

of his selfless commitment to assisting others. Drew is a testament to the high quality character and unwavering work ethic instilled in lowans both young and old. I know I speak for all of my colleagues in the United States Congress in congratulating Drew, thanking his supportive family, and thanking all the members of ABC, and the staff of Crossroads Park Elementary, for their life-changing efforts now and in the future.

TRIBUTE TO MARY SKEENS ON
HER INDUCTION INTO THE WEST
VIRGINIA AFFORDABLE HOUSING
HALL OF FAME

HON. SHELLEY MOORE CAPITO

OF WEST VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 25, 2012

Mrs. CAPITO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the accomplishments of Mary Skeens, as she is inducted into the West Virginia Affordable Housing Hall of Fame. Mary was raised in southeastern Kentucky, but has chosen West Virginia as her home to carry out her life's work in affordable housing.

Mary is currently the Executive Director of Community Works in West Virginia, a statewide housing network with a membership of 27 nonprofit housing providers serving the State's moderate to low-income home buyers. Since becoming its Executive Director, Mary has expanded the organization's lending capacity by becoming a qualified Seller/Service of loans to Neighborhood Housing Services of America. In addition, Mary has created a Campaign for Excellence, a leadership program designed to empower nonprofit housing managers; and developed an Affordable Housing Internship Program in partnership with West Virginia University, Marshall University and West Virginia Wesleyan University. As a matter of fact, I currently employ one of the first interns in this valuable program.

Prior to joining Community Works, Mary worked for the Federation of Appalachian Housing Enterprises, known as FAHE, and held various positions at the West Virginia Housing Development Fund with the HOME Program and in the Commercial Business and Development Department.

Mary has remained active in many state and local organizations that serve affordable housing solutions such as the West Virginia Interagency Housing Council, NeighborWorks America Rural Initiative Advisory Committee, Board Member of Rea of Hope Fellowship Home for Women and as Board Member and past-Chair of the West Virginia Affordable Housing Trust Fund.

Mr. Speaker, the purpose of the West Virginia Affordable Housing Hall of Fame is to recognize and honor men and women who have made significant and lasting contributions to affordable housing in West Virginia. Mary Skeens is truly a leader in affordable housing and community investment, and deserving of this honor.

I thank Mary for her years of service to the improvement of housing for all West Virginians. West Virginia is fortunate to call Mary one of its own.

IN HONOR OF THE GABRIEL
ZIMMERMAN SCHOLARSHIP FUND

HON. SAM FARR

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 25, 2012

Mr. FARR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to offer tribute to The Gabriel Zimmerman Scholarship Fund at University of California, Santa Cruz and the recipient of the inaugural award, Yethzell Diaz, a senior majoring in Latin American and Latino studies and sociology.

Gabriel Zimmerman graduated from UC Santa Cruz in 2002 with a degree in sociology. He served as community outreach director for Representative Gabrielle Giffords. Tragically, he was one of six people fatally wounded in the Tucson, Arizona shooting rampage that also critically injured Representative Giffords. He was the first congressional staffer to give his life in the line of duty. Gabe was a passionate public servant, committed to non-violent solutions and consensus and was motivated to help people.

Moved by his death, UCSC alumni Jonathan Klein and Alex Clemens established a scholarship fund in his honor and offered an initial gift. The scholarship is designed to support students committed to public service.

On Friday, April 27th Gabe's mother Emily Nottingham will present the first scholarship award to Yethzell Diaz. Yethzell has already demonstrated her commitment to public service and social issues. After high school, she lived in Paraguay for seven months doing human rights work with Amnesty International. At UCSC she has worked with other students to create and implement a program in Watsonville schools to increase computer literacy among Spanish-speaking parents. She has also worked to start "Strive for College", a program the will help prepare students from underserved and disadvantaged communities to successfully transition from high school to college.

Mr. Speaker, this scholarship not only honors the efforts to which Gabe Zimmerman devoted his life, it also will support the work of Yethzell Diaz and future students who are involved in helping average citizens improve their quality of life.

CONGRATULATING THE USAF JUNIOR
RESERVE OFFICER TRAINING
CORPS UNIT AT SOUTHERN
NASH HIGH SCHOOL

HON. RENEE L. ELLMERS

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 25, 2012

Mrs. ELLMERS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the United States Air Force Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps Unit at Southern Nash High School in Bailey, North Carolina.

Since 2006, Unit NC-935 has been selected by Headquarters, United States Air Force Air University as a Distinguished Unit, ranking in the top 25 percent of units worldwide.

For the 2010-2011 School-Years, Unit NC-935 was selected by Headquarters, United States Air Force Air University as a Distinguished Unit with Merit, the highest honor be-

stowed in the United States Air Force Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps.

In March, Cadets Trevon Davis, Lorell Dupree, Austin Fennell, Samantha Hill, Cristal Raya, and Trebor Walker flew on an Air Force mission with a KC-135 Tanker crew from the 77th Air Refueling Squadron to refuel a C-17 in flight.

And most recently, Unit NC-935 placed first overall at the annual Capital City Invitational Drill Meet in Raleigh, North Carolina. The Regulation Armed Flight placed third, commanded by Cadet John Setera. The Regulation Flight placed third, commanded by Cadet Lance Burnett. The First Year Cadet (AS-1) Element placed third, commanded by Cadet Eric Wall. The Regulation Color Guard placed third, commanded by Cadet Raya. The Relay Team placed third. The AS-1 Flight placed second, commanded by Cadet Davis. The Innovative Element Armed placed second, commanded by Cadet Trebor Walker. The Innovative Duo placed second, performed by Cadets Walker and Burnett. The Regulation Element Male placed first, commanded by Cadet Fennell. Cadet Burnett placed first in the Best Individual Drill with Rifle competition. Cadet Fennell placed first in the Best Individual Drill competition. Cadet Fennell also received an award for most sit ups performed in two minutes.

I would also like to congratulate Lt. Col. John Coulter, CMSgt John Wedding, Commander Luis Lewis Pimentel, and all the cadets at Southern Nash High School, on the accomplishments of this impressive unit. The 2nd district of North Carolina thrives on strong leaders like these, and I am proud to represent these fine young men and women.

KEYNOTE SPEECH FOR THE AFRI-
CA AND INTERNATIONAL LAW
CONFERENCE

HON. STEVE COHEN

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 25, 2012

Mr. COHEN. Mr. Speaker, I submit the following remarks given by Willy Mutunga, Chief Justice and President Supreme Court of Kenya on April 13, 2012.

Fellow Africans and our Friends: I thank the Albany Law School and Professor James Gathii for inviting me to this conference. I am delighted to be among so many practitioners and scholars of international law who share a commitment to Africa. There is a very special reason for me to be delivering this address today. April 13th was the late President—Mwalimu-Julius Nyerere's birthday. He would have been 88 today. Nyerere was a special and inspirational leader—he believed in the solidarity of the African people as well as in human dignity.

Nyerere was interested in both constitutional law and international law. There is a picture of him as a student at Edinburgh holding a copy of Dicey's Law of the Constitution. His interest was both scholarly and practical. It fell to him to develop a constitution suitable for his country—where his commitment to a one party state, although intended to increase democracy, must have come sorely in conflict with the Diceyan preference for the rule of law. As far as international law goes, he was greatly concerned to promote African unity, redefine the relationship between Africa (indeed the whole of