

regarding the issue of 'otherness,' not the least of which is the extraordinary fact of electing an African American president. For me, the 'foreign-ness' which I felt so starkly in childhood and in my growing years, has gradually dissipated as I find myself tossed in the salad bowl of American society, proud to be in the skin I'm in."

Mr. Speaker, Mei T. Nakano has used the experiences of her life to inspire others and is now enjoying time with her husband of 69 years and her three children as well as her grandchildren and great grandchildren. She is also gardening, reading, responding to requests for writing articles, working on book of short stories, and, of course, speaking out when the need arises. Please join me in honoring this special activist who reminds us of the causes worth fighting for.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE REOPENING OF ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 24, 2012

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of St. Patrick's Church, one of the 11 Cleveland Catholic Diocese parishes that will be reopening this year.

In 2009 it was announced that several of the Cleveland Catholic Diocese's area churches, including St. Patrick's, were to close. However, just months ago, the Vatican overruled this decision and St. Patrick's will be reopening its doors on Sunday, July 22.

St. Patrick Parish, which was founded on March 17, 1848, is the mother church of 13 parishes on Cleveland's west side. The church was built using sandstone in 1898 and still has its original stained glass windows portraying the saints. The parish grounds also include a Community Center, Rectory, Cemetery, gym, and West Park Catholic Academy's two school buildings.

St. Patrick Parish had served more than 1,110 families in Cleveland's West Park neighborhood before being closed. Upon reopening, the parish anticipates that nearly 80 percent of their former parishioners will return to worship.

Mr. Speaker and colleagues, please join me in recognizing the reopening of St. Patrick's Church, a beloved parish that has returned to the City of Cleveland.

IN HONOR OF DEVIL PUPS' 50,000 GRADUATES

HON. ELTON GALLEGLY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 24, 2012

Mr. GALLEGLY. Mr. Speaker, I rise in honor of Devil Pups Inc. as it celebrates the 50,000 teenagers who have graduated from its program since its inception in 1954.

Mr. Speaker, I am one of those graduates, having completed the program in 1958. I continue to support the program as a member of Devil Pups' Advisory Board. I can personally attest to the program's success in building teenagers' self-confidence and in teaching them to take responsibility for their actions

through Devil Pups' Good Citizenship-Physical Development Program.

The program's impetus was the burning of an American flag by a group of teenagers at a Southern California high school in 1953. Aggravated by this activity and the attitudes of the American youth it represented, retired Marine Corps Colonel Duncan Shaw Sr. and a group of retired Marine Corps Reserve Officers asked the Commandant of the Marine Corps to help aid character development in teenage boys and girls and enable them to become healthier and more successful citizens.

The Commandant agreed to help if the former Marines would form a charitable corporation to solicit contributions needed for food, transportation, insurance, and other sustainable items the government is prohibited from paying for.

The next summer, Camp Pendleton Commanding General John T. Selden granted permission for the nonprofit corporation Devil Pups Inc. to bring aboard 1,800 14- to 17-year-old boys. In 1998, Devil Pups welcomed its first platoon of girls into the program. Through the efforts of the active duty and reserve Marines and Devil Pups volunteers, the program has grown into a highly successful annual project. This summer, Devil Pups will graduate its 50,000th pup.

The name "Devil Pups" was conceived after observing that German troops during World War I called U.S. Marines "Devil Dogs" because of their battlefield accomplishments and valor. This success and challenge under stress is a fitting precursor for the name "Devil Pups."

The Devil Pups program is a demanding physical and academic good-citizenship program. The program is more mental than physical, reflecting the whole person concept. The program foundations are intellectual, spiritual, social, and physical.

Because of the limited space and ongoing military activities at Camp Pendleton, the program is only open to teens 14 to 17 years old from California, Nevada, and Arizona. It costs nearly \$500 per teen to put on the program each year, but no teen has ever been asked to pay for the experience and no government funds are expended. The money raised to pay for the 10-day encampment is done through generous grants, fundraisers, and individual contributions.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to be a Devil Pups graduate and for my continued association with its program. I know my colleagues join me in congratulating Devil Pups Inc. and its volunteers for reaching the 50,000 pup milestone and for their efforts to help shape our youth into confident, healthy, and productive citizens.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 24, 2012

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, on Monday, July 23, I missed a series of rollcall votes. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea" on Nos. 499, 500, and 501.

CONGRATULATING ROBERT BAUMAN ON HIS RETIREMENT

HON. BRUCE L. BRALEY

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 24, 2012

Mr. BRALEY of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, today I'd like to congratulate Bob Bauman on his long-awaited and well-deserved retirement from the Butler County Rural Electric Cooperative, REC. Bob has served as CEO and General Manager in Allison, Iowa, since 1984, and has been very active in rural development. He was instrumental in establishing an economic development program at Butler County REC and building a \$1.8 million revolving loan fund for the program. In addition, he was the leader in forming Homeward Inc., a nonprofit housing provider assisting rural Iowans with their housing needs. Homeward has made more than \$10 million in loans in 25 Iowa counties and assisted 1,000 families as they acquire and maintain their homes.

He has served on the Governor's Task Force on Housing, the Iowa Institute of Cooperatives Legislative Committee, and on boards of directors for the Iowa Association of Business and Industry, the Community Vitality Center, the National Rural Utilities Cooperative Finance Corporation, CFC, and the National Cooperative Services Corporation. He's also served on the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association, NRECA, Community and Economic Development Committee, and as chair of the NRECA/CFC Rural Housing Committee.

In March 2012, the Iowa Area Development Group honored Bob with the Silver Shovel Award for outstanding leadership, innovation, and achievement in business and community development.

Calling Bob a leader is an understatement. He has had a tremendous impact on the quality of life of thousands of Iowans, and he has been a good friend and adviser to me. I wish Bob all the best in his next endeavor, and I know his wife, Vicki, and all of their children, are proud of him.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. XAVIER BECERRA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 24, 2012

Mr. BECERRA. Mr. Speaker, yesterday I was unavoidably detained and missed rollcall votes 499 and 500. If present, I would have voted "nay" on rollcall vote 499 and "nay" on rollcall vote 500.

RECOGNIZING MR. WILLIAM RASPBERRY

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 24, 2012

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the honorable Mr. William Raspberry. Mr. Raspberry was born on October 12, 1935 to proud parents Mr. James Lee

and Mrs. Willie Mae Raspberry. A native of Okolona, Mississippi, Mr. Raspberry has become a celebrated writer as a result of his commentary on social and political issues.

Mr. Raspberry received his Bachelor's of Science Degree from Indiana Central College, now known as The University of Indianapolis, in 1958. After receiving his degree, he served as a public information officer with the United States Army from 1960 until 1962 at which time he began working at the Washington Post as a teletypist. In 1966, he was named as a columnist for the Washington Post. As a result to his exemplary contributions in literature, Mr. Raspberry was first nominated for the Pulitzer Prize in 1982 prior to receiving the Pulitzer Prize for Commentary in 1994.

Through his work with the Washington Post, Mr. Raspberry has dictated his strong opinions about the problems in American society. He has been noted for often writing about education, criminal justice, family, and racial matters in America. As a principal opinion on these particular issues, Mr. Raspberry has often been quoted in many different publications and has also been asked to speak at various conferences and seminars.

In addition to providing a weekly column in the Washington Post, Mr. Raspberry has also served in other capacities throughout his lifetime. He served as a journalism instructor at Howard University from 1971–1973; Member of the Board of Advisers, Poynter Institute for Media Studies, 1984; Member of the Board of Visitors, University of Maryland School of Journalism, 1985; television commentator for WTTG, Washington, DC, 1973–1975; Television Discussion Panelist, WRC-TV, Washington, DC, 1974–1975, and a Member of the Pulitzer Prize Board, 1979–1986. As of 2008, Mr. Raspberry has also served as the President of "Baby Steps", a parent training and empowerment program based in Okolona, Mississippi. He is also the author of *Looking Backward at Us*, a collection of his columns from the 1980s.

Mr. Raspberry has also received honorary degrees from Georgetown University, University of Maryland, and the University of Indianapolis; he received an honorary Doctor of Laws degree from Colby College. He was also the Knight Professor of the Practice of Communications and Journalism at the Sanford Institute of Public Policy at Duke University. During his career, Mr. Raspberry has also served as a member of the National Association of Black Journalists, Capitol Press Club, and Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity Incorporated.

On November 12, 1966, Mr. Raspberry married Sondra Patricia Dodson and together they had three children, Patricia, Angela, and Mark.

IN HONOR OF THE 216TH BIRTHDAY OF THE CITY OF CLEVELAND

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 24, 2012

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of the 216th birthday of the City of Cleveland, Ohio, one of the nation's most storied communities.

Cleveland was officially founded on July 22, 1796 by Moses Cleaveland, a surveyor from

Connecticut. Cleveland's location along Lake Erie made it an ideal place to build a new city with its convenient transportation routes and abundant natural resources. The city quickly became a major industrial center, most notably for automobile manufacturing and was the original site of John D. Rockefeller's Standard Oil Company. In 1949, Cleveland was named an All-American city for the first time.

Today, Cleveland is the home to many landmarks and tourist attractions, such as The Rock and Roll Hall of Fame and the various museums located in University Circle. The city has professional baseball, football, and basketball teams with thousands of fans who enjoy cheering them on year-round. Cleveland has also retained and celebrated a wide range of cultural and ethnic groups that have settled in the area over the years.

A celebration is being held on July 22 to recognize the 216-year history of this incredible city. The event will be located at Jacob's Pavilion at Nautica and will feature food truck vendors and the attendance of people from as many as 107 cultural groups.

Mr. Speaker and colleagues, please join me in honoring the City of Cleveland as it celebrates 216 years of history, culture, and a bright future.

CONGRATULATING THE ROTARY CLUB OF SUPERIOR, WISCONSIN, ON THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF ITS FOUNDING

HON. SEAN P. DUFFY

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 24, 2012

Mr. DUFFY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating the Rotary Club of Superior, Wisconsin, on the celebration of its 100th anniversary.

All of us know how important Rotary Clubs are in each of our districts. In addition to making a tremendous difference locally, Rotary also plays a key role in marshaling incredible resources, internationally, to provide services and to do good throughout the world. The most notable accomplishment of Rotary, of course, is the near eradication of polio, the most dreaded childhood disease of the 20th Century.

The Superior Rotary Club was the 40th chartered in the United States and the first in the great state of Wisconsin, becoming a model for other clubs in the state. Since its establishment in 1912, the Rotary Club of Superior has supported many charitable causes and worked to improve the quality of life in Northwest Wisconsin.

Among many notable accomplishments during its 100 year history, the Superior Rotary launched the Boys Scouts in Superior and provided loans to dairy farmers during tough economic times. More recently, the club has focused locally on fighting another dreaded disease, cancer. The Lake Superior Dragon Boat Festival is now in its 11th year and has contributed hundreds of thousands of hands to fighting this struggle. Additionally, the club reached across the world to Superior's sister city, Ami-Machi, Japan, to mark their centennial anniversary by unveiling the creation of a friendship garden, a three year project.

Congratulations to the Rotary Club of Superior and the Rotarians for 100 years of pro-

viding community service to the residents of Northwest Wisconsin. Your contributions are invaluable.

A TRIBUTE IN HONOR OF THE LIFE OF ROBERT F. LAUTZE

HON. ANNA G. ESHOO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 24, 2012

Ms. ESHOO. Mr. Speaker, one of the privileges we have in the House is to commemorate the lives of great Americans and the contributions they have made to our communities and our country.

Today, it is an honor to pay tribute to Robert F. Lautze who passed away on May 8, 2012, after a long life of service and celebration. He was a resident of the Bay Area and lived most of his life in San Carlos, California, a community I've represented as a San Mateo County Supervisor and as a Member of Congress.

Rob was eighteen minutes older than his identical twin, Richard, and for years they were known as "Rob and Rich" or the "Lautze brothers." Prior to World War II, they left their hometown of San Francisco and together became star athletes on the basketball court at Santa Clara University. Thus began a life-long relationship with the University where both Rob and Rich would each serve on the Board of Regents, the Board of Trustees, and as President of the Alumni Association.

During World War II, they joined the Navy, became officers, and served aboard ships in the Pacific. When they returned, they celebrated a double wedding and joined an accounting firm in San Francisco that became Lautze & Lautze. To this day the firm has kept this name even though the brothers retired over twenty years ago.

Many years ago, the Lautzes gave a young college graduate his first job at their firm, and when the new employee thought he might have a vocation in the priesthood, they encouraged him and gave him support. Paul Locatelli became a Jesuit priest, the President of Santa Clara University, and a celebrated American educator. He often said one of the reasons he became a priest was the example and support of Rob and Rich Lautze.

Rob's contributions to the community were numerous—the Kiwanis Club, the Burn Wound Center at St. Francis Hospital, the Hanna Boys Center, the Little Sisters of the Poor, and as a member of the board of the Marianists Province. He was one of the first treasurers of his beloved parish of St. Charles Catholic Church, served in the Knights of Columbus, and coached the boys' basketball team with his brother.

Rob was the proud father of five children: Karen, Mary, Susie, Rob, and Steve. His first wife, Alice, known as "A," passed away in 1983, after over 35 years of marriage. In 1984, he married fellow parishioner, Patricia Murphy Laute to whom he was married for 28 years, and was the beloved patriarch to Patty's sons and family.

Mr. Speaker, Rob Lautze called life a "simple equation." He counted his blessings often and out loud. He served so many in so many ways, and at the same time he quietly helped friends and neighbors with personal challenges. He was gentle in spirit, generous, and