

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

THE RECOGNITION OF 25 YEARS OF SERVICE AWARDS FOR EMPLOYEES OF THE OFFICERS AND INSPECTOR GENERAL OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

HON. ROBERT A. BRADY

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 22, 2010

Mr. BRADY of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, as I did last year, I rise today to congratulate and recognize outstanding employees of the Officers (Clerk of the House, Sergeant at Arms, and Chief Administrative Officer) and Inspector General of the U.S. House of Representatives who have reached the milestone of 25 years of service to the U.S. House of Representatives.

Our most important asset in the House is our dedicated employees, and their work, often behind the scenes, is vital in keeping the operations and services of the House running smoothly and efficiently. The employees we recognize today are acknowledged and commended for their hard work, dedication, and support of House Members, their staffs and constituents, and for their contributions day-in and day-out to the overall operations of the House. These employees have a wide range of responsibilities that support the legislative process, assure the security of the institution, and maintain our technology and service infrastructure. They have accomplished a great many things in a wide range of activities, and the House of Representatives and its Members, staff, and the general public, are better served because of them. The individuals we honor today have collectively provided four hundred fifty (450) years of service to the U.S. House of Representatives:

Linda Cain, Office of the Clerk;
John Clarke, Office of the Chief Administrative Officer;
Corliss Clemons-James, Office of the Clerk;
Jodi Detwiler, Office of the Clerk;
KaSandra R. Greenhow, Office of the Sergeant at Arms;
Tina Hanonu, Office of the Chief Administrative Officer;
Monroe Holliday, Office of the Chief Administrative Officer;
Dorothy M. Jennings, Office of the Sergeant at Arms;
Deborah Jones, Office of the Chief Administrative Officer;
Steven Kaeser, Office of the Chief Administrative Officer;
Olga Kornacki, Office of the Chief Administrative Officer;
Mary O'Brien, Office of the Chief Administrative Officer;
Beth Pence, Office of the Chief Administrative Officer;
Robert Ransom, Office of the Chief Administrative Officer;
Sarah Ricanek, Office of the Chief Administrative Officer;
Bruce Roland, Office of the Chief Administrative Officer;

Anthony Scott, Office of the Chief Administrative Officer;

Linda Rawl Shealy, Office of the Sergeant at Arms.

On behalf of the entire House community, I extend congratulations and once again recognize and thank these employees for their commitment to the U.S. House of Representatives as a whole, and to their respective House Officers and Inspector General in particular. Their long hours and hard work are invaluable, and their years of unwavering service, dedication, and commitment to the House set an example for their colleagues and other employees who will follow in their footsteps. I celebrate our honorees, and I am proud to stand before you and the nation on their behalf to recognize the importance of their public service.

HONORING PATRICIA YUNGCLAS

HON. TOM LATHAM

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 22, 2010

Mr. LATHAM. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor a great achievement by Patricia Yungclas of Webster City, Iowa. Patricia was named an Iowa Master Farm Homemaker by Wallace Farmer magazine. She was joined by three other farm homemakers who were recognized during a ceremony in Des Moines on September 10, 2010.

Since 1940, Wallace Farmer has been a sponsor of the Iowa Master Farm Homemaker Award. The honor recognizes these women for their fine work with their families, homes and community service.

The example set by Patricia demonstrates the rewards of hard work, dedication and community service. Her triumph is an honor that we all can admire and be proud of.

I am honored to represent Patricia Yungclas in the United States Congress. I know that my colleagues join me in congratulating Patricia and wishing her continued success.

HONORING MR. ABEBAW "MUNA" MERNE FEKI

HON. MICHAEL M. HONDA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 22, 2010

Mr. HONDA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the passing of an esteemed leader in the Ethiopian American community and prominent entrepreneur, beloved to family and friends.

Born on March 31, 1962, Mr. Abebaw Merne Feki, affectionately known as "Muna," was raised in the Bole-Kotebe neighborhood of Addis Ababa, Ethiopia.

Following the American dream like many before him, he immigrated to America in 1991. Muna was a small business owner and entre-

preneur at heart, buying a 7-Eleven in San Jose, California, which is home to a large Ethiopian community. Muna introduced Ethiopian products to the store, becoming the first ever franchise location to stock such merchandise. Recognizing the needs of the local community, his cultural infusion brought the business great success.

To serve the large Ethiopian community in San Jose, Muna and his wife opened Zeni's Restaurant, offering authentic Ethiopian-style cuisine. Zeni's Restaurant remains immensely popular among both Ethiopians and non-Ethiopians, considered by many to be the best Ethiopian restaurant in the Bay Area.

Not only did Muna establish a flourishing restaurant, he also created a warm and inclusive community environment for people of all backgrounds. Sharing his love of Ethiopian history and culture with all who entered, Muna made Zeni's Restaurant a central gathering point for the Ethiopian community in San Jose. Through such accomplishments he became an ambassador of the Ethiopian community.

As a patron of his restaurant, Muna and I became friends. He spoke of Ethiopian life and culture, and the struggles of Ethiopian and Ethiopian Americans. As a result of his efforts, I was inspired to found and chair the Congressional Caucus on Ethiopia and Ethiopian Americans, which seeks to support and advance the interests of Ethiopian and Ethiopian Americans across our nation.

I stand here today in great thanks for, and in high regard of, Muna's entrepreneurial talents and civic involvement. Muna's legacy will continue to serve generations of Ethiopian Americans. It is my hope that his legacy inspires others to support their own communities and educate others about the diverse history and traditions of their cultures. He will be missed greatly by the Silicon Valley community.

ENTERPRISE WHEAT RIDGE LORETTA DITIRRO

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 22, 2010

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Enterprise Wheat Ridge under the leadership of President, Loretta DiTirro, for receiving the 2010 Wheat Ridge City Council Partnership Award.

Enterprise Wheat Ridge was started eight years ago and has since grown to over two hundred members. This is an association of dedicated businesses working together to support business and community. By offering networking and business education classes, they have become a valuable asset to many in the city of Wheat Ridge and surrounding areas.

Their community planning efforts are noteworthy and have included the Wheat Ridge

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Carnation Festival and the Wheat Ridge Holiday Lighting Program. Their creation of "Passport to Wheat Ridge", a program which encourages residents to do their holiday shopping in Wheat Ridge, can be used as an example to other communities with the same goals.

I extend my congratulations to Enterprise Wheat Ridge and President, Loretta DiTirro, on this well deserved honor. I commend them for their substantial commitment to our community in their pursuit of a stronger economy within Wheat Ridge, Colorado.

INTRODUCING THE AMERICAN INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENT ACT

HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 22, 2010

Mr. HASTINGS of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise today to introduce the American Infrastructure Investment Act.

Policies passed by the Democratic controlled Congress helped to begin pulling our economy out of recession. The Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development recently predicted it could be 3 years before the unemployment rate returns to its pre-recession level. My legislation extends a number of successful job creation programs that are set to expire. It is incentives like those included in this legislation that will help this nation and restore employment levels to what they once were.

By providing federal support for private sector infrastructure investment, this legislation creates real jobs through investment in long-term sustainable economic development. These infrastructure investment programs are used to fund the construction of projects such as bridges, roads, schools and hospitals.

Some communities in my district have unemployment rates as high as 40 percent. If you were to go there and ask folks, I'm sure the answer would be, "Yes, we need more jobs," and "Yes, we want more of the programs that create those jobs." A project in Palm Beach County set to receive benefits from both the Recovery Zone Facility Bonds and New Market Tax Credits, two incentives extended under the American Infrastructure Investment Act, is responsible for 360 construction jobs, 300 permanent full-time jobs and \$1.5 billion in gross regional product within the first 5 years. Legislation passed by Democratic-led Congress has directly led to the creation of 83,000 private sector jobs in June and nearly 600,000 private sector jobs this year.

Build America Bonds are also extended under this legislation. Created under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, these bonds have allowed State and local governments to invest more than \$100 billion in infrastructure projects nationwide and supported more than 1.7 million jobs. These are the very kinds of successful private investment incentive programs that the government should sponsor to kick-start the economy.

Madam Speaker, make no mistake about it—job creation is my number one priority. I urge my colleagues to support this legislation and help create jobs that are desperately needed now.

HONORING DIANE BEACH

HON. BILL SHUSTER

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 22, 2010

Mr. SHUSTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Ms. Diane Beach, recipient of the HEALTHSOUTH Personal Achievement Award.

In November 2007, Diane was diagnosed with a cancerous tumor on the C-5/C-6 vertebrae which was traced and found to have originated from her right breast. The tumor was removed causing loss of the use of her left arm—which happened to be her dominant arm. However, even with these unforeseen circumstances, Diane never wavered in her optimism that she would win her fight. She underwent physical therapy at HealthSouth that was physically and mentally demanding, beginning with an initial two-week patient stay, and evolving into several weeks of outpatient therapy.

Through it all, Diane continued to be a valuable asset to Home Instead Senior Care as their Office Manager. She was even consulted during her hospitalizations to continue working on payroll and bookkeeping. Diane also learned to adapt where necessary as she relearned to write with her right hand.

Ms. Beach deserves recognition for her career accomplishments and exemplar spirit, which should serve as an inspiration to us all. I commend Diane for her positive attitude and determination, and I wish her the best in all of her future endeavors.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ALLYSON Y. SCHWARTZ

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 22, 2010

Ms. SCHWARTZ. Madam Speaker, I regretably missed rollcall votes No. 526, No. 527, and No. 528 because I was testifying before the Institute of Medicine on geographic adjustment factors in Medicare Payment. Had I been present, I would have voted in the following manner: rollcall No. 526: "yes"; rollcall No. 527: "yes"; rollcall No. 528: "yes."

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. TOM McCLINTOCK

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 22, 2010

Mr. McCLINTOCK. Madam Speaker, on rollcall No. 528, had I been present, I would have voted "aye."

CELEBRATING THE 150TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE IRON COUNTY COURTHOUSE

HON. JO ANN EMERSON

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 22, 2010

Mrs. EMERSON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 150th Anniversary of

the completion and opening of the Iron County Courthouse in Ironton, Missouri. The cornerstone of the Iron County Courthouse was originally laid on July 4, 1858. The construction of the building was completed and it was opened in October of 1860. This courthouse is a testament to justice in the rural community of Ironton. The legacy it represents is a point of pride to the members of this community.

The Iron County Courthouse represents a place where the laws of our country are protected and upheld. Just as justice must be served in urban areas so it must be protected and served in rural communities around the country. This courthouse represents the values of the people of Southeast Missouri and the deep traditions here. These values and this building have withstood the test of times. The Courthouse survived damage during the Civil War battle of Pilot Knob in September of 1864. The Iron County Courthouse is recognized on the National Register of Historic Places and has been featured in numerous publications.

We have good reasons to recognize the history of this institution in Southeastern Missouri. The Iron County Courthouse has served as the site for countless trials and hearings during its one hundred and fifty years of existence. Along with the Iron County Historical Society and the Iron County Commissions, I celebrate the anniversary of the Iron County Courthouse.

EDUCYBER BRIAN AND MAKI DELAET

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 22, 2010

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Brian and Maki DeLaet, owners of EduCyber Inc., for receiving the 2010 Wheat Ridge Business of the Year Award.

EduCyber Inc. began as a home based business in 1998 and has successfully grown under the leadership of Brian and Maki DeLaet. Its growth is attributed to the high level of personalized service provided to its clients and the business model used has become one that others seek to incorporate in their own businesses.

Brian and Maki DeLaet are active contributors to the business community. EduCyber is a member of The West Chamber of Commerce, Enterprise Wheat Ridge, Wheat Ridge 2020 and the Applewood Business Association. In addition to their active participation in the community, they have lent their support to new city development projects such as new parks and new bike and walk-ways.

I extend my congratulations to Brian and Maki DeLaet, owners of EduCyber, on their recognition and thank them for their commitment to our community.

HONORING PFC PAUL CUZZUPE

HON. GUS M. BILIRAKIS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 22, 2010

Mr. BILIRAKIS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life, sacrifice, and heroism

of Army Private First Class Paul Orazio Cuzzupe II, of Plant City, Florida.

PFC Cuzzupe, an Army combat medic, was killed in the line of duty in Afghanistan on August 8th when his unit was attacked by an improvised explosive device.

U.S. Army combat medics are the battlefield's first responders, fearlessly providing first aid and basic medical care to those in desperate need. PFC Cuzzupe personified this bravery and compassion. In fact, a week before he died, PFC Cuzzupe was awarded the Army Commendation Medal for his tireless efforts to save life of an Afghan child that had been severely wounded by an insurgent's bomb.

Outside of the Army, Paulie—as he is known to his friends—was an outstanding young man in his own right. He had been an honor student at Armwood High School and was a talented self-taught guitarist who led his own rock band and performed songs for Sunday school students.

Madam Speaker, though proud to have such a fine example from the Tampa Bay community, it is with great remorse that I rise to commemorate the life of PFC Cuzzupe. I am in awe of the young men and women like Paul Cuzzupe who choose to serve their countrymen in the armed forces. I appreciate their professionalism and dedication. Their sacrifice, like that of PFC Cuzzupe will not be forgotten.

HONORING THE CENTENNIAL OF
THE ST. LOUIS ZOO

HON. WM. LACY CLAY

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 22, 2010

Mr. CLAY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the 100th anniversary of the world-famous St. Louis Zoo, which I am proud to represent. For a century, the St. Louis Zoo, a national landmark located in St. Louis' historic Forest Park, has entertained and educated millions of visitors from around the world.

Since the St. Louis Zoo's first days it has pioneered the preservation and propagation of endangered species. The St. Louis Zoo is a world leader in efforts to conserve animals and their habitats through animal management, research, recreation, educational programs and environmental stewardship.

The St. Louis Zoo has played an indispensable role in the development of environmental awareness for generations of American children and its ongoing research continues to spur new ideas to help visitors understand, appreciate and respect the diversity and fragile balance of life on earth.

This year, over three million visitors will be enriched and inspired by a visit to the St. Louis Zoo as it continues to entertain and educate animal lovers of all ages.

Madam Speaker, I am honored to pay tribute to the Centennial of the St. Louis Zoo, and I urge my colleagues to join me in honoring this American cultural treasure.

HONORING DIANA AND LÉON BERLINER,
HUMBOLDT COUNTY,
CALIFORNIA

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 22, 2010

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Diana and Léon Berliner, extraordinary citizens of Humboldt County, California, who have dedicated their lives to public service. The husband and wife team are being honored by the Humboldt County Democratic Central Committee as 2010 Citizens of the Year for one of our nation's most precious rights—participation in the political system. Their commitment to the general health and welfare of the community and to the preservation of our liberty is worthy of appreciation and recognition.

Diana Berliner has been a dedicated educator for over 40 years. She has focused her career on the needs of special education students, in the classroom and in training student teachers. Diana has also had a distinguished career in connection with the California Association of Resource Specialists, serving as a board member, president, conference presenter and newsletter editor. She has served as an advisory member to the California Commission on Teacher Credentialing and served on advisory committees to the Humboldt County Office of Education. And, as a vigorous advocate for public education, Diana Berliner has also been active in the Association of Retired Teachers. She continues to volunteer in many capacities throughout our community, including Ferndale Repertory, College of the Redwoods and North Coast Repertory Theatre.

Léon Berliner arrived safely in the United States after boarding a Liberty Ship at the age of 13 in 1948. As a Holocaust survivor and native of Antwerp, Belgium, Léon's harrowing story of survival inspires our deepest admiration. It is a story of perseverance and determination that led to a life-long commitment to help those less fortunate. Léon became a citizen and went on to receive his education, then served in the United States Army from 1954 to 1956. Upon returning to civilian life, he launched a long and distinguished career serving children and adults with disabilities. He worked in that capacity from New York to California, developing model programs and educating the community to the needs of people with disabilities. After moving to Humboldt County in 1971, he became the founder and Executive Director of Redwoods United Workshop, dedicated to providing training and work experience for the disabled. Following his retirement, Léon pursued his passion for classical music by opening Berliner's Cornucopia, sharing his knowledge and enthusiasm for life by further educating and enriching the lives of many on the North Coast.

These extraordinary individuals have demonstrated many times over their commitment and public spirit. They possess a keen interest in community life and participate every day in a meaningful and thoughtful manner by making our community a better place in which to live.

Madam Speaker, it is appropriate at this time that we recognize Diana and Léon Berliner for their unwavering compassion and for

their contribution to the ideals and traditions that have made America a nation of hope and achievement.

DR. THOMAS P. CAMPBELL

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 22, 2010

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Dr. Thomas P. Campbell for receiving the 2010 Wheat Ridge Reinvestment Award.

Dr. Campbell began his Ophthalmology practice in 1988 and since has become a leader in his field. His investment and restoration of property along 44th Avenue in Wheat Ridge, Colorado has provided the city with an aesthetically pleasing and environmentally conscious building that will increase property values.

This new office design has provided a model that will promote sustainable development projects in Wheat Ridge. Specifically, the design features a porous pavement drainage system that significantly reduces the need for on-site storm water detention facilities creating cost effective use of the land.

I extend my congratulations to Dr. Thomas P. Campbell, on receiving the 2010 City of Wheat Ridge Reinvestment Award and thank him for his dedication and commitment to our community.

A TRIBUTE TO IASHA A. RIVERS

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 22, 2010

Mr. TOWNS. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the accomplishments of Iasha A. Rivers.

Iasha Rivers is the Director of External Affairs and Corporate Communications for Macy's Inc. She specializes in creating synergy in and out of the company from a brand marketing and customer first perspective. She has developed significant relationships within our communities, diversity initiatives, special projects, and the coordination of a number of charitable events on behalf of the company. She is also charged with the strategic planning and execution of advertising compliance for Macy's stores. Iasha is closely involved with working in partnership with city and state agencies, government officials and consumer boards to remain ahead of the curve on issues that affect the industry and customers. Ms. Rivers is responsible for developing policies and procedures to streamline store-line operational functions, as well as advising store executives on internal and external matters.

Iasha has a background in the entertainment industry. She worked for ASCAP (American Society of Composers and Publishers) and Double Xposure where she developed her skills in communications in the field of public relations. Previously, she worked in healthcare as a Performance Improvement Manager and Resident Coordinator for Bronx Lebanon Hospital Center/Special Care Unit, one of the first units in the nation to have a

dedicated AIDS center for long-term care patients.

It was through her work in healthcare that Rivers began to develop a commitment to volunteerism. Her commitment has continued to grow over the last 15 years, and she has become involved in organizing holiday events for foster children, raising funds through AIDSwalk, the Susan G. Komen Race For the Cure and working with children with cancer and their families at the Ronald McDonald House of NY. She has also coordinated mammography reminders for breast cancer awareness in all Macy's stores in the New York City area in conjunction with the City Council Speaker's Office of New York.

Iasha's passion for children and education has led her to giving presentations for college students on dressing for your success. She has also taught business seminars at the Henry Street Settlement for displaced workers building the skills to get back in the workforce.

Ms. Rivers is currently the 2010 Chair of SOCAP's (Society of Consumer Affairs Professionals International) Conference Board. She has also been named the Chair for United Way's 2011 Women United in Philanthropy—The Power of Women. With her combination of leadership, communication skills and volunteerism, Iasha was recently honored with a national award for the 40 Under Forty Dynamic Achievers in 2010. She has also been recognized by the United Way with the prestigious Rising Star Award in 2009.

Rivers attended Hunter College for a B.S. in Economics and is currently pursuing a degree in International Affairs at Columbia University.

Iasha is a single mom of two children, Andrew and Brianna, and lives in Brooklyn, NY.

Madam Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in recognizing the achievements of Iasha A. Rivers.

**FEDERAL EMPLOYEES
RESPONSIBLE INVESTMENT ACT**

HON. JAMES R. LANGEVIN

OF RHODE ISLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 22, 2010

Mr. LANGEVIN. Madam Speaker, today I am reintroducing the Federal Employees Responsible Investment Act, which would add a socially responsible investment option to the Thrift Savings Plan.

The reckless actions of financial institutions and corporations that contributed to our nation's recession have provided countless illustrations of the need to place a greater emphasis on good corporate governance, as well as social and environmental practices that contribute to safety and sustainability. We must create an environment in which businesses take care of—and are held accountable to—their shareholders, employees and customers. Companies should be encouraged to implement sustainable environmental policies and practices, promote solid workplace relations and produce safe products.

While Federal employees currently have several investment options for their Thrift Savings Plan (TSP) contributions, they are unable to choose one of the fastest-growing categories of investment—socially responsible investment. Investors are increasingly turning to socially responsible investment (SRI) options

because good corporate practices are often an indicator of good management, financial success and long-term stability. In 2009, three out of four large cap SRI mutual funds outperformed the Standard & Poor's (S&P) 500 Index by an average of 6 percentage points, according to data analyzed by the Social Investment Forum, a national association made up of over 400 financial professionals and institutions. A majority of these funds have also outperformed the S&P 500 over three years and over 10 years.

Federal employees deserve the opportunity to invest in companies that embrace the same integrity in their practices that government employees work to uphold. The Federal Employees Responsible Investment Act would direct the Federal Retirement Thrift Investment Board (FRTIB) to select a "Corporate Responsibility Index" as an option for TSP investment. The index would include companies that meet strict financial criteria, in addition to having strong corporate governance, sustainable environmental policies and practices, solid workplace relations, positive community involvement, safe products, and respect for human rights around the world. Under this bill, the FRTIB would select an index that best meets Federal employees' needs and demonstrates returns comparable to the other investment options available under the TSP.

Making an investment in companies that are committed to corporate responsibility will have a positive impact on our financial system, as well as empower federal employees to reward companies that share their values. I encourage my colleagues to support this measure.

**HONORING THE ACCOMPLISHMENTS
OF MR. CHRISTOPHER CERF**

HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 22, 2010

Mrs. MALONEY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mr. Christopher Cerf upon receiving the 2010 Harold W. McGraw, Jr. Prize in Education. Mr. Cerf has dedicated his life to making educational resources more accessible to all children, and enriching children's educational experiences.

Mr. Cerf began his career after graduating from Harvard University, when he spent eight years as a senior editor at Random House, working with such diverse authors as George Plimpton, Andy Warhol, Abbie Hoffman, Ray Bradbury, and Dr. Seuss. Mr. Cerf then took his talents to the acclaimed children's show Sesame Street where he has been a regular contributor of music and lyrics since the show's first season. He won two Grammy and three Emmy awards for his work with Sesame Street. For over forty years, Mr. Cerf has creatively been educating children using music and lyrics as educational tools.

In 2000, Mr. Cerf and his company Sirius Thinking Ltd., started a new highly acclaimed children's educational daily television program, Between the Lions. Mr. Cerf's literacy series Between the Lions has appeared on PBS for nine seasons, and received two Television Critics' Award for Outstanding Children's TV Program and 10 Emmy Awards. Academic studies have shown that Between the Lions,

and its companion literacy instruction resources, is hugely successful in helping children learn to read, especially those who are at a high risk of literacy failure. The literacy series has proven to have particularly strong results in phonics, vocabulary, and reading frequency.

Mr. Cerf is currently working on yet another educational television series, Lomax, the Hound of Music, which aims to develop children's musical awareness.

In addition to working tirelessly on his educational series, Mr. Cerf is currently a member of the board of directors of Reading Is Fundamental, First Book and the We Are Family Foundation. He is also a governor of the New York Chapter of the Recording Academy.

I am deeply appreciative for Mr. Cerf's life's work in education. On behalf of the 14th District of New York, I am honored to thank Mr. Cerf and to congratulate him on receiving the prestigious Harold W. McGraw, Jr. Prize in Education. May it help him with his future endeavors in teaching children. I know we can expect to see more great achievements from Mr. Christopher Cerf.

**EXPRESSING CONDOLENCES TO
PAKISTANI PEOPLE AFTER
FLOODS**

SPEECH OF

HON. JAMES P. MCGOVERN

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 15, 2010

Mr. MCGOVERN. Madam Speaker, Pakistan is suffering from the worst floods in 80 years. About 20 million people have been affected; 1.2 million homes damaged; infrastructure destroyed; and water-borne diseases, such as cholera, are spreading. Significant resources from abroad are needed to alleviate the suffering and long-term consequences.

The U.S. government has responded quickly and effectively. But we also need to address the long-term recovery. We need to help the Pakistani people get back on their feet, even as the waters subside.

I commend the thousands of American individuals, NGOs and private companies that have responded with contributions. I call on them to continue to make or expand their donations. Coca-Cola, Procter & Gamble, Monsanto, GlaxoSmithKline Pakistan, Western Union, Americares and the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation are just some of the large donors that have stepped up to the plate. Donations can be made via the State Department's secure web page at www.state.gov/pakistanrelief/index.htm. Donation forms can be downloaded at <http://www.state.gov/documents/organization/146290.pdf>. Americans can also donate \$10 by texting "FLOOD" to 27722 (Standard text messaging and data usage rates apply).

A TRIBUTE TO MARTIN JOSEPH

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 22, 2010

Mr. TOWNS. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Martin Joseph for his contributions to health care management.

Martin Joseph is the President of Health Vision Partners LLC. He has a successful health care management and consulting practice and also manages a real estate portfolio of commercial properties.

Martin Joseph is a global visionary leader with more than 20 years in investment banking and the financial services arena. He worked for Citigroup as Vice President of Global Marketing, Merrill Lynch, Prudential U.S. and Prudential U.K.

Over the years, Mr. Joseph's investment banking and wealth management background has enabled him to restructure and increase revenue for health care practices, hospitals, and private doctors' practices in the metropolitan area.

Mr. Joseph enjoys reading in his spare time. He is active in local charities, politics and is a Gallon Club blood donor.

Madam Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in recognizing the achievements of Martin Joseph.

HONORING MS. ESSIE "BIG MAMA" REED AS A TRUE AMERICAN HERO

HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 22, 2010

Mr. HASTINGS of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Ms. Essie "Big Mama" Reed for her outstanding contributions to the Ft. Lauderdale community. Big Mama stands apart as an exemplary citizen and living testimony to compassion and generosity.

Big Mama's impact on Ft. Lauderdale began in 1988. When her youngest son was just a month old, Big Mama's husband abandoned the family, leaving them homeless. For the next three years, Big Mama and her three sons slept on the concrete floor of the fish market she owned. Despite being destitute and unable to provide her sons with such basic things as school supplies, Big Mama and her boys regularly prayed after school at the Royal Assembly Church.

It is her triumph over personal adversity that inspired Big Mama to begin a crusade of personal outreach. Realizing how fortunate she was to have caring neighbors who provided her and her sons with basic needs, Big Mama decided to give back by helping at-risk youth avoid the common street predators of drugs, gangs, and prostitution.

In the early 1990s, Big Mama solidified a values-based approach that, when coupled with her uncommon bravery in the face of long odds, has helped keep over 1,300 area youth on a promising path.

Big Mama's contribution has been particularly meaningful to the Ft. Lauderdale School System. With scores of students who come from disadvantaged backgrounds, Big Mama provides personal afterschool care and guidance for students who might not get the attention they need at home. Big Mama also holds popular "shut-ins" four times a year at her church, where local school children are exposed to a "selfless passion for excellence in education and social advancement" through self-reliance. All this prompted Rhoda Gawlowski, assistant principal at New River Middle School, to say of Big Mama: "I have never, ever met a person like her. She helps

everyone in our school: the children, the parents, members of the community. I don't know how she does it, but she manages to find time to spend with every student who seeks her out."

Big Mama's commitment to service, however, is not limited to Ft. Lauderdale Schools. After Hurricane Wilma devastated Florida in 2005, leaving residents without power and food, Big Mama made sure everybody had something to eat. And I mean everybody. Working together with local leaders, Big Mama was able to secure enough donations to personally cook for 1,000 low-income residents in a week. All of this from a woman who recently faced her second bout with homelessness because her house—what people in Ft. Lauderdale refer to as a sanctuary—did not meet local code with its leaky roof covered, in some parts, with a plastic tarp.

Big Mama also founded the Team of Life, a Ft. Lauderdale nonprofit, to allow her personal outreach efforts to reach even more people in her community. The organization regularly organizes charitable drives during the holiday and back-to-school seasons with great success. In addition to an annual turkey drive that collects turkeys for needy families—20,000 in 2009 alone—so that they may enjoy the Thanksgiving holiday, Big Mama organizes an annual health drive to immunize local children whose families otherwise could not afford such vital care.

Through it all, Big Mama has never asked for recognition. All she wants is for Ft. Lauderdale children to experience the reality of a better tomorrow. Because of such uncommon grace, compassion, and generosity, I stand before you, Madam Speaker, to recognize Ms. Essie "Big Mama" Reed as a true American hero.

HONORING THE 99TH NATIONAL DAY OF THE REPUBLIC OF CHINA (TAIWAN)

HON. F. JAMES SENSENBRENNER, JR.

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 22, 2010

Mr. SENSENBRENNER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate a special day in history. Many people around the world recognize that October 10, 2010 will be remembered as 10/10/10. In the Republic of China (Taiwan), however, 23 million people in Taiwan will be celebrating National Day. They remember October 10, 1911 as the birth of their country, and this year Taiwan will be celebrating the 99th anniversary of the Republic of China's National Day.

Taiwan has developed into a strong democracy that continues to promote the freedom of its people. The ingenuity and hard work of the Taiwanese helps to establish Taiwan as a leader on the yearly Index of Economic Freedom. They serve as a model for those across the world who aspire for the freedom and individualism that Taiwan protects for its citizens. As a leader of free people, I commend the Taiwanese government for serving as a beacon of light to people around the world.

The United States and Taiwan have a long history of mutual trade, leadership and friendship. I am proud that Taiwan remains a close friend of the United States. I am also pleased

to call many of my counterparts in the Legislative Yuan my friends. As they celebrate their 99th National Day on October 10, 2010, my friends and the Taiwanese people have my warmest wishes.

HONORING PETE KENNER'S SERVICE AND LEADERSHIP

HON. JOHN BOOZMAN

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 22, 2010

Mr. BOOZMAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the exceptional career and legacy of B.R. "Pete" Kennemer.

Kennemer served as CEO and president of the Western Arkansas Counseling and Guidance Center for more than 37 years. Under his leadership which began at the infancy of Community Behavioral Health Centers, he opened the old Sparks Nursing School with the help of a Federal Staffing Grant. Since that time the center has expanded to include clinics in Fort Smith, Van Buren, Ozark, Paris, Boonville, Waldron and Mena along with a number of programs and facilities in Western Arkansas.

Pete served twice as a member of the Mental Health Council (MHCA) of Arkansas where he was dedicated to improving mental health treatment not only in western Arkansas but throughout the state. Additionally he served as a member of The National Council for Community Behavioral Healthcare (NCCBH) and made frequent trips to Washington for the Council National Hill day in order to advocate for people with mental illness and addictive disorders.

I am honored to recognize Pete who leaves an important legacy that has helped countless Arkansans and has greatly improved their quality of life through his tireless dedication to improved mental health care. Pete was beloved by his staff. His leadership and dedication will be thoroughly missed. We wish him the best of luck in his future endeavors.

A TRIBUTE TO DR. DIVINE PRYOR

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 22, 2010

Mr. TOWNS. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the achievements and contributions of Dr. Divine Pryor.

Dr. Pryor is the Co-Founder and Executive Director of the Center for Nu Leadership on Urban Solutions, the world's first and only academic center and problem solving public policy think tank created, developed, and administered by formerly incarcerated professionals, representing every discipline from law to medicine. One of the many goals of the Center, located at the City University of New York's historic Medgar Evers College, is to offer an alternative voice in the analysis of criminal and social justice issues by including the combined lived and academic experiences and expertise of people who have had firsthand knowledge of the social, judicial, and economic systems that scar so many communities.

Before ever attending a formal institution, Dr. Pryor acquired his very first degree from

the “school of hard knocks” with a Ph.D. from UCLA. That is the “University on the Corner of Lenox Avenue in New York City.” While incarcerated, he would rediscover his love for learning and resume his educational journey. After his release in 1991 he successfully completed his undergraduate and graduate studies at the State Universities of New York in Albany and New Paltz, ultimately acquiring his Ph.D. in Criminal Justice with a major in forensic psychology.

Dr. Pryor is a social scientist who has extensive knowledge and experience in the health and social service fields, having spent over half his career administrating HIV/AIDS, domestic violence, substance abuse and other social service non-profits. He has traveled extensively providing expertise counsel on criminal justice issues to judges, prosecutors and others for the purpose of influencing policy decisions. In addition, he has developed trainings and workshops for professionals that address issues such as anti-gang initiatives, poverty, literacy, unemployment, housing and healthcare. He is a highly sought after technical assistance provider who has helped countless organizations build infrastructure and capacity. He continues to offer his insights in a number of arenas as a consultant to help agencies build capacity and create new innovations in the field of social and criminal justice reform.

In 2001 he was appointed by the Council of State Governors to the National Reentry Policy Council, where he and over 100 national experts produced the most voluminous work in re-entry in the nation. He is currently a member of the Board of Directors of the National Legal AID & Defender Association and the National Council of Previously Incarcerated Professionals, both based in Washington, DC. He is also Co-Chairman of the Board of Directors for the Community Justice Center of New York and Chair of the Advisory Board for the Developing Justice Project in Brooklyn, New York. Dr. Pryor is also Co-Chair of the Criminal Justice Policy Cluster for the Black Brooklyn Empowerment Coalition. Most recently, Dr. Pryor was appointed by the Majority Leader of the New York State Senate to co-chair the New York State Anti-Gang Violence Reduction Commission. In addition to his leadership roles, he is also an active member of a number of local, regional, and national legislative, social and political advocacy groups whose focus is to effect positive change.

Dr. Pryor is an eloquent public speaker, lecturer, trainer, and overall educational specialist, whose delivery is insightfully powerful, informative, and extremely impacted by the depth of research and analysis he has been engaged in over the years. More recently, he has been traveling outside the United States promoting innovative thinking, alternative leadership concepts and the emergence of this Nu and provocative approach to problem solving. Throughout his life, Dr. Pryor has remained a dedicated student and is honored to be here with us today.

Madam Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in recognizing the achievements of Dr. Divine Pryor.

DAWN AND THE FIGHT AGAINST DOMESTIC ABUSE

HON. DAVID G. REICHERT

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 22, 2010

Mr. REICHERT. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of an organization headquartered in Tukwila, Washington, celebrating its 30th year of being a place of hope for victims of domestic abuse in King County and speaking loudly, boldly, and clearly on their behalf.

The Domestic Abuse Women's Network (DAWN) in Tukwila is much more than a shelter for victims of domestic violence: it is an invaluable resource of specialized information, domestic abuse awareness, and anti-abuse training modules. The professionals at DAWN provide victims of domestic abuse in King County with the education, care, and support they need to take their individual lives back. According to DAWN, 78 percent of its clients are poor or very poor; and 77 percent have children. At a time when our Nation is struggling mightily against wave after wave of poor economic news, DAWN provides a ray of hope to those who need it most.

DAWN values results; the organization is constantly reevaluating itself to meet the needs of its clientele. DAWN values service; its programs and exceptional staff work tirelessly to serve. Finally, DAWN values its resources; much like individuals and families across our country, DAWN is adept at stretching dollars and helping those in need.

Domestic abuse is an unspeakably horrendous scourge, Madam Speaker. It ruins families and communities, churches and schools, and has no economic measure. More and more, Madam Speaker, resources, programs, and dollars must be available to help fight against domestic abuse. DAWN is an organization doing its absolute best to provide normalcy in the face of travesty, and I thank every individual associated with the organization for working tirelessly on behalf of victims of abuse.

Specifically, Madam Speaker, I want to thank Dawn's Executive Director Cheryl Bozarth, President Debra Fiest, the Board of Directors and the staff and volunteers carrying out a vision and providing services that have saved countless lives over the past 30 years. I urge every Member of this House, Madam Speaker, to support in thought, word, and deed any organization fighting against domestic abuse. It effects us all, and we all must work together to eliminate it.

IN MEMORY OF WES SKILES

HON. CLIFF STEARNS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 22, 2010

Mr. STEARNS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the remarkable life of Wes Skiles. Wes was a world-renowned photojournalist and underwater photographer. His work appeared in numerous publications, most notably, National Geographic.

Wes, who was a resident of a resident of High Springs, Florida in my congressional dis-

trict, died July 21 off the east coast of Florida. He was 52 years old. Wes died doing what he loved most; exploring the ocean and providing vivid pictures of unusual places. At the time of his death he was filming a project on the behavior of high-speed fish near the Boynton Beach Inlet.

Wes's love of the ocean was a constant throughout his life. As a child growing up in Jacksonville, Wes would often skip school to go surfing and became a certified scuba diver at age 13. He began taking photographs of his underwater explorations off the north Florida coast to share with friends and family. He was hooked and soon his hobby became his profession. He became a hands-on expert on underwater caves and was known as Florida's Jacques Cousteau.

Wes spent 27 years as a photojournalist and was among the first people to set foot on the largest iceberg in Antarctica. He loved adventure. According to a media report, one time, off the coast of South Africa, a shark jammed itself into Wes's protective cage. Wes beat the creature back with his heavy, waterproof camera, taking pictures throughout the episode, and had close-up photos of the great white's jagged teeth as a token of his survival.

Wes founded Karst Productions, a photography and cinematography company that filmed, produced and directed dozens of programs for television, including segments for PBS, Imax and the Discovery Channel.

Wes Skiles lived a passionate life full of adventure and excitement. Although he was taken from us too soon, his work will carry on for many years to come. Our thoughts go out to his wife of 29 years, Terri, and their two children, Nathan and Tessa.

HONORING TADAHISA KURODA

HON. JOHN SULLIVAN

OF OKLAHOMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 22, 2010

Mr. SULLIVAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and achievements of Tadahisa Kuroda of Potomac Falls, Virginia, who passed away in August at the age of 69.

Tad was born September 10, 1940, in New York City to the Honorable Otoshiro and Mei Kuroda. He spent his childhood in New York City and Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. He graduated from Yale University in New Haven, Connecticut and later received his master's degree and doctorate from Columbia University in New York.

Tad taught at Skidmore College in Saratoga Springs, New York for 36 years and held important positions of leadership at the College, including History Department Chair and Associate Dean of Faculty. A specialist in early American history, Tad received the Ralph Ciancio Award for Teaching Excellence prior to his retirement in 2005. As we celebrate Constitution week, September 17th through 23rd, it should be noted that Tad was an expert on the United States electoral college having written, “The Origins of the Twelfth Amendment: The Electoral College in the Early Republic, 1787–1804”, published in 1994.

During retirement Tad was active with the American Institute for History Education. He visited schools across the country helping

them develop their history education programs. Tad also remained passionate about baseball and the Philadelphia Phillies.

He will be missed by his wife, Akiko, his family and a host of friends, colleagues, and students. He was a remarkable teacher and a true gentleman.

Madam Speaker, I commend Tad Kuroda for his commitment to teaching, scholarship and service, and I ask the U.S. House of Representatives to join me in remembering this outstanding American, Tad Kuroda.

HONORING EUNICE ELEMENTARY
SCHOOL

HON. CHARLES W. BOUSTANY, JR.

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 22, 2010

Mr. BOUSTANY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Eunice Elementary School in St. Landry Parish, Louisiana, for being recognized by the United States Department of Education as a 2010 National Blue Ribbon School.

Eunice Elementary is one of the 304 schools honored this year for great academic achievement and far-reaching improvement. Nominations and applications were sent by numerous public and private elementary, middle, and high schools. More than 6,000 schools have been honored since 1982, when the Blue Ribbon Program began.

Eunice Elementary educates students from pre-kindergarten through fourth grade. The school's accelerated reading program also excelled at the national level this year. LEAP scores from spring 2010 were proficient with mathematics being the most improved.

The hard work of the students and dedication of the faculty and staff prove the school deserving of this honor. The entire St. Landry Parish community, which has contributed to Eunice Elementary's success, should be very proud. Commending this Louisiana school for its wonderful achievement is both an honor and a pleasure.

Again, congratulations to Eunice Elementary School, a 2010 National Blue Ribbon School.

A TRIBUTE TO DR. KHALEEQ
ARSHED

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 22, 2010

Mr. TOWNS. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Dr. Khaleeq Arshed for his contributions to the medical field.

Dr. Arshed was born in Pakistan, and attended Nishtar Medical College before coming to the United States. He has been practicing Internal Medicine in Queens County for the past thirty years. Today, his practice is among the leading solo practices in the Jackson Heights area.

Dr. Arshed has served as an Attending Physician at the Parkway Hospital, the New York Hospital of Queens, and South Nassau Community Hospital. He has also served as the Medical Director of Osteoporosis Centers of New York and Healing Touch Medispa.

Dr. Arshed's medical training included Residency in Internal Medicine and a Fellowship in Pulmonary Diseases, both at Metropolitan Hospital, part of New York Medical College. He was also a 2009 Fellow with the American Academy of Anti-Aging.

He holds memberships and certifications with the Medical Society of the County of Queens, the National Lipid Association, the American Society of Hypertension, the American Association of Sensory Medicine, the American Academy of Anti-Aging Medicine, and the American Academy of Aesthetic Medicine. Additionally, he has board certifications from the American Board of Anti-Aging Medicine and the American Board of Quality Assurance and Utilization.

Madam Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in recognizing the achievements of Dr. Khaleeq Arshed.

BROTHER RICHARD GILMAN CSC

HON. JOE DONNELLY

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 22, 2010

Mr. DONNELLY of Indiana. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Brother Richard Gilman, CSC of Notre Dame, Indiana for his 17 years of service and dedication to Holy Cross College. Brother Gilman graduated summa cum laude as well as valedictorian from St. Edward's University in Austin, Texas. He continued his education at the Harvard Graduate School of Education through a Science Foundation fellowship and later became a member of the Woodrow Wilson Institute at Princeton University. He has also studied at St. Louis University, the University of Akron, Georgetown University, and the University of Dayton, where he received his doctorate in higher educational administration. After many years of teaching mathematics and physics at St. John's School in Sekondi, Ghana, Brother Gilman became the principal of Archbishop Hoban High School in Akron, Ohio, where he later served as president.

For the past 17 years Brother Gilman has acted as President of Holy Cross College, Notre Dame, where he has been an architect for progress. He was influential in Holy Cross College's transformation from a two-year community college into a thriving Catholic Liberal Arts college. During his tenure at Holy Cross College, Brother Gilman oversaw the construction of the Millennium Arch, Hardesty Plaza, two new residence halls, and the Pfeil Recreation and Student Centers.

Apart from implementing new structures on the Holy Cross Campus, Brother Gilman helped create internal programs such as the Campus Ministry office as well as the International Exchange program. The International Exchange program broadens students' cultural perspectives by encouraging them to travel to countries served by the Congregation of Holy Cross, such as Ghana, Peru, Mexico and India.

Brother Gilman leaves behind a powerful legacy. He influenced the students at Holy Cross College by helping them find the courage and determination to achieve success. The programs he created allow students not only to explore the world, but to explore what they themselves can do. Brother Gilman

taught students that it is okay to fail as long as you keep trying to get it right. His teaching methods gave students the opportunity to expand their minds and grow to become active and innovative members of society.

Brother Gilman's 17 distinguished years at Holy Cross College have transformed the school into the vibrant institution that it is today. His service to Holy Cross College will undoubtedly be felt by students, faculty and staff for many years to come.

It is my honor to thank Brother Gilman for a lifetime of selfless hard work and countless contributions to the communities he has served.

HONORING JEREMY JACOBSEN

HON. TOM LATHAM

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 22, 2010

Mr. LATHAM. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize Jeremy Jacobsen, a U.S. Marine veteran from Boone, Iowa, and to express my appreciation for his dedication and commitment to his country.

The Boone News Republican is currently running a series of articles that honors one Boone County veteran every Tuesday from Memorial Day to Veterans Day. Jeremy Jacobsen was recognized on Tuesday, September 21. Below is the article in its entirety.

I commend Jeremy Jacobsen for his many years of loyalty and service to our great nation. It is an immense honor to represent him in the United States Congress, and I wish him all the best in his future endeavors.

[From the Boone News Republican, Sept. 21, 2010]

SERVICE

(By Greg Eckstrom)

The term is used frequently, most often when referring to what our soldiers are doing overseas—they're serving. While used frequently, however, many often don't devote a great deal of thought to why the word is used. It's used to describe our soldiers, without thought of the significance of the word.

Boone resident and Marine Corps veteran Jeremy Jacobsen, however, embodies this term. He didn't join the military for an enrollment bonus, for college money or because of family tradition—in fact, his grandfather was his only direct relative at the time that had joined the service. For Jacobsen, it was something he wanted to do . . . he wanted to make a difference. He wanted to serve.

"It was one of those things I always knew I wanted to do," he said. "It had nothing to do with family. I just . . . I just knew. I always knew I was going to be in the military, probably since I was about 12 years old. I knew that was what I was going to do."

This decision did not come easily, however, for the Atkins, Iowa kid as he fought tooth and nail to enlist early at age 17. His parents and relatives all urged him not to do it, but they could see his determination, and finally his mother signed off on it, allowing him to enlist.

"Me and my best friend in high school, we were pretty politically active in high school, and with that came a deep desire to do something for our country," he said. "We both loved our country. He would have enlisted with me, but he had a heart murmur. So he couldn't. So I just kind of did it for the both of us."

Jacobsen graduated high school in 2001, and the next day he went to boot camp. He graduated from boot camp on Aug. 24, 2001—less than a month before the Sept. 11, 2001 terrorist attack.

"Pretty much my Marine Corps career was the start of Sept. 11," he said. "It was kind of a shock."

Many of the recruiters had told soldiers that were signing up that they would likely never see war. Jacobsen was in the field, training with other soldiers, when the attacks happened, and with no outside communication available to them, they heard only through their superiors. The news was hardly believable.

"Our sergeants told us what had happened, and we thought they were lying," he said. "We thought it was just a way to make us take our training more seriously. And then they caught on to that, so they let us listen to President Bush's address to the nation, and that's when we were pretty much all in shock. It was just silence. From there, I think we became more serious at that point, because we realized . . . since we were newly enlisted, at some point in time, every single one of us was going to see war."

Jacobsen became a field radio operator, joined the Waterloo Unit—Charlie Battery 114. He spent four years with the unit until being activated on June 12, 2005—a date that was memorable, because it was his daughter's first birthday.

After training in California, Jacobsen went to Iraq in September of 2005. He was an Operations Non-commissioned officer, with his job being to process Iraqi prisoners that were brought in. They worked with officials in the country to begin collecting information on prisoners—fingerprints, names and evidence involved.

Being in a position where he would have initial contact with the prisoners, many thought Jacobsen had the power to decide what happened. In their experience, they thought that Jacobsen would be the one pondering their fate—a jarring experience for the Marine.

"They thought that was it or I had the power to decide their fate, and they'd fall to the ground crying," he said. "Pleading for their life or trying to kiss me. I had a lot of empathy for them."

Working through an interpreter, Jacobsen helped process the prisoners—many of whom were "good guys," just in the wrong place at the wrong time, and were immediately released after processing. The prisoners, he said, were grateful to have the soldiers there.

"In the Iraqi government, they didn't feel like they had any future," Jacobsen said. "They could be killed at any time. If they were arrested, they were either imprisoned for the rest of their life or killed. There was no system of justice. And so, they were happy we were there."

Being in a position where the prisoners even had a thought that he might take their lives shook Jacobsen to his core.

"I found myself early on brought to tears for them several times," he said. "Take everything out of the equation. Take out way back when they said they had weapons of mass destruction, take out the reason of maybe there's a national interest in the future because they have oil, take out all the political stuff. Just for humanitarian reasons. Just so they can be treated like people . . . that was enough for me. And for every Marine in my unit there with me, that was enough. We felt like, everything aside, all the other political stuff aside, what we were doing and what we were seeing was good. We felt like we were doing good, and they felt like we were doing good, so that justified us."

Jacobsen worked a shift that helped his time in Iraq fly by. He would work 24 hours

straight, sleep for 20 hours, eat a meal and start the routine all over again. For this reason, a normal "day" for Jacobsen was in reality 48 hours. While this made time fly by, it also set him up for a jarring adjustment when he returned to the United States. He spent the remainder of his enlistment in the U.S. with a Des Moines infantry unit, ending his military service career as an E-5 . . . a sergeant.

Now living in Boone with his wife and three kids, looking back at his military career, Jacobsen misses many aspects of it.

"The camaraderie that you have with that group of Marines is probably the number one thing that I still miss to this day," he said. "You have that group of guys . . . we've been together already that four years I've been at the unit, we go through all this training together, we spend every single day together and we know we've got each other's backs. You know you can count on that other guy if something happens. And there's something about that that connects you."

Being back in the United States has been difficult for Jacobsen, as it is for many veterans. The feeling of having served overseas is nearly impossible to describe, he said. It wasn't until he joined the local VFW that he found he wasn't alone.

"It's weird . . . you never quite feel like you belong here anymore," he said. "You gain a different perspective, and nobody around you shares that perspective. It's different. Unless you've been there, you never quite understand it. I just joined the VFW. Went to my first meeting . . . and that was the first time I talked with people who understood that."

When asked what advice he might give a young man or woman looking to enlist, Jacobsen said the advice he would give them would make him a bad recruiter, but it's one that he considers necessary. It's based around a simple question: why are you enlisting?

"I want to know if they're enlisting for college purposes, or for national pride purposes. I'm a firm believer it's got to be this one . . . it can't be the college purpose," he said. "If it's 'I'm getting this benefit along with something I want to do just because I have pride in my country and I want to serve my country,' that's the perfect reason to enlist and I would tell them you'd do good at it."

As for the Marines Corps, Jacobsen said anybody can do it, despite your size or stature, as long as they have that pride and passion.

"It doesn't matter if you're a small guy or an overweight guy. They're going to fix you," he said. "They're going to fix that in boot camp and they're going to teach you how to exercise or teach you how to eat properly. They're going to give you those tools that you didn't have. The thing about the military is they're the best run organization on the planet. They're the oldest. The military has been around since the dawn of time, and so they've got a lot of history to go off of. Our country was founded by a war. Our first organization, our first business, was the military. Everything they do is for a reason. Everything's training in the Marines Corps . . . I know it's the same way with every branch."

Looking back on his career, the camaraderie he built with his friends, the insight he gained in speaking with Iraqis, and the work he did overseas, Jacobsen said if he could go back and do it all over again, very little would change. In fact, the only thing he would do differently, he said, is push himself more, give just a little bit more, work just a little bit harder, and make just a little bit more of a difference.

"I worked as hard as I could over there, but you always look back and think, 'I could

have done this much more in my time in the service,'" Jacobsen said. "Because it does end. I look back, and it's fond memories and you miss it, and you just wish you would have tried your hardest in everything you did."

That, better than Webster's could define it, is the definition of "service" as it applies to the military. And that is how it should be seen.

IN HONOR OF JANICE MARVEL

HON. MICHAEL N. CASTLE

OF DELAWARE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 22, 2010

Mr. CASTLE. Madam Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I pay tribute today to Janice Marvel, the incoming President of the Ladies Auxiliary of the Delaware Volunteer Firemen's Association (LADVFA).

President Marvel has been a life-long member of the Roxana Fire Company Auxiliary. Like many other members of the Auxiliary and Fire Departments, President Marvel's involvement in the volunteer fire service has been a family affair—with history both in Maryland and Delaware. It has been said that being part of the fire service is like being part of a family, and in Janice Marvel's case, this rings particularly true.

Prior to being elected to this new post, President Marvel served as President of the Auxiliary at Roxana having joined the Department in 1978. She and her husband Todd, who is the President of Roxana have dedicated their lives to their community and the volunteer fire service. I believe her worthy of the honor of holding the presidential office.

The LADVFA serves such an important function in our community, and to be as effective as possible, they must have dedicated and organized leaders. I have every confidence that President Marvel will provide the LADVFA the leadership it requires and is known for. I wish her the very best in her new role.

NINETY YEARS YOUNG

HON. TED POE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 22, 2010

Mr. POE of Texas. Madam Speaker, I rise to commemorate and celebrate the tremendous accomplishments of a fellow Texan, Ed Lindsay. Ed Lindsay is a native Houstonian that will celebrate his 91st birthday next November. He served in World War II and Korea, and has practiced law for more than 50 years. He is the epitome of what I like to call a warrior lawyer.

In looking at Mr. Lindsay's past one can understand the work ethic and ambition that he embodies. As a boy growing up in Houston, at the age of five, he pushed his lawn mower down Pecore Street to North Hollywood Cemetery, where he mowed cemetery lots for neighbors.

Mr. Lindsay attended Texas A&M after high school. He worked his way through college by sweeping out a veterinarian amphitheater during his time there.

Half a year after the tragic attack on Pearl Harbor, Ed Lindsay reported for military duty on May 29, 1942. It was around this time that American victories at Midway and the Coral Sea marked a positive turning point in the War in the Pacific. He followed orders as he was moved all around the country for training, and completed Ranger training at Fort Benning, Georgia. On Christmas Day in 1943, while most Americans were at home with friends and family, Mr. Lindsay landed in Scotland with about 11,000 other troops ready for action.

Mr. Lindsay and his unit trained exceptionally hard for several months prior to D-Day. Then at 7:00 a.m. on that historic morning of June 6, 1944, he and his men landed on Normandy Beach to carry out Operation Overlord. He was given a top secret clearance, meaning he had access to a broad range of restricted information. Top secret clearance is only given to the most honest and honorable military men and women. Mr. Lindsay saw France, fought in Germany during the famous Battle of the Bulge, Austria, and eventually Hungary until the war in Europe was declared over. At the conclusion of the fighting in Europe, he was awarded two Bronze Star Medals in heroism in ground combat. A Bronze Star Medal for heroism is the fourth-highest combat award in the military. Mr. Lindsay was also awarded five Bronze Battle Stars for his five campaigns in Europe, and a Bronze Arrowhead for the D-Day landing. His unit was awarded a Distinguished Military Unit Presidential Citation, which is only given to units for extraordinary heroism in action against an armed enemy after the attack on Pearl Harbor. Ed's stay in Europe came to an end in Hungary, thus turning over another page in his life. His legacy has only just begun.

After returning to the U.S., Mr. Lindsay became a professor of military tactics and science at Texas Tech University, where he met his future wife, Laneta Bechtol. Two years later in 1948, he resigned from the service and attended the South Texas School of Law for two years before being called back into the Army to triumph communist evil in the Korean War. He was the only officer in his brigade with a top secret clearance besides the general. Two years later, he was discharged and finally able to return home for good.

Upon arrival back in Houston, his legal career began to take shape. Mr. Lindsay took the bar exam with no further study or attending his last year of classes. He passed the exam the first time, and was licensed in 1953; A proud moment of many in his lifetime. He put himself through college, fought heroically in World War II, served in the Korean War, then came back and passed the bar exam. Many would be proud to say they've accomplished one of these feats.

Ed Lindsay has had many other outstanding moments in his legal career. In 1975 he became board certified to practice family law, and in 1987 civil appellate law. He took two cases to the Texas Supreme Court and won. Nine years after being certified in appellate law, Mr. Lindsay was elected to the board of directions of the State bar in 1996 and then to the North Harris County Bar Association in 1999. In Houston, Ed is still practicing today.

Madam Speaker, whether on the historic beaches of Normandy or in the courts of Texas, the patriotism and professionalism Mr. Lindsay exhibits demands recognition and

celebration. As residents of Texas, we are proud to call Ed Lindsay a Texan. As citizens of America, we are proud to call him an American.

HONORING BYRON HIGH SCHOOL

HON. TIMOTHY J. WALZ

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 22, 2010

Mr. WALZ. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the accomplishments of Byron High School in Byron, Minnesota.

Last week, Byron High School was one of two schools in the First District of Minnesota to be recognized as a 2010 National Blue Ribbon School. This award recognizes consistently high performing schools that continue to hold its students and teachers to the highest standards.

As a teacher on leave from Mankato West, I know how important and challenging it can be to keep student achievement high from year to year. It takes an outstanding commitment to improving education, a strong push for high expectations and incredible amounts of work. But, when students see every adult in their school dedicated to their success, they are motivated to do their best.

Byron High School's strong reading and math scores show how all staff members, from the principal to the counselors to the teachers, are devoted to students reaching their full potential. Under the leadership of Principal Michael Duffy, Byron High School is a place where every student, every year, will receive a high-quality education that will help them succeed.

This award recognizes what the Byron community already knows—Byron High School is a place where every student, no matter their background, can fulfill their potential. Byron High School is an outstanding model of achievement for schools across Minnesota and the country.

Madam Speaker, please join me in honoring Byron High School for their outstanding commitment to the students of Minnesota.

TRIBUTE TO SAN LORENZO BRANCH LIBRARY

HON. FORTNEY PETE STARK

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 22, 2010

Mr. STARK. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the San Lorenzo, California Branch of the Alameda County Library as the Branch celebrates its 100th Anniversary. The Library was the first branch of the Alameda County Library system and opened on November 25, 1910.

The San Lorenzo Branch Library continues to be an integral part of the San Lorenzo community. It opens doors to books, music, movies, Internet access, afterschool programs, and job searches. The library also runs programs to provide free legal assistance, story-time for children, and computer instruction classes to help job seekers with basic computer skills.

Other Library programs include Homework Central, which supports excellence in school

achievement in collaboration with the San Lorenzo Unified School District. Programs for seniors such as Older Driver Safety and Seniors Making Daily Activities Easier provide essential safety, health and financial information.

The unincorporated areas of Cherryland and Ashland also benefit from the San Lorenzo Branch Library. 239,176 items are checked out of the library annually. Over the last fiscal year, 180,420 individuals visited the San Leandro Branch Library.

Over 1.5 million people in Alameda County have library cards and the residents of San Lorenzo, Ashland and Cherryland have 68,459 library cards. The San Lorenzo Branch Library is a valued treasure.

I join the community in applauding the Library for its 100 years of exemplary service. The Library and its personnel have enriched many of the library's visitors and patrons through the years. I send best wishes for the continued success of this unique and wonderful institution.

I am pleased to recognize this milestone anniversary of the San Leandro Branch Library.

RECOGNIZING OLIVER KUTTNER AND EDISON2 TEAM

HON. THOMAS S.P. PERRIELLO

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 22, 2010

Mr. PERRIELLO. Madam Speaker, today I wish to recognize Oliver Kuttner and the Edison2 team for their victory in the Progressive Automotive X Prize competition. Their leadership in developing the affordable and efficient American-made technology of tomorrow is an inspiration to us all.

The Very Light Car, which took home the first prize in the X Prize competition, is a groundbreaking technological innovation. Its aerodynamic design, combustion engine, and use of lightweight materials allows it to achieve 102.5 miles per gallon, and it has the lowest carbon footprint of any car entered in the X Prize competition. These properties helped the Very Light Car beat contestants from around the world to win the first prize of \$5 million. It is a testament to the power of American ingenuity and to the tremendous promise of American made-technology for the future.

I am proud to say that the Edison2 team is only getting started. These world-class engineers, scientists and machinists are blazing the path towards the future of efficient, sustainable, and American-made transportation. They will now work to incorporate their innovations into commercial car production, leading the way to the new energy economy. I congratulate them on their innovations, and I eagerly anticipate their future triumphs.

IN HONOR OF KEVIN WILSON

HON. MICHAEL N. CASTLE

OF DELAWARE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 22, 2010

Mr. CASTLE. Madam Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I pay tribute today to Kevin Wilson, the outgoing President of the Delaware Volunteer Firemen's Association (DVFA).

President Wilson's career began with the Clayton Fire Company in 1974 where he eventually became Chief and served on the Board of Directors. Throughout his distinguished career, President Wilson has served the community in a number of capacities. He is a past President of the Kent County Fire Chief's Association, the Kent County Volunteer Fireman's Association, and the Delaware State Fire Chief's Association. President Wilson retired from the Delaware State Police (DSP) after twenty years of service, and currently serves as a civilian investigator in the DSP Sex Offenders Unit.

As President of the DVFA, Kevin's strong leadership guided the organization through a tough economy. President Wilson worked tirelessly to ensure DVFA was properly funded and provided the same wonderful firefighting and emergency response that the DVFA is known for.

As President Wilson steps down I would like to extend my sincere gratitude for everything he has done for the DVFA and the State of Delaware.

TRIBUTE TO THE BATTLE OF
PLATTSBURGH

HON. WILLIAM L. OWENS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 22, 2010

Mr. OWENS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the Battle of Plattsburgh during the War of 1812 on the event's recent 198th anniversary. The conflict took the lives of 104 American soldiers, injured 116 more, and marked the end of the British invasion of the region during the war.

More than a skirmish during wartime, the memory and annual commemoration of the Battle of Plattsburgh preserves our precious local history and the vital role the region played in the end of the War of 1812.

This year's celebration of the North Country's heritage coincided with the anniversary of the September 11 attacks on the World Trade Center, providing us another chance to observe the bravery our men and women in uniform have exhibited in two different eras.

Madam Speaker, I thank all those involved in the annual commemoration of the Battle of Plattsburgh for working to preserve the rich heritage our area holds in the North Country. The event truly represents the contributions Upstate New York has provided for the direction of our entire nation.

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CONGRATULATING THE NATIONAL
CENTER FOR ATMOSPHERIC RE-
SEARCH ON ITS 50TH ANNIVER-
SARY

HON. BART GORDON

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 22, 2010

Mr. GORDON of Tennessee. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the National Center for Atmospheric Research on their 50th anniversary. NCAR was created in 1960 as a program of the National Science Foundation and operated by the University Corporation for Atmospheric Research, a consortium of universities.

The mission of the National Center for Atmospheric Research is to: understand the behavior of the atmosphere and related physical, biological and social systems; to support, enhance and extend the capabilities of the university community and the broader scientific community nationally and internationally; and to foster transfer of knowledge and technology for the betterment of life on Earth.

The National Center for Atmospheric Research has provided a platform for collaboration by the larger university research community and has provided the community with tools, facilities, and scientific expertise for 50 years.

As Chairman of the Committee on Science and Technology, I would especially like to recognize the National Center for Atmospheric Research for its profound impact on the understanding of atmospheric processes and systems and its long partnership with the National Science Foundation.

Madam Speaker and colleagues, please join me in congratulating the National Center for Atmospheric Research on its 50th anniversary.

LEGISLATION TO CODIFY A NEW
TITLE 54 U.S. CODE—NATIONAL
PARK SYSTEM

HON. JOHN CONYERS, JR.

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 22, 2010

Mr. CONYERS. Madam Speaker, Ranking Member LAMAR SMITH and I are introducing a bill to codify into positive law as title 54, United States Code, certain general and permanent laws related to the National Park System. This bill was prepared by the Office of the Law Revision Counsel, as part of its ongoing responsibility under 2 U.S.C. 285b to prepare, and submit to the Committee on the Judiciary one title at a time, a complete compilation, restatement, and revision of the general and permanent laws of the United States.

The bill gathers provisions relating to the establishment and administration of the National Park System, outdoor recreation programs that the Secretary of the Interior administers,

and the responsibility of the Secretary to preserve historic sites, buildings, objects, and antiquities—all of which are currently found in various places throughout title 16 of the United States Code—and restates these provisions as a new positive law title of the Code. The new positive law title, along with conforming provisions, replaces the former provisions, which are repealed by the bill.

This bill is not intended to make any substantive changes in the law. As is typical with the codification process, a number of non-substantive revisions are made, including the reorganization of sections into a more coherent overall structure, but these changes are not intended to have any substantive effect.

The bill, along with a detailed section-by-section explanation of the bill, can be found on the Law Revision Counsel website at <http://uscode.house.gov/cod/t54/>. Interested parties are invited to submit comments to Tim Trushel, Senior Counsel, Office of the Law Revision Counsel, U.S. House of Representatives, H2-303 Ford House Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20515-6711, (202) 226-9058, as well as to the Committee.

CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY,
STANISLAUS

HON. DENNIS A. CARDOZA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 22, 2010

Mr. CARDOZA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize California State University, Stanislaus on their Founders Day, celebrating 50 years of service and education to the San Joaquin Valley.

California State University, Stanislaus was established as Stanislaus State College in 1957 as the 15th campus in the California State University system. The new college conducted its first classes at the Stanislaus County Fairgrounds in 1960.

The State of California and private donors have invested nearly \$200 million in new building projects, infrastructure and campus improvements since the move in 1965 to the University's now beautifully landscaped 228-acre site in Stanislaus County.

The institution gained university status and its current name as one of the 23 California State University campuses in 1986. CSU Stanislaus serves a six-county area, including San Joaquin, Stanislaus, Merced, Calaveras, Tuolumne and Mariposa Counties.

Since opening in 1960 with 15 faculty and less than 800 students, 25 of whom graduated in that first year, CSU Stanislaus has grown to an enrollment of over 8,600 students and confers degrees to over 2,000 of them each year. Over 41,000 students have been awarded bachelor's and master's degrees since the first commencement ceremony in 1961.

From a modest start with six undergraduate degree programs, the University has expanded its academic offerings to now include six colleges, 40 undergraduate degree programs, 25 graduate degree programs, and 13 school credential and certificate programs.

CSU Stanislaus has seen its academic reputation grow, with the University ranked by The Princeton Review as one of the nation's best 373 colleges—the only institution in the CSU system included in that elite ranking.

CSU Stanislaus has also been recognized by the American Association of State Colleges and Universities as one of 12 campuses nationwide for outstanding graduation and retention rates. CSU Stanislaus generates more than \$300 million annual impact on the regional economy.

Today, on Founders Day, CSU Stanislaus marks a half-century of excellence as students, alumni, faculty, staff and friends celebrate the University's 50th Anniversary.

IN HONOR OF LORRAINE MADDEN

HON. MICHAEL N. CASTLE

OF DELAWARE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 22, 2010

Mr. CASTLE. Madam Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I pay tribute today to Lorraine Madden, the outgoing President of the Ladies Auxiliary of the Delaware Volunteer Firemen's Association (LADVFA).

President Madden has been a life-long member of the Bowers Fire Company Auxiliary. Like many other members of the Auxiliary and Fire Departments, President Madden's father was the Fire Chief, and her mother was President of the Auxiliary. Prior to being elected to this new post, President Madden served as President of the Auxiliary at Bowers and was also the President of the Auxiliary to the Kent County Volunteer Firemen's Association. Her record of service and leadership is commendable, and is a reflection of the organization itself.

When called to action during alarms, LADVFA assist the firemen by serving meals or snacks while the companies are fighting fires or assisting with other emergencies. The services they provide both the fireman and the community are invaluable.

The LADVFA serve such an important function in our community, and to be as effective as possible, they must have dedicated and organized leaders. President Madden has been exactly that over the past year and the State of Delaware and our nation are greatly indebted to her for all of her past and future hard work. Congratulations on a job well done!

HONORING FRAGER'S HARDWARE

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 22, 2010

Ms. NORTON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to ask the House of Representatives to join me in congratulating Frager's Hardware, located in Washington, D.C., for 90 years in business.

Throughout its 90 years in business in the Capitol Hill neighborhood, Frager's, as it is commonly known, has remained an indispensable fixture of the community and serves as a prototype of quality customer service.

The community embraces the ownership of Frager's Hardware and appreciates commemorating the anniversary with a week-long Customer Appreciation Event.

The expansion of Frager's Hardware to include a garden center, rental store, and a paint shop demonstrates its commitment to

servicing the changing needs of the community and the residents of the District of Columbia.

Madam Speaker, I ask the House of Representatives to join me in celebrating the 90th anniversary of Frager's Hardware.

HONORING THE FACULTY AND STUDENTS AT EASTERN TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOL

HON. C.A. DUTCH RUPPERSBERGER

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 22, 2010

Mr. RUPPERSBERGER. Madam Speaker, I rise before you today to honor the faculty and students at Eastern Technical High School of Baltimore County, which has recently been designated as a 2010 National Blue Ribbon School. The National Blue Ribbon Award recognizes public and private schools whose students have achieved at very high levels or have made significant progress and successfully closed achievement gaps, especially among disadvantaged and minority students.

Eastern Technical High School is a magnet school that provides 10 different career path programs for students which will help prepare them to become productive members of the workforce in the future. Education is so important in setting our youth up for success and Eastern Technical High School provides a phenomenal example of how to effectively do so. In fact, Newsweek Magazine ranks Eastern Tech as among the top 5% of high schools in the United States.

Madam Speaker, I ask that you join with me today to honor the faculty and students at Eastern Technical High School. It is their hard work and dedication that have won them the recognition of the National Blue Ribbon Award. The school's consistent outstanding performance is an indicator of the faculty's perseverance and the student body's drive. It is with great pride that I congratulate Eastern Technical High School on its exemplary service.

COMMEMORATING SEA OTTER AWARENESS WEEK

HON. SAM FARR

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 22, 2010

Mr. FARR. Madam Speaker, I rise today as I do every year, to call attention to the 8th Annual Sea Otter Awareness Week, September 26–October 2, 2010, sponsored by Defenders of Wildlife. This week-long event provides the opportunity to educate the broader public on sea otters, their natural history, the integral role they play in the near-shore marine ecosystem, and the conservation issues they are facing.

In the early 1700's, before wide-scale hunting began, sea otters ranged across the North Pacific rim from Japan to Baja California. The worldwide population estimates for that time range from the hundreds of thousands to more than one million. Before the hunting began, there were approximately 16,000–20,000 along California's coast. But killing these animals for their fur all but decimated the popu-

lation until they were thought to be extinct off the coast of California by the early 1900's.

However, in the 1930's a small population of less than 100 animals was discovered in a remote cove on a coastal ranch in Big Sur, on the Central Coast of California. Since that time, groups such as Defenders of Wildlife, Friends of the Sea Otter and Ocean Conservancy have raised public awareness and helped protect this important species under the Marine Mammal Protection Act and the Endangered Species Act. The presence of the California sea otter has become an icon of the state's coastal environment and culture, and these charismatic animals bring significant tourism revenue to Californian coastal communities.

Still, sea otter populations remain threatened. This year's three year population average, counted by the U.S. Geological Survey, totals only 2,711 animals, a 3.6 percent drop in overall population, and 11 percent drop in otter pups since 2009. This is the second year in a row that the population has been in decline. The annual survey saw a decrease in otter numbers throughout their range, and particularly in areas where much of their reproduction occurs. These latest numbers are of great concern and researchers have begun to identify indirect hazards for sea otters such as non-point source pollution, pathogens, and entrapment in fisheries gear that are causing their population growth to reverse. Data also suggests that breeding-age females are dying in higher than usual numbers from multiple causes, including infectious disease, toxin-exposure, heart failure, malnutrition, and shark attacks.

Each day, research is uncovering additional causes of sea otter population declines. A recent study reveals that microcystin, a toxic algae that forms in reservoirs, lakes and stagnant freshwater ponds, is responsible for the deaths of at least 21 sea otters in the Monterey Bay area and researchers state that this is the first ever documentation of a freshwater algal bloom being transmitted to upper-level marine mammals. Such realizations support the need for continued research and preventive measures to respond to these issues, while continuing to ward against the direct killings and takings that still occur.

Sea otters are integrally important to the ecosystem in which they live. For this reason, the decline of southern sea otters off of the California coast not only impacts the species itself, but it affects other marine populations and the surrounding ecosystem. The demise of sea otters allows their prey, sea urchins, to proliferate unchecked leading to the alarming overgrazing of kelp beds—one of the oceans nursery grounds for many marine animals. Research shows that the absence of sea otters has a direct link to the sharp decline of kelp along portions of California's coast. Further, the sea otter is effective at monitoring toxins and diseases in the marine environment, which can affect the health of humans and other wildlife.

California took the first step toward addressing these emerging concerns by signing Assembly Bill 2485 into law. This bill establishes a state fund for sea otter conservation where Californians have the option of donating a portion of their tax returns to sea otter conservation. I want to emphasize that this means that Californians voluntarily pay a little more on their tax return to help protect these animals.

Even during these trouble economic times, more than \$228,903 has been raised already this year.

However, this is a federally protected species and California cannot go it alone. In addition to continuing to work with my colleagues to secure Federal funds to support a continued and complete recovery of the population, I am proud that H.R. 556, The Southern Sea Otter Recovery and Research Act, was passed by the House of Representatives in July of 2009. This tremendous success was buoyed by the support and devotion of many people. In the other house, Senator BARBARA BOXER has introduced a companion bill, S. 1748, which passed out of the Senate Committee on Commerce, Science, & Transportation on June 9 by unanimous consent. The Committee hopes to move the bill later this year as a part of their omnibus public lands legislative package. We are just a few steps away from at last making the act into law and bringing needed resources to this threatened species.

Madam Speaker, I applaud the many accomplishments of Defenders of Wildlife, who carry out the important mission to preserve our nation's wildlife and habitat. I also applaud the other nonprofit environmental organizations, working with the Monterey Bay Aquarium, researchers, fishermen, state and federal agencies, schools, and many other institutions and individuals, who devote tremendous effort to protect and recover the southern California sea otter. Sea Otter Awareness Week is just one of their many activities geared towards honoring and saving this species, and I am proud to be associated with this vital work.

IN HONOR OF BILL TOBIN

HON. MICHAEL N. CASTLE

OF DELAWARE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 22, 2010

Mr. CASTLE. Madam Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I pay tribute today to Bill Tobin, the incoming President of the Delaware Volunteer Firemen's Association (DVFA). President Tobin began his career in the DVFA as a mascot in the Goodwill Volunteer Fire Company in 1959. In 1975 he moved to Lewes, where he joined the Lewes Volunteer Fire Department.

President Tobin's life has been dedicated to serving others. Along with his membership in the Lewes Fire Department, Bill served as President for the Georgetown American Legion Ambulance Company and later became active with the Memorial Volunteer Fire Department in Slaughter Beach. He has served Memorial well in the role of both Treasurer and as Chairman of the Board of Directors since 2000.

I commend President Tobin on his dedication to Delaware's volunteer fire service and tireless efforts on behalf of his community. DVFA is fortunate to have such a man filling this important role. I am confident that President Tobin's experience and leadership will help DVFA continue on the path of exceptional service for which they are known across our state.

REMEMBERING ROBERT P. BILLER

HON. TOM McCLINTOCK

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 22, 2010

Mr. McCLINTOCK. Madam Speaker, I rise today to remember the life of Robert Biller of La Canada, California. Bob was a gifted educator and passionate advocate for the students of California, and it is with a grateful heart I remember him today.

Bob received his bachelor's degree from University of California, Los Angeles in 1959 and spent the next several years serving his country as the administrator at the U.S. Naval Ordinance Test Station in China Lake, California. He would go on to earn his master's and doctorate degrees from University of Southern California in 1965 and 1969, respectively, winning recognition from his peers and the Henry Reining Jr. Dissertation Award for his dissertation in public administration.

Bob began his professional career in academia teaching at the University of California, Berkeley, where he helped establish the Graduate School of Public Policy and its Experimental Program in Health and Medical Sciences. He returned to USC in 1976, serving as the Dean of Public Administration until 1982. During this time, Bob raised the standard of education for the public administration program and raised the school's first one million dollar endowment as well as serving in leadership roles with the Deans' Council and the Budget Advisory Committee. Bob spent the next twenty years serving in various roles at USC including Executive Vice Provost (1982–1988), Dean of Fine Arts (1987), Dean of Admissions and Financial Aid (1988–1989), Vice President for External Affairs (1988–1992), Vice President for Undergraduate Affairs (1992–1993), Interim Dean of the School of Policy, Planning and Development (1998–2000) and he continued to be actively involved in university life after his official retirement in 2001.

Madam Speaker, it is without a doubt that through his commitment to education and service Bob Biller made USC a better place and its students better off. On behalf of the countless students whose lives he touched, it is my privilege to rise today in recognition of the many accomplishments and contributions of Robert Biller.

TAIWAN'S 99TH NATIONAL DAY

HON. ALBIO SIRE

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 22, 2010

Mr. SIRE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Taiwan as it celebrates its 99th National Day on October 10th, 2010. This national holiday, known as Double Ten Day, commemorates the 1911 uprising that led to the creation of the Republic of China.

After years of one-party rule, Taiwan has held three democratic presidential elections and two transfers of power. I am very excited to see this young democracy blossoming in East Asia.

During an address earlier this year, Taiwan's President Ma Ying-jeou offered this

statement, "It is only under a true democracy that one's citizens can live without fear according to the law, and share in the burdens as well as benefits of good governance."

While Taiwan is a young democracy, it has taken steps to conform to international standards with respects to rule of law and protection of human rights. To this end, Taiwan has codified the following United Nation's documents into domestic law; The International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights and the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights.

Taiwan's budding commitment to democratic practices is impressive. I look forward to the United States partnering with President Ma and Taiwan for many years to come.

RECOGNIZING THE HEROIC ACTIONS OF STAFF SERGEANT JAMIE WEST

HON. DOUG LAMBORN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 22, 2010

Mr. LAMBORN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the courageous and selfless actions of Army Staff Sergeant Jamie West, which have earned him our Nation's highest congressionally authorized award for heroism during peacetime. As a member of the U.S. House Armed Services Committee, I am proud to recognize one of Fort Carson's finest soldiers who placed his own life at risk to save the lives of three Colorado Springs children in 2008. While driving off-duty on February 23, 2008, Staff Sergeant Jamie West observed three children fall through a fragile ice-pond and one of those children becoming completely submerged in the freezing water. The Soldier's Medal citation reads, "Without thought to his own safety, he decided to attempt to rescue the endangered children. With ice crumbling around him and at risk to his own life, he pulled the children from the water and successfully administered first aid until emergency personnel arrived."

Every soldier knows the importance of courage. It is one of the Army's seven core values of soldiering. Courage on and off the battlefield cannot be underestimated. It takes courage to withstand the rigors of war and it takes courage to assume responsibility for life and death decisions. It also takes courage to do the right thing under intense pressure, but the act of courage at the risk of one's own life deserves special recognition.

The pages of American military history are filled with heroes who willingly put their lives at risk in order to save others—and Staff Sergeant West's name will now be inscribed among them.

It was no accident that SSG West was in the vicinity of that pond at the time of crisis. It is clear that, for some providential purpose, he was in the right place at the right time and had demonstrated great courage and personal sacrifice. It is my distinct honor to recognize his heroic actions and commitment to uphold the finest qualities of leadership and military values.

OUR UNCONSCIONABLE NATIONAL DEBT

HON. MIKE COFFMAN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 22, 2010

Mr. COFFMAN of Colorado. Madam Speaker, today our national debt is \$13,476,661,616,652.10.

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 \$2,838,235,870,358.30 so far this Congress.

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

REMEMBERING LTC CHARLES C. LYDA

HON. TOM McCLINTOCK

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 22, 2010

Mr. McCLINTOCK. Madam Speaker, I rise today to remember LTC Charles Lyda of Truckee, California. Chuck was born to Charmian and Lu Lyda in July 23, 1952 in San Diego, California where he grew up with his older sister Laramee, and younger brother, Grady.

An extraordinary athlete, by age 16 Chuck was competing on the world stage, racing for the U.S. National Team in Wildwater Kayaking in the 1969 World Championship. Chuck would go on to be a two-time Olympian and two-time World Champion in Canoe/Kayak, as well as qualifying for 28 U.S. national teams in Canoe, Kayak and Biathlon and serving as U.S. Olympic Team coach from 1996 through 2002. His athletic legacy also includes serving as the first Nordic Director for the Auburn Ski Club Training Center, founding the biathlon program at Northstar-at-Tahoe and the long-running 10th Mountain Division Race, as well as developing the ASC 1–2–3 program, which has introduced nearly 20,000 young men and women to cross-country skiing.

While Chuck's athletic achievements alone would represent a full and accomplished life in their own right, he was also a dedicated and faithful patriot. Enlisting in 1983, Chuck joined the 132nd Engineer Battalion as a combat engineer and served 27 years in the United States Army National Guard. Chuck served multiple rotations as the Mobilization Officer for California, ensuring that the men and women going overseas from California were deployed on time and brought home in the same fashion. It is safe to say that his diligence in this role touched the lives of nearly every soldier who was part of the largest deployment of California troops since the Korean War. In 2005 Chuck was selected to deploy to Iraq in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom, where he served as the Chief of Operations, Corps of Engineers in Tikrit. Even though he was in his mid-fifties while serving overseas, Chuck maintained the highest levels of physical fitness and discipline imaginable, consistently improving his two-mile run time every time he took the test.

While preparing to deploy to Iraq for his second tour, Chuck lost his battle with cancer and passed away on June 12, 2010. Known by his friends for fierce loyalty and unending perseverance, he will most certainly be missed. Madam Speaker, it is my privilege to rise today in recognition of LTC Charles Lyda and to extend my condolences to his family and my gratitude for his many years of service to our Nation.

HONORING THE PERFORMANCE OF TEAM GUAM AT THE 7TH MICRONESIAN GAMES

HON. MADELEINE Z. BORDALLO

OF GUAM

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 22, 2010

Ms. BORDALLO. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the accomplishments of Team Guam at the 7th Micronesian Games which took place in Koror, Palau in August of this year. The Micronesian Games are a quadrennial sporting event that unifies the islands of the central and western regions of the Pacific through friendly competition. The 2010 Micronesian Games featured more than 1,000 competitors from the Marshall Islands, Pohnpei, Chuuk, Kosrae, Yap, the Northern Mariana Islands, Palau, and Guam. Athletes from across Micronesia competed in the sports of Athletics, Baseball, Basketball, Canoe (Va'a), Fast pitch Softball, Micro All Around, Spearfishing, Swimming, Table Tennis, Tennis, Triathlon, Volleyball, Weightlifting, and Wrestling.

At the end of the ten day competition, the 200-member Guam Team garnered a grand total of 66 medals, including 20 Gold, 25 Silver, and 21 Bronze medals. I commend the athletes of Team Guam for their performances at the Micronesian Games and for representing the island of Guam with great pride, promoting the values of sportsmanship and dedication to fitness. I would like to recognize the following individuals and teams who achieved Gold medals in their respective disciplines:

Amy Atkinson: Women's 1500m Run; Derek Mandell: Men's 800 Meter Run, 1500m Run, and 10,000m Run; Michael Gaitan: Men's 5000 Meter Run; Women's Basketball; Men's Basketball; Women's V6 15km Canoe; Susanna Schlub: Women's V1 10k Canoe; Men's 500m Canoe; Justin Dugan and Alea Dugan: Mixed Tennis Doubles; Justin Dugan and Wendell Roden: Men's Tennis Team; Justin Dugan and Wendell Roden: Men's Tennis Doubles; Jay Sternadel and Michael Todd Genereux: Spearfishing Team Event; Women's Volleyball; Men's Volleyball; Maria Dunn: Women's 63kg Freestyle Wrestling, Women's Light Weight Beach Wrestling, and Women's Overall Heavy Weight Beach Wrestling; and Raymond Tenorio Jr.: Greco Roman Wrestling 66kg.

The following individuals and teams achieved Silver medals:

Naomi Burke: Women's 100m Sprint; Naomi Blaz: Women's 200 Meter Sprint; Amy Atkinson: Women's 800 Meter Run; Nicole Layson: Women's 5000 Meter Run and Women's 10,000m Run; Gerardo Genie: Women's Shot Put; Naomi Blaz, Noreen Ericsson, Nicole Layson, and Amy Atkinson: Women's 4x400m Relay; Michael Herreros: Men's 110m Hurdles;

Jeffrey Limtiaco: Men's 1500m Run; Toby Castro: Men's 5000 Meter Run; Women's V1 500m Canoe; Women's 500m Canoe; Women's 1500m Canoe; Men 1500m Canoe; Women's Tennis Team Event; Ayuri Sugahara: Women's Tennis Singles; Alea Dugan and Terea Tapu: Women's Tennis Doubles; Women's Fast Pitch Softball; Men's Fast Pitch Softball; Mark Walters: Men's Triathlon Individual Event; Theodore Tamashiro: Men's 55kg Freestyle Wrestling and Greco Roman Wrestling 55kg; Raymond Tenorio Jr.: Men's 66kg Freestyle Wrestling; and Patrick Camacho: Men's 120kg Freestyle Wrestling and Greco Roman Wrestling 120kg.

The following individuals and teams earned Bronze medals:

Naomi Burke: Women's 200 Meter sprint; Naomi Blaz: Women's 400m Sprint and Women's Triple Jump; Nicole Layson: Women's 1500m; Women's Sheena Subido: 10,000m Run; Genie Gerardo: Women's Discus Throw; Noreen Ericsson: Women's Long Jump; Jeffrey Limtiaco: Men's 400 Meter Hurdles; Michael Gaitan: Men's 800 Meter Run; Toby Castro: Men's 1500m and Men's 10,000m Run; Albert Juan III: Men's Triple Jump; Derek Mandell, Michael Gaitan, Jeffrey Limtiaco, and Keith Muna: Men's 4x400m Relay; Men's Baseball; Men's V1 500m Canoe; Edwin Adag and Arlene Taitague: Mixed Doubles Table Tennis; Edwin Cadag, Arman Burgos, and Prudencio Burgos: Men's Team Table Tennis; Edwin Cadag and Arman Burgos: Men's Double Table Tennis; Michael Todd Genereux: Men's Individual Spearfishing; Mark Avery Sasai: Men's 60kg Freestyle Wrestling; and Cliffourd Kusterbeck: Men's 74kg Freestyle Wrestling.

I join our community in congratulating the men and women of Team Guam for their accomplishments at the 7th Micronesian Games in Palau, and I look forward to Team Guam's continued success in international competitions.

BALANCING WORK AND FAMILY

HON. JIM McDERMOTT

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 22, 2010

Mr. McDERMOTT. Madam Speaker, balancing work and family is not solely a woman's issue. This seems obvious, but all too often both the media and the political debate seem to forget this reality.

There is no doubt that the huge influx of women into the workforce over the last 50 years has put them at ground zero for balancing the competing demands of family and work. But that same trend has also created challenges and changes for men.

Today, over 70 percent of mothers work outside the home, more and more men are taking on care-taking and household duties. Of course, that's only more household responsibilities relative to what men have done in the past—so in congressional lingo, we are starting from a very favorable baseline.

But there is no doubt that men are feeling more anxious about balancing work and home responsibilities, and 95 percent of American fathers report conflicts between work and family demands. This means men have a clear stake in a debate they have been largely missing from, and their absence undercuts a political drive to make long overdue progress.

As Americans, we often pride ourselves in leading the world forward. But on work/family issues, we are badly trailing most of our competitors. We remain the only major industrial nation with no form of paid family leave, and many of our public policies fail to adequately meet the needs of parents.

Some of these policies, such as child care and unemployment insurance, fall within the jurisdiction of the Subcommittee on Income Security and Family Support, which I Chair.

Recently, we've made modest progress in this area by temporarily boosting funding for child care by \$2 billion in the Recovery Act.

Perhaps more substantially, we've begun to prod States to remove barriers to parents receiving unemployment benefits. Four years ago, I introduced legislation called the UI Modernization Act to improve coverage for low-wage workers and to help parents leaving work for compelling family reasons.

This bill, which was included in the Recovery Act, provides a total of \$7 billion for States that enact reforms from a menu of options. One of these reforms is to stop denying benefits to workers who become eligible for unemployment benefits based on part-time work simply because they are seeking reemployment in another part-time job, rather than in a full time job. Some Americans work part-time because they cannot find full-time employment, but others work part-time to accommodate family issues.

I can see no reason to discriminate against parents who choose to work a schedule that best fits the needs of their family, so I am glad we are beginning to make some progress on this issue. As a result of the UI Modernization payments, the number of States providing unemployment benefits to those seeking part-time work doubled, up from 14 to 27.

Another reform included in the UI Modernization Act was providing benefits to so-called trailing spouses. These are wives and husbands who quit their jobs when their partners' jobs are relocated to another part of the country. Many States had disqualified these spouses from receiving UI benefits on the basis that they voluntarily left employment. The Modernization Act cites such employment departures as a compelling family reason, and thus maintains eligibility for UI. The number of States now providing benefits to trailing spouses has gone up from 14 to 24.

Finally, the Modernization Act also permits taking care of a disabled or ill child or fleeing domestic violence as a compelling family reason for leaving employment. All of these reforms are squarely aimed at acknowledging that certain family situations can have a significant, and often unavoidable, impact on a person's job.

I know that two of the biggest goals for those working on work family issues are paid family leave and paid sick leave. I still cannot believe the considerable opposition to the Family and Medical Leave Act before its passage in 1993. That anyone would be opposed to three months unpaid leave for employees at companies with more than 50 employees is absurd.

But we have always heard doomsday predictions when it comes to enacting workplace protections—whether it be overtime pay, the minimum wage, or the Americans with Disabilities Act. And the same is true now when it comes to paid leave.

But once again, we haven't seen any evidence that it causes an undue burden to busi-

ness or to taxpayers after some States and cities have enacted their own paid leave and sick leave standards. In response to paid sick leave requirements in San Francisco, I saw one restaurant executive quoted as saying that paid sick leave—"is the best public policy for the least cost. Do you want your server coughing over your food?"

Moving forward, we need to see progress on work/family issues as part of the continuum of workplace protections that have made America a better place to work, live and raise a family. Helping both mothers and fathers balance work and family responsibilities is something that will have both an immediate and lasting impact on the well being of our Nation.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JIM MARSHALL

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 22, 2010

Mr. MARSHALL. Madam Speaker, regarding rollcall vote 526 on the previous question, I mistakenly voted no. I meant to vote yes.

HONORING THE KOREAN HOLIDAY OF CHUSEOK

HON. LORETTA SANCHEZ

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 22, 2010

Ms. LORETTA SANCHEZ of California. Madam Speaker, I come to the floor today to recognize and wish the people of South Korea and our Korean Americans a blessed Chuseok holiday.

Chuseok is a time of great thanksgiving in South Korea and a time when families celebrate their ancestry.

This year, Chuseok takes place September 20–23, 2010, and I would like this opportunity to specifically thank our Korean-American community in Orange County.

Their contributions to California and the United States have moved this country in the right direction.

I would also like to recognize the strong US–ROK alliance and the blessing which have developed from this long and enduring relationship.

I wish the people of Korea and all our Korean-Americans a joyful Chuseok.

INVESTITURE OF DR. CLIFFORD SCOTT AS TWELFTH PRESIDENT OF NEW ENGLAND COLLEGE OF OPTOMETRY

HON. MICHAEL E. CAPUANO

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 22, 2010

Mr. CAPUANO. Madam Speaker, on Sunday, September 26, 2010 Dr. Clifford Scott will be invested as the Twelfth President of the New England College of Optometry, and today I congratulate both Dr. Scott and the College. New England College of Optometry, located in

Boston, has been the educational and intellectual center of optometry in New England since 1894. With an enrollment of over 400 students, the student body is the most diverse of any optometry college in the world: more than 25% of students enrolled in the doctor of optometry program received their pre-optometry education outside the United States. The College is committed to the advancement of vision care and exemplifies the highest standards of training for providers of quality, accessible eye care.

Dr. Clifford Scott's career has been dedicated to the New England College of Optometry since he matriculated at the Massachusetts College of Optometry, New England College of Optometry's predecessor. He has been a New England College of Optometry faculty member since 1970, most recently serving as Vice President and Dean of Academic Affairs.

As he and the College enter this next phase in their mutual history, I wish them continued success and preeminence in the field of optometry education and vision care.

IN RECOGNITION OF MS. ELIZABETH "LIZ" WARE SIMS

HON. MIKE ROGERS

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 22, 2010

Mr. ROGERS of Alabama. Madam Speaker, I would like to request the House's attention today to pay recognition to Ms. Elizabeth "Liz" Ware Sims who will be honored by The Historic Shiloh Missionary Baptist Church.

Ms. Sims was born in Notasulga, Alabama, to the late Tommie and Emma Ware. She was their sixth child out of eight. She attended Shiloh Rosenwald School, Tuskegee Institute High School and after graduation, attended a business college in Montgomery, Alabama.

She worked for thirty-three years at Tuskegee University and then ten more at Auburn University.

In 2006, she began working for The Shiloh Community Restoration Foundation. Later, on August 5, 2010, Shiloh Missionary Baptist Church and The Shiloh Rosenwald School were listed on the National Register of Historic Sites.

Ms. Sims has two daughters, Charlene and Catrina, and three grandsons, Trey, Phillip and Caleb.

The celebration honoring her will be held on October 3, 2010, at The Historic Shiloh Missionary Baptist Church.

I congratulate Ms. Sims for her good works in the community.

RECOGNIZING MR. JEFFREY P. CRUZ AS THE 2010 NAVY FIRE AND EMERGENCY SERVICES PROVIDER OF THE YEAR

HON. MADELEINE Z. BORDALLO

OF GUAM

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 22, 2010

Ms. BORDALLO. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the exemplary public service of Mr. Jeffrey P. Cruz, an emergency medical services (EMS) provider for Navy Fire and

Emergency Services on U.S. Naval Base Guam. Jeffrey has been named the 2010 Navy Fire and Emergency Services EMS Provider of the Year by the International Association of Fire Chiefs. Jeffrey was given this recognition at the Fire-Rescue International Convention: Department of Defense Fire & Emergency Services Conference in Chicago, Illinois. Mr. Cruz competed against thousands of EMS providers from the hundreds of Navy Fire and Emergency Services stations around the world for this recognition.

Jeffrey is a resident of Santa Rita, Guam and is the son of Jesus and Teresita Cruz. He is married to Francine Cruz and has four daughters, Bailey, Caitlyn, Eden, and Felicia. Following his family's tradition of service as firefighters, Jeffrey joined the Navy Fire and Emergency Services in 2004. Jeffrey was instrumental in establishing a Mutual Aid Agreement between the Navy Fire and Emergency Services and the Guam Fire Department, which ensures emergency service resources are available at all times. In addition, he has been active in coordinating the training and certification of 45 new emergency service responders, increasing service capabilities on Guam by 70 percent. Mr. Cruz maintains a level of excellence and professionalism while in the field, employing his training and skill to save lives and ensure the safety of our community.

I commend Jeffrey for his outstanding service as an EMS provider and an exemplary member of our community, and I congratulate him for being recognized as the 2010 Navy Fire and Emergency Services EMS Provider of the Year. I join our community in acknowledging his leadership, dedication, and public service contributions to the safety of our island.

CELEBRATING DR. GEORGE D. CRENSHAW ON HIS 6TH ANNIVERSARY AS PASTOR OF THE SHAW TEMPLE A.M.E. ZION CHURCH

HON. DAVID SCOTT

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 22, 2010

Mr. SCOTT of Georgia. Madam Speaker, it is my honor to congratulate Dr. George D. Crenshaw on the occasion of his 6th year anniversary as Pastor of the Shaw Temple A.M.E. Zion Church.

For over two decades, Dr. George D. Crenshaw has served as a pastor in the African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church and was appointed pastor of Shaw Temple in October of 2004. Under his compelling leadership, the church and its congregation has become larger, more spiritual, and more financially secure. In his first four years, the church received over 800 new members, making Shaw Temple the fastest growing A.M.E. Zion church in the South. Pastor Crenshaw founded the Shaw Temple Biblical & Leadership Institute, of which he is a former president. He also developed the Five-Fold Ministry, which responds to the spiritual, social and physical needs of the congregation from conversion throughout their spiritual journey. As a venerated leader in the church, Pastor Crenshaw has formed forty other ministries at Shaw Temple.

Additionally, Pastor Crenshaw continues to serve the global ecumenical community as an Executive Board Member of the World Methodist Council. In 2008 the Pastor and Mrs. Crenshaw led an Overseas Medical Mission and Evangelism team to Monrovia, Liberia to set up a medical clinic at Brown Memorial A.M.E. Zion Church. Upon learning that some people walked as long as three days to receive medical attention, the team felt the urgency to return in 2009. They also set up a clinic at Cartwright A.M.E. Zion in Brewerville, Liberia and Good Shepherd Episcopal Church in Paynesville, Liberia. Overall, the team has provided free medical services and supplies to over 980 patients. Pastor Crenshaw and the Medical Mission and Evangelism Team will travel back to Monrovia in February of 2011 to continue their efforts. Pastor Crenshaw and the Shaw Temple A.M.E. Zion church were honored to host the 48th Quadrennial Session of the General Conference of the African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church.

Madam Speaker, fellow Members of Congress, please join me in honoring Dr. Crenshaw for his many achievements as Pastor of the Shaw Temple A.M.E. Zion Church.

IN HONOR OF EUNICE KENNEDY SHRIVER

HON. JOE SESTAK

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 22, 2010

Mr. SESTAK. Madam Speaker, today, a ceremony will take place in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania to honor one of our Nation's truly remarkable women, Eunice Kennedy Shriver, founder of Special Olympics and an American of unmatched energy, compassion, and vision.

Through her work to create Special Olympics, Eunice Kennedy Shriver offered untold numbers of Americans with intellectual disabilities the opportunity to participate in sports and social activities that helped transform their lives and ours. As anyone who has ever coached, "buddied," or watched Special Olympians in competition can attest, all involved come away from that experience with a new found respect and admiration for the spirit of those athletes, their families, and Eunice Kennedy Shriver.

In the East Wing Rotunda of Pennsylvania's Capitol Building in Harrisburg, a portrait of Eunice Kennedy Shriver will be unveiled in a permanent place of honor to acknowledge her wonderful work and, to mark the 40th Anniversary of Special Olympics Pennsylvania (SOPA). Fittingly, the portrait will include the likeness of a Special Olympian, Loretta Claiborne.

In memory of Eunice Kennedy Shriver, the fourth Saturday of every September will forever be known as Eunice Kennedy Shriver Day. On that day we should all dedicate ourselves to love, justice, faith, hope, and courage—as she did—to the benefit of more than four million Special Olympic athletes, Best Buddies and millions more of their family members.

Madam Speaker, I ask that all Americans pause to reflect on the civic and spiritual greatness of Eunice Kennedy Shriver and acknowledge the outstanding work Special

Olympics of Pennsylvania, under the leadership of Mr. Matthew Aaron. He, his staff, and thousands of wonderful volunteers carry on Pennsylvania's proud tradition of caring for some of our most special citizens in a manner that reflects the very best of Eunice Kennedy Shriver.

IN HONOR AND RECOGNITION OF SOL SIEGAL, RECIPIENT OF THE "TREE OF LIFE" AWARD

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 22, 2010

Mr. KUCINICH. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor of Sol Siegal on the occasion of his being named the recipient of the Tree of Life Award by the Jewish National Fund, Northern Ohio Chapter and in recognition of his leadership, achievement and dedication to making a difference in our community.

Mr. Siegal's commitment to faith, family, community and country continues to guide his life and his work. He served in the United States Air Force from 1943 to 1950. After the war, he worked in sales in the steel industry and then became a steel broker in 1952. In November of 1954, Mr. Siegal founded Olympic Steel in Cleveland, Ohio. Mr. Siegal made it a priority to emphasize the welfare of his employees and the environment. The elements of respect, teamwork, safety, employee development and integrity were incorporated in Mr. Siegal's original mission statement and their implementation remains a top concern today. Through Olympic Steel, Mr. Siegal has led numerous philanthropic efforts that have impacted the lives of countless individuals and families in Cleveland and across the country. Olympic Steel awards ten annual renewable college scholarships to children of employees.

Mr. Siegal's generosity and commitment to the community originates with family. He is a devoted father to Lynn, Michael and daughter-in-law Anita, and he is an adoring grandfather and great-grandfather. Mr. Siegal's dedication to his Jewish heritage is visible within the Cleveland's Jewish community. He's been a longtime board member with the Jewish National Fund and a past board member with the Jewish Community Federation. He is a 62-year member of the Deak Lodge and a 40-year member of the University Heights Free Masons. His charitable vision is shared by the people of Olympic Steel, where employees donate their money, time, clothes and food items to local agencies and causes, including the Make a Wish Foundation, Cell Phones for Soldiers, Coats for Kids, Harvest for Hunger and Women in Need.

Madam Speaker, please join me in honor of Sol Siegal as he is honored with the Tree of Life Award by the Jewish National Fund. Mr. Siegal's leadership, vision and dedication to strengthening the lives of others through the integrity of Olympic Steel continue to enhance the economic, cultural and social foundations of our entire community.

A PROCLAMATION HONORING
LUCEIL GIVIN ON HER 105TH
BIRTHDAY

HON. ZACHARY T. SPACE

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 22, 2010

Mr. SPACE. Madam Speaker, I submit the following.

Whereas, Luceil Givin was born in Scio, Ohio, on September 22, 1905,

Whereas, Luceil worked with her father on the family farm in Scio, raising chickens, hogs, and calves,

Whereas, Luceil also worked at the Scio Pottery for 42 years,

Whereas, Luceil now lives at the Harrison County Home in Cadiz,

Resolved That along with her friends, family, and the residents of the 18th Congressional District, I congratulate Luceil Givin on achieving her 105th birthday, and for her contributions to her community and country.

THE SHIPPING ACT OF 2010

HON. JAMES L. OBERSTAR

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 22, 2010

Mr. OBERSTAR. Madam Speaker, today I have introduced the "Shipping Act of 2010". This bill has its roots in the Shipping Act of 1916, which provided the foundation for the regulation of international shipping in the United States.

In the 94 years since that law was enacted, shipping has changed greatly. Most significant was the development of the intermodal shipping container in the late 1950's, which allows for cargo to be loaded into standardized containers for shipping rather than on pallets put on a ship using cargo nets. Use of these containers has transformed the manufacturing and distribution of goods throughout the world by increasing the productivity of our global intermodal transportation system by having a container that can be loaded on a truck chassis, easily transferred on to a ship, and then transferred again on a rail car. This bill will modernize the regulation of that transportation system by increasing competition and improving services for the movement of those goods.

First, it eliminates antitrust immunity for ocean carrier agreements, which currently allows ocean common carriers to get together to discuss, fix or regulate transportation rates. Although parties to the carrier agreements are not required to adhere to the rates set by the conference when they are contracting, oftentimes they use the collectively set rate as the basis for negotiations. The carrier's tendency to use the agreed upon rates as a floor for negotiations has made it difficult for shippers to negotiate more favorable terms for transportation.

Antitrust immunity for these agreements was initially granted to enable carriers to stabilize their economic position through controlling rates and capacity. In fact, Congress has long been concerned about the anticompetitive impact of these conference agreements and, in the Shipping Act of 1916, put a regulatory structure in place to monitor their activities.

Currently, the conferences must submit their agreements to the Federal Maritime Commission (FMC), who reviews them for compliance with the statutory requirements including whether or not the agreement is likely, by a reduction in competition, to produce an unreasonable reduction in transportation services or an unreasonable increase in transportation costs.

However, even under the current regulatory scheme, immunity for such agreements has long outlived its usefulness, and stifles competition. In 2007, the Antitrust Modernization Commission (Commission) report stated that "free-market competition is the foundation of our economy, and the antitrust laws stand as a bulwark to protect free-market competition." The Commission found that there is questionable justification for continuing conference exemptions from the antitrust laws in the Shipping Act and that there is nothing unique about ocean carriers that warrant an exemption from the antitrust laws. A survey cited by the Commission found that "the steepest declines in observed freight rates have coincided with a generalized decrease in conference power in the face of competition from strong independent operators and the implementation of competition-enhancing legislation in the United States trades."

On March 17, 2010, the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure held a hearing on the challenges faced by U.S. importers and exporters in moving cargo by the international container lines. The Committee received testimony from importers, exporters, agricultural shippers, manufacturers, retail stores, and raw products exporters. In that hearing, shippers complained that ocean carriers do not have enough capacity in the market to meet the demands of U.S. shippers and that rate increases imposed through new service contracts have skyrocketed. Many believe that these rate increases reflect the desire of carriers to recoup their losses of the past year. Moreover, these shippers expressed concern that there is no willingness on the part of conference agreement participants to negotiate independent rates. This has significantly increased the costs of U.S. exports and made it difficult for U.S. importers to price their products.

Eliminating the antitrust immunity for these conference agreements will increase competition by requiring ocean carriers to compete in the marketplace with the best price and service to get shippers' business. That will benefit the industry as a whole. Moreover, the bill will require carriers to continue to file service contracts with the FMC and to have tariffs be available for FMC review. This information will allow the FMC to determine whether or not carriers are colluding after their antitrust immunity has been eliminated.

However, this bill does preserve some antitrust immunity for ocean carriers so that they can enter into vessel sharing agreements. A vessel sharing agreement is an agreement among carriers to share space on each others vessels. This will allow carriers to offer shippers service five days a week on their ship or one of their partners' ships. However, under this bill, this authority is limited so that it ensures that there is still adequate competition in a particular trade. The European Union limits a vessel sharing agreement to 30 percent of the capacity in a trade. That is a reasonable place to begin.

In addition, this bill deals with the carriers' practice of imposing surcharges, seemingly at will. Currently, shippers enter into negotiations with carriers for transportation service contracts at fixed prices. Once the transportation price is negotiated, the shipper then develops a pricing scheme for its customers. However, we have heard complaints that ocean carriers often decide at the last minute to levy surcharges, which are not necessarily based on their own increased costs (for example, the cost of buying fuel). This impacts the shippers business because the U.S. exporter or importer has already signed a contract with their customer for a fixed price. If the carrier increases the cost of a shipper's goods by imposing a surcharge and the shipper has already advertised the price for selling those goods, where is the increased cost going to come from? The shipper's profits? To ensure that a shipper can adequately price his product, this bill requires that any surcharge imposed by a carrier needs to accurately reflect increases in the carrier's cost.

Elimination of antitrust immunity for ocean carrier agreements may not be enough to spur the carriers to improve their customer service. One major area that needs to be addressed is dispute resolution. The Shipping Acts of 1916 and 1984 were not designed to facilitate dispute resolutions between shippers and carriers. In fact, the only remedy authorized under the Shipping Act to resolve a dispute in a service contract is to go to court. The delay oftentimes associated with pursuing a case in court results in a major disadvantage to shippers. This is because a large volume of the cargo that shippers carry is perishable and those goods may be destroyed by the time a District Court ever hears the case. Under this bill, the FMC will be empowered to help resolve service contract disputes quickly through mediation and arbitration, so that the freight can keep moving.

We have also heard from export shippers that carriers refuse to ship containers that are not owned by that ocean carrier. This results in many shippers being left without an alternative to ship their goods unless they agree to pay a steep price to the ocean carrier. I do not understand how a carrier can refuse to supply a shipper with a container at a reasonable price, and then refuse to move a shipper's goods if they are in a container provided by someone else. There needs to be transportation network neutrality so that shippers can have their cargo moved by an ocean carrier supplied container or one provided by a third party that meets internationally accepted container safety standards. This bill provides that neutrality by prohibiting carriers from discriminating against a shipper that provides their own container or other equipment.

It also addresses the practice of bumping or rolling containers, in which a carrier decides that there is not enough room on a ship for a container which they have already been contracted to transport. The bill prohibits ocean carriers from engaging in deceptive practices, including the unreasonable failure to provide transportation services as agreed to in a negotiated service contract. The FMC is then tasked with developing remedies and penalties for carriers that engage in such deceptive practices.

President Obama has announced that he wants to double U.S. exports in the next 5 years. I am committed to helping him accomplish that goal by reforming our shipping laws

to help the ocean carriers be more responsive to their customers. This bill is a pro-competitive bill that will help facilitate U.S. imports and exports. In 2007, the European Union eliminated the antitrust immunity that ocean carriers had from their laws. I am not aware of any ocean carriers being put out of business because of the loss of that exemption. Under the "Shipping Act of 2010", carriers will have to compete based on price and services in the same way as all other major industries in the United States.

IN HONOR OF GERALD A. DEPIERO

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 22, 2010

Mr. KUCINICH. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor and remembrance of Gerald A. "Jerry" DePiero, beloved husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather, friend, mentor, retired firefighter, business owner and active citizen.

Mr. DePiero served the Parma community and our nation with honor and dedication. He served in the National Guard for 6 months and protected the people of Parma as a firefighter for 25 years. He combined his street smarts with business savvy and founded one of the largest real estate offices in Ohio; a branch of Century 21, DePiero and Associates, Inc.

Mr. DePiero was known for his kind, giving and generous nature. For 49 years, he was a devoted husband to Roberta. Together they raised four children: Lisa, Chris, Matt and Dean. His devotion to his wife, children, grandchildren and great-grandchild was unwavering. He was the treasured grandfather of Nick, Jenni, Cory, Jake, Luke, Melissa, the late Erin, the late Andrew, Sean and Blake. He was the beloved great-grandfather of Isabela, and father-in-law of Laura, MJ and Kathleen. He was the beloved brother of Ray, brother-in-law of Dorothy, and caring uncle and cousin to many. Mr. DePiero was a devoted friend and mentor to many.

Madam Speaker and colleagues, please join me in honor and remembrance of Gerald A. "Jerry" DePiero. I offer my condolences to his family, friends and to everyone who knew him well. Mr. DePiero lived his life with a generous heart and an unwavering love for family, friends and community. His service and generosity will never be forgotten.

EXPULSION OF HUMANITARIAN WORKERS CALLS INTO QUESTION MOROCCO'S COMMITMENT TO THE MILLENNIUM DEVELOPMENT GOALS

HON. FRANK R. WOLF

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 22, 2010

Mr. WOLF. Madam Speaker, on Monday, the King of Morocco travelled to New York to address the UN General Assembly Summit on the Millennium Development Goals, which seek to improve the quality of life for people around the world. I urge Obama Administration officials to seize this opportunity to meet

with the King and raise the plight of the dozens of U.S. citizens that have been expelled from or denied reentry into Morocco without access to due process.

As a result of the deportations a number of humanitarian organizations which were run by U.S. citizens and provided vital community services have been shuttered: Individuals such as Eddie and Lynn Padilla of Colorado who worked in an orphanage caring for young Moroccan children who were abandoned at birth; and Michael Cloud of Texas, who ran therapy centers for children with disabilities across the country; and scores of American teachers and educators who sought to improve access to education for Moroccan children.

Many of these individuals resided legally in Morocco for decades and had a deep love for their adopted country. Their work supported Millennium Development Goals such as child health and universal education. In his address to the General Assembly on Monday, the King of Morocco expressed his support for and commitment to these lofty goals. Meanwhile, his government turned out dozens of U.S. citizens and foreign nationals whose work supported the same goals for which the King professed his support.

If the King of Morocco is truly serious about his commitment to achieving the Millennium Development goals, his government should immediately and unconditionally allow those expelled or denied reentry to return. The U.S. government should press for nothing less.

IN CELEBRATION OF TAIWAN'S NATIONAL DAY

HON. DAN BURTON

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 22, 2010

Mr. BURTON of Indiana. Madam Speaker, I rise as a senior member of the House Foreign Affairs Committee and member of the House Taiwan caucus to express my congratulations to the leaders and people of the Republic of China on Taiwan on the occasion of National Day this October 10th.

It has been nearly a century since the October 10, 1911 start of the revolution that toppled the Qing dynasty and established the Republic of China, the first republic in Asia. Today the ROC on Taiwan has become a full-fledged democracy and a beacon of prosperity and freedom for all of Asia. Just twenty some years ago, Taiwan was a closed authoritarian society with no freedom of speech, no freedom of assembly, and no right to vote. It now has robust political parties, and virtually every office in Taiwan is contested through free and fair elections.

Two and a half years ago, Taiwan successfully concluded its fourth popular election for president since 1996 by electing Dr. Ma Ying-jeou. President Ma has worked tirelessly since his inauguration on May 20, 2008 to improve the relationship between Taiwan and the Chinese mainland and he has been a strong ally to the United States.

The Taiwanese and the Chinese mainland governments have worked together in productive talks on issues such as direct cross-strait flights and shipping, more tourist visits by mainlanders to Taiwan, and the recent signing for Economic Cooperation Framework Agree-

ment (ECFA) that serves as a platform for economic interaction between the two sides. This cooperation has served to reduce tensions in the Strait considerably.

Taiwan has long been a strategic partner of the United States. We have worked closely with the government of President Ma and our mutual relationship continues to be strong. It is my hope that the relations will continue to grow through enhanced cooperation in trade, science and technology, educational and cultural exchanges, security cooperation and Taiwan's participation in international organizations.

As Taiwan has demonstrated cooperation in good faith both with the mainland and with the United States, I hope that it will soon enjoy greater inclusion in the international community. It is exciting to learn that Taiwan was once again invited last May to attend the World Health Assembly (WHA) in Geneva, Switzerland as an observer. This was a breakthrough for Taiwan's participation in a formal UN activity since in 1971, the world body switched recognition to mainland China.

However, this is not enough. I strongly urge my colleagues to recognize Taiwan's participation in the WHA and encourage them to put pressure on the international community to allow Taiwan's participation in the activities of other organizations such as the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) and the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC).

Madam Speaker, I would ask all of my colleagues to congratulate our Taiwanese friends on the 99th Anniversary of National Day and to join me now in thanking the people of Taiwan for their friendship.

HONORING LINDA PIERCE, PRESIDENT OF THE ASSOCIATION OF REHABILITATION NURSES

HON. BETTY SUTTON

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 22, 2010

Ms. SUTTON. Madam Speaker, today I pay tribute to Linda Pierce, PhD, RN, CRRN, CNS, FAHA of the University of Toledo College of Nursing and president of the Association of Rehabilitation Nurses (ARN), a constituent from my congressional district. Ms. Pierce will soon complete her year as the 2009–2010 national president of the ARN, a professional organization representing nurses who work to enhance the quality of life for those who are affected by physical disabilities or chronic illnesses. During her tenure as president at ARN, Ms. Pierce has been a strong leader and advocate for rehabilitation nurses, as well as the patients ARN serves everyday.

Since 1974, ARN has been the leading source for the latest rehabilitation information, resources, and professional development and career opportunities for rehabilitation nursing professionals. ARN members are nurses with a broad range of clinical experience dedicated to helping individuals affected by chronic illness or a physical disability adapt to their disabilities, achieve their greatest potential, and work toward productive, independent lives.

Presently, ARN is comprised of a nationwide network of more than 5,500 rehabilitation

nurses who practice in many settings including hospitals, rehabilitation facilities, home health agencies, sub-acute and long-term care facilities, and private companies.

A resident of Elyria, Ohio, Ms. Pierce earned both her Bachelors of Science in Nursing and her Masters of Science in Nursing from the University of Akron. Ms. Pierce went on to earn her Doctorate in Philosophy of Nursing from Wayne State University.

In addition to Ms. Pierce's academic achievements, she is also a National Stroke Council Member of the American Stroke Association. She has presented numerous times on topics relating to rehabilitation nursing, and published several books and scholarly articles pertaining to caregivers of persons with stroke. Ms. Pierce is currently educating the next generation of nurses, as a tenured professor at the University of Toledo, teaching both undergraduate and graduate courses.

Madam Speaker, I hope my colleagues will join me today in recognizing the outgoing president of the Association of Rehabilitation Nurses, Linda Pierce, for her dedication and exemplary work in the field of rehabilitation nursing. We thank you Ms. Pierce for your ongoing service to the healthcare profession.

A STATEMENT IN RECOGNITION OF THE LUMBERTON ALL-STAR MAJORS TEAM BEING NAMED NATIONAL CHAMPIONS AT THE 2010 DIXIE YOUTH MAJORS WORLD SERIES

HON. MIKE MCINTYRE

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 22, 2010

Mr. MCINTYRE. Madam Speaker, it is my great pleasure to rise today to ask you to join me in recognizing the Lumberton All-Star Majors team of Lumberton, North Carolina, on being named National Champions at the 2010 Dixie Youth Majors World Series.

Each year, the Youth Baseball Association in my hometown of Lumberton, North Carolina, participates in Dixie Youth Baseball in the Coach Pitch (7–8 year olds), Minors (9 and 10 year olds), and Majors (11 and 12 year olds) classifications. Each baseball season concludes with the formation of an All-Star team chosen by coaches for each of those classifications. These All-Star teams participate in district and State tournaments.

This year, the Lumberton All-Star Majors team won both its district and State tournaments without losing a single game. The team went on to win the 2010 Dixie Youth Majors World Series held in Gonzalas, Louisiana, finally earning the title of National Champions on August 12, 2010. This is the third time that a North Carolina team has earned this title since 1956. It is remarkable that each of these three North Carolina championship teams has come from North Carolina's Seventh District.

Additionally, the team won the "Around-the-Horn Relay" during opening ceremonies and one of its members, Daniel Oxendine, hit sixteen home runs to win the "Home Run Derby." Most importantly, however, throughout their weeks of practice and competition, each player and coach conducted himself in a manner that reflected the values of the people of Lumberton, North Carolina.

Madam Speaker, the members of the Lumberton Youth Baseball Association 2010 Majors All-Star team deserve acclaim for their skill as well as for being outstanding ambassadors of the City of Lumberton, the County of Robeson, and the State of North Carolina. Their names are: Alec Brewington, Raleigh Forrest, Jack Frederick, Gage Hardin, Austin Hayes, Hunter Jolicouer, Tyler Musselwhite, Evan Odum, Daniel Oxendine, Austin Swiderski, Travis Suggs, and Richard Thomas.

As founder of the Congressional Caucus on Youth Sports, and also as both a long-time Lumberton little league coach and one who grew up playing baseball in Lumberton, as well as a charter member of the Lumberton Youth Baseball Association, Inc., I appreciate the dedication, determination, and teamwork that earned these players the esteemed title of National Champions. I am also impressed by the volunteer coaches that led this team to victory—Robert Brewington, Kevin Hayes, and Thomas Odum—as well as the parents of each player and the Lumberton community as a whole for supporting these young baseball players as they worked to achieve their dream.

Madam Speaker, I rise today to ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing the Lumberton All-Star Majors National Championship team, and wishing them the very best in all of their future endeavors.

IN HONOR OF SISTER CATHERINE PINKERTON

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 22, 2010

Mr. KUCINICH. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor and recognition of Sister Catherine Pinkerton, whose unwavering advocacy on behalf of numerous social justice issues provides strength, hope and a powerful voice to the most vulnerable citizens of our society.

Sister Catherine's life and work continues to reflect a lifelong passion for raising the lives of others through teaching, lobbying and organizing. She began turning her faith into action early on, as a student at St. Joseph Academy high school in Cleveland, where she volunteered to assist the poor and disadvantaged at the Dorothy Day Catholic House of Hospitality. After graduating from St. Joseph, she entered the Sisters of St. Joseph convent in Cleveland, where she began her journey as a Sister in the Roman Catholic faith. She taught at St. Joseph's, and eventually became an administrator within the Order. Sister Catherine was soon elected President of the St. Joseph community. Her focus on issues of poverty, racism, sexism and other social justice issues, combined with her strong intellect and excellent leadership skills, guided her through numerous trips to Washington DC, fervently lobbying for legislation to elevate and empower women, minorities and the poor.

On Capitol Hill, Sister Catherine's work focused on fair housing, health care reform, civil rights initiatives, and family and medical leave legislation. In meeting rooms and on the House floor, Sister Catherine promoted NETWORK—a women-led Catholic social justice lobby that collects and analyzes critical data

about how our Nation's laws affect the poor and disenfranchised. She also made numerous trips to Rome, as the official representative of sisters in the United States. Sister Catherine's work has been recognized with numerous local and national honors. She was awarded the Centennial Education Medal by John Carroll University; named as Cleveland's 100 Most Influential Women; and, she was honored by the National Institute of Women with the Today's Woman of the Year Award.

Madam Speaker, please join me in honor and recognition of Sister Catherine Pinkerton, whose faith in action continues to give a voice to the silent, strength to the weak, and power to the powerless—thereby making our Cleveland community, our Nation, and our world, a better place.

TRIBUTE TO CAPTAIN JOSEPH McCLAIN

HON. IKE SKELTON

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 22, 2010

Mr. SKELTON. Madam Speaker, let me take this means to recognize and congratulate an outstanding Naval Officer, Captain Joseph McClain, for the successful completion of 29 years of distinguished Naval service, culminating with his position as the Director of the U.S. House of Representatives Liaison Office in the Department of the Navy's Office of Legislative Affairs. I am honored to commend Captain McClain's achievements and recognize his devotion to our great Nation.

A 1982 graduate of the United States Naval Academy, Captain McClain earned his wings in 1983 and was designated a Naval Flight Officer. He has sailed around the world flying the S-3 Viking and has served in four squadrons aboard four different aircraft carriers.

Captain McClain served as the Executive Officer and Commanding Officer of the Blue Wolves of VS-35. During this tour, he adeptly led his squadron on two successful deployments aboard USS *Abraham Lincoln* (CVN 72). Under his leadership, the Blue Wolves were awarded the Battle "E" for operational excellence within the Air Wing, the Golden Wrench for maintenance superiority, and the Pacific Fleet Retention Award. He later returned to command Sea Control Wing Atlantic, again displaying inspirational leadership for thousands of sailors and skillfully leading the Viking community through a majority of its Sundown.

In his final assignment, Captain McClain stood honorably in the shoes of every sailor worldwide as he advocated on their behalf and ensured the continued success of the Navy.

Captain McClain retires after 29 years of honorable service to this Nation. His professional success would not have been possible without the steadfast support of his wife, Deanna; sons, Joshua and Jeremy; and daughter, Allison. Their shared sacrifice is a credit to their personal character.

Madam Speaker, I wish Captain McClain continued success and fulfillment as he transitions to civilian life after nearly three decades of service. I trust my fellow members of the House will join me in saluting this outstanding Naval Officer.

HONORING RECIPIENTS OF 2010
THIRD DISTRICT EXCELLENCE IN
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
AWARD

HON. ADRIAN SMITH

OF NEBRASKA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 22, 2010

Mr. SMITH of Nebraska. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor eleven individuals, organizations and businesses from Nebraska for receiving the 2010 Third District Excellence in Economic Development Award.

Nebraska, like many rural states, unfortunately has seen a "brain drain" in recent years and, now more than ever, needs entrepreneurs and innovators.

In June, I called for nominations for individuals, businesses, and organizations which have helped strengthen Nebraska communities. These entrepreneurs do more than just build successful businesses. They host charity events, serve on local chambers of commerce, and shape the character of our towns and cities.

The nominations came from many different people, from teenagers starting their own business to leaders in the business communities. All of the nominees have shown they are striving to help their home towns succeed into the future.

Hartelco (Hartington): This firm has contributed significant economic growth and business retention in rural Nebraska by supplying state-of-the-art telecommunications infrastructure, including plans for all businesses and residents to be connected to fiber optics. The company recently completed a \$1.5 million dollar office building and donates manpower, equipment, and time to community projects.

Ward Laboratories, Inc. (Kearney): This company provides agricultural testing of soil, plant, and fertilizer samples which lead to more informed land management practices. The company, through principles based on science, has contributed to the economic advancement of many rural areas in Nebraska.

Green Revolution Handbags (Albion): Lauren Bygland, a Boone Central High School senior, produces fashionable purses made of recyclable materials—including film strips, rice bags, and playing cards. She will continue her earth-friendly design business while majoring in business in college.

Don Freeman (York): Don Freeman has followed his family tradition of community service for over 50 years, both as a business owner and by serving on many community boards. He has contributed to job creation through expansion of his own company, and by supporting the economic development efforts of the region.

Tracee Ford/Stacey Adamson (Cody/Kilgore): These two teachers worked with students to secure grant funding, along with community contributions to start a student business incubator, including a student-run and community-owned grocery store. The project has revitalized the area and serves as an example of education in entrepreneurship bringing economic opportunities to rural areas.

Sandhills Country Door Café and Coffee House (Mullen): Tim and Jennifer Macke have offered locals a place to get home cooked meals, specialty drinks, computer repairs, and local greeting cards—as well as providing a

space for locals to gather to mark a special occasion. The efforts of this couple in providing essential community services contribute to sustaining the community.

Barb Sprague (Red Cloud): Barb has given selflessly to the Red Cloud community through public service, school involvement, and faith-based events. She has recently initiated a leadership group in Red Cloud which has resulted in receiving grant funding to promote business development in the community.

Heartland Shooting Park (Grand Island): Created primarily through private donations and thousands of volunteer hours, this city-operated shooting park has been the site of several national competitive events, including the U.S. Practical Shooting Area 3 Championships and the National 4-H Invitational, bringing hundreds of visitors to the region.

Apogee Retail, LLC (Columbus): Apogee employees conduct outbound phone calls on behalf of various charities requesting donations of household and clothing items. The Columbus facility employs more than 600 area residents and has been recognized for hiring and training employees with disabilities.

Thompson Wildcat Trailers (Albion): Curtis Thompson, a junior at Boone Central High School, designs, builds, and modifies custom trailers. He has utilized his skills in welding and wiring to start his business. Following graduation, he plans to expand his business through continued training in diesel mechanics.

I am proud to be able to recognize all of the honorees today and I thank them for their service to Nebraska.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 22, 2010

Ms. NORTON. Madam Speaker, on September 16, 2010, I was not able to be present for votes on amendments to H.R. 4785, the Rural Energy Savings Program Act. Had I been present, I would have voted "aye" on Rollcall No. 529.

IN HONOR AND REMEMBRANCE OF
DONALD LEE BEAN

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 22, 2010

Mr. KUCINICH. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor and remembrance of Mr. Donald Lee Bean, a devoted husband, father and friend. His life reflected his love for family and friends and an unwavering dedication to journalism.

Mr. Bean grew up in Northfield as one of five boys. He served for four years in the U.S. Air Force, and then he enrolled at Kent State University, where he graduated in 1954. He worked for several Cleveland news outlets, including the Cleveland Press, Cleveland News and a number of radio stations before joining the Plain Dealer in 1961. As a reporter for the 'PD,' Mr. Bean covered all sections of the paper, including crime, City Hall happenings,

courts, feature articles, general assignments and obituaries. He also held the title of Assistant City Editor and for decades was deeply connected to the inner circles within Cleveland's political and social scenes. Thanks to his experience and knowledge, Mr. Bean was the reporter who uncovered stories that no one else could break.

Mr. Bean was a colorful character known for his humor, wit and kindness. He was also known as a great mentor and friend to colleagues. Mr. Bean covered the major stories that helped shape the history of Cleveland, including the Hough and Glenville Riots and the Dr. Sam Sheppard murder trial. Mr. Bean was relentless in his pursuit of the truth; his reporting consistently demonstrated honesty, integrity and fairness. In 1983, he selflessly shared his own personal struggles with alcohol in a piece he wrote for the Plain Dealer, giving hope and inspiration to countless readers. He was also a lifelong blood donor.

Madam Speaker and colleagues, please join me in honor and remembrance of Mr. Donald Lee Bean. I offer my condolences to his wife, Olga; to his daughter, Nadine; to his sons, Matthew and Scott; to his six granddaughters and one great-granddaughter; and to his many extended family members and numerous friends. Mr. Bean lived his life with a generous heart and love for family and friends. He will always be remembered by those who knew and loved him, and I count myself as one those who loved him.

HONORING MARTY DICKENS

HON. MARSHA BLACKBURN

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 22, 2010

Mrs. BLACKBURN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Marty Dickens on his receiving the Joe and Honey Rodgers Leadership Award. Named for Honey and the late Joe Rodgers, former United States Ambassador to France, it is fitting this award honor Marty Dickens. From hosting international students, to leading major corporations, to serving on local boards, Dickens shares the drive and example set forth by Ambassador Rodgers.

Following the vision of evangelist Billy Graham, the Operation Andrew Group was launched to meet the spiritual and social needs of Middle Tennessee. Bringing together 250 churches, from a broad spectrum of Christian faiths, the Operation Andrew Group seeks to unify faith-based organizations to act as the catalyst for change. Operation Andrew Group's first major outreach project, The Gathering, attracted over 8,000 attendees in joint worship and praise. Similar events are held annually to focus the faithful of Middle Tennessee on the mission of the Almighty.

I appreciate all the churches, businesses, and civic agencies who from their offerings meet the changing needs of growing community. I also appreciate Marty Dickens for his dedication to Nashville and the surrounding community. I ask my colleagues to join me in thanking Marty Dickens for his outstanding leadership, commitment to character, and consistency in living the Christian faith.

CELEBRATING THE 25TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE PRIDE FOUNDATION

HON. JIM McDERMOTT

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 22, 2010

Mr. McDERMOTT. Madam Speaker, I rise today to offer special recognition of the Pride Foundation on the occasion of its 25th anniversary. Since 1985, the Pride Foundation, through creation and administration of a vibrant lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender (LGBT) charitable legacy, has helped to unify and to strengthen the Northwest LGBT and allied communities.

In 1985, nonprofit organizations serving the needs of the LGBT community were rare. Those that did exist struggled for financial stability while also facing daunting challenges, not the least of which was the emergence of HIV/AIDS. At that time, no scholarships existed to help LGBT students pursue higher education. To address these challenges, a small group of concerned citizens founded the LGBT community's own philanthropic organization. The Pride Foundation created an endowment that would be prudently managed and professionally administered—a place where the LGBT community and its supporters could confidently contribute knowing full well that their donations would not only be used in accordance with the donor's wishes, but would also leave an enduring legacy for future generations.

In 1987, the Pride Foundation awarded its first organization grants, totaling \$7,654. Today, the Foundation grants hundreds of thousands of dollars every year. In 1993, the Pride Foundation started its scholarship program, giving \$3,680 the first year. Since then, the program has become one of the nation's largest LGBT scholarship funds. To date, the Pride Foundation has raised and invested more than \$8 million in hundreds of nonprofit organizations and individual students. In recent years, the Pride Foundation has broadened its reach beyond Seattle to the entire State of Washington as well as to Alaska, Idaho, Montana, and Oregon.

The Pride Foundation has enriched tens of thousands of lives, and has touched those who give and those who receive. It has sustained countless students, strengthened many valued non-profit organizations, and helped to improve the quality of life in the Pacific Northwest. Today, I rise to offer my thanks and congratulations to the Pride Foundation for 25 years of inspiring work and a legacy that will impact generations to come.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ADAM H. PUTNAM

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 22, 2010

Mr. PUTNAM. Madam Speaker, the week of Tuesday, September 14, 2010, through Thursday, September 16, 2010, I was not present for thirteen recorded votes. Had I been present, I would have voted the following way:

Roll No. 519—"yea," Roll No. 520—"yea," Roll No. 521—"yea," Roll No. 522—"yea," Roll No. 523—"yea," Roll No. 524—"yea," Roll No. 525—"yea," Roll No. 526—"nay," Roll No. 527—"nay," Roll No. 528—"yea," Roll No. 529—"yea," Roll No. 530—"nay," Roll No. 531—"yea."

CONGRATULATING SAHIL KHETPAL ON 2010 DAVIDSON FELLOWSHIP

HON. SAM JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 22, 2010

Mr. SAM JOHNSON of Texas. Madam Speaker, it is my privilege to congratulate Sahil Khetpal, 17, of Plano, Texas on being named a 2010 Davidson Fellow by the Davidson Institute for Talent Development.

Davidson Fellowships, offered by the Institute since 2001, are honors given to only the very best of America's very brightest. As one of just 20 young people to receive the designation this year, Sahil Khetpal certainly fits that distinguished category.

He is a recent graduate of the Texas Academy of Mathematics and Science (TAMS), an advanced program for high school students offered through the University of North Texas. During his time at TAMS, Sahil took the specialized, college-level coursework necessary to fuel his Davidson Research Project, "Carbon Nanotubes as a Cancer Drug Delivery System."

In his project, which was motivated by the tough experience of watching several family members fight cancer, Sahil developed a nanotube based drug-delivery system that can be used for both chemotherapy and phototherapy of cancer. His innovative system has the potential to treat cancerous tumors more efficiently and effectively with fewer side-effects, and it could even allow for earlier diagnosis in some cases. In short, this outstanding young man's work will likely save lives.

Using his talent and voice to help others is not a new concept for Sahil. In the midst of a strenuous coursework and research load, he made time to co-found and serve as copresident of the local branch of Invisible Children, an organization that raises awareness of the conflict taking place in Northern Uganda.

Sahil is currently continuing his higher education at the University of Pennsylvania where he is a double-major in business and chemical engineering. This incredibly talented, hard-working young man is an exceptional representative of Texas' Third Congressional District, and it is my distinct honor to enter his accomplishment into the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD for posterity.

To Sahil Khetpal, 2010 Davidson Fellow, congratulations and God bless you!

HONORING WILLARD MORRISSEY

HON. BILL SHUSTER

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 22, 2010

Mr. SHUSTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Willard Morrissey, recipient of

the HEALTHSOUTH Personal Achievement Award for his unparalleled strength and exceptional perseverance. On January 25th, Mr. Morrissey was involved in a traumatic accident in Altoona, Pennsylvania while operating a cardboard crusher. He was flown by medical helicopter to Penn State Milton S. Hershey Medical Center, and immediately underwent surgery, which resulted in the amputation of both legs. Will has made an amazing recovery and is now ambulating with bilateral prosthesis and no assistive device.

Will's perseverance and determination throughout his path to recovery has served as an inspiration to us all. Staff and patients of The HealthSouth Rehabilitation Center were moved to tears when Will proudly walked through the halls with his new sneakers that he proudly wore.

Will has risen above adversity and lifted himself to a stature that we should all emulate in our daily lives. I would like to wish Willard the best of luck in his path to recovery. I know that my words reflect the feelings of all citizens of our nation when I say that Willard Morrissey is an inspiration to us all.

IN HONOR AND REMEMBRANCE OF JAMES M. ANDREWS, SR.

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 22, 2010

Mr. KUCINICH. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor and remembrance of James M. Andrews, Sr., a loving husband, father, grandfather, veteran and protector of the people of the City of Cleveland as a firefighter for thirty years.

Mr. Andrews joined the Cleveland Fire Department on July 1, 1960. He was committed to the safety and wellbeing of Cleveland residents as well as his fellow firefighters. He was a thirty-year member of the Cleveland Firefighters Union, Local 93 and served on the Executive Board from 1970 to 1990. He served as Secretary from 1970 to 1979, as President from 1980 to 1989 and was named President Emeritus in 1990.

In addition to his devotion to serving our community, Mr. Andrews' devotion to family was unconditional. He was the beloved husband of Joan and loving father of Anne, James Jr., Katherine, Joseph and Ellen. He was the cherished grandfather of Jennifer, Elizabeth, Emily, Mary, James III, Angela, Claire, Joseph and Nicholas and father-in-law of Terrance, Mary Brigid, Robert and Stephen. He was also the beloved brother of Sister Mary Ann and uncle, friend and mentor to many.

Madam Speaker and colleagues, please join me in honor and remembrance of firefighter James M. Andrews, Sr. Mr. Andrews served our community and our nation with commitment and excellence. Mr. Andrews lived his

life with great love and devotion to his family and his service has made our community a better place for all residents.

RECOGNITION OF WILLIE WATSON
FOR HIS SERVICE TO COUNTRY
AND COMMUNITY

HON. MARY JO KILROY

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 22, 2010

Ms. KILROY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Willie Watson who is a great community member, a proud father, and a patriot. In our country's time of need, Mr. Watson bravely and fearlessly enlisted to serve in the military and became a member of one of the most inspiring and decorated Air Force squadrons of our time, the Tuskegee Airmen. Despite racism and bigotry in the country, Mr. Watson and his fellow airmen selflessly devoted themselves to fight for our nation.

Mr. Watson served as a Service Master for over twenty years. During WWII, Mr. Watson was sent into battle for one of the most harrowing and brave missions: to life-flight wounded soldiers off the battlefield. He performed these duties faithfully and honorably and after 20 years of work, retired from service.

As a young man, Mr. Watson and his fellow airmen became America's first African-American military airmen. These brave young men enlisted or joined from all over the country and trained to become fighter pilots, mechanics, engineers, intelligence analysts, and parachute riggers, among many other specialties. From 1941 to 1946, nearly 1,000 pilots graduated from the Tuskegee Air Force School, and four hundred fifty of them served overseas. These fighters had many accomplishments including flying over 15,000 sorties into enemy territory, accomplishing a nearly perfect record for not losing U.S. bombers, and destroying 112 German airplanes.

These men not only faced a war abroad, but also challenges at home because of segregation and racism. Their struggle eventually contributed to the desegregation of American society and their patriotism was rewarded with several honors, most notably on March 27, 2007, when the Tuskegee Airmen received the Congressional Medal of Honor.

On September 23, 2010, a ceremony will be held to honor Mr. Watson's incredible life. His dedication and service inspired a generation, and I am proud to recognize Willie Watson, whose service to our country in its time of need will never be forgotten.

HONORING MARINE 1ST LT. SCOTT
FLEMING

HON. TOM PRICE

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 22, 2010

Mr. PRICE of Georgia. Madam Speaker, I rise in honor of 1st Marine Lt. Scott Fleming who gave his life September 17, 2010, while supporting combat operations in the Helmand Province of Afghanistan. His unit was conducting pre-election security operations when he was struck by enemy small arms fire.

Scott Fleming was a sophomore at Blessed Trinity High School in Roswell, GA on September 11, 2001. It was those attacks that led him to the decision to join the Marines. He began his training just two weeks after graduating from LaGrange College with a degree in Education.

1st LT. Fleming will be buried at Arlington National Cemetery with full military honors. He is survived by his father, Joseph and mother, Joanne; wife, Brandi; and sister, Andrea.

Madam Speaker, it is with the greatest respect and admiration that we honor 1st Lt. Fleming's sacrifice on behalf of our nation. He is a hero to his countrymen, his family, and his fellow Marines. He reminds us that America is blessed to have so many young men and women willing to stand up and fight to preserve our precious freedoms. Our thoughts and prayers are with his family and all our military families, whose selfless dedication to this Nation is an inspiration to us all.

MILITARY APPRECIATION DAY REMARKS BY LTG ROBERT L. CASLEN, JR.

HON. IKE SKELTON

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 22, 2010

Mr. SKELTON. Madam Speaker, on August 15, 2010, LTG Robert L. Caslen, Jr. spoke at the Missouri State Fair in Sedalia, Missouri, regarding Military Appreciation Day. His remarks are set forth below.

MISSOURI STATE FAIR—MILITARY APPRECIATION DAY—LTG ROBERT L. CASLEN, JR.—MISSOURI STATE FAIRGROUNDS, SEDALIA, MO—15 AUGUST 2010

Good afternoon. Thank you for that kind introduction. It is always great to visit the Show-Me State and Sedalia. It gives me an excuse to stop by the "Wheel Drive-in" and get myself a "Goober Burger". I want to thank Governor Nixon and Congressman Skelton for their inspiring words and presence here today as we honor our Military Heroes past and present. I am truly honored and humbled to be asked to speak with you today on such a momentous occasion for our Nation's military.

One of our Nation's defining Presidents, Abraham Lincoln, once said, "Let us have faith that right makes might, and . . . dare to do our duty as we understand it."

These words epitomize our military's ethical charter, extended to us by the American people, and defined by the ideals and precepts of our Constitution. As we enter our 9th year of continuous war, our Nation faces an uncertain future—a future that will most certainly require the service and continued sacrifice of our Nation's military men and women. As our Nation and its military embark into this uncertain future, we must ever be mindful of President Lincoln's words—to solemnly do our moral duty and earnestly hope that 'right makes might'.

As Americans, we are a people defined by our moral character. Indeed, many of our forefathers came here in order to flee religious persecution in their native lands. These immigrants, from the Pilgrims to the Quakers to the Mennonites, boldly forged out new lives for themselves in the frontiers of America. Many of Missouri's early pioneers were just such people.

Our forefathers' hard work, perseverance and strong moral ethic helped shape our

country's beginnings and define our Nation's character. Our Founding Fathers were in many cases, men such as these—men of substance—whose character was born out of sacrifice and moral conviction. They understood and rejected the yoke of oppression—they knew full well the heavy price that must be paid to earn and maintain their freedom. Their vision enabled the creation of a radically new concept in the world—a nation, governed by and subservient to its people, committed to the ideals of freedom, equality, and justice for all. The ultimate manifestation of our forefathers' ideals can be seen in the instrument that established the American experiment in freedom: our Nation's Constitution.

The pure genius of the U.S. Constitution still evokes awe in us today. Apart from the freedoms extended to us in its Bill of Rights, the Constitution also serves as the source document from which we derive our military's authorities. The governmental roadmap established by the Constitution clearly delineates the military's subservient role to the people and civilian authority of the military. Indeed, the Constitution establishes a client relationship between the military and the citizens of this Nation. Our client status requires us to maintain a healthy and confidence-inspiring relationship with our bosses. Trust is, and always has been, the cornerstone of this relationship. Said another way, it is incumbent on all of us in uniform to earn your trust and then to maintain it.

We in the Army know all too well the heavy price that must be paid for failing to maintain the trust of the people.

In the aftermath of our Nation's last persistent conflict, Vietnam, our Army faced a crisis of trust. Our relationship with the American people had been strained and as an institution, it required us to become introspective and examine all facets of what defined us ethically as a profession. And as a result, we enacted sweeping internal reforms and reinforced our Professional Military Ethic in our professional military education. But this took time and it was only after many years of demonstrated adherence to our Nation's principles and values that we were able to restore the trust of the American people.

I would offer that the key ingredient that makes this difference is leadership. Leadership grounded in the principles of a Professional Ethic—whose foundation can be found in the ideals and precepts of our Constitution.

Our leaders today at every level of the Army face extraordinarily complex and uncertain situations on a daily basis. Confronted by these unique and taxing circumstances, influenced by character, values, and a collective ethic, our leaders invariably will strive to make the right decisions, and thus preserve the trust we must maintain with the clients whom we serve.

But it is not easy and this has not always been the case. Take Abu Ghraib for example—where we saw a failure of leadership result not only in a loss of confidence, but in the rallying of extremist Islam to join the Jihad. Fortunately this leadership failure was countered by the great work of many other leaders over a number of years.

Our Nation's military is a reflection of you—the people of the United States. Our military is an all volunteer force, comprised of citizens from all walks of life throughout our country. We are a microcosm of our society—where all our country's races, religions, and creeds—equally share in the task of defending our Nation and its Constitution. Consequently, our military's character and ethic is a reflection of your own. We stand for the principles and values that you and

our Nation hold dear. We are always mindful that our actions and undertakings should, at all times, reflect this fact. Our all-volunteer military is comprised of your neighbors, friends, and relatives, who have answered America's call to service during a time of war.

I would like to tell you the story of one such American that answered America's call to service during war:

Rick Rescorla was not born of this country. He came to this country from his native England in 1963, and entered the United States Army shortly thereafter. His natural leadership abilities were identified early on. Having graduated from Basic Training, Rick was selected to attend Officer Candidate School and Airborne training at Fort Benning, Georgia. Upon graduation Rick was assigned to 2d Battalion, 7th Cavalry Regiment, 1st Cavalry Division. It was here that he would learn lasting lessons in service and sacrifice.

In November 1965 a young 2LT Rick Rescorla found himself leading his men during America's first major battle of the Vietnam War, the Battle of Ia Drang. The battle was a vicious, guttural affair, and was vividly described by the commanding officer of the battle, LTC Hal Moore, and war correspondent Joe Galloway in their book, *We Were Soldiers Once . . . and Young*.

In the book, Moore described Rescorla as "the best platoon leader I ever saw." Rescorla's men nicknamed him "Hard Core" for his bravery in battle, and revered him for his good humor and compassion towards his men.

Shortly after the Battle of Ia Drang commenced, Rescorla was ordered to move out to seize the high ground surrounding the landing zone. He immediately led his platoon forward through the brush towards an enemy that they knew was lying in wait. As he did this, his image was captured by a combat cameraman—this iconic photograph adorns the cover of Moore and Galloway's book. In the picture, his face muscles are taut and eyes wide under the brow of his helmet. His eyes look almost white because they are open so wide . . . intense anxiety is plainly evident in LT Rescorla's face. He is very clearly afraid . . . afraid that his life may be snuffed out at any moment, yet he moves with his M-16 at the ready, clenched firmly in his hands, its bayonet fixed—a Soldier dutifully doing what is asked of him despite the danger.

The picture—captured in a moment of desperation and sheer terror—is a powerful image of a Soldier doing his duty in combat. It's quite probable that LT Rescorla didn't really know why it was necessary to move his platoon forward and take the high ground, but he felt a compelling responsibility both to his fellow Soldiers and unit to do his duty. Rescorla did his duty that day earning a Silver Star for his valor. Yet, this was not the last time that his nation would require his service and his ultimate sacrifice.

The final chapter of the Rick Rescorla story is even more moving. On September 11, 2001, Rick was serving as Vice President of Security for Morgan Stanley Dean Witter in its headquarters in the South Tower of the World Trade Center in New York City. After the building was struck on that fateful morning, Rescorla calmly and expertly directed over 2700 employees to safety down the fire escape stair wells of the South Tower. Rescorla also oversaw the evacuation of another 1000 employees from the World Trade Building #5. When an old Army buddy, Dan Hill, reached him on the phone that day, Rescorla could be heard barking orders calmly and collectedly through a bullhorn. He exhorted his fellow employees to "be proud to be Americans . . . everyone will be talking about you tomorrow."

After the last of the employees had evacuated the South Tower, he took his security team back into the building to make a final sweep to ensure everyone had escaped safely. When one of his colleagues urged him to evacuate as well, Rescorla replied, "As soon as I make sure everyone else is out." He was last seen alive on the tenth floor, moving towards danger much in the same way he had done 36 years prior at the Battle of Ia Drang. Rick Rescorla certainly knew the mortal danger he faced, yet did his duty for his fellow man.

Rick Rescorla was not the last hero to die in our Nation's Global War on Terror. His actions along with hundreds of others that momentous day sparked a renewed era of sacrifice and service in our country.

Many in this country do not yet fully realize the incredible value and impact that this 9/11 generation is having, and will continue to have, on our society—for they are a humble, resilient and selfless generation. They all remember exactly where they were 9 years ago when the planes went into the World Trade Center, and into the field in PA, and into the Pentagon. They are volunteers all of them, and our Country has placed the security of our Nation on their backs, again, and again, and again. And yet despite the repeated sacrifices, they have answered the call to duty each time, and stood in the gap between the evil that is out there and our way of life. They have never wavered or questioned. They quietly stand among the generations of Americans that have gone before, standing in the gap between the evil that is out there, and the values of our Nation and our way of life.

I have no doubts that history will gloriously record their service and sacrifice, for it has protected the free world from tyranny and evil, and has restored freedom and inspired hope where it was absent. As was the case with our forefathers, they do not seek exclusion and intolerance and violence, but rather they seek moderation, and tolerance, and inclusion. They protect, defend, and advocate for the downtrodden and defenseless. They are indeed a reflection of you—the American people.

In closing, I ask that we all remember those service members who have paid the ultimate sacrifice in defense of our Nation. We are forever indebted to them for their service and sacrifice.

May we also remember those that are, at this very moment, standing watch for us around the globe in the name of freedom and democracy.

God bless the great state of Missouri.

May God bless and protect our Service members in harm's way, as well as their families back home.

And may God continue to bless the United States of America.

Army Strong.

CONGRATULATING SAINT CECELIA
INTERPAROCHIAL CATHOLIC
SCHOOL

HON. GUS M. BILIRAKIS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 22, 2010

Mr. BILIRAKIS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Saint Cecelia Interparochial Catholic School for receiving the Department of Education's esteemed designation of a 2010 National Blue Ribbon School.

Founded in 1948 with only 60 students meeting in the renovated Saint Cecelia Church

rectory, today it is a hallmark of superior education for nearly 500 students. In conjunction with their mission of providing a strong spiritual and academic foundation, the highly educated teaching population at Saint Cecelia Interparochial School inspire students to achieve at a high level as they undertake core instruction in religion, math, language arts, science, and social science with further enrichment offered through courses in the fine arts, language, and technology, as well as clubs, ministries and service projects.

It is no small feat for a school to receive the distinguished honor of the Blue Ribbon Award. In fact, Saint Cecelia Interparochial Catholic School was one of just 50 private schools throughout the nation to receive this distinction. Their effective school leadership and approach to education has led to a culture of excellence and a population of high performing students.

As Saint Cecelia's proudly raises the Blue Ribbon flag on its campus, may those in our community and across the nation be reminded of the good work done there each day to improve the quality of life for every child passing through and look to this school as a model of exemplary educational practices.

HONORING LEWISTON-ALTURA
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

HON. TIMOTHY J. WALZ

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 22, 2010

Mr. WALZ. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the accomplishments of Lewiston-Altura Elementary School in Lewiston, Minnesota.

Last week, Lewiston-Altura Elementary School was named one of two schools from the First District of Minnesota to be designated as a 2010 National Blue Ribbon School.

This award recognizes exemplary schools like Lewiston-Altura Elementary where students have made significant progress and the gaps in achievement, especially among disadvantaged and minority students, have decreased. Schools that receive this award truly exemplify the belief that every child has promise and must receive a high-quality education.

As a teacher on leave from Mankato West, I know that achieving success for all students takes a commitment from the entire school, from the principal to the counselors to the teachers. When students see every adult in their school dedicated to their success and achieving a higher goal, they are motivated to do their best.

This is exactly what Lewiston-Altura Elementary has done for its students. Under the leadership of Principal David Riebel, they have focused on building relationships with every student, identifying struggling students early and setting high standards for achievement.

This award recognizes what the Lewiston-Altura community already knows—Lewiston-Altura Elementary is a place where every student, no matter their background, can fulfill their potential. Lewiston-Altura Elementary is an outstanding model of achievement for schools across Minnesota and the country.

Madam Speaker, please join me in honoring Lewiston-Altura Elementary School for its dedication to the students of Lewiston.

HONORING LANCE CORPORAL
JEFFREY COLE, USMC

HON. TOM PRICE

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 22, 2010

Mr. PRICE of Georgia. Madam Speaker, today I ask the House to recognize the service and sacrifice of Lance Corporal Jeffrey Cole, a Marine from Woodstock, Georgia. Although just twenty years old, this young man has already earned a place in the ranks of America's beloved veterans.

Growing up, Jeffrey Cole saw the examples of his family members who had served in the Army and Air Force. So it is no surprise that while attending Woodstock High School in Georgia's Sixth District, he prepared for his own military service as a member of the school's JROTC unit. After graduation in 2009, Cole became the first member of his family to enlist in the United States Marine Corps, where he attained the rank of Lance Corporal.

This past July, duty called. Lance Corporal Cole said goodbye to friends, family, and his young wife Brandi and deployed to Afghanistan. Just a month later, his unit was ambushed while on patrol and came under heavy fire. During this attack, Cole was hit six times—twice in the front, once in the back, once on his side, and twice in his left arm. Although Cole's flak jacket thankfully stopped the rounds to his front and back, severe nerve damage and a severed artery have left him with almost no feeling in his arm.

Lance Corporal Cole has now undergone several surgeries to repair his arm, although only time will tell if he will ever regain its use. Yet despite these wounds, his main concern is about his fellow soldiers still in harm's way. It cannot be said strongly enough—this young man has earned the thanks, admiration, and respect of every single American.

Choosing to don the uniform of this country is one of the most selfless and honorable decisions an American can make. Jeffrey Cole could have taken many paths in life, but he chose to join our military and give back to the country that he loves. It is because of the service and sacrifices made by him and his fellow service members and veterans that Americans can live free of the oppression and terror experienced by so many around the world today.

Lance Corporal Cole will soon return to his family and friends in Woodstock, where the Legionnaires of American Legion Post 316 will live up to their motto as veterans "Still Serving America" by hosting our whole community in giving Jeffrey the heartfelt welcome and "Thank You" he deserves. He has carried out his duty with courage and commitment, and it is my distinct honor to welcome him back home.

May God Bless Lance Corporal Jeffrey Cole, our troops still on the front lines, and all our veterans for their countless sacrifices in defense of this great nation.

SOUTH ALABAMA HONOR FLIGHT
FOUR ARRIVES IN WASHINGTON,
DC

HON. JO BONNER

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 22, 2010

Mr. BONNER. Madam Speaker, it is with great pride that I recognize Honor Flight South Alabama and the World War II veterans this very special organization is bringing on its fourth flight to Washington, DC on September 22, 2010.

Founded by the South Alabama Veterans Council, Honor Flight South Alabama is an organization whose mission is to fly heroes from southwest Alabama to see their national memorial.

Over six decades have passed since the end of World War II and, regrettably, it took nearly this long to complete work on the memorial that honors the spirit and sacrifice of the 16 million who served in the U.S. Armed Forces and the more than 400,000 who died. Sadly, many veterans did not live long enough to hear their country say "thank you," yet for those veterans still living, Honor Flight provides for many their first—and perhaps only—opportunity to see the National World War II Memorial, which honors their service and sacrifice.

This Honor Flight begins at dawn when the veterans will gather at historic Fort Whiting in Mobile and travel to Mobile Regional Airport to board a chartered flight to Washington. During their time in their Nation's capital, the veterans will visit the World War II Memorial, Arlington National Cemetery, and other memorials.

The veterans will return to Mobile Regional Airport that evening, where some 1,000 people are expected to greet them.

Madam Speaker, the September 22 journey of heroes from South Alabama is an appropriate time for us to pause and thank them—and all of the soldiers who fought in World War II—for they collectively—and literally—saved the world. They personify the very best America has to offer, and I urge my colleagues to take a moment to pay tribute to their selfless devotion to our country and the freedoms we enjoy.

I salute each of the veterans who made the trip to Washington. May we never forget their valiant deeds and tremendous sacrifices: Victor Adams, Edward Adler, William Barnes, James Botts, Shelby Brooks, Ollen Burnette, Jr., Marion Bush, Edward Case, Robert Chapman, William Chavis, John Coulter, Leon Davidson, Gerald Davidson, Henry Day, William Day, John Duncan, James Duncan, Jr., Joseph Duteil, Jr., Julius Eardley, James Early, Robert Engel, Claudie Feagin, Jr., Osburn Flener, Joseph Garner, John Garrard, Jr., Thomas Grace, Samuel Graham, Francis Gregory, Daniel Gunther, Joe Harper, Roy Harris, James Hathcock, Jr., William Heard, Jr., Robert Hensel, James Holloway, Charles Holloway, William Hooper, Vinson Huegele, William Isbell, Henry Jackson, Elystan Jeffreys, Jack Jones, Roy Le Drew, Lawrence Lockhart, John Loper, Reginald Loper, John Luker, Percy Maynard, James McDonough, Jr., T. McIntyre, George McPherson, John Medynski, Richard Meyers, William Morris, Charles Murphy, John Nichols, Dwayne Nickerson, Robert Nicks, Chester Noble, Orin

Parker, Jr., Helen Pearson, Robert Philips, Walter Prodouz, Harry Read, Nelson Richardson, Thomas Robinson, Leonard Rose, John Rouse, Columbus Sanders, Jr., Robert P. Scott, Robert T. Scott, William Simpson, Jr., John Sims, Anthony Skivo, Jr., Norman Snyder, Cecil Sossaman, Sr., Thomas Southall, Floyd Stahl, Bernie Steele, Lloyd Stennett, Harold Stevens, Sr., William Summersgill, Cecil Tanner, Albert Thompson, Frank Tindall, Roger Turnquist, James VanDevender, Lambert Waltman, Orville Wenzel, Sr., Clarence Wheeler, David Whitten, Thomas Wilson, Robert Wilson, Sr., Harold Winger, and Keith Winkler.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE GRAND
OPENING OF THE FISHER HOUSE
OF THE EMERALD COAST

HON. JEFF MILLER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 22, 2010

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize the Fisher House of the Emerald Coast and the courageous men and women of Northwest Florida who have answered the nation's call to defend our freedom and way of life.

Founded in 1990 by Zachary and Elizabeth Fisher, the Fisher House Foundation has helped open the doors at 48 locations, which serve as a home away from home for our nation's hospitalized military personnel, veterans, and their families. The Fisher House of the Emerald Coast joins 20 years of dedicated service to the mission of continually improving the quality of life for our servicemembers.

Our military is the best in the world due to the selfless sacrifice of the men and women of the Armed Forces and their families. So much is asked of them, and the Fisher House seeks to extend a helping hand and grateful heart when needed most. By providing housing for wounded servicemembers and their families at no cost, the Fisher House Foundation enables family members to be close to a loved one during their treatment.

Madam Speaker, we owe a debt of gratitude to our Armed Forces' courageous members and families; to that end, I applaud the Fisher House for their continued support of our wounded warriors. On behalf of the United States Congress, I commend the community members of Northwest Florida who have worked tirelessly to make the opening of the Fisher House of the Emerald Coast a reality.

RECOGNIZING JAMIE KONSTAS,
RECIPIENT OF THE SERVICE TO
AMERICA MEDALS, JUSTICE AND
LAW ENFORCEMENT MEDAL

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 22, 2010

Mr. CONNOLLY of Virginia. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize FBI Intelligence Analyst Jamie Konstas for receiving a Service to America Medal for Justice and Law Enforcement.

As a leader of the national initiative to combat the exploitation of children through prostitution, Ms. Konstas works with the Innocence

Lost National Initiative, combining resources from the Department of Justice and the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children. She is responsible for the development and implementation of a new database that is assisting authorities in identifying victims of prostitution, particularly children, while also collecting and tracking intelligence information in order to build investigations on suspected sex offenders.

A resident of Fairfax, Va., Ms. Konstas considers her work a calling rather than a job. Her commitment has led to the rescue of more than 1,000 children and the conviction of more than 500 predators, numbers that would not be possible if it were not for her innovative database.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing FBI Intelligence Analyst Jamie Konstas for her commitment to protecting our communities and our at risk young people. She is just one example of the tremendous caliber of our federal workforce, and I congratulate her for receiving the Service to America Medal for Justice and Law Enforcement.

100TH ANNIVERSARY OF UNION
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

HON. ROBERT C. "BOBBY" SCOTT
OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Wednesday, September 22, 2010

Mr. SCOTT of Virginia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate an institution in Norfolk, Virginia. On Friday, September 24, 2010, Union United Church of Christ will celebrate its 100th anniversary, and I would like to highlight some moments from the history of the church and its contributions to our community.

Union United's history began in 1908 with a small prayer band made up of new arrivals to Norfolk who found no Christian church in their area. The church formed as Union Christian in 1910 and was organized and led by Rev. J.J. Faulk.

Many pastors served Union Christian faithfully in these early years, including Rev. G.T. Hall from 1929–1930, Rev. R.J. Alston from 1931 to 1934, and Rev. S.A. Howell from 1934 to 1935. Under Rev. Alston, the church was renamed Union Congregational Christian Church.

Rev. Mann assumed the pastorate in 1935 and served the church faithfully until 1951. His leadership saw both milestones and improvements, including the burning of the church's mortgage.

Rev. Z.P. Jenkins served as pastor from 1953 to 1960. During this time the church was renovated, and the church bought a house on Bane Street to serve as a parsonage. It was also during Rev. Jenkins' tenure that nationally the Evangelical and Reformed Church merged with the Congregational Church to form the United Church of Christ.

The church underwent multiple changes under the leadership of its longest serving pastor to date, Rev. Joseph M. Copeland. Arriving in 1960, Rev. Copeland instituted a Deacon Board, and the church became very active in the community. A Citizen's Club, Boy Scout Troop, USDA Share Program, and 4-H Club were all founded under his direction.

Another milestone during the tenure of Rev. Copeland was the relocation of the church. In

1971, the church was forced to move due to redevelopment projects in the city of Norfolk. The present site on Goff Street was purchased, and a new church was built and dedicated in January 1977. Through the dedication of the congregation, the church was able to pay off the mortgage in just 11 years and held a burning ceremony in May 1988. Rev. Copeland retired in 1992 after 32 years of service.

The church continued to make history under seventh pastor, Rev. Anthony Taylor, ordaining its first female deacon. Rev. Taylor served for eight years, leaving in 2000 to serve his country in the U.S. Army. Rev. Copeland returned for a brief period as interim pastor in 2000, at which point Union United made history yet again.

In 2001, Associate Pastor Linda Clark was installed as Union's Pastor, the first female to serve in this post. Under her leadership, Union United re-dedicated itself to the community by establishing after-school tutorial programs and a Narcotics Anonymous program, and doing outreach work with the Norfolk State University School of Social Work. Currently serving under Rev. Clark is her twin sister, Rev. Brenda Brown.

As Union United gathers to celebrate its centennial, the Church can truly remember its past, celebrate its present, and focus on the future with great expectations. I would like to congratulate Rev. Clark, Associate Pastor Brown, Pastor Emeritus Copeland, and all of the members of Union United Church of Christ on the occasion of their 100th anniversary. I wish them 100 more years of dedicated service to the community.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE PASSING
OF LEROY BOYD

HON. JEFF MILLER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Wednesday, September 22, 2010

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Madam Speaker, on behalf of the United States Congress, it is an honor for me to rise today to recognize the life of Northwest Florida's beloved LeRoy Boyd.

Mr. Boyd is survived by his wife, Jeanne. To his family and friends, I would like to offer my sincere condolences. LeRoy Boyd was a proud resident of Pensacola, Florida. He was a champion of freedom and equality for humankind, whose life was framed by immense courage and an unwavering commitment to social justice. Northwest Florida has suffered a great loss.

Mr. Boyd began his quest for social justice and equality at a young age. Under the leadership of the Reverend H.K. Matthews, Mr. Boyd became President of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People Youth Council. He also became a founding member of the Escambia County Chapter of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, and served as President of the Pensacola Chapter of Blacks in Government. LeRoy Boyd's leadership capabilities and willingness to fight for equality in employment was demonstrated when he successfully won a court case allowing many African-Americans and women the opportunity to serve in supervisory positions at the Naval Aviation Depot. His tenacity and perseverance were dem-

onstrated in the mid-1990s when he became the chief warrior in a battle to rename a street in honor of the Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King. Mr. Boyd's steadfast resolve in the face of strong opposition served as a testament to the great accomplishments of Dr. King.

Mr. Boyd's continued commitment to serving the community led him to eventually found Movement for Change, an organization dedicated to increasing knowledge and awareness of community issues affecting the social well-being of the citizens of Northwest Florida. Movement for Change was guided by the belief that the best way to achieve meaningful and lasting unity in our society is through mutual respect for our fellow citizens, including respect for differences. Mr. Boyd's life, and his accomplishments, served as proof of the immense capability of the human spirit to overcome difference and unite for the common good.

Mr. Boyd was recognized by a number of organizations throughout his life. During his youth, he achieved the rank of Eagle Scout. As an adult, Mr. Boyd served as the chairman of many organizations, including the Commanding Officers Advisory Committee for Equal Employment Opportunity and the Martin Luther King, Jr. Special Events Committee. His service and commitment to his community was also acknowledged with myriad awards, including the Martin Luther King, Jr. Award of the Year, the Florida Department of Corrections Servant Leader Award of the Year and the Hugh L. King, Sr. Excellence in Civil Rights Leadership Award.

To some LeRoy Boyd will be remembered as a staunch advocate for civil rights and social justice and to others an example of the inestimable capability of the human spirit to conquer all. He will long be remembered by his family and friends as a loving and compassionate husband and companion; and we will all remember his energy, motivation and commitment to serving his community. His impact on Northwest Florida will forever be remembered.

Madam Speaker, on behalf of the United States Congress, I am proud to honor the life of LeRoy Boyd, and his living legacy.

TRIBUTE TO DENNY JONES

HON. GREG WALDEN

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Wednesday, September 22, 2010

Mr. WALDEN. Madam Speaker and colleagues, I rise today to share with you my admiration for a man who has deeply affected my life, and the lives of countless Oregonians, Denny Jones. Denny celebrated his 100th birthday yesterday. Denny crossing the century mark is a very special occasion, but more importantly is what he has done with those 100 years. Denny was my father's close friend when they served together in the Oregon legislature in the 1970s. More than a decade later, I had the privilege of serving with him in the Oregon legislature. As House Majority Leader, I frequently sought Denny's advice and counsel and like so many others, relied on his deep sense of right and wrong, his clear commonsense philosophy and his thorough knowledge of water and western agriculture. He is a close friend and mentor, the

kind you want in this public life who will tell you when he thinks you're right and when he is convinced you are wrong. He sets the example for all of us to follow.

Madam Speaker, Denny Jones came from humble beginnings to distinguish himself as a successful Oregon cattle rancher and 26-year state legislator. Denzil Eugene Jones was born on a wheat ranch between Heppner and lone in Morrow County, Oregon on September 21, 1910. His mother passed away when he was five. Denny's father remarried, but his stepmother made him and his brother sleep outside in a tent, even in the winter. The family moved frequently through the years, as they made their way to Montana, back to Wheeler County, and then on to Crook County, where he finished 10th grade in Prineville.

Honest labor and hard work have marked Denny's life. Learning how to ride horses from his father, he spent a short time as a jockey, traveling by boxcar from Vancouver and Victoria, B.C., to Tijuana, Mexico. But when his 106 pounds exceeded the weight limit, his three-year contract was cut short and he was never paid for the job he did. He then worked for a sheep outfit, moving to Juntura in Malheur County when he was 18. There, he earned \$50 a month plus room. After that, ranching became his focus throughout the 1930s. In 1939, his relative, Jim Jones, offered him a 10-year opportunity to share in running a cattle ranch. At the end of those years, he signed over his share of the cattle as a down payment on his ranch. Two years later, Denny owned it free and clear with 400 head of cattle. Life was particularly hard in the 1940s, when he broke his leg and dislocated his knee when he was thrown from a horse. He later broke his back slipping on a frozen cow pie.

Ranch life continued until the 1970s, when the family moved to Ontario, Oregon. One year after the move, the local business community asked him to run for Oregon's 60th District House seat. Denny was elected in 1972, and served for 13 terms, the second-longest serving member of the Oregon Legislature. During those 26 years, he served on the Emergency Board, the Committees on Agriculture, Transportation, and Education, and was co-chair of the Joint Committee on Ways and Means. He brought his own brand of eastern Oregon conservatism to Salem and quickly earned a reputation as a fiscal hawk with a kind heart. The experience he gained as a high desert cattle rancher served him and Oregon taxpayers well.

It was the values he learned in his youth to which he credits his success in the Legislature. "It's the most important thing that you keep your word and that you're honest with everybody," he said.

Madam Speaker, Denny truly has done a lot of good in his 100 years. In addition to serving in the Oregon Legislature, Denny became a charter member of the Public Lands Council; was director, lobbyist, and two-time president of the Oregon Cattlemen's Association; a member of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks of the United States of America, and the Freemasons; received the Malheur County Cattleman of the Year Award and was the Malheur County Livestock Association's president; received the Harney County Livestock Association Citizenship Award; received the Ontario Jaycees' Citizenship Award; was president of the Malheur Pioneer Association;

was Director of the Pacific International Livestock Exposition; and was a board member of the Malheur County Budget Board, Ontario Chamber of Commerce, the Juntura School District, the Malheur County Juvenile Council, and the Agri-Business Council of Oregon. And, at the age of 97 he was still considered one of the best ropers at Fred Otley's branding.

Colleagues, Denny Jones is loved and revered in his community and in our State. He is the type of individual who understands the potential of this great Nation and has worked tirelessly to build a State and country that lives up to its promise. In celebration of his 100 years, there will be a display honoring Denny and his many accomplishments. Long after the display is gone, Denny's accomplishments and contributions will remain. I am honored to call him my good friend, and invite all of you to join me in honoring his 100th birthday.

RECOGNIZING CORPORAL EVAN S. RINKENBERG, RECIPIENT OF THE PURPLE HEART AWARD

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 22, 2010

Mr. CONNOLLY of Virginia. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize Corporal Evan S. Rinkenberg, recipient of the Purple Heart award.

On June 6th, Cpl. Rinkenberg and his infantry company came under attack from the Taliban after performing security checkpoints in the Helmand province of Afghanistan. While providing cover fire for his company as they fled to safety, Cpl. Rinkenberg was shot by enemy fire in his right hand. Despite his injury, Cpl. Rinkenberg continued to provide cover fire for his fellow soldiers until he looked down; only then did he become aware of his injury.

Now back in the United States, Cpl. Rinkenberg, a native of Woodbridge, VA, has undergone four surgeries to repair the bones and ligaments in his hand in an effort to improve mobility. His lack of dexterity has made even simple tasks, such as maneuvering his infant daughter's pacifier, difficult for him. Cpl. Rinkenberg's future as a Marine remains uncertain as his hand continues to heal. He is faced with a worst case scenario of obtaining a medical release from the Marines, which would provide him with disability pay, something the Corporal identified as the "only certainty in his now cloudy future." Despite his slow recovery, Cpl. Rinkenberg hopes to return to Woodbridge by 2012 where he plans to continue to serve his country as a rifle range instructor at Officer Candidate School in Quantico, Va.

Madam Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in recognizing Corporal Evan Rinkenberg for his service to his fellow soldiers and our nation. It is important to recognize the sacrifices that Cpl. Rinkenberg and all of our nation's service members make on a daily basis in order to preserve our freedoms.

CELEBRATING THE 200TH ANNIVERSARY OF ELAM BAPTIST CHURCH

HON. ROBERT C. "BOBBY" SCOTT

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 22, 2010

Mr. SCOTT of Virginia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate an institution in Charles City County, Virginia. On Friday, September 24, 2010, Elam Baptist Church will celebrate its 200th anniversary, and I would like to highlight some moments from the history of the church and its contributions to our community.

The seeds of Elam Baptist were originally planted prior to 1810, when groups of African-Americans who worshipped at First Church Petersburg (now Gilfield Baptist) would meet together in canoes on the James River, holding prayer services and singing songs of praise. The father of the church, Abram Brown, donated a parcel of land where the first log hut was built and used as both a church and meeting house. The actual construction date has been lost to history, but it is known that the church was standing in 1810. This date leads historians to consider Elam Baptist to be one of the oldest regular organized churches for people of color in Virginia.

The church applied for admission into the Dover Association of churches and received it in 1813, the same year that the Rev. William Clopton was appointed the first pastor of Elam. The Church's congregation was a mix of both slaves and freed African-Americans worshipping together. While this was initially accepted, as tensions in the country grew, most of the slaves were barred by their masters from worshipping at Elam and were carried to Old Mt. Zion church, the first of many churches Elam Baptist was mother to.

Rev. James Clopton succeeded his father William. Rev. James Christian succeeded the second Rev. Clopton from 1850 to 1865. During this time, Church associations required the presence of a white pastor to lead the congregation; however, the majority of the preaching was left to Rev. Christian's black assistant, Rev. James Brown.

After the war, when there was no longer a requirement for a white pastor to lead the congregation, Rev. Samuel Brown, son of the original church father Abram Brown, assumed the pastorate as Elam Baptist's first African American pastor. He served until his death in 1881. Elam Baptist continued to grow, and by its centennial in 1910, under the direction of pastor Rev. Wesley Curl, the church was either directly or indirectly responsible for the establishment of the 12 other colored Baptist churches in Charles City County, and one in neighboring New Kent County.

This growth demanded a new worship house. The original church site became the church cemetery, and the church began erecting a new building at its current location on The Glebe Lane under Rev. John Kemp. Sadly, shortly before construction was slated to be completed in 1919, a fire destroyed the building before it could be inhabited. However the spirit of the church was not extinguished, and the church was rebuilt. A second fire in 1922 once again consumed the worship house, but the church was not daunted and rebuilt again.

Elam Baptist continued to improve its facilities, installing a front veranda, electric lighting, and baptizing pool. A monument dedicated to the founders of the Church was erected at the cemetery site, and in 1966 a multipurpose annex was erected with offices and classrooms. Elam Baptist is truly a cornerstone of the Charles City County community.

As Elam Baptist gathers to celebrate its bicentennial, the church can truly remember its past, celebrate its present, and focus on the future with great expectations. I would like to congratulate Rev. Horace B. Parham, Jr., Elam's current pastor, and all of the members of Elam Baptist Church on the occasion of their 200th anniversary. I wish them 200 more years of dedicated service to the community.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE PASSING
OF CHARLES HAROLD "CHUCK"
BOLTON, JR.

HON. JEFF MILLER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 22, 2010

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Madam Speaker, on behalf of the United States Congress, it is an honor for me to rise today to recognize the life of Northwest Florida's beloved Charles Harold "Chuck" Bolton, Jr.

Mr. Bolton is survived by his wife, Carola, and two daughters, Nicole and Rochelle. To his family and friends, I would like to offer my sincere condolences. Northwest Florida has suffered a great loss.

Chuck Bolton was born on January 26, 1945 in Norfolk, Virginia. He was a proud and passionate man, who served his country with honor and distinction in the United States Army during the Vietnam War. In 1986, Mr. Bolton moved to Okaloosa County, located in Florida's First Congressional District. Over the next 24 years, Mr. Bolton served throughout the civic, business and church communities.

His local leadership was acknowledged by the people of Mary Esther, Florida, who elected Mr. Bolton to serve as their Mayor from 2008 until his recent passing. He was a charismatic leader who believed in watching out for the needs of his fellow neighbors, and his connection to the voice of the people was unequivocally demonstrated when he became the first elected official to join the Fort Walton Beach Tea Party.

His passion for service and his close relationships with the people of Northwest Florida was apparent to all those who knew him. He shared his knowledge with the people of Northwest Florida, teaching courses in Charitable Giving, Estate Planning, and Retirement at local colleges. His leadership in the business arena was also undeniable. He served as President of the North West Florida Planned Giving Council, Tallahassee Chapter of the International Association for Financial Planning and European Life Underwriters' Association.

His immense leadership was recognized not only by his constituents, but also by the religious community of Northwest Florida, where he served as Chairman of the Okaloosa County Chapter of the Christian Coalition. Mr. Bolton also played an integral role as a fundraiser for numerous non-profit organizations, and his commitment to justice and equality was typified by his membership in the NAACP.

As Deacon for the First Baptist Church of Mary Esther, Mr. Bolton served as an inspirational bedrock for the community, providing prayer and guidance to the people of Northwest Florida. He was a regular speaker at the Waterfront Mission, a noted church speaker for Gideon International, and was involved with several committees involving rehabilitation for individuals. His commitment to serving those in need was exemplified by his weekly Bible Study at an alcohol/drugs halfway house.

To some Chuck Bolton will be remembered as a Mayor and steadfast public servant, and to others, a leader in the business and religious communities. To many children of Northwest Florida he will be remembered by his portrayal of Santa Claus, filling the hearts of children with warm Christmas joy. He will long be remembered by his family and friends as a loving and compassionate father, husband and companion; and we will all remember his energy, motivation, generosity, and commitment to serving his community. His impact on Northwest Florida will forever be remembered. Mr. Bolton was quoted as saying, "Mary Esther may not be heaven, but I can see heaven from my dock in Mary Esther." We can all take great solace knowing that Mr. Bolton is looking down on all of us from his new dock in heaven.

Madam Speaker, on behalf of the United States Congress, I am proud to honor the life of Chuck Bolton, and his living legacy.

RECOGNIZING FAIRFAX COUNTY
FIREFIGHTERS' EFFORTS TO
FIGHT MUSCULAR DYSTROPHY

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 22, 2010

Mr. CONNOLLY of Virginia. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize the firefighters of Fairfax County for their efforts in fighting muscular dystrophy in Northern Virginia and the National Capital Region. The International Association of Firefighters local 2068, in coordination with the Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Department and the Fairfax County Department of Public Safety Communications, collected more than \$561,000 at their annual "Fill the Boot" campaign over Labor Day weekend, more than any other jurisdiction in the nation.

While they are committed to keeping the residents of Northern Virginia safe, the firefighters and paramedics of Fairfax County are also dedicated to improving the lives of those in their community through education and charitable efforts such as the "Fill the Boot" campaign.

Thanks to the generosity and support of the community, this year's contributions to the Muscular Dystrophy Association will help those in the Washington, DC area affected by the disease. Resources such as the outpatient clinics at Children's National Medical Center and Georgetown University Hospital will benefit, as will the Muscular Dystrophy Association camp in Leonardtown, MD. The firefighters' contribution far exceeded their goal of \$475,000, adding to the previous 56 years of success in which firefighters nationwide have raised more than \$425 million for the Muscular Dystrophy Association.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in commending the firefighters of Fairfax County for their efforts to fight muscular dystrophy. They risk their lives every day to ensure the well being and safety of our communities. These heroes often go unrecognized for their dedication and sacrifices. On behalf of the residents of the 11th District of Virginia, I am honored to thank these brave men and women for their contributions to our communities.

SENATE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Title IV of Senate Resolution 4, agreed to by the Senate on February 4, 1977, calls for establishment of a system for a computerized schedule of all meetings and hearings of Senate committees, subcommittees, joint committees, and committees of conference. This title requires all such committees to notify the Office of the Senate Daily Digest—designated by the Rules Committee—of the time, place, and purpose of the meetings, when scheduled, and any cancellations or changes in the meetings as they occur.

As an additional procedure along with the computerization of this information, the Office of the Senate Daily Digest will prepare this information for printing in the Extensions of Remarks section of the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD on Monday and Wednesday of each week.

Meetings scheduled for Thursday, September 23, 2010 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED
SEPTEMBER 28

10 a.m.
 Armed Services
 To hold hearings to examine the Department of Defense efficiencies initiatives. SD-G50
 Budget
 To hold hearings to examine the outlook for the economy and fiscal policy. SD-608
 Environment and Public Works
 To hold hearings to examine innovative project finance. SD-406
 Finance
 To hold hearings to examine if private long-term disability policies provide protection as promised. SD-215
 Judiciary
 To hold hearings to examine restoring key tools to combat fraud and corruption after the Supreme Court's Skilling decision. SD-226
 Joint Economic Committee
 To hold hearings to examine new evidence on the gender pay gap for women and mothers in management. SD-106
 10:15 a.m.
 Indian Affairs
 To hold hearings to examine reform in the Indian Health Service's Aberdeen area. SD-628
 10:30 a.m.
 Commerce, Science, and Transportation
 Consumer Protection, Product Safety, and Insurance Subcommittee
 To hold an oversight hearing to examine the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), focusing on an examination of the Highway Safety Provisions of SAFETEA-LU. SR-253

2:30 p.m.
 Intelligence
 To hold closed hearings to examine certain intelligence matters. SH-219
 3 p.m.
 Commerce, Science, and Transportation
 Surface Transportation and Merchant Marine Subcommittee
 To hold hearings to examine pipeline safety, focusing on assessing the San Bruno, California explosion and other recent accidents. SR-253

SEPTEMBER 29

10 a.m.
 Judiciary
 Crime and Drugs Subcommittee
 To hold hearings to examine crimes against America's homeless, focusing on if the violence is growing. SD-226
 Energy and Natural Resources
 Energy Subcommittee
 To hold an oversight hearing to examine the Propane Education and Research Council (PERC) and National Oilheat Research Alliance (NORA). SD-366
 Foreign Relations
 To hold hearings to examine the al-Megrahi release, focusing on one year later. SD-419
 Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions
 Business meeting to consider S. 3817, to amend the Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act, the Family Violence Prevention and Services Act, the Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment and Adoption Reform Act of 1978, and the Abandoned Infants Assistance Act of 1988 to reauthorize the Acts, and S. 3199, to amend the Public Health Service Act regarding early detection, diagnosis, and treatment of hearing loss, and any pending nominations. SD-430
 Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs
 Business meeting to consider pending calendar business. SD-342
 Rules and Administration
 To resume hearings to examine the filibuster, focusing on ideas to reduce delay and encourage debate in the Senate. SR-301

2 p.m.
 Judiciary
 To hold hearings to examine certain nominations. SD-226
 Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe
 To hold hearings to examine charges against Mikhail Khodorkovsky's Yukos Oil Company. 1539, Longworth Building

2:15 p.m.
 Foreign Relations
 Business meeting to consider S. 2982, to combat international violence against women and girls, S. 3688, to establish an international professional exchange program, an original bill entitled "Naval Vessels Transfer Act of 2010", S. 1633, to require the Secretary of

Homeland Security, in consultation with the Secretary of State, to establish a program to issue Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation Business Travel Cards, S.J. Res. 37, calling upon the President to issue a proclamation recognizing the 35th anniversary of the Helsinki Final Act, Treaty between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Republic of Rwanda Concerning the Encouragement and Reciprocal Protection of Investment, signed at Kigali on February 19, 2008 (Treaty Doc. 110-23), and international Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture, adopted by the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations on November 3, 2001, and signed by the United States on November 1, 2002 (the "Treaty") (Treaty Doc. 110-19). S-116, Capitol

2:30 p.m.
 Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs
 Federal Financial Management, Government Information, Federal Services, and International Security Subcommittee
 To hold hearings to examine improving financial accountability at the Department of Defense. SD-342

Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs
 Security and International Trade and Finance Subcommittee
 To hold hearings to examine a comparison of international housing finance systems. SD-538

SEPTEMBER 30

10 a.m.
 Energy and Natural Resources
 Energy Subcommittee
 To hold hearings to examine the role of strategic minerals in clean energy technologies and other applications as well as legislation to address the issue, including S. 3521, to provide for the reestablishment of a domestic rare earths materials production and supply industry in the United States. SD-366
 2:30 p.m.
 Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs
 Oversight of Government Management, the Federal Workforce, and the District of Columbia Subcommittee
 To hold hearings to examine implementation, improvement, sustainability, focusing on management matters at the Department of Homeland Security. SD-342
 Intelligence
 To hold closed hearings to examine certain intelligence matters. SH-219

OCTOBER 6

9:30 a.m.
 Veterans' Affairs
 To hold an oversight hearing to examine Veterans' Affairs Information Technology (IT) program, focusing on looking ahead. SR-418