

Gadsden, partnered with the Department of the Army G-3 and the United States Army Medical Command in developing the blueprint for the Warrior Transition Units and led the initial staffing efforts which proved to be instrumental in the care and transition of our wounded warriors returning home from the Global War on Terror.

Colonel Gadsden's selfless service and commitment to her Soldiers has distinguished her among her peers. She was instrumental in transforming the Army Reserve Medical Commands from a strategic force to an operational force. As the interim Chief of Staff for Western Regional Medical Command she expanded the command from a six-state region to a 20-state region in less than one year while ensuring the continuity of care for over 358,000 beneficiaries. As the Army Reserve Medical Command's G-3 she led the staff through a deliberate and comprehensive mission analysis which resulted in trained and ready medical units to support the Combatant Commands and enhance continental U.S. based mobilization platforms with a stable medical support plan. Colonel Gadsden's contributions to the Army have been immense.

On behalf of a grateful Nation, I join my colleagues today in recognizing and commending Colonel Corliss Gadsden for a lifetime of service to her country. For all she and her family have given and continue to give to our country, we are in their debt. We wish her all the best in her well-deserved retirement.

CONGRATULATING THE SAGINAW
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 Saginaw 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 Saginaw Community Foundation of Saginaw, 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 Saginaw Community Foundation on receiving its National Standards accreditation and in commending the foundation's dedicated service to Saginaw and other communities in Michigan.

REMEMBERING THE LIFE OF
MILAGROS "MILLIE" MUNOZ

HON. ILEANA ROS-LEHTINEN

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 12, 2012

Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN. Mr. Speaker, it is with great sadness that I bring news to the U.S. Congress that, last month, on Monday, August 6, the South Florida community and the Munoz family lost a courageous and strong woman: Milagros "Millie" Munoz.

I have twice previously come to the floor to speak of Millie, and the debilitating disorder from which she suffered: Dystonia. Millie was a remarkable woman described by all who knew her as "the sweetest person," who was strong even in the face of the inescapable pains of dystonia. Through all of it—her pain; her rigorous physical therapy sessions—Millie always greeted everyone with that warm, unmistakable smile of hers.

As a Member of Congress, it is my duty to help call attention to, and raise awareness of disorders such as dystonia to the American public. Together we can work together and call for additional research, with the hope that one day a cure may be found.

Right now, dystonia is a virtually unknown condition that stems from major neurological diseases. It causes the involuntary spasm and contraction of muscles that robs those affected of the freedom to move. The condition is often misdiagnosed; Millie herself was often told by doctors that "it was all in her head." It was only until her friend and doctor, Cynthia Gonzalez, astutely recognized Millie's symptoms as dystonia, that her mind could be put at ease.

Millie's case stands as an example of why more Americans should be aware of dystonia; so that more can be done to prevent it and others like Millie don't have to suffer unnecessarily in the future. People should know her story so that Millie's courage in the face of adversity does not get forgotten.

Millie may be gone, but her courage and resilience will be her lasting legacy. All of our hearts are a little heavier this week in South Florida as we honor and remember Milagros "Millie" Munoz. We should not mourn the loss of a life, but rather celebrate the memory of a life lived.

Mr. Speaker, her passing is not the end, but the beginning of a new future; a future where others need not suffer from disorders like dystonia. And we here in Congress can help facilitate that future.

HONORING THE LEGACY OF LUIS
MARTINEZ

HON. JOSÉ E. SERRANO

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 12, 2012

Mr. SERRANO. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I rise today to recognize Luis Martinez for his outstanding commitment and dedication to the Latino community in New York City and in Puerto Rico.

Luis Martinez was born in San Juan, Puerto Rico. Luis arrived in New York in 1954 and shortly thereafter enlisted in the United States Air Force, where he served our country honorably for 24 years. While Luis was in the service, as a non-commissioned officer, he played and participated in baseball tournaments throughout Puerto Rico, including in San Juan, Aguadilla, Bayamon, and Mayaguez. Luis also participated in All-Squad athletic competitions in Japan, Guam, California, North Carolina, and New Jersey.

Today, Luis is an active member of a variety of groups. He focuses many of his efforts in increasing sports participation in the Latino community. Luis is Vice President for Community Affairs for the Hispanic-American Sports Coalition, which was founded in 1992. The Hispanic-American Sports Coalition is an umbrella group for all sports activities within the Latino community. The group organizes tournaments for youth athletes in baseball, basketball, and soccer, in addition to conducting training for players, coaches, and league officials. One of the most notable, popular, and exciting events that the Hispanic-American Sports Coalition hosts is the Latino Little League World Series for 10–12 year olds, held in Red Hook, Brooklyn over a period of three days every Labor Day Weekend. This tournament has drawn the enthusiastic support of New York City Mayors, New York State Governors, and other public figures and distinguished personalities.

Luis is also a committee member of Latino Sports, Inc., as well as the Latino Sports Writers and Broadcasters Association. The latter group is responsible for annually selecting the most valuable Hispanic baseball players in the National and American Leagues. Luis is also the founder of the The Greater New York Cosmopolitan Amateur Baseball Association, Inc.

However, Luis is also an accomplished photojournalist for the weekly newspaper *La Voz Hispana*, the magazines *Discomundo* and *Espectaculos*, as well as the newspaper *Impacto*. Through his photography he has documented the day to day life of Puerto Ricans and Latinos in New York City, providing an unparalleled photographic history of one of the most vibrant communities in New York. Luis has also contributed to his community as president for 15 years of the Lower East Side Hispanic Committee, Inc. In recognition of all his work he was awarded the Ramon Emerito Betances Award from the National Puerto Rican Parade.

Mr. Speaker, Luis Martinez has made an outstanding contribution to his community. His extraordinary dedication and devotion in bringing athletic opportunities to youngsters is remarkable. His multifaceted background as a photojournalist, community leader, and sports enthusiast has enriched the lives of thousands of New Yorkers. Mr. Speaker, I ask that my