

and has served as a Program Associate for Public Policy and Research for the Community Partnership for Arts and Culture.

Councilman Rogers is the recipient of several awards and honors including the Emerging Leader Award bestowed upon him by Congresswoman Stephanie Tubbs-Jones and the U.S. Congressional Black Caucus in 2006 and Congresswoman Marcia Fudge in 2009.

Mr. Speaker and colleagues, please join me in honoring Julian Rogers, a dedicated member of the Cuyahoga County Council.

CONGRATULATING THE BAY AREA
COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

HON. DALE E. KILDEE

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 12, 2012

Mr. KILDEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Bay Area Community Foundation on obtaining their National Standards for U.S. Community Foundations accreditation from the Community Foundations Standards Board.

The Community Foundations National Standards Board was established as a supporting organization of the Council on Foundations, a nonprofit membership association of grant making foundations and corporations, to administer the National Standards. This board is responsible for upholding the quality, value, and integrity of the National Standards for U.S. Community Foundations, the first and only accreditation program of its kind.

In the United States, community foundations serve tens of thousands of donors, administer more than \$40 billion in charitable funds, and address the core concerns of more than 700 communities and regions. With such a presence—nationally and within local communities—comes responsibility.

Achieving confirmation and reconfirming compliance with National Standards is a rigorous process, guaranteeing that every community foundation that receives the designation has adhered to excellent philanthropic practice. This program requires community foundations to document their policies for governance, donor services, investments, grantmaking, community leadership, and administration.

The Bay Area Community Foundation of Bay City, Michigan has obtained its National Standards accreditation by demonstrating a commitment to operational quality, integrity, accountability, and adherence to the highest standards for grantmaking.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in congratulating the Bay Area Community Foundation on receiving its National Standards accreditation and in commending the foundation's dedicated service to Bay City and other communities in Michigan.

IN HONOR OF PERNEL JONES, JR.

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 12, 2012

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of Pernel Jones, Jr., a member of the

Cuyahoga County Council serving the Eighth District.

Councilman Jones attended the Baltimore Polytechnic Institutes in 1989 and later received his Bachelor of Science from the University of Maryland in 1991. In 1992, he was named as a Licensed Funeral Director. He currently acts as the Director of Community Relations for the Pernel Jones and Sons Funeral Home which has been offering services to the Greater Cleveland area since 1973.

Councilman Jones was elected to the Cuyahoga County Council in 2010 and is the current Chair of the Public Works and Contracting Committee. He is a strong advocate of retaining jobs and promoting the creation of new jobs. He believes in promoting trust and confidence in the local government though effective and accountable leadership, and he intends to maintain the moral and legal obligations of the charter government, so that they may provide the best possible social service to the community at hand.

Mr. Speaker and colleagues, please join me in honoring Pernel Jones, Jr., a dedicated member of the Cuyahoga County Council.

NATIONAL OVARIAN CANCER
AWARENESS MONTH

HON. LOUISE McINTOSH SLAUGHTER

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 12, 2012

Ms. SLAUGHTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize September as National Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month. This is an important time to raise awareness about the disease and its symptoms. In 2012, it is estimated that approximately 22,280 women will be diagnosed with ovarian cancer and 15,500 will die of the disease.

Ovarian cancer is the ninth most common cancer among women and the fifth leading cause of cancer-related deaths, making it the deadliest gynecologic cancer. If ovarian cancer is treated before it spreads outside the ovary, the five-year survival rate is 93 percent. Currently, only 15 percent of ovarian cancers are found at such an early stage and overall the five-year survival rate is 46 percent.

I urge my colleagues to help make women aware of the potential warning signs to prevent future deaths. Experts recommend that women see a gynecologist if they experience any of the often subtle symptoms of ovarian cancer daily for more than a few weeks. Four major symptoms of ovarian cancer include bloating, pelvic or abdominal pain, difficulty eating or feeling full quickly, and frequent or urgent need to urinate. I ask all of my colleagues to become familiar with these symptoms and to share the information with their friends, family, staff, and constituents.

Because no ovarian cancer screening or early detection test exists, organizations such as the Ovarian Cancer National Alliance stress that "until there's a test, awareness is best." I commend the Ovarian Cancer National Alliance for its steadfast commitment to make women aware of the risk factors, signs, and symptoms of ovarian cancer and for its advocacy on behalf of women and families touched by this devastating disease.

I also want to mention a few very important federal programs that are providing hope to

those with ovarian cancer. The National Cancer Institute, NCI, at the National Institutes of Health does crucial research work in all areas of cancer, including ovarian cancer. These efforts will hopefully one day lead to breakthroughs that reduce ovarian cancer incidence, mortality, and morbidity. NCI has more than 550 active research projects on ovarian cancer in its cancer research portfolio.

Another important program is the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC) Ovarian Cancer Control Initiative. This initiative works to coordinate and fund health activities working toward early detection and improved treatment options. CDC also plays a critical role in disseminating information about ovarian cancer risk factors, signs, and symptoms to women, health professionals, and the public. It is imperative that these programs continue to receive adequate funding in order to perform basic research and then translate that research into results for women with or at risk for this terrible disease.

I encourage all Members of Congress and staff to join me this month in bringing greater awareness to ovarian cancer and to help educate the women in your life about the risk factors, signs, and symptoms of ovarian cancer. Together we can help save lives from ovarian cancer.

IN HONOR OF C. ELLEN CONNALLY

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 12, 2012

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of C. Ellen Connally, a member of the Cuyahoga County Council serving the Ninth District.

Councilwoman Connally graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree from Bowling Green State University, a master's degree and Juris Doctorate from Cleveland State University, and is a Ph.D. candidate at the University of Akron. She has served as a Visiting and Adjunct Professor at the University of Akron College of Law and is a former President of the Board of Trustees of Bowling Green State University.

Before representing the Ninth District of Cuyahoga County, Councilwoman Connally was a law clerk in the Eighth District Court of Appeals in Ohio, a Magistrate in the Cuyahoga County Common Pleas Court, Probate Division, and was subsequently elected to the Cleveland Municipal Court. She served the court as Judge for 24 years. She was the first female, African-American Democrat elected to the Bench in Ohio and the first to be elected without first being appointed. In addition to her position as Judge, Councilwoman Connally has also served as a Special Prosecutor for the City of Cleveland and Foreman of the Cuyahoga County General Jury.

Councilwoman Connally was elected to the Cuyahoga County Council in 2010. She is the current President of the Cuyahoga County Council. She shares her time representing the Ninth District with other various roles in her community, including serving as President of the Board of Trustees of the Breast Cancer Fund of Ohio and the Vice President of the Board of Community Action Against Addiction.

Mr. Speaker and colleagues, please join me in honoring C. Ellen Connally, President of the