I'm pleased that a college in my district, San Diego State University, was named a Hispanic Serving Institution this year, making it only the third public research university in California to receive that designation.

SDSU is number one in the nation for improvements in college graduation rates over the past 6 years.

Even more remarkable is that it has done this while dramatically increasing graduating rates for students of color, and virtually closing the achievement gap!

I commend SDSU and other Hispanic Serving Institutions that are bringing greater equity to higher education, preparing our young adults for the workforce of the future, and strengthening America's economic competitiveness.

ALEXION BIOPHARMACEUTICAL MANUFACTURING FACILITY

HON. DAVID N. CICILLINE

OF RHODE ISLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 21, 2012

Mr. CICILLINE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the hardworking men and women at Alexion's biopharmaceutical manufacturing facility in Smithfield in my home state of Rhode Island.

Co-founded by Steven Squinto and Leonard Bell, Alexion was recognized earlier this month by Forbes Magazine as the second most innovative company in America for its work to develop life-saving treatments for ultra-rare genetic diseases.

One hundred hardworking men and women are employed at Alexion's Smithfield manufacturing facility, and they are helping to show the region and the country how to make it in America.

They provide a model to be followed as we work to strengthen research and development, and reinvigorate American manufacturing, particularly advanced manufacturing, and put our country back to work in well-paying positions.

I applaud their achievements and recognition, and I wish Alexion continued success.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE FRANCIS X. BELLOTTI COURTHOUSE

HON. WILLIAM R. KEATING

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 21, 2012

Mr. KEATING. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the dedication of the Quincy District Courthouse as the Francis X. Bellotti Courthouse.

Francis X. Bellotti is known for his more than sixty years of public service in the state of Massachusetts, and it is highly fitting that we dedicate the Quincy District Courthouse in his honor, as his long career began here. After graduating from Boston College Law School and passing the bar exam in 1952, Mr. Bellotti opened up his own law practice not too far from the courthouse that is now to be named for him. For the next ten years, Mr. Bellotti spent countless hours in that very courthouse, appearing hundreds of times for both civil and criminal cases.

In 1962, this career of public service brought Mr. Bellotti from the courthouse to the State House when he was elected lieutenant governor of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. In his later role as Attorney General of Massachusetts, Mr. Bellotti was well-loved by his many employees, and he received national praise and recognition for the changes that he brought to his office. In particular, Mr. Bellotti implemented a new merit-based hiring system, which soon became the model for countless other prosecutors throughout the nation. This innovation led the National Association of Attorneys General to award Mr. Bellotti with the Louis C. Wyman Award, and for the association's Consumer Protection Committee to elect him as their chairman in 1984.

Throughout his career, Mr. Bellotti has continuously proven himself to be a skilled attorney and a dedicated public servant for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. He remains a celebrated public figure in our state's recent history, and I can think of no better way to honor a man who has given so much to Massachusetts.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in recognizing the dedication of the Quincy District Courthouse in honor of Francis X. Bellotti. He is an extraordinary member of the Massachusetts community and his years of public service are an inspiration to us all. I ask that my colleagues join me in recognizing this dedication, and in congratulating Mr. Bellotti for his many years of service.

HONORING NATIONAL HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH—SGT. JOSE NOE DIAZ, JR.

HON. TED POE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 21, 2012

Mr. POE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, from September 15 to October 15 America celebrates National Hispanic Heritage month to recognize citizens whose ancestors came from Spain, Mexico, the Caribbean, and Central and South America. These individuals contribute to the amazing melting pot of unique identities that is the United States of America.

I would like to honor one particular Hispanic individual, a law enforcement officer from the Second Congressional District of Texas who lives his life under the lessons and values that his father and grandfathers instilled in him to serve our community.

Sgt. Jose Noe Diaz, Jr.—known as Noe—is a Texas Ranger in Houston. He is a fourth generation Mexican-American. Both of his grandfathers (still alive) proudly served in World War II as infantrymen. His father was a migrant worker who worked his way through college and later became a school teacher. They taught him respect for others, honesty and hard work as the formula for success. Sgt. Diaz is proud of his heritage and works tirelessly to ensure that his children understand the importance of public service and giving back to the country that they love.

It is evident that the values he inherited from his family have contributed to his success in his career and in life. Originally from South Texas, Sgt. Diaz has lived in the greater Houston area since 1987 when he began his career as a Texas Department of Criminal Justice Prison Guard. In 1996, he was accepted into the Department of Public Safety (DPS) Academy and assigned to the Texas Highway Patrol in Katy. In 2001, he was promoted into the Narcotic Division of DPS and assigned to the Harris County Organized Crime Task Force, DEA-Houston and the Houston Police Department's Targeted Narcotics Enforcement Team. In January 2008, he was appointed to the Texas Ranger Division and assigned to Company "G" Rio Grande City, Starr County. Later that same year, he transferred to Company "A" Houston where he is currently assigned. Sgt. Diaz's current duty assignment with the Federal Bureau of Investigation-Houston targets Public and Police Corruption.

Sgt. Diaz is happily married to his wife, Sheila, with whom he has two adult children Justin (a Senior at the University of Texas—Austin) and Stephanie (a Sophomore at Our Lady of the Lake University—San Antonio). Sgt. Diaz holds a Bachelor of Science Degree in Criminal Justice from the University of Houston-Downtown and is pursuing a Masters in Criminology from Lamar University—Beaumont.

Sgt. Diaz is an admirable and dedicated leader to our community, and this Hispanic Heritage Month we recognize his accomplishments and his rich heritage that has contributed to his success. We value his role in our community and appreciate his hard work to make it a better place to live. Sgt. Diaz, thank you for your service and for being a role model to many.

And that's just the way it is.

SEPTEMBER IS ALZHEIMER'S AWARENESS MONTH

HON. SHELLEY MOORE CAPITO

OF WEST VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 21, 2012

Mrs. CAPITO. Mr. Speaker I rise to highlight that September is Alzheimer's awareness month and that today is "Go Purple Day" to help raise awareness of the disease.

Alzheimer's is the most common form of dementia. The disease causes debilitating symptoms such as extreme memory loss as well as the ability to carry out day to day functions as simple as walking and even swallowing. Alzheimer's is ultimately fatal. It currently has no cure, and treatment options are very limited.

An estimated 5.4 million Americans are currently suffering from Alzheimer's, including over 200,000 who are under the age of 65 and is the 6th leading cause of death in the United States. Every 68 seconds another American develops Alzheimer's. Sadly this disease does not only affect the victim but has a profound effect on both family members and friends. In 2011 it was estimated that more than 15 million family members provided over 17.4 billion hours of unpaid caregiver service which would be estimated at over 210 billion dollars worth of care to patients with Alzheimer's. Almost everyone has a friend or family member who has been impacted by this terrible disease.

I am proud to go purple for Alzheimer's day and look forward to working with my colleagues in a bipartisan way to combat this disease which has harmed so many families in West Virginia and around the country.