

As Commissioner Gordon put up the bat signal in the sky,
 While Archie was up in the box as he was about ready to cry!
 And Peyton said "I wish I was on the sideline!"
 "Get me a neck brace; I'm going down there this time!"
 As it was Eli's time to shine, or let his team die!
 "The mountain top, go get in, failure's not an option, can't stop"
 With the play of the game looking like their last Super Bowl fame!
 As a dynamic duo, Batman and Robin somehow combined!
 To snatch the revolution out of these Patriots' hands, one more time!
 With a 38 yard miraculous catch by Manningham . . .
 And it was a thing of beauty, a pure work of art . . .
 That kind of throw and catch that could stop someone's heart!
 With a tap dance and a catch,
 Even Gregory Hines and Raymond Berry would make proud!
 That, in NFL history will now forever sound!
 And then Bradshaw, didn't know if he should score or fall?
 With the Pats strategy to give them some time and back the ball!
 But his G-Forces carried him into the end zone . . .
 As it was now Brady's time to bring it home!
 On another key play, for the second time that day . . .
 Justin, invoked his own version of the Tuck Rule, to Pound!
 With all those hits, Brady must have wondered if?
 The G-Men had a contract on him!
 As he spent more time lying on the field, than the turf in the ground!
 And then the final play by Brady . . . "in the midnight hour"
 But (too bad) his receivers seemed to cower!
 As the ball fell to the ground, as there were tears in Bean Town . . .
 As Coach Belichick caught a bad Coughlin!
 And as Tom said: "Beli-chiek-mate!"
 Enjoy the off season Bill and Brady in Boston!
 For only another Super Bowl ring can this so help erase . . .
 But, the game is in New York next year . . .
 Where the G-Force is even greater, I hear!
 But the MVP was big E . . .
 Because in the moment of truth . . . E did not Li down!
 Showing us why he has two MVPs and Super Bowl rings now!
 In Peyton's Place, will he forgive?
 As two great families would so clash . . .
 The Mara's and Kraft's, who both stand for class!
 As they all should be so proud!
 As all the TV records that were broken . . .
 The largest crowd ever had so spoken!
 And as those World Champions walked off that field . . .
 You could feel the vibe, so very real!
 In the end the Big Blue,
 Would not be so compliant.
 For there is no way to curtail,
 The heart of a Giant.

LITHUANIAN INDEPENDENCE

HON. LOU BARLETTA

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 16, 2012

Mr. BARLETTA. Mr. Speaker, I rise to mark the 94th anniversary of Lithuanian independence.

Lithuania gained its independence from the Russian Empire at the end of World War I. It was the first time in three centuries that the Lithuanian people were free of the czarist regime. Their newfound liberty lasted only until 1940, when Stalinist Russian troops invaded and annexed Lithuania and the other Baltic states. The Lithuanian people suffered greatly under a brutal Soviet regime, but they never gave up their quest for freedom and self-determination. After decades of struggle, Lithuania finally gained its independence from the Soviet Union on March 11, 1990.

Freedom never came easily for the Lithuanian people. The celebration of Lithuanian independence is a reminder to all Lithuanians of their heroic struggle to obtain and maintain that freedom. Lithuanian Independence Day is a remembrance of the many years Lithuania spent under oppressive foreign rule, and of its people's struggle to be free. Americans of Lithuanian descent commemorate the anniversary of Lithuanian independence with celebrations and festivities throughout the country.

The Knights of Lithuania was organized on April 27, 1913. They believe in their members' dedication by having an appreciation of the Lithuanian language, customs, and culture, and by emphasizing the importance of their Roman Catholic beliefs. They strive to live up to their motto, "For God and Country" through cultural presentations, lectures, trips, and choral and dance groups. They are tremendous advocates of the Lithuanian people and heritage.

Mr. Speaker, the 94th anniversary of Lithuanian independence is a milestone of that nation's freedom. I commend all those of Lithuanian heritage for their dedication to their heritage, their community, and their country.

RECOGNIZING DR. SULEIMAN ALIBHAI

HON. JAMES P. MORAN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 16, 2012

Mr. MORAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor, Dr. Suleiman Alibhai, an outstanding leader committed to helping people in Northern Virginia improve and preserve their sight. Dr. Alibhai is the recipient of this year's Prevention of Blindness Society of Metropolitan Washington's (POB) Professional Service Award.

Dr. Alibhai has spent the past 20 years providing rehabilitative services and support to individuals with low vision in the greater Washington, DC area. He began his career as Director of Low Vision Services at the Retina Group of Washington and now shares his expertise with the National Institutes of Health's National Eye Institute, the Wilmer Eye Institute at the Johns Hopkins University and in his own private practice. Without his work, many

individuals would not have access to the help they need to make the most of their sight.

Dr. Alibhai is also a well known author and lecturer who has given numerous presentations to eye care professionals on issues related to low vision. In addition to these endeavors, Dr. Alibhai is committed to sharing his knowledge with the public. He often speaks at educational events and makes presentations to community groups about low vision.

An active member of the community, Dr. Alibhai has served as a board member for several vision organizations, including POB, and was an examiner for the National Board of Examiners in Optometry. Dr. Alibhai is also a member of the Fairfax Hosts Lions Club District 24-A and played an instrumental role in connecting the club with POB to develop POB's Low Vision Learning Center in Alexandria, VA. Since the center opened in 2010, Dr. Alibhai and his team have helped more than 750 individuals make the most of their sight.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of Virginia's 8th Congressional District, I want to extend my congratulations to Dr. Alibhai, recognizing him for his leadership, passion and most importantly, his commitment to improving the quality of life for people with low vision. We wish him continued success in his work both with POB and throughout Northern Virginia.

RECOGNIZING JUSTINA PICKARD AS THE 2012 WALTON COUNTY, FLORIDA SCHOOL RELATED EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR

HON. JEFF MILLER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 16, 2012

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Justina Pickard as the 2012 Walton County, Florida School District Related Employee of the Year. Justina Pickard is an Instructional Aide at Maude Saunders Elementary, where she has proudly served for thirteen years.

Mrs. Pickard found her calling for teaching later in life than most. When her son began primary school, she volunteered in his classroom and fell in love with helping children. Even though Mrs. Pickard already possessed a Business Degree, her passion for teaching brought her back to school so that she could earn a degree in Early Childhood Education. Her educational background, passion for teaching, and ability to speak three languages make her among Northwest Florida's finest educators. Education is more than just teaching—it is about inspiring. Mrs. Pickard exemplifies this mantra. When she teaches, Mrs. Pickard bestows in her students that anything is attainable and through hard work, success is always within reach.

Mrs. Pickard attributes her excellence in the classroom to multiple factors with most importance accredited to her family and her church. Her dedication to the Northwest Florida Community, her family, and the First Baptist Church is certainly admirable.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the United States Congress, I am proud to recognize Justina Pickard on her achievement and contributions in the Walton County School District. My wife Vicki joins me in congratulating Mrs. Pickard, and we wish her all the best.