don't believe EPA has done its due diligence, and certainly nothing EPA has provided to the Energy & Commerce Committee would disprove my fears. This bill will allow for a pause—before EPA hastily approves any further ethanol in fuel—for more studies to be conducted and more assurances to be made that an increase in the blend wall for ethanol will be safe. The security of the public's well-being should be paramount in this case.

RECOGNIZING THE CAREER OF MR. SAM WOLF

HON. JERRY F. COSTELLO

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 28, 2010

Mr. COSTELLO. Madam Speaker, I rise today to ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing the distinguished career and significant regional contributions of Mr. Sam Wolf.

Sam Wolf, a resident of Granite City, Illinois, served 18 years in the Illinois House of Representatives from 1974 until he retired in 1992. Among his more notable accomplishments during his time in the General Assembly was legislation establishing community college voting sub-districts. This was important to ensure equitable representation of the different geographic areas covered by a community college district.

Sam Wolf has been a strong proponent of Southwestern Illinois College and was a driving force in the establishment of the college's Granite City Campus in 1984. Sam worked to secure funding for the Industrial Technology Center at the Granite City Campus and the development of the Automotive Collision Repair Technology program there. Sam has been a member of the Southwestern Illinois College Board of Trustees since October 1995.

In recognition of Sam's tireless efforts to expand and improve Southwestern Illinois College, the Granite City Campus is named the Sam Wolf Granite City Campus. This is a fitting tribute for a man who has done so much to provide quality educational opportunities for current and future generations.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in an expression of appreciation to Mr. Sam Wolf for his many contributions to the Southwestern Illinois region and to wish him the very best in the future.

CONGRATULATING WALTER PAYTON COLLEGE PREP OF CHICAGO ON RECEIVING THE INTEL SCHOOL OF DISTINCTION TOP AWARD FOR INNOVATION IN MATH AND SCIENCE

HON. DANNY K. DAVIS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 28, 2010

Mr. DAVIS of Illinois. Madam Speaker, today I wish to congratulate Walter Payton College Prep from Chicago on its success wtihin the Intel Schools of Distinction competition. Walter Payton prevailed over 149 other schools to win both the School of Distinction for Mathematics Excellence as well as the overall competition grand prize, the Star Innovator Award. Together, these two awards convey over $175,000 in monetary grants as well as materials—including hardware and software, professional development materials, and curriculum resources. I celebrate the hard work of the students and faculty of the school and applaud their success.

Walter Payton College Prep High School is a magnet school whose curriculum emphasizes mathematics, science and world languages. The Intel award highlighted Walter Payton's mathematics program. Impressively, over a quarter of the students at Walter Payton take five or more math courses before graduation. In addition to this rigorous set of core classes, many of the students at Walter Payton fill their electives with advanced placement statistics and/or university-level math courses. Over 99 percent of the student population scores as "Meeting or Exceeding" state math standards on the Prairie State Achievement Examination. Walter Payton also has an impressive 98 percent graduation rate and an outstanding record of students who both qualify for advanced placement courses and pass advanced placement tests.

Through its focus on math and science, Walter Payton College Prep is helping America become more competitive globally. Multiple reports and experts have sounded the alarm that our nation must quickly accelerate and enhance its training of students in the areas of science, technology, engineering, and math in order to meet the growing demand for U.S. workers with these skills and to improve our ability to compete in a global economy. Further, these experts agree that we need to broaden the participation of individuals who are underrepresented in these fields, such as racial/ethnic minorities and women. According to the Census Bureau, 39 percent of the population under the age of 18 is a racial or ethnic minority. However, in 2003, only 4.4 percent of U.S. science and engineering jobs were held by African Americans and only 3.4 percent by Hispanics. In 2008, the American Community Survey reported that 10.3% of the total U.S. population were in the professional, scientific, management and administrative services industry; however only 7.7% of Cambodians, 6.8% of Hmongs, and 5.2% of Laotians actually held these types of jobs. Given that over half of the students attending Walter Payton represent racial/ethnic minorities, the school is helping decrease this gap in science and math fields. State, local and federal officials must do more to offer the high-caliber programming offered at Walter Payton to all students so that we can strengthen our citizens and our nation.

As we start the 2010–2011 school year, I am pleased to congratulate Walter Payton College Prep in the Seventh Congressional District of Illinois for its achievements and commitment to the mathematics and science fields. Well done!

TRAINING AND RESEARCH FOR AUTISM IMPROVEMENTS NATIONWIDE ACT OF 2010

SPEECH OF

HON. LAURA RICHARDSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 22, 2010

Ms. RICHARDSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of H.R. 5756, the "Training and Research for Autism Improvements Nationwide (TRAIN) Act of 2010," which will provide grants and technical assistance to create innovative approaches to providing services to children and adults with autism, and their families. This legislation will help secure the resources necessary to provide the best possible care for the people and families affected by Autism Spectrum Disorders.

I thank Congressman DOYLE, the sponsor of this legislation, for his leadership on this issue and his commitment to raising awareness about the growing number of people diagnosed with Autism Spectrum Disorders.

Mr. Speaker, there is a lack of trained professionals capable of providing desperately needed services and support to children and adults with Autism Spectrum Disorders. H.R. 5756 will expand the number of training facilities for service providers by awarding grants to University Centers for Excellence in Developmental Disabilities Education, Research, and Service. Training individuals to provide services to people with autism is critical to addressing the growing demand for care.

In addition, these grants will help fund autism research. Research into the causes of Autism Spectrum Disorders across multiple disciplines is a critical part of improving our understanding and treatment of these disorders. For example, research continues to indicate that environmental factors, such as air pollutants, the presence of hazardous chemicals in the home, and poor nutrition, can contribute to the risk of developing autism. I find these studies particularly significant, as my district contains several poor, low-income areas, where these kinds of environmental factors are disproportionately concentrated.

Finally, H.R. 5756 will also establish a nationwide structure to disseminate important research and the latest evidence-based findings related to Autism Spectrum Disorders. This will help doctors and families affected by autism stay up to date on the latest research on diagnosis and treatment of autism.

Mr. Speaker, the growing number of people in this country that are diagnosed with autism demands action on this issue. We must take action so that families no longer have to struggle to find care for loved ones with autism. This bill will take important steps to achieve health care equity for individuals with autism by finally making available the care that they deserve.

I urge my colleagues to join me in supporting H.R. 5756.

HONORING SPECIAL ACHIEVEMENTS OF THE WEST HILLS COLLEGE NORTH DISTRICT CENTER

HON. JIM COSTA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 28, 2010

Mr. COSTA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the students, faculty, staff and administration at West Hills College, North District Center as they are recognized for being named as one of "America's 50 Best Community Colleges" in August 2010 by the Washington Monthly. Chancellor of West Hills Community College District Frank Gornick, President of West Hills College-Coalinga Willard Lewallen, Director of the North District

Center Marcel Hetu, and the Board of Trustees deserve special recognition for their leadership and commitment to education in our Valley.

The beginnings of this fine institution were set in motion during the Great Depression and it is to the credit of the greatest generation and their forward thinking that this college came to be. Established to provide much needed educational opportunities for our Valley's rural areas, West Hills College has been on the forefront of efforts to ensure the hard-working residents of the Central Valley have access to a quality education and the opportunity to improve their circumstances. The North District Center shares in the wonderful history of the local community, having been a restaurant, a bowling alley, and business offices prior to the service it provides today to students. The college district includes campuses in Lemoore and Coalinga, with numerous satellite operations in nearby towns enhancing educational access for our Westside communities.

West Hills College has shown great commitment to supporting student learning and providing educational, cultural, and economic development opportunities to students and the local and global communities that they serve. Academic and vocational programs, including administration of justice, agriculture, child development and nursing among many others, give local students the tools they need to succeed. West Hills College has truly become a premier interactive learner-centered community college and it is fitting that this institution is recognized today for its contribution to our Valley's educational, social, cultural and economic vitality.

I am proud to have West Hills Community College as part of my congressional district and furthermore proud to have an alumnus of the North District Center as a member of my staff. It was with great honor that I spoke at commencement ceremonies in May 2006, and it is again with that same honor that I rise today to celebrate West Hills College and their outstanding programs.

It goes without saying, ''Once you go here, you can go anywhere.'' As we celebrate one of America's best, let us applaud the dedication West Hills Community College has shown to the community throughout the years. Please accept my warmest congratulations on being rated the 34th Best Community College in America and the highest ranking community college in California and our deepest thanks for your contributions to our Valley.

HONORING DR. PRINCE JACKSON, JR.

HON. JOHN BARROW

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 28, 2010

Mr. BARROW. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to one of my constituents and one of my heroes, Dr. Prince Jackson, Jr., who died last Tuesday at the age of 85. There's an old proverb, ''He who refreshes others will himself be refreshed.'' Dr. Jackson proved it, because he spent his entire life refreshing others, and he certainly seemed to be refreshed all along the way.

A mathematician by profession, with a master's degree from New York University and a Ph.D. from Boston College, Dr. Jackson was trained to think logically. But it was a passion for justice and equal opportunity that led him to fight the system of legal and economic discrimination that once defined our part of the country. After having been fired from his position in the public schools for daring to advocate an end to segregation, Dr. Jackson went on to become president of his alma mater, Savannah State University, and served as the president of the Savannah Branch of the NAACP. Even in retirement, Dr. Jackson continued to mentor teens and worked to overcome the economic vestiges of discrimination and the violence that threaten so many of our youth.

Dr. Jackson leaves an indelible footprint on the academic and political landscape of Georgia. He was a good friend to me personally, but more importantly, he was a great man and a great leader.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE ADCARE HOSPITAL OF WORCESTER, INC. ON ITS 35TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. JAMES P. McGOVERN

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 28, 2010

Mr. McGOVERN. Madam Speaker I rise today to congratulate and thank AdCare Hospital of Worcester, Inc. on this 35th Anniversary for its unwavering dedication to our community in its mission to help individuals and their families overcome the disease of addiction. Over the years AdCare Hospital has provided invaluable services to our community by responding to area demand for alcohol and drug abuse treatment. I am proud to have an institution in the Massachusetts Third Congressional District that has provided so many resources to the citizens of the district and beyond for so many years; your work is truly remarkable.

Conceived in 1975 as a 10-bed alcoholism unit in an acute care hospital setting, ADCARE grew into one of the most comprehensive provider's of alcohol and drug abuse services in the country. In 1984 Adcare converted the entire 114-bed medical/surgical facility to an addiction treatment hospital. ADCARE continued to expand beyond its inpatient roots, by opening Adcare Outpatient Services Worcester in 1986. Their mission of providing quality alcohol and drug abuse treatment in a safe environment and throughout the continuum of care expanded even further with the establishment of AdCare Outpatient Services in Boston in 1989, North Dartmouth in 1993, Warwick, Rhode Island in 2000, Quincy in 2003, and West Springfield in 2005. All are fully licensed clinics in convenient locations throughout Massachusetts and Rhode Island.

ADCARE is accredited by the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Health Care Organizations and Licensed by the Department of Public Health demonstrating strict compliance with national standards for patient safety and quality of care and is a member of the Northeast Node of the National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA) Clinical Trials Network, participating in research designed to improve clinical treatment outcomes. ADCARE continues to expand national access to treatment through 1–800–ALCOHOL, the nationwide Admission and Referral Line, founded and sponsored by ADCARE HOSPITAL.

Over the years AdCare Hospital employees have answered more than 3 million 1–800–ALCOHOL calls; admitted over 150,000 patients for a total of over 1 million days of patient care; and conducted in excess of 750,000 outpatient visits to individuals and families seeking services for substance abuse treatment. This was achieved thanks to a committed clinical, medical and administrative staff that all work together to treat a debilitating and chronic disease.

Madam Speaker, I am sure that the United States House of Representatives joins me in recognizing AdCare Hospital of Worcester for its important role in our community.

KAGAYAKI KOBE SOCIAL WELFARE ORGANIZATION

HON. ELIOT L. ENGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 28, 2010

Mr. ENGEL. Madam Speaker, people helping their fellow men and women in their time of need is so prevalent amongst us that we can only believe it is an integral part of our makeup, that which gives us our humanity.

An organization in this mode is the Kagayaki Kobe Social Welfare Organization, in Kobe, Japan, who, with its volunteers and supporters, is dedicated to providing services to the physically and mentally handicapped, their families and to the community at large. Part of the aid includes job training, daily living skills, assisted living, training and support for family members, all ongoing features of this organization's selfless dedication to gaining acceptance, integration and fair treatment of the most vulnerable members of our society.

Kagayaki Kobe focuses on the individual needs of the disabled. It has promoted creativity and self expression through the staging of the popular ''Clown Angels'' performers, through art and calligraphy and in the production of crafts. The organization provides psychological and physical therapy, medical assistance and the forum for group activities to encourage openness and communication so that we all can better understand and provide assistance for others.

From November 20th through November 23rd the Kagayaki Kobe International Event will celebrate the people who strive endlessly to make possible the good work of this organization: Mrs. Polissa Choueke, International Liaison, Mrs. Miyoko Ikeyama, President, and Mrs. Natsuko Dama, Financial Director, and all of the volunteers and supporters who so are dedicated.

The Choueke Family, including Tony Choueke and Mrs. Polissa Choueke, also maintains a museum in Kobe as home to many artworks, antiques, interior decoration and a garden open to the public to benefit community events and charitable causes. The building, designed as an English mansion with a blend of Japanese and international influences, was acquired by the Choueke family in 1954 and for four generations, the Choueke family has been dedicated to its preservation and acquiring the artworks that adorn the interior.