isolating North Korea from South Korea and the international community does not serve the interest of any country truly dedicated to regional stability. Let us use this somber anniversary to work toward peace and facilitate a lasting peace settlement between North and South Korea.

HONORING KEVIN HADLEY

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 27, 2010

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Kevin Hadley. Kevin is a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 447, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Kevin has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Kevin has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges and contributed to his community through his Eagle Scout project, but also earned the respect of his family, peers, and community.

Madam Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Kevin Hadley for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

CONGRATULATING STATE POLICE
MAJOR J.R. HANKINS

HON. JOHN BOOZMAN

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 27, 2010

Mr. BOOZMAN. Madam Speaker, I would like to congratulate Arkansas State Police Major J.R. Hankins for his promotion to the rank of major by the Arkansas State Police Commission.

Having served in several capacities for the Arkansas State Police, in areas all over the state for more than 30 years, Major Hankins has dedicated and sacrificed his life to make Arkansas safer.

Most recently, Major Hankins served as commander of Troop J headquartered in Clarksville. Earning the promotion of major earlier this year, he has taken on new duties as commander of the Highway Patrol Division for the eastern region of Arkansas. This region includes cities such as Little Rock, Jonesboro, Newport, Forrest City, Pine Bluff and Warren.

Major Hankins is to be commended for his many years of faithful service. He is well deserving of this commendation and I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Major J.R. Hankins and wish him future success in his career.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. DANNY K. DAVIS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 27, 2010

Mr. DAVIS of Illinois. Madam Speaker, I was unable to cast votes on the following legislative measures on July 26, 2010. My congressional district suffered massive flooding, and I needed to remain in Chicago to focus on the recovery. If I had been present for rollcall votes, I would have voted "yea" on each of the following:

Roll 467, July 26, 2010: On Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass, as Amended: H.R. 1320, To amend the Federal Advisory Committee Act to increase the transparency and accountability of Federal advisory committees, and for other purposes.

Roll 468, July 26, 2010: On Motion to Suspend the Rules and Agree, as Amended: H. Res. 1504, Recognizing and honoring the 20th anniversary of the enactment of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990.

Roll 469, July 26, 2010: On Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass, as Amended: H.R. 3101, Twenty-First Century Communications and Video Accessibility Act.

HONORING BRAD ROWALD

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 27, 2010

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Brad Rowald. Brad is a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 447, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Brad has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Brad has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges and contributed to his community through his Eagle Scout project, but also earned the respect of his family, peers, and community.

Madam Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Brad Rowald for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

IN HONOR AND RECOGNITION OF THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF SAINTS PETER AND PAUL UKRAINIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH OF CLEVELAND, OHIO

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 27, 2010

Mr. KUCINICH. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor and recognition of Saints Peter and Paul Ukrainian Orthodox Church of Cleveland, Ohio, as its members celebrate one hundred years of faith, hope and tradition.

The history of Saints Peter and Paul Ukrainian Orthodox Church began on September 21, 1910 at 2280 West 7th Street in Cleveland when the structures of the church and rectory were officially dedicated. These buildings were built with the labor and generous donations of the parishioners, most of whom were immigrants from the Ukraine. Metropolitan Archbishop Andrew Sheptytsky of Lviv was present to provide a blessing to the newly opened parish. The buildings and grounds have since been restored and expanded, yet the original structures remain as strong and as beautiful as when first built.

Saints Peter and Paul Ukrainian Orthodox Church grew quickly. It soon became a part of the community and a strong cultural connection for hundreds of Ukrainian families throughout Cleveland. To assist immigrants and families, the parish expanded services, including the establishment of a savings and loan to help young families secure loans to purchase homes. Picnics, concerts and fundraisers became a weekly tradition. The church offered musical treasures from Ukraine, including performances of a 60-string instrument, the bandura. Parishioners would also make and sell varenyky, a delectable Ukrainian dumpling, which quickly sold to Clevelanders of all ethnic backgrounds.

Madam Speaker and colleagues, please join me in honor of the members of Saints Peter and Paul Ukrainian Orthodox Church, past and present, as they celebrate their 100th anniversary. Their contributions to our community are immeasurable. The church continues to stand as a beacon of culture and faith for Ukrainian Americans, for the diverse people in Cleveland's Tremont neighborhood and throughout our Greater Cleveland community.

STOP DISTORTING HISTORY AND WORK FOR REAL PEACE ON CYPRUS

HON. DAN BURTON

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 27, 2010

Mr. BURTON of Indiana. Madam Speaker, Monday, July 20, 2010 marked the 36th anniversary of the day in 1974 that Turkey intervened to stop an ethnic cleansing campaign against Turkish Cypriots by militant Greek Cypriots. As usual, a number of my colleagues have come to the floor of this Chamber over the last few days and weeks to lament the so-called "invasion" of Cyprus by Turkey. And as usual every year I come down to the floor to set the record straight and ask my colleagues

to stop perpetuating revisionist history that attempts to lay all the blame for the ills of Cyprus at the doorstep of Turkish Cypriots and Turkey; to ask them to lay aside the inflammatory rhetoric; and to ask them to actually work to bring peace to this troubled island.

So, once again, here I am but I am not going to focus on the past—I believe an objective evaluation of the history of Cyprus proves that the crisis on Cyprus is significantly more complex than the "blame Turkey" special interest groups would like people to believe. Instead, I am going to focus on the future. While the Cyprus dispute is between Greek Cypriots and Turkish Cypriots, it has a much greater impact on the global community. Over the past few decades this dispute has involved not only the two peoples on the island, but also Turkey, Greece, the United Kingdom, the United States, the United Nations, and the European Union. Moreover, Turkey's membership to the European Union, which the United States enthusiastically supports, is unfortunately being impacted because of the situation in Cyprus.

All of us in this chamber, Republicans and Democrats, want to see peace and prosperity come to all the people of Cyprus. In fact, in 2003, the U.S. House of Representatives unanimously passed House Resolution H. Res. 165 urging support for the U.N. backed Annan Plan—which proposed the creation of a new bizonal, bicommunal state. Unfortunately, the Annan Plan collapsed in 2004, because Greek Cypriots opposed the referendum which would have approved the plan.

Although Turkish Cypriots overwhelmingly supported the referendum, the Greek Cypriots became EU members, and despite promises made to Turkish Cypriots, they remain under international isolation despite their positive efforts. To their credit though, Turkish Cypriots continue to seek a settlement to the issue. This is a testament to their hope for the future.

In September 2008, Greek Cypriot leader Dimitris Christofias and Turkish Cypriot leader Mehmet Ali Talat began a positive and concerted effort to reach some type of acceptable solution. From all reports, over the last two years, the two men have been able to reach a number of "understandings" regarding so-called "convergences."

However, on April 18, 2010, through a democratic process Turkish Cypriot voters elected a new President, Dr. Dervis Eroglu of the National Unity Party (UBP). Almost immediately the "blame Turkey" special interest groups began screaming that the change in Turkish Cypriot Leadership from Talat to Eroglu would lead to a period of retrenchment with future negotiations dominated by hardline views. Once again, though, the "blame Turkey" crowd was wrong. Since taking office, Dr. Eroglu has reassured everyone of his commitment for a just and lasting comprehensive settlement through the ongoing negotiations, under the auspices of U.N. Secretary General Ban Ki Moon.

The first round of the new talks was held on May 26, 2010, and continued briefly on June 3rd and again on June 15th. Four additional sessions have been scheduled through the end of July. Are negotiations proceeding as rapidly and as smoothly as everyone would like; no, but progress is still being made. But, I believe that we are really on the cusp of a breakthrough that could lead to a fair and lasting peace on Cyprus; a peace where the two parties on the island enjoy political equality.

The United States has long maintained a position of strong support for a negotiated settlement. This position has been reaffirmed by the Obama Administration and I urge the Administration to continue to take an active role in the efforts to reach a mutually agreed upon resolution.

If the Administration can keep the sides talking; if the “blame Turkey” groups here in the United States can end the “blame game” and redirect their misspent energies towards the real work of reshaping Cyprus into a Cyprus that respects human rights and the fundamental freedoms for all Cypriots; and if the Greek Cypriots and the Turkish Cypriots can continue to demonstrate political will and negotiate in good faith for the future of all Cypriots; I am hopeful for the future of Cyprus.

RECOGNIZING 20TH ANNIVERSARY
OF AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT

SPEECH OF

HON. DANNY K. DAVIS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 26, 2010

Mr. DAVIS of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, today I wish to honor the 20th anniversary of the enactment of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990. The law prohibits discrimination by private and public institutions toward citizens with disabilities, mandating that any entity covered by the law take reasonable steps to make their property, lines of communication, and employment accessible to persons with disabilities. In the two decades since the law's passage, it has opened the door for over 50 million Americans to participate more fully in day-to-day activities and to pursue opportunities in society. One out of every five American households has a family member who has a physical or cognitive disability. This historic bill expanded access to physical buildings and countless activities, easing the ability of these citizens to go about their daily lives freely without concern that they will be denied access to a school, shopping center, business, or communication device. Access is a freedom that everyone should enjoy, and I am proud to celebrate two decades of a law designed to promote this freedom for so many. I am proud that many of the accommodations that resulted from this law are considered commonplace now.

My Congressional District has long supported the efforts to promote equal civil rights. Chicago has been a leader in the movement to improve the livelihood of Americans with disabilities. For example, the Chicago Transit System has implemented a comprehensive policy of equality by making 100 percent of the public buses wheel chair accessible, as well as improving service to meet the needs of the hearing impaired and the blind.

There is still more that we must do to promote equal rights for persons with disabilities. The recent health care law included an important step forward with the inclusion of the Community First Choice Option, which allows States to include within their Medicaid State Plans an option to receive community-based services for individuals with disabilities who are eligible for nursing homes and other institutional settings. The Community First Choice

Option gives people the choice to leave facilities and institutions for their own homes and communities with appropriate, cost effective services and supports. We must continue to work to encourage States to make this option a reality. We also must continue to work to make choice for receiving care in one's community mandatory at the federal level via passage of the Community Choice Act. We should build on the precedent set two decades ago with the enactment of the ADA by giving Americans with disabilities the freedom to choose where they live.

Equality is a founding principle of our country. It has been an arduous process for many groups of people—from the Emancipation Proclamation to the Nineteenth Amendment for women's suffrage to the Civil Rights Act of 1964. The Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 was another milestone in equality for our Nation. Thousands of individuals worked in earnest to make this law possible, and thousands continue to champion this law's implementation. For these efforts, we honor the 20th anniversary of the enactment of the revolutionary bill.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ADAM H. PUTNAM

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 27, 2010

Mr. PUTNAM. Madam Speaker, on Monday, July 26, 2010, I was not present for three recorded votes. Had I been present, I would have voted the following way:

Rollcall No. 467—“yea.”

Rollcall No. 468—“yea.”

Rollcall No. 469—“yea.”

IN HONOR OF UNITED STATES
SENATOR GEORGE VOINOVICH

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 27, 2010

Mr. KUCINICH. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor and recognition of United States Senator GEORGE VOINOVICH as he is named the Honorary President of the American Nationality Movement at the Annual Captive Nations Commemoration held in Cleveland, Ohio. During his career, Senator VOINOVICH has served as a State Representative, County Auditor, Lieutenant Governor, Governor, Mayor of Cleveland and Senator. In each capacity, he served with honor and dignity.

Senator VOINOVICH learned early on the significance of family, heritage and faith. He was born and raised in the working class, ethnically diverse neighborhood of Collinwood along Cleveland's northeast side. His parents encouraged him to go to college, and he graduated with a BA degree from Ohio University, and in 1961, a law degree from The Ohio State University.

Since his first election to public office as a Member of the Ohio House of Representatives in 1967, Senator VOINOVICH has focused his public service on issues and causes that require strong leadership. He has focused on

children's issues, environmental issues, economic issues and government accountability. As Governor of the State of Ohio, Senator VOINOVICH brought together members of both parties to strengthen and enact new laws in the areas of child support, child safety and early childhood education. He also enacted stricter laws against child abusers and predators.

Since his election to the United States Senate in 1999, Senator VOINOVICH has served on numerous committees where he has worked diligently to ensure that the Federal Government works as efficiently and resourcefully as possible. In the 111th Congress, Senator VOINOVICH has continued his work protecting and preserving our environment including our most significant natural resource—our Great Lakes. He serves as co-chair of the Senate Great Lakes Task Force where he has worked to clean up and restore the Great Lakes, to safeguard the Great Lakes from oil and gas drilling, and to protect the Lakes from invasive species like the Asian carp.

Madam Speaker and colleagues, please join me in honor and recognition of Senator George VOINOVICH as he is named as Honorary President by the American Nationalities Movement. Senator VOINOVICH's lifelong public service reflects hard work, accomplishment and dedication on behalf of our community and our Nation.

RECOGNIZING SIX OUTSTANDING
HIGH SCHOOLS IN TEXAS' 26TH
DISTRICT

HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 27, 2010

Mr. BURGESS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize six outstanding high schools located within the 26th Congressional District of Texas that were chosen by Newsweek to be placed on “America's Best High School List 2010.”

“America's Best High School List” is compiled annually utilizing statistical data about the academia that public, magnet, and specialty high schools implement within their classrooms. Ranking of each school is based upon the rigorous courses that school staffs challenge their students with, such as advanced placement college-level courses and tests. Only six percent of public schools in the United States made the list this year.

Madam Speaker, I would like to submit for the RECORD the names of the high schools within my district that achieved this honor:

Keller High School (Keller ISD), Keller, TX;
Wakeland High School (Frisco ISD), Frisco, TX;

Flower Mound High School (Lewisville ISD), Flower Mound, TX;

LD Bell High School (Hurst-Euless-Bedford ISD), Hurst, TX;

Marcus High School (Lewisville ISD), Flower Mound, TX; and

The Colony High School (Lewisville ISD), The Colony, TX.

Madam Speaker, it is truly an honor to rise today and commend these exemplary high schools. I am proud to represent all of the hard working teachers, administrators, staff and students of these fine educational institutions in the U.S. House of Representatives.

HONORING THE LIFE OF MRS.
KAREN BAUMAN

HON. BRIAN HIGGINS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 27, 2010

Mr. HIGGINS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Karen Bauman and to acknowledge her dedication to the teachers, students, and people of Western New York. Mrs. Bauman passed away suddenly on June 30, 2010 at the age of fifty-eight.

Karen Bauman was born on October 5, 1951 in Buffalo, New York. She was the younger of two children born to Frank and Sophia Hlavna. She graduated from Hamburg High School in 1969 and continued her education at Bryant and Stratton College. After finishing school, Karen found a job working for Liberty National Bank. It was at this bank where Karen met her future husband, Thomas Bauman. They were married in 1979, and when their children were born, Steven in 1980 and Joseph in 1984, Karen decided to stay home to raise her family.

Karen became uniquely involved in education when her oldest son, Steven, began kindergarten in 1986. She started volunteering at St. Mary of the Lake School several times a week, but it wasn't until 1990, the same year her son Joseph started kindergarten, when she was hired full time. She stayed in her position as an aide for twenty years.

During her many years of service, Karen had the privilege of teaching many children, leaving an everlasting impression on their lives. One of her students, Nicole Santiago, wrote, "She was one of the sweetest women I have ever had the good fortune to know. The things she has taught me will stay with me for the rest of my life. I will miss her so much."

Everyone who knew Karen remembers how her smile and laughter would brighten up the room and how she was always involved with various school, parish, and community functions. Whether it was serving as a Eucharistic Minister at St. Mary of the Lake Church or helping out at various school functions at St. Mary's School for the Deaf, Karen dedicated her life to service and volunteerism. Karen believed in living a Catholic life and she passed that on to her two sons.

Mrs. Bauman is survived by her husband, Thomas Bauman, her sons, Steven and Joseph, her brother, Larry Hlavna, as well as one niece and six nephews.

Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Karen Bauman for her dedication to others and tireless service to the Western New York community. I invite my colleagues to join me in honoring her life and extending her family our deepest condolences.

CELEBRATING THE 75TH ANNIVERSARY
OF THE SOCIAL SECURITY
PROGRAM

HON. C.W. BILL YOUNG

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 27, 2010

Mr. YOUNG of Florida. Madam Speaker, our nation will observe a landmark event next month as we celebrate the 75th anniversary of the Social Security program.

With its signing into law by President Franklin Roosevelt on August 14, 1935, our nation established a lifeline for countless millions of Americans and for thousands of the residents of the 10th Congressional District I have the privilege to represent. Throughout the past eight decades, Congress has always acted in a bipartisan manner to ensure the fiscal solvency of the program.

Ever since I was elected to Congress in 1970, I have dedicated myself to ensuring the financial security of the Social Security Trust Funds. At times, I had to speak out against Presidents of both parties who proposed changes in the system that would cut or eliminate Social Security cost-of-living-adjustments (COLAs) or even replace the program with private Social Security savings accounts. It was in the early 1980s that I established the bipartisan Social Security Caucus to fight against cuts in the COLAs and to preserve and protect the Social Security Trust Funds to ensure that benefits would continue to be there, as promised, for current and future generations of workers.

It was with great pride that I supported two of the major legislative initiatives to improve the delivery of Social Security benefits and to provide for the program's long-term financial solvency. The 1972 amendments adjusted benefits to allow them to catch up with inflation over the program's first 37 years and also instituted an automatic cost-of-living payment to allow them to stay in balance with inflation from there on out. The 1983 amendments made some adjustments to the program to reflect the longer lifespan of workers and the impact of inflation on the program and protected the long-term stability of the program for more than 75 years. That legislation passed the House 243-102 with my support as I joined 163 Democrats and 79 Republicans in approving the bill.

The 1983 amendments reflect what Congress can do in the interest of the American people when we work together in a bipartisan manner for the good of the people we are elected to serve. A House with a large Democrat majority joined a Senate with a Republican majority and worked with Republican President Ronald Reagan to make some tough decisions that protected the Social Security benefits for generations of older Americans.

As our nation looks down the road at our fiscal future, I will remain vigilant in seeing that Social Security continues to be a sound self-financing system that provides retirement security for generations of retirees. There is no doubt though that the time will come when we need to reexamine the financial footing of the system and it is my hope that we will once again join together in a bipartisan manner to make the best decisions for the American people.

Madam Speaker, too often Social Security has been used as a political weapon to scare older Americans for the benefit of one political cause or another. As we prepare to celebrate a milestone anniversary of the Social Security program, let us dedicate ourselves to reassuring the American people of our commitment to its long-term solvency and to honoring the greatest traditions of this House and this Congress to ensure that we address any future needs of the program in a bipartisan manner as we have done so many times in the past.

My resolve to protect Social Security for our nation's elderly remains firm and you can be sure of my continuing commitment in this regard. We owe the people we represent no less.

RECOGNIZING THE BICENTENNIAL
OF THE CITY OF McMINNVILLE

HON. LINCOLN DAVIS

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 27, 2010

Mr. DAVIS of Tennessee. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the City of McMinnville, which next week will celebrate its bicentennial.

Named after Governor Joseph McMinn, who helped write the Tennessee state constitution in 1796, McMinnville has been the center of economic activity for Warren County for the last two hundred years. Agriculture and horticulture have long been staples of the people who live in middle Tennessee, and McMinnville is no exception. McMinnville's position on the Cumberland Plateau makes it uniquely suited to growing a wide variety of crops and plants. Home to about 650 nurseries specializing in everything from evergreen trees to flowering shrubs, it's no wonder that McMinnville is known as the "Nursery Capital of the World."

For a rural Tennessee community, McMinnville has given our country its fair share of notable statesmen and entertainers. Carl Thomas Rowan grew up in McMinnville before attending Tennessee State and Washburn Universities. He was later appointed Deputy Assistant Secretary of State by President John F. Kennedy, served at the U.S. Ambassador to Finland, and became the first African American to hold a seat on the National Security Council.

In keeping with Tennessee's musical tradition, several McMinnville residents have become well known musicians in Nashville and throughout the United States. McMinnville native Uncle Dave Macon, also known as "the Dixie Dewdrop," became one of the first stars of the Grand Ole Opry. Dinah Shore moved to McMinnville with her family in 1924 and went on to become a television star and singer, performing alongside stars like Frank Sinatra and Ella Fitzgerald. Born and raised in McMinnville, Dottie West was made famous with her role as "Miss Country Sunshine" in a Coca-Cola commercial and her performances at the Grand Ole Opry.

As residents in McMinnville and across Warren County prepare to mark the city's 200th anniversary, I encourage them to take a moment and reflect on the history and heritage of their community so that it may be preserved as the city begins its third century.

IN MEMORY OF HARRY W. "RED"
CAUGHRON

HON. ERIC CANTOR

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 27, 2010

Mr. CANTOR. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to an outstanding educator and

coach who graced the hallways—and the gridiron—of some of the finest academic institutions in the Commonwealth of Virginia. Harry W. “Red” Caughron, an All-Conference tackle for the College of William & Mary in the 1940s and longtime head coach and athletic director at Woodberry Forest School in Madison County, VA, died May 28, 2010.

Coach Caughron was described by admirers as “the very best of the principles that should imbue sport.” A native of Sevierville, Tennessee, he played freshman football at William & Mary before serving with the 78th Infantry Division, 2nd Battalion, and the 84th Infantry Division during World War II. After the war, he returned to William & Mary, where he co-captained the squad that defeated Oklahoma State in the 1948 Delta Bowl, and completed both undergraduate and graduate degrees.

Caughron coached at James Wood High School in Winchester, Virginia, and at Hammond High School in Alexandria, Virginia, before joining Woodberry Forest in 1960. He became athletic director at Woodberry in 1961.

Over 31 seasons as Woodberry’s head coach, Caughron compiled a record of 217 wins, 56 losses, and seven ties—one of the best among Virginia high school coaches. His teams, eight of which were undefeated, earned 15 conference championships. He was an eight-time Virginia Prep League Coach of the Year, and was inducted into the Virginia Sports Hall of Fame in 2009.

Caughron was a modest man who, while committed to winning, was even more invested in developing young men of sterling character who played by the rules and exhibited good sportsmanship. It is my privilege to honor the memory of Red Caughron.

RECOGNIZING THE 200TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE PENSACOLA FIRE DEPARTMENT

HON. JEFF MILLER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 27, 2010

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Madam Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I rise today to recognize the 200th Anniversary of the City of Pensacola’s Fire Department. Pensacola has truly benefited from their 200 years of exceptional service.

Since 1810, Pensacola’s Fire Department has been made up of men and women with the utmost valor and integrity. These individuals have dedicated their lives to the service of protecting the 60,000 residents of Pensacola, Florida. Specializing in fire suppression, fire code enforcement, emergency medical services and public education programs, these first responders have provided vital services that have benefited countless individuals throughout the community.

Determined and dedicated, the city of Pensacola’s brave fire fighters go above and beyond the call of duty every day. Their level of commitment and sacrifice over the last 200 years is truly remarkable and will never be forgotten. Whether is it fighting flames or visiting school campuses, these men and women serve with distinction and as real American heroes.

Madam Speaker, on behalf of the United States Congress and the entire northwest

Florida community, I am proud to honor the Pensacola Fire Department on their 200th Anniversary. Their commitment to community and passion to protect will always be remembered. It is an honor to acknowledge this momentous occasion, and I thank the men and women of the department for their two centuries of selfless service.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. BRUCE L. BRALEY

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 27, 2010

Mr. BRALEY of Iowa. Madam Speaker, I missed votes on Monday, July 26, 2010 due to flooding in the district. If I were present, I would have voted:

“Yea” on rollcall No. 467, On Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass, as amended, H.R. 1320—To amend the Federal Advisory Committee Act to increase the transparency and accountability of Federal advisory committees, and for other purposes.

“Yea” on rollcall No. 468, On Motion to Suspend the Rules and Agree, as amended, H. Res. 1504—Recognizing and honoring the 20th anniversary of the enactment of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990.

“Yea” on rollcall No. 469, On Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass, as amended, H.R. 3101—Twenty-First Century Communications and Video Accessibility Act.

COLONEL THOMAS C. CHAPMAN

HON. DENNIS A. CARDOZA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 27, 2010

Mr. CARDOZA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Colonel Thomas C. Chapman as he is completing his post as the 29th District Commander of the Sacramento District of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

Col. Chapman was commissioned as a second lieutenant in the Army Corps of Engineers in 1984. His initial assignments were at Fort Knox, KY, with the 552nd Engineer Battalion, 194th Armor Brigade and 19th Engineer Battalion as Platoon Leader, Company Executive Officer and Battalion Assistant S3. Follow-on assignments included Battalion S4 and Company Commander with the 326th Engineer Battalion, 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault) at Fort Campbell and during Operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm. He was also Project Manager in the Chicago District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers; Staff Engineer for the 2nd Infantry Division at Camp Red Cloud, Korea; and Brigade Operations and Executive Officer at Ford Leonard Wood. Col. Chapman also served as Assistant Chief of Staff of the U.S. Army Maneuver Support Center and Chief of Staff of the U.S. Army Engineer School.

Col. Chapman commanded the Philadelphia District of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers from July 2002 to July 2004. Before coming to the Sacramento District in 2007, he also was Assistant Corps Engineer for the NATO Rapid Deployment Corps in Italy, which included serving as Chief Engineer for NATO’s Inter-

national Security Assistance Force in Afghanistan.

Col. Chapman holds a bachelor of science degree in civil engineering from the United States Military Academy and a master of science degree in civil engineering from the Illinois Institute of Technology. He is a graduate of the U.S. Army Ranger, Airborne and Air Assault courses, the Engineer Officer Basic and Advanced courses, the U.S. Army Command and General Staff College, and the Industrial College of the Armed Forces where he earned a master of science degree in national resource strategy. He is a registered professional engineer in Virginia.

Through my professional work with Col. Chapman, I found him to be a consummate public servant dedicated to mission of the Corps and to seeing progress on several flood control projects of utmost importance to my congressional district. I am honored to recognize his service and call him my friend. I wish him continued success and happiness in his future.

Madam Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in honoring Colonel Thomas C. Chapman for his efforts and dedication to the Sacramento District of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

RECOGNITION OF SUDHIR PARIKH

HON. FRANK PALLONE, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 27, 2010

Mr. PALLONE. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Dr. Sudhir M. Parikh, a resident of New Jersey and honored member of the Indian American community. Dr. Parikh recently received the 2010 Padma Shri award from President Pratibha Patil of India, honoring distinguished Indians and people of Indian origin for their contributions to a wide variety of fields in public life. I applaud Dr. Parikh’s achievements and dedication and recognize his work as it serves as an inspiration to us all.

Dr. Parikh is a nationally acclaimed and respected allergist and immunologist and has used his time, money, and influence to advance the goals of the Indian American and Indian communities. With the Padma Shri award, Dr. Parikh becomes the only Indian American to receive the Ellis Island Medal of Honor, the Pravasi Bharatiya Samman, and the Padma Shri. The Ellis Island Medal is the highest civilian honor presented to a U.S. immigrant for community and social service. The Pravasi Bharatiya Samman award is the highest honor the Government of India presents to non-residents.

Publisher of Parikh Worldwide Media, Inc., the largest Indian American publishing group in the United States, Dr. Parikh’s priority is to use the media to empower second-generation Indians assimilating to American society. His work with the media has a dual purpose: to expose mainstream America to the accomplishments and quality of the Indian American community and to encourage young people to pursue the American Dream.

Dr. Parikh has also helped construct an influential Indian American lobbying force in Washington D.C., arranged several high-level meetings between U.S. and Indian lawmakers,

and secured critical votes on multiple Indian issues. Dr. Parikh has worked closely with members of both houses of Congress and the Administration to develop a close, strategic relationship between the United States and India. Under his guidance, the Friends of India Caucus was created in the Senate. Dr. Parikh was also actively involved in the U.S.-India Civilian Nuclear Agreement. He currently serves as founding board member and Vice Chairman of the Indian American Republican Council, President of the Indian American Forum for Political Education and the board of the Federation of Indian Associations.

As a community activist, Dr. Parikh has donated to charitable organizations in both the United States and India. Most notably, he accompanied former President Bill Clinton to Gujarat in 2001 following the devastating earthquake and in 2004 launched a humanitarian program to help tsunami victims. Dr. Parikh has worked to establish trauma centers in India and supports the One Teacher School in tribal regions. Moreover, Dr. Parikh has donated considerably to the Indian Independence Day Parade, the American India Foundation, Share and Care, and the Nargis Dutt Foundation. Dr. Parikh is one of the largest benefactors of both the Vraj Temple and the Vaishnavite Temple.

Madam Speaker, please join me in leading this body in acknowledgement of the extraordinary contributions of Dr. Sudhir Parikh. He is a greatly valued citizen of the state of New Jersey, and I am honored to recognize him today.

RECOGNIZING THE FORSAN LADY
BUFFS' SOFTBALL 2009 AND 2010
STATE CHAMPIONSHIP

HON. RANDY NEUGEBAUER

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 27, 2010

Mr. NEUGEBAUER. Madam Speaker, I proudly congratulate the Lady Buffs softball team of Forsan High School in Forsan, Texas for winning the 2009 and 2010 Texas 1A State Softball Championships.

In their second appearance in the state tournament, the Lady Buffs defended their softball state championship. The Forsan Lady Buffs finished their 2009–2010 season with a 26–4 record, with none of their four losses coming against Class 1A opponents. The impressive record demonstrates the team's strength and ability to work together to achieve success.

Coached by Shanna Roberts, this year's Forsan Lady Buffs successfully proved that their 2009 State Championship was not a fluke, as critics claimed. The team had a strong postseason, outscoring their opponents by 41 runs, 50–9. In the 2010 state championship game, Amanda Longorio pitched a one-hit shutout, leading the Lady Buffs to a 5–0 win over Blue Ridge; this earned her the distinction as the game's Most Valuable Player.

I applaud the Lady Buffs' hard work and tradition of success. With great support from the community, the team proved itself as the best 1A softball team in Texas two years running. The Lady Buffs exemplify the principles of competitive spirit and success both on and off the field, and I congratulate them on their well-deserved state championships.

HONORING THE RETIREMENT OF
MR. STEVEN MORRISON

HON. TAMMY BALDWIN

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 27, 2010

Ms. BALDWIN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the career and achievements of Mr. Steven Morrison, Executive Director of the Jewish Federation of Madison, as he retires from his esteemed position after 27 years of service.

From an early age, Steve displayed a passion for service in the Jewish community. Shortly after joining the B'nai B'rith Youth Organization in his hometown of Elgin, Illinois in 1959, he was elected AZA Grand Aleph Godol—International President. This position was only the beginning of a long career dedicated to improving the world and giving back to his community.

When Steve arrived in Madison in 1984, he immediately began working to strengthen Madison's Jewish community and weave it into the larger fabric of this great city. Under his leadership, Camp Shalom grew from a program serving 150 youngsters to one which now serves almost a thousand children of diverse racial, ethnic, and social backgrounds and abilities every summer. Steve helped enrollment in the Hilde L. Mosse Gan HaYeled Preschool and Midrasha Hebrew High School reach record levels. He also assisted in the development of the recreational facilities and programs offered at the Goodman Campus, which are now enjoyed by families throughout the region. Furthermore, as Executive Director of Madison's Jewish Social Services, Steve expanded the agency's outreach to immigrants and refugees in need of support as they adapted to a new home and way of life.

Steve's commitment to the larger Madison community is rooted in the Judaic teachings of education and justice. With humor, tact, keen intellect, compassion, and chutzpah, he brings people to the table and helps guide them toward mutual understanding and growth. Steve is a fierce defender of minority rights, whether speaking against hate crimes or in support of same-sex marriage. As Chair of the Madison Public Schools Human Relations Council for more than two decades, Steve helped teachers and administrators better understand the needs of students who come from a variety of backgrounds. Among the countless awards and honors that Steve received over the years are the Mandelkorn Distinguished Service Award given by the Association of Jewish Community Organization Professionals and Ally of the Year given by OutReach, Madison's LGBT Community Center.

Tikkun olam, or the obligation to repair the world, is a basic tenet of Judaism. Broadly, it is interpreted to suggest that we all have a role to play in giving back and enhancing the world in which we live. There is nobody, in my mind, who personifies this better than Steve. I have no doubt that the impact of his work will continue to benefit individuals in communities here in Wisconsin, across the United States, and far beyond the borders of our great nation. May his unwavering dedication, vision, and lifelong commitment to the highest ethical standards continue to serve as an inspiration for us. I join both the Jewish and greater Madison communities in honoring Mr. Steven

Morrison's achievements and thanking him for his lifetime of service.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. SANFORD D. BISHOP, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 27, 2010

Mr. BISHOP of Georgia. Madam Speaker, I regret that I was unavoidably absent yesterday afternoon, July 26, on very urgent business. Had I been present for the three votes which occurred yesterday evening, I would have voted "aye" on H.R. 1320, rollcall vote No. 467; I would have voted "aye" on H. Res. 1504, rollcall vote No. 468; and I would have voted "aye" on H.R. 3101, rollcall vote No. 469.

OUR UNCONSCIONABLE NATIONAL
DEBT

HON. MIKE COFFMAN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 27, 2010

Mr. COFFMAN of Colorado. Madam Speaker, today our national debt is \$13,252,030,092,034.06.

On January 6th, 2009, the start of the 111th Congress, the national debt was \$10,638,425,746,293.80.

This means the national debt has increased by \$2,613,604,345,740.26 so far this Congress.

This debt and its interest payments we are passing to our children and all future Americans.

THE 29TH CELEBRATION OF LA
PRESENCIA PUERTORRIQUEÑA

HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKY

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 27, 2010

Mr. VISCLOSKY. Madam Speaker, I am honored to stand here before you today to commemorate La Presencia Puertorriqueña, or the Puerto Rican Presence, a celebration in honor of Puerto Rican heritage. On July 29, 2010, the patrons of Northwest Indiana will come together in East Chicago to celebrate, learn, and understand one another's differences through festivities of the diverse ethnic heritage. Through the variety of Puerto Rican showcases and spotlights, people will learn the history, heritage, culture, and much more about the commonwealth.

La Presencia Puertorriqueña, which embarks on its 29th celebration, is done in coordination each year with a significant event: Puerto Rico's unification to the United States through a commonwealth, which occurred on July 25, 1952. Each year, as over 5,000 people flock to line the streets of East Chicago, the initiation of Puerto Rico as a part of the United States is celebrated. With this celebration, the entire history and culture of Puerto Rico is presented to the people of Northwest Indiana for a memorable experience.

In an array of ways, families and folk who attend can share an educational and warm Puerto Rican influenced experience. During the festivities, Puerto Rican ethnic heritage is put on display. Relics, traditional instruments, drawings, paintings, and a variety of other items representative of Puerto Rican culture fill the East Chicago library. Many talented individuals find themselves performing for these festivities through music and dance. Each year, people reminisce about native regalia, delectable food, stylistic art, and the notorious island coqui, a tiny frog known throughout the island of Puerto Rico for its relentless chirping. It is an educational experience the whole family can enjoy. People are left with memories and knowledge about the culture, heritage, and diverse values of the Puerto Rico.

For the past twenty-nine years, La Presencia Puertorriqueña has brought together thousands, including an assortment of local sponsors, business and civic leaders, politicians, non-profit organizations, and people of a variety of heritages to appreciate the Puerto Rican presence in Northwest Indiana and come together.

Madam Speaker, at this time, let us pay tribute to the Puerto Rican people and their influence in the Northwest Indiana area. As we celebrate the welcoming of Puerto Rico as a commonwealth, I ask that you and my other distinguished colleagues join me in honoring Puerto Rican contributions and culture in the Northwest Indiana area. Their efforts in the community to educate and serve the people are to be commended.

HONORING FALLEN MARINE
LANCE CPL. GARRETT GAMBLE

HON. PETE OLSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 27, 2010

Mr. OLSON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Lance Cpl. Garrett Gamble. Garrett died in the Helmand province, Afghanistan on March 11th, 2010.

In honor of Garrett's life and service, I submit the following poem, penned by Albert Cafrey Caswell.

GARRETT'S GIFT

Garrett's!
Garrett's gift!
So Brilliant, and Bright!
So Magnificent, this light!
So all of this!
So Brave, This Light!
As That Last Full Measure . . .
Was but Garrett's fine gift, this night!
A United States Marine!
Who upon battlefields of honor, was seen!
Seen . . . Marching, into that valley of
death. . . .
With no regrets!
As shone, his most brilliant sheen! His quest!
As he took, all of those most courageous
steps!
But worn upon his fine chest, all in courage's
crest!
Giving all, until none lie left!
For all of his most beloved Brothers In
Arms, to bless!
All in a Hero's quest, all To Be The Best!
As a Freedom Fighter, no less!
For such lights come, only from one's soul so
bright!

To but vanquish the darkness, and bring The
Light!

All in what you have done, all in your short
life. . . !

A Mother cries, as her fine son has died . . .
as she asks why?

Fine comfort! One day up in Heaven, he will
be by your side!

Thy Will Be Done!

For you Garrett my son, are but the Bright-
est of All Ones!

Because, moments are all we have!

To Grab Hearts, To Make Difference . . . To
Heaven Rise!

All in your most magnificent shades of
green! You United States Marine . . .

And when there comes a gentle rain, all
across Sugar Land. . . .

Our Lord's tears will remain, with your
Mother to ease pain!

For Heaven has just gotten stronger, as a
new Marine belongs there!

And as the tears roll down our cheeks, re-
member what brilliance can be!

And remember all of this, and remember
Garrett's Gift!

Amen!

IN HONOR OF THE DONATION OF
JOSEPH SCHIPRETT TO THE
LONSDALE PUBLIC LIBRARY

HON. JOHN KLINE

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 27, 2010

Mr. KLINE of Minnesota. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the generosity of a benevolent donation to benefit the community of Lonsdale, Minnesota.

The Lonsdale public library is now home to a text enlarger that returns the gift of reading to those whose eyes aren't as sharp as they once were. Estimated to cost \$1,800, this gift was made possible by Joseph Schiprett, a Lonsdale resident. Joseph purchased the machine for his wife who was losing her eyesight due to Diabetes. Helen, who never lost her love for reading, passed away in 2007, at which time Joseph shared this gift with the entire Lonsdale community.

As the Senior Republican on the Education and Labor Committee, I commend Mr. Schiprett for his selfless donation and investment in the continuing education of the Lonsdale community.

HONORING DAVE SOLEM

HON. GREG WALDEN

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 27, 2010

Mr. WALDEN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to share with you the deep appreciation that I and the people of the Klamath Basin hold for Dave Solem, the manager of the Klamath Irrigation District.

Those who know Dave admire his considerable knowledge, skill, and leadership abilities. You can always rely on Dave to have the informed perspective and good judgment to find solutions that make a difference.

It is with mixed emotions that I join my fellow Oregonians in bidding Dave farewell as he

leaves the Klamath Basin for a new career. After 28 years of managing the Klamath Irrigation District, Dave is leaving to become the general manager of the South Columbia Basin Irrigation District in Pasco, Washington. Dave's departure is a great loss for those of us who hold Klamath Basin agriculture close to our hearts.

Madam Speaker, you may be familiar with the vast agricultural bounty of the Klamath Basin. Known worldwide for its superior food and forage crops, the success of the basin depends on the conservation and delivery of water. Dave's contributions to irrigated agriculture have been unmatched.

As the general manager of the Klamath Irrigation District, Dave earned a stellar reputation as a leader, organizer, and team player, overseeing all aspects of operation and maintenance of a complex irrigation and drainage system. The Klamath Irrigation District is a major enterprise consisting of irrigation and drainage systems that span 400 miles in length.

Dave, a professional in every sense of the word, managed major water projects during his tenure, including the \$14 million A-Canal Fish Screen and Headworks Construction, the \$900,000 A-Canal Tunnel Invert Replacement, the \$700,000 Miller Hill Pumping Plant Replacement, and the \$350,000 Adams Siphon Construction.

Madam Speaker, Dave knows the value of water and has spent a career managing that precious resource for all uses. Klamath Irrigation District, under Dave's leadership, has been committed to ongoing efforts to conserve water, including several miles of canal piping, the automated telemetric control system of all of the head gates and major canals, and, most recently, the initiation of a GIS mapping and monitoring system for the district.

Dave has served as director of the Klamath Water Users Association, including two terms as president. He was frequently the voice of irrigated agriculture in state and federal forums. He distinguished himself in his time at the Klamath Water Users Association by receiving their Leadership Award three times, and was praised for the strong roles he took in the Klamath River Fisheries Task Force and his participation in addressing issues related to water supply, water quality, herbicide application, tribal trust, the environment, and electric power.

Dave is no stranger to Congress, as he has made frequent trips to Washington, D.C. to meet with members of Congress, Senators, and staff members as well as testify in hearings. He has met with high level agency and administration officials to help them understand that intricacies of water in the Klamath Basin.

I invite my colleagues to join me in wishing Dave and his wife, Julie, Godspeed as they pursue new horizons. Dave will be sorely missed in the Klamath Basin, as he is a man of extraordinary character and honesty who has served the irrigators in the Klamath Reclamation Project exceptionally well.

Dave may be leaving the area, but the results of his great work will remain, and he will always be our friend.

HONORING MILFORD POLICE CHIEF
WAYNE WALLI

HON. THADDEUS G. McCOTTER

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 27, 2010

Mr. McCOTTER. Madam Speaker, today I rise to honor and acknowledge Milford Police Chief Wayne Walli, upon his retirement after a distinguished 39 year career in law enforcement.

After graduating from Rochester High School in 1967, Wayne pursued what he thought would be his career path, earning a Bachelor of Science Degree in Engineering from Oakland University in 1971. During his senior year at Oakland University Wayne discovered that he no longer felt a passion for the vocation he had chosen. Soon after graduation, Mr. Walli took an extended vacation to New York City where by observing the busy police officers of Manhattan he took an interest in police work.

Upon his return to Michigan, Wayne Walli was elated to discover that the City of Pontiac was hiring police officers. Applying for the position, Walli set himself on the career path he would follow for the next four decades. Chief Walli began his career in law enforcement with the City of Pontiac in 1972. He served that city for 11 years as a police officer, 4½ years as a Sergeant and Captain for 6½ years. Leaving a lasting legacy, Walli authored the orientation manual still employed by the Pontiac Police Department for beginning sergeants.

Walli completed training at the FBI National Academy in 1993 and in 1996 became Police Chief of Milford where he was instrumental in initiating a township wide police millage in 1997. In 2004 he was instrumental in the approval of a millage dedicated to converting the former library to house the police department headquarters. Under his leadership the Milford Police Department increased its patrol and investigative abilities, growing the number of sworn officers from 12 to 20 although the number of officers is currently 18.

Chief Wayne Walli is a member of the FBI National Academy Associates, the International Association of Chiefs of Police, the Michigan Association of Chiefs of Police and the Oakland County Association of Chiefs of Police.

Wayne Walli has proven to be a man of dedicated and irreproachable service. His loss will be felt by all the citizens of Milford who wish him nothing but happiness.

Madam Speaker, for 39 years Police Chief William Walli has faithfully served the State of Michigan. As he enters the next phase of his life, he leaves behind a legacy of dedication, integrity, and excellence. Today, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Police Chief William Walli upon his retirement and recognizing his years of loyal service to our community and country.

RECOGNIZING LAURA HURD, CODY HUDSON, MARCELO SOMOS VALENZUELA, AND RACHEL CHISHOLM FOR THEIR OUTSTANDING WORK IN SANDERSON, TX

HON. CIRO D. RODRIGUEZ

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 27, 2010

Mr. RODRIGUEZ. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize 4 students for their outstanding contributions in my district and their dedication to academic success. University of Texas students Laura Hurd, Cody Hudson, Marcelo Somos Valenzuela, and Rachel Chisholm recently completed and presented their graduate hydrology projects on flooding in Sanderson, Texas. This is especially important because their academic work will directly benefit the people of Sanderson and Terrell County.

In 1965, Sanderson experienced severe flooding, killing 27 people and devastating the town. In response, the Federal government built \$37 million worth of dams and watershed infrastructure to protect the flood-prone area from any future incidents. This infrastructure has prevented similar devastating floods and changed the flood plain forever; however, the FEMA flood plain maps were never updated to reflect this new infrastructure. The old maps still show much of the town and over 200 residents living in a flood plain that no longer exists. By law, residents living in flood zones are required to purchase flood insurance. For many years residents of this tiny, rural town have been unnecessarily paying for flood insurance.

The town of Sanderson in Terrell County, Texas, is a town of just over 1000 people and is larger than the state of Rhode Island. By itself, this community does not possess the capacity or means to remap its flood zones. With the help of the University of Texas and its graduate hydrology students, the town was able to complete much of the technical and complex analysis required in flood zone mapping. At the same time the students were able to gain valuable experience by completing hands-on coursework.

The students traveled to Sanderson during their Spring Break to begin their work. The community of Sanderson is very appreciative and I am proud to acknowledge their work. I want to again thank Laura Hurd, Cody Hudson, Marcelo Somos Valenzuela, and Rachel Chisholm as well as Mr. David Maiment the Director of the UT Center for Research in Water Resources and other administrators that made this possible.

As a former educator myself, I am always impressed when we can use academic enrichment exercises to improve local communities. This will leave a lasting effect on this community and we are grateful for your work.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JUDY CHU

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 27, 2010

Ms. CHU. Madam Speaker, on July 26, 2010, I was absent from the House and missed rollcall votes 467, 468 and 469.

Had I been present for vote 468, on H.R. 1320, the Federal Advisory Committee Act Amendments, I would have voted "aye."

Had I been present for vote 469, on H. Res. 1504, recognizing and honoring the 20th anniversary of the enactment of the Americans with Disabilities Act, I would have voted "aye."

Had I been present for vote 470, H.R. 3101, the Twenty-first Century Communications and Video Accessibility Act, I would have voted "aye."

HONORING MR. BRIAN TOUPS FOR
EARNING THE GOLD CONGRESSIONAL AWARD

HON. JEFF MILLER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 27, 2010

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mr. Brian Toups for earning the Gold Congressional Award. Mr. Toups has proven himself to be an achiever and an exceptionally capable young man. Madam Speaker, I am pleased to recognize him for being awarded with such a distinct and coveted honor.

The Gold Congressional Award is the only congressionally recognized award given to youth. The recipient must meet a rigorous set of requirements. These requirements include a minimum of four hundred community service hours, two hundred hours of personal development and physical fitness activities, and the planning, preparation, and execution of a four night expedition. Not only has Mr. Toups successfully met each requirement, he has surpassed every expectation.

To fulfill the four hundred hours of community service, Mr. Brian Toups spent time working at a program for underprivileged children. While working with these children, Mr. Toups was a shining example of the virtue of volunteerism as he worked to provide a positive influence and make a lasting impact in their lives. Additionally, Mr. Toups pushed his physical limits by enrolling in a competitive gymnastics program. Indeed, this was no easy task. However, focusing his ambition and remaining steadfast in his commitment, he prevailed.

Mr. Brian Toups, spent many hours penning literary works ranging from short stories to novels. Honing his skills as a writer, he has submitted at least 500 pages of stories to a local publisher. In his final effort to earn the Gold Congressional Award, Mr. Toups prepared a journey to Northern Alaska. During this trip, he was faced with numerous challenges as he traversed the rugged road known as the James W. Dalton Highway.

Madam Speaker, throughout the course of his journey, Mr. Brian Toups had an incredible opportunity to develop character and integrity by taking an active role in his community. It is a real privilege to recognize Mr. Toups, and on behalf of the entire United States Congress I congratulate him on his amazing accomplishment.

IN HONOR OF CAROL HARTUNIAN
GIRVETZ

HON. SAM FARR

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 27, 2010

Mr. FARR. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Carol Hartunian Girvetz of Santa Cruz, California. Carol Hartunian Girvetz passed away on July 4th, 2010. Carol will be remembered always as a loving mother, loyal wife, and dedicated citizen committed to her community.

Carol Hartunian Girvetz was born in Hollywood in 1946 to Armenian immigrant parents. She spent her early years as a young adult studying Art and English at UC Santa Barbara. After college, she began her career as a teacher and quickly changed paths upon taking a job with Pan American as a flight attendant. During this time, she worked on many R&R flights tending to soldiers from the Vietnam War as they traveled to meet their loved ones back at home, and then returning them back to the battlefield.

After her days of traveling with Pan American, Carol returned to California to begin her new life as a wife and mother. Carol and her husband George raised their two children, Evan and Shyla in the small town of Freedom in Santa Cruz County. Her connection with the community was immediate as she became enmeshed in the community's needs. She served on the Women's Commission and along with several women, started the first shelter for female victims of domestic violence. This achievement would be the first of many in her thirty years of service to Santa Cruz County. Carol most recently retired from the position of Assistant County Administrative Officer, where I had worked with her for years. Carol was known by her colleagues for her strong work ethic, great sense of humor, and devotion to public service. She was an extraordinary person and public employee who will always be remembered and missed by her colleagues.

In addition to her work in public service, Carol was also heavily involved in local fine arts in Santa Cruz. She played a large role in the development of the McPherson Center for Art and History. She also served as a board member for such organizations as United Way of Santa Cruz County and Santa Cruz Museum of Art and History, among others. Her hard work has given the community and future generations the opportunity to be immersed in fine arts. Her life is a testament to how the commitment of public service can leave a lasting impact on a community.

Madam Speaker, I ask members of the House to join me in honoring the life of Carol Hartunian Girvetz, and extend our nation's deepest gratitude to her thirty years of service to her community. Carol lived sixty-four years of life filled with the love of her family, passion for public service and the arts, and will be greatly missed.

ON THE BIRTH OF CAMERON ROSE
DONAHUE

HON. JOE WILSON

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 27, 2010

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Madam Speaker, I am happy to congratulate Brian Donahue and his wife Julie on the birth of their new daughter Cameron Rose Donahue. Cameron was born on Monday, July 26, 2010, at 3:34 in the afternoon at Arlington, Virginia, with a full head of gorgeous red hair.

Cameron Rose Donahue is 6 pounds of pride and joy to her grandparents, R. Scott and Claudia Horner of New Jersey and Marilyn and Francis Donahue of Florida and New Jersey.

I am so excited for this new blessing to the Donahue family and wish them all the best.

HONORING GEORGE B. VASHON

HON. PATRICK J. MURPHY

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 27, 2010

Mr. PATRICK J. MURPHY of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor George B. Vashon, a 19th century Pennsylvanian who distinguished himself as an African-American educator, abolitionist, poet, and activist, and who earlier this year was posthumously admitted to the bar 163 years after he first tried to break this barrier. Vashon was born in Carlisle, PA in 1824 and raised in Pittsburgh, the son of John B. Vashon, a leading anti-slavery crusader, businessman, and veteran of the War of 1812. Both John and George Vashon were active in the western Pennsylvania abolitionist efforts of the time, helping escaped slaves on the Underground Railroad and organizing Pittsburgh's black community in several anti-slavery gatherings. Frederick Douglass, William Lloyd Garrison, and Martin Delany were among the Vashons' closest associates and family friends.

Growing up as a student of the abolitionist crusade, George B. Vashon became the first black American to graduate from Oberlin College and soon turned his focus toward the law as the means by which he would effect change. In 1847, after studying under the Honorable Judge Walter Forward, later a U.S. Treasury Secretary, George Vashon applied for admission to the Pennsylvania bar but was denied because of his race. In 1838, a revision of Pennsylvania's constitution restricted the practice of law to white men. Shortly after he was turned down in Pennsylvania, Vashon applied for and passed the New York bar and became the first black lawyer in that state, where he later went on to become the first black person to run for office in New York. Vashon would later also be admitted to the bar of the U.S. Supreme Court. After he gained this achievement, he again sought admission to the Pennsylvania bar, but was denied for a second time.

George B. Vashon's career was mostly spent in education: as one of the first black college professors in this country, an official in Pittsburgh's public school system, a founder and the first black professor at Howard Univer-

sity, and the President of Avery College in Pennsylvania. He helped lead many anti-slavery conventions, was active in the lobbying efforts to pass the 13th, 14th, and 15th amendments to the Constitution, and was a contributor to Frederick Douglass' newspaper, *The North Star*.

Madam Speaker, George Vashon's life was dedicated to bringing equality to African Americans and he broke many barriers in trying to do so. Not surprisingly, however, he also faced significant discrimination and his being denied admission to the Pennsylvania bar thwarted his hopes of practicing law in his home state. His many accomplishments and lifework are inspiring and continue to stand as impressive for a person of any color.

In an attempt to remedy what was denied George B. Vashon in his lifetime, his great grandson Nolan Atkinson, a prominent Philadelphia attorney and constituent of mine, was joined by his nephew and Vashon's great, great grandson, Paul Thornell, in petitioning the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania on behalf of their ancestor. On May 4, the Pennsylvania Supreme Court righted a wrong in the history books when it posthumously admitted Vashon to the Pennsylvania bar. In doing so, the Court issued the following order: "In acknowledgement of Mr. Vashon's credentials and achievements, this Court hereby admits George B. Vashon to the practice of law in the Courts of this Commonwealth posthumously."

Madam Speaker, I am pleased to share this notable achievement of an outstanding, if lesser-known American—George B. Vashon. It is also a privilege to recognize the important efforts that resulted in his becoming the first African American to gain admission to legal practice in Pennsylvania.

HONORING THE CROSS PLAINS
FIRE DEPARTMENT

HON. TAMMY BALDWIN

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 27, 2010

Ms. BALDWIN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the 100th anniversary of the Cross Plains Fire Department.

Since 1910, the Cross Plains area has been under the responsive and watchful eye of the Cross Plains Fire Department. Fire departments play an essential role in any community, and the Cross Plains Fire Department is no exception. Their steadfast vigilance of the area is a reflection of the tight-knit community which they safeguard and the outstanding bravery of the men and women of the Cross Plains Fire Department over the last 100 years is praiseworthy.

The establishment of the Cross Plains Fire Department in 1910 actually predates the incorporation of the Village of Cross Plains. Today, Fire Chief Dale Lochner and his staff operate out of a single fire station, protecting over 41 square miles and almost 4,000 residents. In addition to providing service to the Village of Cross Plains, the station also serves the Townships of Cross Plains and Berry. Whether it is fighting fires, search and rescue, or saving lives as first responders, firefighters are essential to our communities.

Volunteer firefighters risk their lives everyday for the people of their communities and

the livelihood of our great Nation. These true heroes provide every citizen with a feeling of security and safety, something that cannot be taken for granted. Every year, in towns all across Wisconsin and the United States, volunteer firefighters like those of the Cross Plains Fire Department provide a vital public service without requiring a single dime in compensation. Their selflessness and willingness to give back to the community is inspirational.

The motto of the Village of Cross Plains is, "Famous for Friendliness," and this ideal is personified by the volunteer staff at the Cross Plains Fire Department. Every day since 1910, the residents of the Cross Plains area have enjoyed the service and protection provided by the department. Today, I join the residents of the Village of Cross Plains and the towns of Cross Plains and Berry, the residents of Wisconsin, and all citizens of the United States in recognizing, honoring, and sincerely thanking the Cross Plains Fire Department for their tireless work and commitment for the past 100 years.

HONORING THE SERVICE OF U.S.
MARSHAL RICHARD J. O'CONNELL

HON. JOHN BOOZMAN

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 27, 2010

Mr. BOOZMAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor U.S. Marshal Richard J. O'Connell for his outstanding service to this country.

In June of 2003, President Bush appointed Dick the U.S. Marshal for the Western District of Arkansas and for the last 5½ years he has worked to uphold justice and initiate programs to make our streets safer.

Dick was instrumental in establishing a Sex Offender Task Force, a multi-jurisdictional group of law enforcement officers working to keep our kids safe. In the first 14 months, task force officers arrested 1,047 people.

In 2006, the city of Fort Smith aggressively campaigned to be the home of the U.S. Marshals Museum and Dick served as steering committee cochairman. Under his leadership, the city was chosen to be the site of the U.S. Marshals Museum.

I have had the privilege to work with Dick during his time serving as U.S. Marshal. I appreciate his friendship and example. I am honored to have had the opportunity to have worked with such a great man, and thank him for his service.

HONORING MATTHEW LANE

HON. JOE COURTNEY

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 27, 2010

Mr. COURTNEY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Matthew Lane for his heroic lifesaving efforts in reviving his coworker from cardiac arrest. Matthew is a 19-year-old employee at Wicker Park in Manchester, Connecticut, and a resident of nearby Colchester. On June 19, during cleanup for an event held earlier in the evening, Matthew found his coworker Stephanie Lee in cardiac arrest. During

the weeks prior to her collapse, Stephanie had undergone several medical tests on her heart and had received a heart monitor to help diagnose her condition. As soon as he realized the severity of the situation, Matthew quickly called 911 and carefully followed the dispatcher's instructions to perform CPR. Matthew, who had received instruction on CPR several years earlier in preparation for a camp counselor position, was able to successfully revive Stephanie.

Stephanie, a 22-year-old resident of Vernon, was quickly taken to a nearby hospital, where doctors were able to diagnose her with a rare condition called catecholaminergic polymorphic ventricular tachycardia (CPVT). Doctors implanted an internal cardiac defibrillator to help prevent future collapses. Thanks to the quick actions of her co-worker, Stephanie will be able to return to the Massachusetts College of Pharmacy in Boston, where she will be a fourth year pharmacology student. Matthew will be returning to Central Connecticut State University as a sophomore this fall.

This lesson in heroics brings attention to the importance of CPR training and exposure to basic first aid education. In honor of Matthew's heroic actions, the city of Manchester's Board of Directors will present him with an official citation during their August 3rd meeting. I ask all members of the House to join me in honoring Matthew Lane for his undying sense of service and commitment to the people of eastern Connecticut.

HONORING REV. DR. MARK
ANTHONY JONES, SR.

HON. DALE E. KILDEE

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 27, 2010

Mr. KILDEE. Madam Speaker, Christ Fellowship Missionary Baptist Church will celebrate the installation of Rev. Dr. Mark Anthony Jones, Sr., as their new pastor on Sunday, August 8 in Flint, Michigan.

Rev. Dr. Mark Anthony Jones, Sr., is the son of Leora Yvonne Jones and the late Rev. Dr. Charles William Jones. He was licensed at the age of 16 and ordained the following year. He was the pastor of a church in Alabama when he took over his father's church in Chicago, the Mount Union Missionary Baptist Church. In what he considers one of his greatest accomplishments, Reverend Dr. Jones and his wife, Valda, founded the Mount Union Missionary Baptist Church of Grand Rapids in 2007. A nationally known evangelist, Reverend Dr. Jones has preached across the United States and in Seoul Korea.

In addition to his ministerial work, Reverend Dr. Jones found time to earn his associate of arts in religious education degree, his bachelor of arts in theology degree, his master of divinity degree and his doctorate of divinity degree.

Madam Speaker, I ask the House of Representatives to join me in congratulating Rev. Dr. Mark Anthony Jones, Sr., and Christ Fellowship Missionary Baptist Church as they celebrate this milestone. Christ Fellowship Missionary Baptist Church has been bringing the reality of God's love and His plan for salvation through Jesus Christ to the people of Flint since the 1920s. Continuing in this tradition, the congregation may rejoice in the work they

have already accomplished and under the leadership of Reverend Dr. Jones embark upon a new era of enthusiasm and spiritual growth. I pray God will bless and guide him as he brings the message of God's assurance of eternal life to the people of our community.

UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION
EXTENSION ACT OF 2010

SPEECH OF

HON. DANNY K. DAVIS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 22, 2010

Mr. DAVIS of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I strongly, resolutely, and steadfastly support this bill to extend critical unemployment benefits for our citizens through the end of November. This bill will provide vital assistance to over 137,600 Illinoisans, and to the 2.5 million Americans, who lost their benefits between June 2nd and July 17th. This bill helps address a national emergency resulting from one of the worst economic recessions in our country's history.

Unemployment insurance is not a theoretical concept to these citizens. Unemployment is a very real lifeline. It allows mothers and fathers to buy food for their children. It allows people to help keep a roof over their families' heads. I have received so many tearful calls from my constituents who call to beg for my help. They are disheartened by their continued unemployment despite active and prolonged efforts to find a job. They are embarrassed that they cannot support their families, and they are frightened that their children will suffer from their inability to feed, clothe, or provide housing. When they learn that their government allowed these lifeline benefits to expire and failed to reinstate them for almost 8 weeks, they are shocked. They worked and paid taxes for years with an understanding that government would help them in a time of need. Yet, this assistance was not there.

I think it is unfortunate that Republicans have delayed this critical financial assistance for so long. To add insult to injury, while proclaiming that our government could not afford \$33 billion to help our citizens who are suffering during an economic emergency, the Republican leadership confidently asserted the position that we want the government to lose over \$650 billion for the wealthy. This is approximately 20 times the cost of this critical unemployment assistance. This is the same leadership that had no difficulty spending a trillion dollars for two wars and giving tax breaks to the wealthiest of the wealthy.

The extension of the aid for 99 weeks is an important first step in helping our citizens who are struggling to find employment. I promise to continue to work with the Democratic leadership to push for ways to help those who remain unemployed beyond the 99 weeks. Long-term unemployment is an unfortunate reality for Chicago and for my constituents.

Passing this bill today tells our citizens that we are working for them. Further, passing this bill today reinforces their confidence in their government—confidence that they will help care for them in the lean times. For these reasons, I urge my colleagues to vote for its passage.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. TOM COLE

OF OKLAHOMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 27, 2010

Mr. COLE. Madam Speaker, on Monday, July 26, 2010, I missed a series of 3 votes. I missed rollcall votes Nos. 467, 468, and 469. Had I been present and voting, I would have voted as follows: rollcall vote No. 467: "no" (On agreeing to H.R. 1320), rollcall vote No. 468: "aye" (On agreeing to H. Res. 1504), rollcall vote No. 469: "aye" (On agreeing to H.R. 3101).

RECOGNIZING THE 60TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE KOREAN WAR AND THE JULY 27, 1953, ARMISTICE SIGNING

HON. BARBARA LEE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 27, 2010

Ms. LEE of California. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize the 60th anniversary of the outbreak of the Korean War, and commemorate the signing of the Armistice which brought an end to three years of brutal fighting.

This year marks the 60th anniversary of the Korean War, and the 57th anniversary of the signing of the Armistice that ended the fighting on July 27th, 1953. We must reflect not only upon the enduring strength of the U.S.-Korea relationship, but also on the past and present suffering of millions of Korean and Korean-American families caused by the hostilities on the Korean Peninsula.

I have long stood against the scourge of pre-emptive and endless war and advocated in support of constructive diplomacy and engagement.

The Armistice was only intended as a temporary measure to stop open hostilities until a permanent accord could be reached. It is my sincere hope that, in light of the continuing conflict between North and South Korea, this somber milestone will serve as a call to action in working toward a proactive and peaceful resolution to the situation on the Korean Peninsula. 60 years is enough.

HONORING ARTHUR SCHWENK

HON. MIKE PENCE

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 27, 2010

Mr. PENCE. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor an extraordinary servant leader and fellow Hoosier. My relationship with Reverend Arthur Schwenk dates back to my school boy days when I was a student in his German class, and I recognize his extraordinary achievements and work on behalf of German-American relations.

Reverend Schwenk earned his Bachelor of Arts Education and Master of Arts degrees in German and psychology from Ball State University, and went on to teach in the public school system for 34 years. In 2005 he graduated from Concordia Theological Seminary

with a Masters degree in theology and was ordained in 2006.

Throughout his career, Reverend Schwenk was an active and engaged community leader, as well as citizen ambassador. Never one to sit on the sidelines, he was instrumental in creating a partnership between my hometown of Columbus, Indiana, and Lane, Germany, and he also helped Indiana counties learn about many facets of German culture. For over thirty five years, Reverend Schwenk organized and led both adult and student tour groups to Germany to learn from and engage in German culture.

Clearly, Reverend Schwenk is passionate about, and dedicated to, helping fellow Hoosiers and Americans better understand and appreciate German-American relations. It is most fitting that he is being awarded the "Federal Republic of Germany Friendship Award," one of the highest awards bestowed upon an individual by the German government. This prestigious award honors Reverend Schwenk's desire to create mutual understanding and appreciation of his native Germany here in America. On behalf of hundreds of students, myself included, I thank Reverend Schwenk for his sacrifice in educating and encouraging continued understanding and respect for German-American relations.

TRIBUTE TO DIXIE/BERKELEY TRAINING SCHOOL

HON. JAMES E. CLYBURN

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 27, 2010

Mr. CLYBURN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to an institution that helped to educate some of South Carolina's brightest minds and contributed significantly to our state's history. The Berkeley Training School, like so many schools established to educate African American children, was vital to its community and its students. I pay this tribute as its alumni are preparing to hold a Grand School Reunion on September 3-5, 2010, to celebrate the school's anniversary and the contributions of this tremendous institution.

Berkeley Training School began as Dixie Training School in early 1880 in Moncks Corner, South Carolina. It was originally planned as a short-term program to last just three months in a local church. The local school superintendent, Mr. I. Percher, was so impressed by the program and its teacher, Mr. J.L. Mitchell that he extended the school's term to eight months.

In 1900, a one-room schoolhouse was constructed to house Dixie Training School. Mr. Essex Reid organized the effort to build the school, and Mrs. Annie Williams was hired as the teacher. It didn't take long, however, before the school outgrew its small building. A building committee was organized and charged with raising \$6,700 for a new four-room school. Mr. Steven Reid made the first \$5 donation, and the community stepped up to raise \$5,500. Reverend James Van Wright was instrumental in securing support from local citizens for the school using the mantra "a dollar a day." Philanthropist Julius Rosenwald contributed the remaining \$1,200 that was needed to complete the project. The new four-room schoolhouse opened in 1920.

Also, in 1920, Richard Allen Ready became principal, and three teachers were hired Ella Forest, Wilhemena Alston, and Laurieene Shine Heywood. Mr. Ready served the school faithfully for 32 years. During his tenure, Alberta Garnett Dupree received the first Dixie Training Certificate in 1924. The name of the school was changed in the 1930s to Berkeley Training School.

After Mr. Ready's death in 1952, Mr. Swinon S. Wigfall, Sr. was named the new principal. He served just two years and was followed by Frank Gadsden, Sr., who oversaw the school's move into a new building in an area known as "Mitten Lane" on Highway 17A. The move included a new principal, Joseph H. Jefferson, Sr., who remained in this position until the school was merged with Berkeley High School in the 1970s. Mr. Jefferson went on to become an area superintendent and Berkeley Training School ceased to exist as a separate entity.

Over its 90-year history, a number of students who attended Dixie/Berkeley Training School have distinguished themselves in all walks of life. A few notable alumni include: the late Lt. General Henry Doctor, Jr., the first African-American Inspector General of the Army; banker Elijah B. McCants; businessman Joseph Sanders; Dr. Syrus Alston; lawyers Dorothy Manigault and the late Donald Gadsden; funeral directors the late George Holman, Milton Scott and the late Octavious Gethers; building contractors the late Oscar Haynes and Sass Burden; School Superintendent the late William Baylor; educator Dr. Lela Haynes-Session; R. Delores Gibbs, MD and Henry Marion, MD; artist Robert Alston; Henry Harris, CPA; Franklin Scott, DDS, PC; Robert L. Wilson, Jr., MSW, New York City Deputy Commissioner of Children Services; and my wife and partner for the last 49 years the former Emily England to name just a few.

Madam Speaker, I ask you and my colleagues to join me in celebrating the contributions of Dixie/Berkeley Training School. This remarkable school was a beacon for Moncks Corner and all of Berkeley County. It helped shape the lives of hundreds of students who spent their formative years at this institution, and they, in turn, have made a lasting impact on our state.

REMEMBERING HERMAN NEUROHR

HON. DALE E. KILDEE

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 27, 2010

Mr. KILDEE. Madam Speaker, it is with a heavy heart that I rise today and pay tribute to a man that I consider a father, a brother and a friend. Sadly, Herman Neurohr passed away on July 15th at the age of 86. I have worked with Herm for most of my adult life and I will miss him immensely.

Herman Neurohr was born on September 21, 1923 in Flint, Michigan. At the beginning of World War II, he joined the Marine Corps and was stationed in the Pacific Theater. At the conclusion of the war, Herm returned to Flint and worked for many years at Buick Motor Division of General Motors before retiring.

It was during this time that I became acquainted with Herm. Herm's son, Neil, was one of my students when I ran for a seat in

the Michigan House of Representatives in 1964 and both became active in my campaign. Herm has been an integral part of my life since that time. He quickly became my number one volunteer and the “go to guy” to get any job done. I have fond memories of Herm and his wife Hazel helping out not only with campaign work but daily tasks and babysitting my children. I still have the letter Neil wrote to me in 1969 asking that I make Herm the campaign manager. It is a decision I have never regretted.

In 1976 when I was elected to Congress, the first person I hired to be on my staff was Herm and he ran my district office for 7 years. He loved politics and government and he was

loyal and inspired loyalty in others. He helped me lay the framework for my district office, a framework that has functioned successfully for more than 30 years.

As a member of VFW Post 4139, Herm helped construct the building. He loved working with his hands and built 3 homes over the years. He traveled to Arizona in the winter and made 7 trips to Germany to visit relatives. Neil, and his daughter-in-law, Carol, were able to accompany him on 2 of his trips.

Left to treasure his memory are Neil and Carol, his daughter Kelly, special friend Shirley Wager, many relatives and friends. Herm was deeply devoted to his family and loved to spend time with his grandsons, Nick and

Dustin Stevens, and his great-granddaughter, Asia.

Madam Speaker, it is a profound honor for me to ask the House of Representatives to join me in a moment of silence to remember the life of Herman Neurohr. He changed the way I viewed the world and I often remember his advice when I am contemplating a problem today. His wisdom was pragmatic, direct and grounded in common sense and I always welcomed his input. Even after he retired, I would talk to him about critical issues. Even though I am saddened by his passing, my memories of Herm warm my heart and I will cherish the time we spent together.