

## EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

HONORING DEBORAH KHALILI

**HON. JOHN A. BOEHNER**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 27, 2012*

Mr. BOEHNER. I rise today to honor an employee who is retiring after four decades of distinguished service to the House. Deborah Woodard Khalili of the Office of the Parliamentarian's Office of the Compilation of the Precedents will retire at the end of November.

A Virginia native, Debby Khalili came to the Office of the Compilation of the Precedents from the Library of Congress to assist with the production and development of Deschler's Precedents in the fall of 1973. She has remained with the office since that time, exhibiting exemplary service under five Parliamentarians, eight Speakers, and eight Presidents.

Debby has helped with the production of all 18 volumes of Deschler's Precedents, encompassing 41 chapters of House precedent. She is the sole staff member to cover the entirety of the project's tenure, working from the days of hot-metal type to the digital age. She has worked closely with fifteen legal editors during her time with the project, allowing the Deschler's Precedents volumes to maintain a consistent editorial quality standard throughout its development.

In addition, Debby has assisted in the biennial production of the House Rules and Manual and all three versions of House Practice. However, her most lasting and important contribution has been preserving the House precedents for more than twenty Congresses. She leaves behind a detailed and rich historical record, one that will be used by the Office of the Parliamentarian and by legal scholars for decades to come.

A wealth of institutional knowledge will depart the House upon Debby's retirement. I thank her for her service and wish her well in her retirement with her husband, Hassan, and her children Ramin and Meena.

HONORING BILL MASTERSON, JR.,  
PUBLISHER OF THE TIMES  
MEDIA COMPANY OF NORTH-  
WEST INDIANA

**HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKY**

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 27, 2012*

Mr. VISCLOSKY. Mr. Speaker, it is with profound respect and admiration that I stand before you today to honor Mr. Bill Masterson, Jr., for his remarkable success as Publisher of The Times Media Company of Northwest Indiana, as well as for his devotion to professional and ethical business and community leadership. Bill was named Publisher of the Year 2012 by Editor & Publisher, a monthly inter-

national publication covering the newspaper industry. Bill will be honored at a reception sponsored by the Northwest Indiana Forum on Thursday, November 29, 2012, at the Briar Ridge Country Club in Schererville, Indiana.

Bill Masterson, Jr., was named Publisher of the Year 2012 by the Editor & Publisher editorial board. Publishers from across the nation, and as far as Germany and Nigeria, were nominated by their employees and peers for this prestigious honor. In this era of expanding technology and economic difficulty, the newspaper industry has been forced to make significant adjustments in order to compete with the revenue, marketing, and demographic challenges facing traditional ink-on-paper media. For his ability to think outside the box and his innovative approach to shift the role of the local newspaper within the community of Northwest Indiana, Bill certainly exemplifies the qualities of a true leader and is a worthy recipient of this award.

Bill's publishing career spans twenty-five years. In 2006, Mr. Masterson became Publisher of The Times Media Company of Northwest Indiana and was recently promoted to Vice President of Publishing for Lee Enterprises, Incorporated, the parent company of The Times. While he will continue to serve as Publisher of The Times Media Company of Northwest Indiana, in his new position, Bill and three other vice presidents will oversee print and digital operations for Lee Enterprises in twenty-three states. Under his leadership at The Times, Bill has been able to increase revenue while avoiding major staff cuts. He has cultivated an environment of innovation and continues to provide high-quality content to readers.

The changing role of the local newspaper within the community motivated Mr. Masterson to create "One Region: One Vision," which strives to improve the quality of life for the people of Northwest Indiana. The movement was launched five years ago and brings together local business, political, and community leaders in order to promote positive change within the community. The program has led to urban revitalization, a bimonthly mayor's roundtable discussion, the establishment of a health care council, and it has helped to increase community involvement and awareness. Bill also serves on the executive board of directors for the Barden of Gary Foundation and the Boys and Girls Clubs of Northwest Indiana, where he initiated a campaign to raise funds for a new Boys and Girls Club and community center in Gary, Indiana. To date, the campaign has raised more than \$5.5 million.

Bill Masterson is the epitome of an excellent person of business. He innately understands and actively lives the words spoken by Jacob Marley in A Christmas Carol: "Mankind was my business; charity, mercy, forbearance, and benevolence, were, all, my business." We are fortunate that he walks among us.

Bill's exceptional dedication to his field and to his community is exceeded only by his de-

vation to his amazing family. Bill and his beloved wife, Julie, have six wonderful children and three grandchildren.

Mr. Speaker, I respectfully ask that you and my other colleagues join me in congratulating Bill Masterson, Jr., on being named Publisher of the Year 2012. For his unwavering commitment to improving the quality of life for the people of Northwest Indiana and his remarkable career with The Times Media Company of Northwest Indiana, Bill serves as an inspiration to us all.

TRIBUTE TO MS. AMANDA ROGERS

**HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 27, 2012*

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Ms. Amanda Rogers who was born on April 17, 1997. Ms. Rogers's tenacity to excel and kind heart have been emphasized through her community service and her academic achievements.

Ms. Rogers graduated from Pre School with the highest GPA at the school. She was valedictorian and she served with distinction as President of the Student Body, where she also tutored students with learning difficulties. She continued to excel academically while at Urban Assembly Institute School for Young Women in Science and Math. Ms. Rogers was Valedictorian once more and graduated with an impressive 99.2 GPA, achieving high scores in all of her Regents exams. It is worth noting that Ms. Rogers graduated from both elementary and intermediate schools with perfect attendance.

Ms. Rogers now attends Brooklyn College Academy where she finished her first year of high school receiving the highest Regent scores. Ms. Rogers continues to help her fellow students through tutoring. Next year, as a junior, she will be on Brooklyn College's campus taking courses towards an Associate's degree.

In addition to her educations, this former Girl Scout finds time to do community service work through several organizations. She is a two time recipient of the White House U.S. Presidential Award. She has studied Modern, African, Ballet, Hip-Hop, Tap and Belly Dancing.

Mr. Speaker, those who meet the young Ms. Rogers are taken by her humility and giving spirit. Ms. Rogers aspires to become a doctor and with her determination we are sure that she will continue to excel and be an example of leadership to her peers.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in paying tribute to Ms. Amanda Rogers.

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79TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE  
UKRAINIAN FAMINE-GENOCIDE

**HON. SANDER M. LEVIN**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 27, 2012*

Mr. LEVIN. Mr. Speaker, this year marks the 79th anniversary of the Ukrainian famine-genocide, a tragedy that claimed the lives of an estimated 7 to 10 million Ukrainians between 1932 and 1933. I rise today to commemorate the lives of those who perished at the hands of Josef Stalin's Soviet Union and to remember the suffering of the Ukrainian people.

Using food as a weapon, Stalin's barbaric regime orchestrated a famine of genocidal proportions, attempting to suppress the Ukrainian nation by systematically starving its people. In 1932, the Soviet government confiscated Ukraine's grain crop as "social property" and executed anyone who resisted the seizure. Then, in an action that clearly reveals the murderous motivation behind the Soviet plan, the Red Army closed Ukraine's borders, sealing in the starving people who were trying to flee and shutting out any outside aid.

Unfortunately, the Ukrainian famine, referred to as the Holodomor, remains one of the least known human tragedies, in part because of generations of denial by the Soviet Union. By claiming the famine was the result of drought, food shortages, or other natural causes, the Soviet government engaged in a pernicious type of behavior that Holocaust survivor Elie Wiesel has called a "double killing." The Soviet Union carried out a deliberate campaign between 1923 and 1933 to eliminate the Ukrainian nation, killing millions of victims, and in the subsequent years denied that it ever happened, attempted to kill the memories of the victims.

There should be no doubt that the Holodomor was manmade and deliberate, a fact that has been confirmed by evidence gained through the opening of the Soviet archives over the last decade. This evidence will help ensure that the horrors of the Ukrainian famine-genocide are never repeated and the memories of the victims are never forgotten.

Another way we are ensuring that the Holodomor remains in our collective consciousness is the creation of a memorial in our Nation's capital honoring the famine's victims. Set to open next fall, the Ukrainian Famine Memorial is the product of cooperation among the Congress, the Ukrainian Government, and the 1.5 million strong Ukrainian-American community. The memorial will provide a reminder to us all that tyranny must not go unchallenged and that victims of inhumanity must never be forgotten.

I urge my colleagues to join me in remembering the victims of the Holodomor on its 79th anniversary.

HONORING DIRECTOR JOE JUDGE  
UPON HIS RETIREMENT FROM  
THE SANTA CLARA VALLEY  
WATER DISTRICT

**HON. ZOE LOFGREN**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 27, 2012*

Ms. ZOE LOFGREN of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise to acknowledge and honor Director Joe Judge upon his retirement from the Santa Clara Valley Water District.

Joe has been a Director at the Santa Clara Valley Water District since 1986, when the Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors appointed him as At Large Director to represent North County. He was elected to the Board of Directors in 1996 to represent District 2, which includes central and downtown San Jose, portions of East San Jose, and Willow Glen.

During his tenure, he served as vice chairman in 1995 and 2009. Joe also served as chairman in 1989, 1996, and 2004. Joe championed the importance of Santa Clara County's water supply and flood protection. He gained community support for eighteen flood protection projects totaling \$529 million for District 2, including eight projects for the Guadalupe River, four projects for Calabazas Creek, mitigation plantings at the Children's Discovery Museum, erosion repair along the Los Gatos Creek, and the construction of a local child care center. He played a key role in the development of the Guadalupe River Park as a collaborative effort within the District.

While at the Santa Clara Valley Water District, he was able to help ensure that the county had a plentiful pure water supply, improve our water infrastructure, and preserve our watersheds, creeks, and trails. He advocated for state and federal policies to resolve long-standing Delta issues, including the restoration for the Delta ecosystem and a reliable Delta conveyance system.

Joe graduated from San Jose State University with a degree in business administration. He owns and operates his construction firm, Judge Construction. As a local businessman, he provided an open channel of communication between the business community and government, which advanced water conservation countywide. As a dedicated public servant for 26 years, his presence will be missed.

Director Joe Judge is retiring and I wish him all the best in the years to come. I commend Joe for his valuable service and wish him the best in his future endeavors. The community is very fortunate to have benefited from his expertise, passion, and commitment. He has left his mark in Santa Clara County.

100TH ANNIVERSARY OF SAINT JOSEPH THE WORKER CROATIAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

**HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKEY**

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 27, 2012*

Mr. VISCLOSKEY. Mr. Speaker, it is my great pleasure to congratulate Saint Joseph the Worker Croatian Catholic Church in Gary, Indiana, as it celebrates its 100th anniversary as

a parish on Sunday, October 14, 2012. I would also like to take this opportunity to congratulate Father Stephen Loncar, parish pastor, on this special occasion. The 100th anniversary festivities will begin with a Mass of Thanksgiving at 10 a.m. at the church, celebrated by the Most Reverend Dale J. Melczek, Bishop of Gary. After the service, a banquet will be held at the Croatian Center in Merrillville, Indiana.

I would also like to commend the members of the Saint Joseph the Worker Parish Council and Anniversary Committee for the work they have put forth in the planning of this momentous event. Members include: Robert Balash, John Benich, Larry Brown, Irene Flores, Glenda Garriot, Charlene Gyurko, Anne Krpan, Tom Lashenik, Carmen and Frances Lenzo, Cheryl Lenzo, Sam and Celeste Linde, Marta McCobb, Marian Nicksich, Peter Podnar, Charlene Reynolds, Joe Ruda, Nick and Esther Sanchez, Mike Stulac, Guy and Rose Sutton, Kathy Swanson, Rosella Tuszynski, Michael Velasco, and Paul Yurkas.

In 1906, Croatian immigrants, comprised mainly of small business owners and steel workers, arrived to the growing city of Gary, Indiana, seeking employment opportunities and a better quality of life. Upon arrival, the immigrants dealt with numerous obstacles and prejudices, including a difficult language barrier. In order to create a sense of community with the hope of preserving Croatian heritage and culture, they joined together to create their own parish, and in 1913, Holy Trinity Croatian Catholic Church was built. The church continued to grow over the years due to the unwavering dedication of its leaders and parishioners. By 1919, a parochial school was added under the leadership of Reverend Charles Jesih of Croatia. Due to the growing population, the church continued to expand, and by 1956, under the leadership of Father Venceslav Ardes, a new larger church was completed and consecrated Saint Joseph the Worker Croatian Catholic Church in Gary, Indiana. One hundred years ago, the immigrants longed for a parish where they could attend mass in their own language and today that practice remains. The pioneers would be proud to know that this tradition is still alive today.

The church continues to seek innovative ways to sustain the traditions and ideals of the Catholic Church throughout Gary and Northwest Indiana. In 2009, Saint Joseph the Worker joined in an alliance with the Gary Cluster Parishes, a group formed by pastors and commissions with the goal of maintaining the Catholic Church in Gary, Indiana.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you and my other distinguished colleagues to join me in congratulating Saint Joseph the Worker Catholic Church on the 100th anniversary of its founding. Throughout the years, the leaders and parishioners of the church, both past and present, have dedicated themselves to preserving Croatian tradition and upholding the values of their Catholic religion. For their commitment to public service and for touching the lives of countless individuals, the leaders and parishioners are worthy of the highest praise, and I wish Saint Joseph the Worker Catholic Church many prosperous years to come.

TRIBUTE TO MS. ANGELA  
EDWARDS

**HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 27, 2012*

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Ms. Angela Edwards.

Ms. Edwards started her nursing career in 1983 at Port of Spain General Hospital. She received her diploma in Nursing in 1986 and immigrated to the United States in 1989. She received a Bachelor's degree at St. Joseph College and a Master Degree in Nursing from Teachers College at Columbia University.

Ms. Edwards then started work at Mount Sinai Medical Center in 1993 and in 1996 she received the Nursing Award for Nursing Excellence. Ms. Edwards' stand-out service helped her get promoted from Staff Nurse to Clinical Coordinator and finally Clinical Nurse Manager. Ms. Edwards also served as Clinical Director of Nursing at the Saint Vincent Medical Centers from 2008 until the center's closure in April 2010.

Ms. Edwards started work at Woodhull Medical Center and during her brief tenure she created and implemented a Quality Nursing Dashboard to monitor clinical, financial and human resources sensitive indicators. She was instrumental in creating an all RN model in the Medical Surgical units, thereby ensuring high quality care for out-patients and she implemented Focus Charting to ensure improved nursing documentation in acute care units. All these initiatives to improved patient care culminated with the Implementation of Primary Nursing Model, which is as a Best Practice at the Woodhull Medical Center.

All through her nursing career Ms. Edwards provided compassionate and quality care to all patients especially those without resources. Today, she continues to tirelessly work to eliminate health disparities among the communities she serves.

Ms. Edwards now serves as the Deputy Director of Nursing at the North Brooklyn Health Network where she leads the nursing team providing quality care for the Inpatient Unit which consists of Critical Care, Medical/Surgical, Behavioral Health and Maternal Child Health services.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to recognize Ms. Edwards for her contribution to the medical fraternity and our community.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in paying tribute to Ms. Angela Edwards.

IN MEMORY OF DAISY LEA  
ALEXANDER KENNEDY

**HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 27, 2012*

Mr. HASTINGS of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the life of Daisy Lea Alexander Kennedy, the beloved wife of my dearest friend and Chief of Staff, Arthur "Art" W. Kennedy. Sadly, she passed away on November 21 2012. I am truly blessed to have known Daisy and my thoughts and prayers go out to Art, his family, and friends during this most difficult time.

Daisy was a loving wife and mother, a life-long educator and mentor, and an active member of her community. Born on October 3, 1932 in Evergreen, Alabama to the late Delilah and Richard Alexander, she was the youngest of five children. At an early age, the family moved to Pensacola, Florida. Daisy was educated in the Escambia County Public School System and graduated from Booker T. Washington High School. She went on to attend Florida A&M University (FAMU), where she received both her undergraduate and graduate degrees.

With a great passion for teaching and mentoring, Daisy worked tirelessly for 37 years in the Broward County Public School System. She also played a critical role in her grandchildren's education, teaching them important skills such as writing, reading, and math.

Furthermore, Daisy was a faithful member of First Baptist Church Piney Grove since 1956. She sang soprano in the choir, started the noonday bible study, and held several leadership positions. These included being the first chairperson of the church directory, a past president of the Pastor's Aide, a former Sunday School Superintendent, a member of the hospitality committee, and an active member of the Missionary Circle of Mary of Bethany.

In addition, Daisy was a highly respected and admired member of the community, dedicating her time to numerous organizations. She was a strong supporter of the FAMU Alumni Association, the Golden Heights Neighborhood Association, the Kappa Silhouettes, and the Retired Teachers' Association.

On July 8, 1984, Daisy was united in holy matrimony to Art Kennedy. With this union came seven children, eighteen grandchildren, and nine great-grandchildren, plus one on the way.

Daisy leaves to cherish her wonderful memory a loving and devoted husband, Art; her children, Sharon Telfer of Winter Haven, Florida; Lennard Robinson, Sr. of Plantation, Florida; Janice (Jerome) Boger of Conyers, Georgia; Michael Bruce (Joyce Marie) Kennedy of Miramar, Florida; Vikki Johnson of New Carrollton, Maryland; Arthur (Yolanda) Kennedy of Fort Lauderdale, Florida; and Jill Kennedy of Plantation, Florida; her grandchildren, Patrick, Shante, Shannon, Daima, Danielle (Marcus), Trawick, Kendall, Bryce, David (Amanda), Kasey Corey, Kiara, Daniel, Lennard, Moriah, Marion, Rico, Alex, and Tyler; her great-grandchildren, Marcus, Kamari, Lauren, Elijah, Ayden, Cameryn, Khambrea, King, and Kennedy; two brothers, Henderson Alexander and William Crosby; one sister, Alberta Lewis; a host of nieces, nephews, and cousins; her goddaughter, Deetra Durham; two very special friends, Mary Ellen Sands and Jackie Hall; and countless others.

Mr. Speaker, for those of us whose lives she touched, Daisy Kennedy will always have a special place in our hearts. She will be remembered fondly and dearly missed.

JUDGE DOMINICK SPADACCINO

**HON. MICHAEL G. FITZPATRICK**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 27, 2012*

Mr. FITZPATRICK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Judge Dominick

Spadaccino who passed away recently at the age of 91. Judge Spadaccino will be remembered as one of the more colorful and unique characters to have served Bucks County. He served 23 years as a Magisterial District Judge in Middletown, PA before retiring in 1987. His service earned him a commendation from President Ronald Reagan.

Judge Spadaccino served in the U.S. Army Air Force in the China-Burma-India Theater of World War II along with his six brothers. He operated as a medical technician and earned a presidential citation for service, armed forces medal and distinguished service award. During his time in Bucks County, he was involved with the Uptown String Band in Hulmeville and was known for his lively wedding services.

He was described as a straightforward judge who was not afraid to speak his mind. He was known as a fair judge, who was respected for both his humorous nature and esteemed service to our community.

75TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE  
ALUMNAE CHAPTER OF DELTA  
SIGMA THETA SORORITY

**HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKY**

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 27, 2012*

Mr. VISCLOSKY. Mr. Speaker, it is with great respect and admiration that I recognize the Gary, Indiana Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority for recently celebrating its 75th anniversary. The theme for the event was "Through the Looking Glass: A Supreme Record of Sisterhood, Scholarship and Service." In honor of this momentous occasion, a reception was held on Friday, October 19, 2012, at the Genesis Convention Center in Gary, Indiana.

Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated, is a private, non-profit organization that was founded on January 13, 1913, by 22 students at Howard University in Washington, DC. The organization was founded in order to promote academic excellence and to assist the underserved population by providing scholarships, supporting community organizations, and by empowering people to fight for positive public policy. In one of their first public acts, the Delta founders participated in the Women's Suffrage March in Washington DC. on March 3, 1913. The Deltas were incorporated in 1930 and today, the sisterhood has over 200,000 female members and 900 chapters across the world.

Throughout the years, the sorority has continued to establish programs that strengthen the African American family and improve education, healthcare, and international development. The programs supported and developed by Delta Sigma Theta are based on the organizations five-point trust that includes: economic development, educational development, international awareness and involvement, physical and mental health, and political awareness and involvement. Each program is coordinated by committees that work together to develop and implement this five-point trust.

The Gary, Indiana, Alumnae Chapter has worked diligently to serve the city of Gary and all of Northwest Indiana. The Gary Alumnae chapter has created many innovative programs that have helped numerous people

throughout the community. Delta Days at Gary City Hall is a program that was created in order for chapter members to voice their concerns about issues affecting the community to the mayor, city council, and other elected officials. Every year, the Gary Chapter gives out five \$1,000 scholarships to girls that attend Northwest Indiana schools. The mentoring program has been implemented to help students learn the importance of staying in school, setting goals, and making positive decisions. The Gary Alumnae Chapter contributes to the Maama Project, which supports efforts to help with the healthy and safe delivery of babies of women in Africa. For several years, the chapter has hosted a free Thanksgiving dinner feeding hundreds of people. There is so much that the chapter has accomplished over the years, and Northwest Indiana is not only proud but inspired by the good works of this outstanding organization.

Mr. Speaker, I want to thank the members of the Gary, Indiana, Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority for the exceptional contributions they have made to the city of Gary, Northwest Indiana, and throughout the world. I ask you and my other distinguished colleagues to join me in congratulating the Gary, Indiana, Alumnae Chapter on the organization's 75th anniversary.

TRIBUTE TO THE HONORABLE  
CHARLES J. HYNES

**HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS**  
OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
*Tuesday, November 27, 2012*

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I rise to celebrate and pay tribute to Charles J. Hynes for his important and respected commitment to his community as the District Attorney of Kings County.

Charles began his career in public service in 1963 as an associate attorney for the Legal Aid Society. In 1969, he joined the Kings County District Attorney's Office as an Assistant District Attorney. In 1971, he was named Chief of the Rackets Bureau and in 1973, he was promoted to First Assistant District Attorney.

In 1999, Mr. Hynes created the ComALERT, (Community And Law Enforcement Resources Together), public safety program which supports individuals on probation or parole as they re-enter their Brooklyn communities. In 2005, Mayor Michael Bloomberg and Mr. Hynes started a United States Department of Justice funded Family Justice Center—a one stop shopping service for victims of domestic violence and their surviving children.

Since 2000, District Attorney Hynes has served as a member of the American Bar Association. In 2008, he received the American Bar Association Award, "Lawyer as Problem Solver," and the "Cyrus R. Vance Tribute" from The Fund for Modern Courts. In 2009, he was given the Diversity Championship Award by The New York City Bar Association. On November 3, 2009, Charles J. Hynes was re-elected to his sixth term as the District Attorney of Kings County (Brooklyn), New York.

Mr. Hynes continues to demonstrate his commitment to public service and education by serving as an Adjunct Professor of Trial Advocacy at three New York City Law

Schools. He was appointed to both St. John's and Brooklyn Law School in 1984, and Fordham University Law School in 1992.

Mr. Hynes is now spearheading a groundbreaking alternative-to-prison program for mothers and their children through a not-for-profit foundation named in honor of his mother, Regina Drew. The Drew Foundation is planning to operate the first residence of its kind in the country in which women will be permitted to remain with all of their children in a secure, community-based setting while receiving intensive trauma-focused, rehabilitative services.

District Attorney Hynes is a proud and lifelong resident of Brooklyn, where he was born and raised in the Flatbush section. He met his wife, Patricia L. Pennisi, a registered nurse, while they were undergraduate students. He attended St. John's University while she was at Kings County Hospital.

Mr. Speaker, I call on my colleagues to join me in recognizing the contributions and accomplishments of Mr. Charles J. Hynes.

NORTH MIAMI MUSEUM OF  
CONTEMPORARY ART

**HON. FREDERICA S. WILSON**  
OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
*Tuesday, November 27, 2012*

Ms. WILSON of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the North Miami Museum of Contemporary Art (MOCA) for receiving a 2012 National Medal for Museum and Library Service, our nation's highest honor conferred on museums and libraries for community service. MOCA's record truly embodies the essence of this award.

In addition to being a world-renowned art institution, MOCA houses various programs that support the South Florida community. MOCA has made a difference in thousands of lives through programs that help to curb drop-out rates, improve literacy, empower women and promote good behavior. For example, through "Women on the Rise," MOCA trains local women artists to go into detention centers to teach female detainees how to express themselves through art. Furthermore, MOCA regularly hosts classes, workshops and seminars to promote lifelong learning.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in commending the North Miami Museum of Contemporary Art for having received a 2012 National Medal for Museum and Library Service and Director Bonnie Clearwater and her staff for their outstanding work.

IN HONOR OF ANDREW MICHAEL  
FREEMAN

**HON. MIKE PENCE**  
OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
*Tuesday, November 27, 2012*

Mr. PENCE. Mr. Speaker, it is with a heavy heart that I rise to mark the passing of Andrew Michael Freeman, a combat veteran from the Hoosier state who recently earned an honorable discharge from the United States Army. As our nation paused on Veteran's Day to honor those men and women in uniform who

have served our country, the community of Anderson sadly mourns the loss of one of their own.

Andrew graduated from Anderson High School in 2004. In January 2009, Andrew enlisted in the United States Army and soon thereafter served in the 2nd Stryker Cavalry Regiment. While serving in Afghanistan, Andrew earned numerous distinctions, including several Army Achievement Medals and other awards for his dedication and hard work.

Andrew is survived by his father and stepmother, Stephen and Stephanie; his mother, Christina; his siblings, Amanda, Monica and Justin; as well as his grandparents, Morris and Maurita Freeman, Nancy Lantz, Harold and Gertrude Granger and Judy Waymire. Andrew also leaves behind many friends and fellow servicemembers and I wish to extend my deepest condolences to all of those who mourn his passing, especially his beloved girlfriend, Heather Majors.

We are told to mourn with those who mourn, and grieve with those who grieve. As we mourn the passing of Andrew Michael Freeman, our thoughts and prayers will continue to be with his family.

HONORING REVEREND CHARLES  
EMERY

**HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKY**  
OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
*Tuesday, November 27, 2012*

Mr. VISCLOSKY. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure and admiration that I stand before you today to congratulate Reverend Charles Emery on his 34th anniversary as Pastor of Pilgrim Missionary Baptist Church in Gary, Indiana. For his many years of dedicated service to the church and the surrounding community, he was honored at a celebratory banquet on Monday, October 15, 2012 at the Genesis Convention Center in Gary, Indiana.

Reverend Charles Emery was born in Madison County, Tennessee to W.A. and Macie Emery. Pastor Emery attended religious services throughout his childhood and accepted Christ into his life at the very young age of nine. While attending college in Tennessee, Pastor Emery chose to enlist in the United States Air Force. Throughout his military service, Pastor Emery felt he was being called into the ministry. Reverend Emery decided to pursue religious studies and was the first of his family to graduate from college. He earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Religious Education from Toledo Bible School in Ohio and a Bachelor of Arts degree from Trinity Theological Seminary in Newburg, Indiana. He has also taken specialized courses in church administration, youth evangelism, and personal counseling at Moody Bible College of Chicago, Illinois. In 1968, Pastor Emery married his adoring wife, Willie Ruth Bonds, and they have four beloved children: Mary, Bernard, Victoria, and Kim.

In 1978, Reverend Emery became Pastor of Pilgrim Missionary Baptist Church. Throughout the years, Pastor Emery has worked diligently to serve the members of the congregation, the community of Gary, and all of Northwest Indiana. Reverend Emery has served as President of the Baptist Ministers Conference of

Gary and Vicinity, Vice President-at-Large for the General Missionary Baptist Convention of Indiana, Incorporated, teacher of the National Baptist Congress of Christian Education Youth Division, President of the Gary Police Chaplain Association, and Secretary of the Gary/Chicago Airport Board. Currently, Reverend Emery serves as President of the General Missionary Baptist Convention of Indiana, Incorporated. He continues to work hard for people most in need and does not hesitate to get involved in the tough struggles that face the surrounding community. For his constant and passionate devotion to public service, Reverend Emery is worthy of the highest praise.

Mr. Speaker, Reverend Charles Emery is a man of God and a man concerned with creating a just society for his congregation, his community, and our nation. He has selflessly devoted his life to the service of others and it is an honor to consider Pastor Emery a friend. For his uncompromising dedication over the past 34 years, Reverend Emery is truly an inspiration to us all, and it is right to honor him today.

#### TRIBUTE TO CINDI VAN PETTEN

### HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 27, 2012*

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute and to honor Cindi Van Petten, a highly motivated educator at The Dr. Ronald E. McNair, Public School 5, under the leadership of Principal Lena S. Gates and Assistant Principal Kesha Townsel. Ms. Van Petten has more than ten years of accomplishments in education and is fiercely committed to her students who call her Ms. Van. Under her watch, students have participated in debates, Meet Our Community Leaders Workshops, and participated in the Adelaide Sanford Institute Oratory Contest and Public School 5's first annual National Urban Alliance Literacy Workshop for Children, just to name a few. She believes that with the right formula every child can be successful by using innovative ways to meet the needs of all students and their learning styles.

Ms. Van Petten's devotion to education extends beyond the classroom as a participant in the Principal Aspiring Leaders Program through the Grapevine Network, sponsored by Margarita Nells, the network leader. Ms. Van Petten is a member of Caring Educators In Action, Inc. and is a member of the National Science Teacher Association, NSTA, and The City College of New York tech program where she conducts workshops in teaching engineering in elementary schools in Pennsylvania, Washington DC, California, and Texas. Ms. Van trains new teachers and mentors up and coming teachers helping them to blossom into great educators. As a member of the Adelaide Sanford Institute, she conducts parent workshop on new and exciting educational trends, especially the new common core curriculum in literacy and math. She gives back to her community by teaching GED classes through the Brooklyn Adult Learning Center. She is a member of The Brown Memorial Baptist Church over which Pastor Clinton Miller presides. On top of all that she is the mother of

two beautiful children, Calynn and Caleb, IV. Her dedication to her craft is second to none.

Cindi Van Petten's philosophy about work can be found in a quote by John Ruskin: "Education . . . is a painful, continual and difficult work to be done in kindness, by watching, by warning . . . by praise, but above all, by example."

Mr. Speaker, I would like to recognize Cindi Van Petten for her tremendous contributions to the community.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in paying tribute to Cindi Van Petten.

#### IN RECOGNITION OF MR. JOHN CUBBA'S 25 YEARS OF SERVICE TO OUR COMMUNITY AS A LEADER IN MUNICIPAL FINANCE

### HON. DAVID ALAN CURSON

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 27, 2012*

Mr. CURSON of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mr. John Cubba, Finance Director for the Charter Township of Redford, on his retirement. As a Member of Congress, it is both my privilege and honor to recognize Mr. Cubba for his many years of service and his contributions which have enriched and strengthened our community.

Mr. Cubba brings a lifetime of experience to his current position with the Charter Township of Redford, a career which began nearly 34 years ago on the finance staff in the city of Detroit. In November of 1987, Mr. Cubba was hired as the Finance Director for the Charter Township of Redford, and served with distinction in that position for the last 25 years. During a tenure which has seen many economic changes in the region, Mr. Cubba maintained a reputation of providing sound financial guidance which has promoted stability and progress in Redford Township.

Mr. Cubba believes in his community and has shown a commitment which has exceeded the years of his tenure as Finance Director. Mr. Cubba has been a long-time member of the Redford Rotary, and is a past President. He has volunteered his time in a broad array of capacities in community organizations including The Goodfellow's Paper Drive, St. Valentine's Parish, Catholic Central, the Michigan Municipal Risk Management Authority, the Government Finance Officers Association, the Michigan Townships Association, Boy Scouts, March of Dimes, and the Clean-up Redford Township Committee, among others. In addition to his service to the community, Mr. Cubba is the proud husband to his wife Candy, father to four sons and a daughter, and proud grandfather to nine grandchildren.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me today to honor Mr. John Cubba for his dedicated public service. I wish him many more years of health, happiness, and productive service to our community.

#### TRIBUTE TO CARMEN WARSCHAW

### HON. HENRY A. WAXMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 27, 2012*

Mr. WAXMAN. Mr. Speaker, I join my colleague HOWARD BERMAN in paying tribute to

our lifelong and dear friend, Carmen Warschaw. Carmen passed away on Election Day, November 6, a fitting day for an activist who viewed politics as a participatory sport, in which she was a master player as well as a passionate fan.

Carmen loved political gossip and good jokes. Her home was a veritable salon, where elected officials, old and new friends, and family members gathered for very good food and even better conversation and camaraderie.

She was literally woven into the tapestry of Democratic politics and the California State Party. Always a leader, Carmen attained recognition on the national stage but played a large role in shaping party politics on the state level.

Carmen and her college sweetheart and husband, Louis, who passed away in 2000, were truly a team to be reckoned with. They were actively involved in politics from their youth when the State of California was growing in Democratic representation. As leader of the state Democratic Party, Carmen played a central role as California's governor and legislature worked to create a model public education system with world famous universities, and highways and waterways that fed the thriving economy of the Golden State. She was a mentor, supporter, and strategy expert to a whole generation of politicians and public servants. She never shied away from taking sides and plunged wholeheartedly into the fray when she felt that those she had helped were not living up to her expectations.

Carmen's reach went much further than politics. She leaves a remarkable legacy of interest in and generosity to the Jewish community. She was an indispensable leader in the Jewish Federation, the Los Angeles Music Center and the Otis Art Institute.

Carmen and Lou also established the Carmen H. and Louis Warschaw Chair in Practical Politics at the University of Southern California, their alma mater. She established the Louis Warschaw Prostate Cancer Center at Cedars-Sinai Medical Center and they both also helped to establish the USC Casden Institute for the Study of the Jewish Role in American Life.

Carmen is survived by a large and loving family, her daughter Hope and son-in-law, John Law, her daughter Susan and son-in-law, Carl Robertson, and grandchildren Jack Law-Warschaw, Cara Robertson and Chip Robertson and great-grandchildren Louis Harvey Robertson and Rose Frances Harvey Robertson.

We ask our colleagues to join us as we celebrate and remember the legendary life of Carmen Warschaw.

#### CELEBRATING THE 36TH ANNUAL GALA OF THE ASIAN AMERICAN MEDICAL ASSOCIATION

### HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKY

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 27, 2012*

Mr. VISCLOSKY. Mr. Speaker, it is with sincere admiration that I recognize the Asian American Medical Association, which hosted its 36th Annual Gala on Saturday, November 3, 2012, at the Avalon Manor in Merrillville, Indiana. Each year, the Asian American Medical

Association pays tribute to prominent, outstanding citizens and organizations for their contributions to the community. In recognition of their efforts, these honorees are awarded the prestigious Crystal Globe Award at this annual banquet.

The Asian American Medical Association has always been a great asset to Northwest Indiana. Its members have selflessly dedicated themselves to providing quality medical services to the residents of Northwest Indiana and have always demonstrated exemplary service through their many cultural, scholastic, and charitable endeavors.

At this year's Annual Gala, the Asian American Medical Association will present the Crystal Globe Award to one of Northwest Indiana's finest citizens, Dr. Ilwoong Chang, M.D. For his outstanding contributions to his community, he is to be commended.

In 1966, Dr. Chang graduated from medical school at Yonsei University in Seoul, South Korea. He then completed his internship at Yonsei University, during which time he participated in medical missions in rural areas of South Korea. Dr. Chang was a Naval Medical Officer from 1967 to 1970, during which time he served in Vietnam. He completed his residency at Wayne State University Hospital in Detroit, Michigan, in 1974, and in 1976, he went on to complete his Gastroenterology fellowship at the University of Illinois in Chicago. Doctor has dedicated much of his life to medical education and currently serves as Clinical Associate Professor in Internal Medicine and Gastroenterology at the Indiana University Northwest Center for Medical Education in Gary, Indiana. Dr. Chang also operates his private practice in Munster, Indiana, specializing in Gastroenterology.

Dr. Chang's remarkable résumé includes many prestigious positions in the field of medicine. He has served as Chairman of Medicine at Community Hospital in Munster and President of Medical Staff, as well as Chairman of Quality Coordination Control at Saint Catherine Hospital in East Chicago. Doctor is also a member of many medical societies, including: the American Medical Association, the American Gastroenterology Association, and the American Society of Gastrointestinal Endoscopy. In addition, he is a delegate of the Indiana State Medical Association, a member of the Insurance Committee of the Indiana State Medical Association, and Chairman of the Board of the Lake County Medical Society of Indiana. For his exceptional dedication to organizations that have a tremendous positive impact within the medical community and to the people of Northwest Indiana, Dr. Chang is worthy of the highest praise.

Dr. Chang's dedication to medicine and the community of Northwest Indiana is exceeded only by his devotion to his wonderful family. He has been married to his loving wife, Young Zin Chang, for 42 years. They have three amazing children: Gene, Elizabeth and David, and six beloved grandchildren.

Doctor is committed to his family, to improving the lives of the patients he serves, and working selflessly to enhance the quality of life of all those who live in Northwest Indiana. It is an honor to call him a friend.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you and my other distinguished colleagues join me in commending the members of the Asian American Medical Association, as well as this year's Crystal Globe Award recipient, Dr. Ilwoong

Chang, for their outstanding contributions to the medical field, as well as to their communities and beyond. Their unwavering commitment to improving the quality of life for the people of Northwest Indiana and throughout the United States is truly inspirational, and I am proud to serve as their representative in Washington, DC.

#### TRIBUTE TO COLVIN W. GRANNUM

### HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 27, 2012*

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute and to honor Colvin Grannum, for his commitment to developing his community.

Born and raised in Bedford Stuyvesant, Mr. Grannum graduated from Erasmus Hall High School. He earned an undergraduate degree from the University of Pennsylvania and a law degree from Georgetown University Law Center. He serves as a member of the board of directors of the New York City Workforce Investment Board, Center for New York City Neighborhoods (CNYCN), Local Initiatives Support Corporation (LISC), Brooklyn Chamber of Commerce, Bedford Stuyvesant Early Childhood Development Center, Inc., and Head Start Sponsoring Boards Council.

He has served on advisory boards of JP Morgan Chase, Goldman Sachs New Markets Fund, Fannie Mae, HSBC Bank, the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, and Pratt Center for Community Development, just to name a few. He also served as a trustee of the Brunswick School, in Greenwich, Connecticut. Mayor Bloomberg appointed Mr. Grannum to serve on the Mayor's Commission for Economic Opportunity, and former Governor Spitzer appointed him to the then Governor-elect's Housing Policy Transition Team.

Mr. Grannum practiced law for over 17 years primarily as a litigation attorney before embarking on his career in community development. He has been employed by the United States Department of Justice, the New York State Attorney General, the NYNEX Corporation, and the New York City Corporation Counsel, respectively, where he held a variety of senior level positions and was responsible for handling and supervising litigation, including trials, appeals, and regulatory proceedings.

Colvin Grannum has served as president of Bedford Stuyvesant Restoration Corporation (Restoration) since March 2001. Under Mr. Grannum's leadership, Restoration is experiencing a robust resurgence. Restoration provides services and programs in the areas of arts and education, including Bedford Stuyvesant Head Start, the Restoration Information Technology Education (RITE) Center, the Youth Arts Academy and the Restoration Dance Theater, and economic development, including the Restoration Capital Fund.

Prior to joining Restoration, Mr. Grannum served as a founding director and the chief executive officer of Bridge Street Development Corporation (BSDC), a faith-based not-for-profit community development corporation affiliated with Bridge Street African Methodist Episcopal Church in Brooklyn, New York.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to recognize Mr. Colvin Grannum for his outstanding accomplishments and dedication to his community.

CONGRATULATING ASHLEY JOHNSON FOR STUDIES IN THE CRITICAL LANGUAGE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

### HON. KENNY MARCHANT

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 27, 2012*

Mr. MARCHANT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Ashley Johnson, a constituent of mine from Coppell, Texas, on studying the Mandarin Chinese language in Beijing, China, under the Critical Language Scholarship Program.

The Critical Language Scholarship program was established in 2006 as part of the National Security Language Initiative. This interagency effort was formed with recognition of the need for our future diplomatic and intelligence personnel to learn languages such as Arabic, Farsi, Urdu, and Chinese. It provides an intensive regimen of study at beginner, intermediate, and advanced levels for both undergraduate and graduate students. The program goes beyond just language and provides cultural experiences by immersion in the host country.

I was proud when the U.S. State Department informed me that one of my constituents, Ashley Johnson, had successfully participated in the Critical Language Scholarship Program this past summer. Acceptance is highly competitive, and so I commend her studying Intermediate Chinese in Beijing. Johnson's success is a testament to dedication, skill, and hard work; and I look forward to her accomplishing great things in any endeavor that she pursues in life.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the 24th Congressional District of Texas, I ask all my distinguished colleagues to join me in congratulating Ashley Johnson for her studies in the Critical Language Scholarship Program.

#### IN HONOR OF JIM COCHRAN

### HON. SAM FARR

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 27, 2012*

Mr. FARR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge California native and long-time Santa Cruz County resident, Jim Cochran, who established Swanton Berry Farm 29 years ago in Davenport, California. Since its establishment, Swanton Berry Farm has become the first modern organic strawberry farm in California, utilizing standards and methods that have become a model for organic and sustainable farming.

Jim has displayed an incredible commitment to social justice. He has created a safe and friendly work environment that provides living wages, a medical plan, a retirement plan, and vacation and holiday pay for agricultural workers. Additionally, employees of Swanton Berry Farm are provided with access to low-cost housing options, which more than 75% of Swanton Berry Farm employees take advantage of. Because of this commitment, Swanton Berry Farm has become the first organic strawberry farm in the United States to be unionized by the United Farm Workers of America.

Jim's commitment to sustainable organic farming and the well-being of agriculture workers continues in his work with Roots of Change. Roots of Change brings a diverse range of Californians to the table to build a common interest in food and farming so that every aspect of our food—from the time it's grown to the time it's eaten—can be healthy, safe, profitable, affordable, and fair.

Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I rise to honor Mr. Jim Cochran, his achievements with Swanton Berry Farm, and his commitment and service to sustainable agriculture and socially just business practices.

HONORING COMMISSIONER  
FRANCES DUPEY

HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKY  
OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 27, 2012*

Mr. VISCLOSKY. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure and immense respect that I stand before you today to honor one of Northwest Indiana's finest public servants, Commissioner Frances DuPey, and to wish her well upon her upcoming retirement. Commissioner DuPey's many years of dedication and commitment to the residents of Lake County, Indiana, have had a tremendous impact on our community. In honor of Fran's retirement, a reception was held on Sunday, November 11, 2012, at Dynasty Banquets in Hammond, Indiana.

Fran DuPey was raised in Hammond, Indiana, and attended Hammond Technical Vocational High School until relocating to Lamoni, Iowa, where she completed her high school courses. Soon after, Fran returned to Northwest Indiana and enrolled in Hammond Business College.

Fran married her beloved husband, Frank, a Hammond police officer who would later become the Chief of Police, on November 14, 1964. Fran and Frank, who passed away last year, were blessed with one daughter, Veronica, and one son, Frank, as well as three beautiful grandchildren. It was her husband who first introduced Fran to the Democratic Party, and she has been a constant voice for the party in Northwest Indiana ever since. A loyal Democrat, Mrs. DuPey served eleven years as vice chair for the Hammond Democratic Precinct Organization, followed by five years as the Hammond Democratic Chairperson, and she has been a vice-precinct committeewoman for the past thirty years.

Commissioner DuPey's commitment to the people of Northwest Indiana spans far beyond party lines. In 1987, recognized for her tenacity and leadership qualities, Fran was elected to serve on the Lake County Council and served ten years in that capacity. With her election in 1987, then Councilwoman DuPey marked her place in Lake County's history as the first woman to serve on the Lake County Council. Fran, never one to rest on her laurels, was subsequently elected to serve as a Lake County Commissioner, again being the first woman to hold this office in Lake County. Commissioner DuPey, who has served in this capacity for the last sixteen years, also has the distinction of being the first woman to serve as president of both the Lake County Council and the Lake County Board of Commissioners.

During her many years of service, Commissioner DuPey has received numerous awards and acknowledgements for always going above and beyond for her constituents. One of her most notable recognitions came when she was honored as the "Most Enterprising First Term Commissioner" in the state of Indiana, an award bestowed upon her by the Indiana Association of County Commissioners. Fran's career will be remembered for her dedication to the people of Northwest Indiana and her always candid, up-front approach to tackling the issues at hand.

Fran DuPey has led a life dedicated to the service of others. I am fortunate to call her a friend.

Mr. Speaker, I respectfully ask that you and my other distinguished colleagues join me in honoring a devoted public servant, Commissioner Frances DuPey. Fran's constant efforts to improve the quality of life for people of Lake County, Indiana, have had an immense impact on her peers and the many citizens whose lives she has touched. It has been an honor to work with Fran throughout the years, and I wish her the best upon her retirement.

TRIBUTE TO NAOMI COLLINS

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS  
OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 27, 2012*

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute and to honor Naomi Collins, for her track record in public service and her commitment to charity.

Naomi Collins was born in Brooklyn, New York, to the late James and Louise Miller. Mrs. Collins was educated in the New York City public school system. She attended Public School 309, Junior High School 35, Franklin K. Lane High School and Brooklyn College. She is married to Elder Michael Collins and has seven children and five grandchildren.

She currently attends Unity Temple Church of God in Christ in Brooklyn, New York, where the pastor is Elder Melvin Cooper. Mrs. Collins serves on the Deaconess Board as well as the Youth Department. She currently serves as District Youth Leader under Auxiliary Bishop Willie G. Robinson. She holds several licenses including a First Class FCC license as Chaplain in the State of New York and a Deaconess and Food Protection license.

From a young age Mrs. Collins was raised to be a valued and contributing member of her community. She served her community and church throughout her youth and as an adult, she always sought to do more to help others. It was this desire that led her to found the Faith Outreach Food Program to help feed the hungry and disadvantaged in her community. Now over 25 years later, Mrs. Collins is still operating the Faith Outreach Food Program through which she feeds thousands of underprivileged individuals each month. During her years of operating the Food Program, Mrs. Collins saw to other critical community needs. Each year Mrs. Collins adds new programs and events in order to reach as many disadvantaged and underserved groups in New York as possible. Her entire life has been devoted to serving others.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to recognize Mrs. Naomi Collins for her commitment to serving

others and continued dedication to the community.

TRIBUTE TO AMERICAN HERO  
GLEN DOHERTY

HON. DUNCAN HUNTER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 27, 2012*

Mr. HUNTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to express my profound respect for the four patriotic Americans who gave their lives on behalf of this nation, when the U.S. consulate in Benghazi, Libya, was attacked on the 11th anniversary of the 9–11 terrorist attacks. All of them are heroes not just for their service in a foreign land that presented danger and a difficult diplomatic mission, but also for their selfless actions to defend the consulate and their immeasurable sacrifice protecting the cause of freedom.

One of the brave Americans who stayed at the consulate to repel the assault by a band of terrorists was former Navy SEAL, Glen Doherty. Glen was an inspiration in every part of his life, but his actions in the face of immense danger and personal risk, which saved the lives of many others, were not a surprise to those who knew him best. Glen's passion for life, his unbreakable loyalty and his commitment to helping others were only some of the reasons why he was so admired and respected, both personally and professionally.

When the consulate was attacked, Glen fought tirelessly throughout the night and into the next morning. It was on September 12 that Glen lost his life, after a mortar attack on the consulate. Because of Glen's awareness, his tactical coherency and experience as a sniper and combat paramedic, lives that otherwise might have been lost were preserved. And we all take great pride in the fact that Glen was someone who faithfully represented the most enduring and admired quality that's associated with elite combat warriors like the SEALs. He stood his ground. He never gave up and he fought hard to the end.

Glen's pioneering spirit, his determination and his selflessness is emblematic of America's goodness and the willingness of so many of our citizens to sacrifice for causes bigger than themselves. The preservation of freedom is dangerous and costly, but individuals like Glen are the reason why freedom is possible for others across the world who are eager to break the chains of oppression and put an end to violence that threatens innocence.

Glen's legacy now lives through a foundation in his name: The Glen Doherty Memorial Foundation. The foundation honors Glen's life and his beliefs, truly a fitting way to ensure that his ambition to serve and protect others continues for many years to come.

A close friend and SEAL Teammate of Glen's described him in a few words, which are worthy of repeating. He wrote, "My friend Glen: he would never pound his chest or tell you how great he was. Glen was a great listener and always had experienced advice. He was the jack-of-all-trades AND master of all. A rare person that was great at everything he did. A warrior spirit balanced by the kindest of hearts . . ."

Mr. Speaker. All of the Americans that died that day are heroes in their own right. Glen's

story is one among three others, but I know I speak for all of my colleagues, especially those of us who have ever worn a uniform in defense of this great country, when I say that Glen Doherty is a patriotic warrior whose service and sacrifice will never be forgotten.

IN HONOR OF THOMAS HELMUT  
GRIFFIN

**HON. SAM FARR**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 27, 2012*

Mr. FARR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Thomas Helmut Griffin, who has shown exemplary commitment to both his country and his community.

Tom was adopted by an American Army Sergeant and brought to America in 1952. He worked nights at the US Post Office Rincon Annex during his senior year of high school in order to help support his family. After his high school graduation, Tom was appointed to the United States Military Academy at West Point. He graduated from West Point in 1963 and became an Infantry Officer.

Tom's Army career shows assignments as a Platoon Leader, Company Commander, and Operations Officer at the Battalion, Brigade and Joint Staff levels. He has also served as Executive Officer of a Company, Battalion, and Infantry Brigade, as Interim/Acting Battalion and Brigade Commander, and as Senior Advisor at Infantry, Battalion, and Regiment levels to Vietnamese Combat units.

Tom served three tours of duty in Vietnam as Infantry Airborne Ranger involved in direct combat. He was wounded by enemy fire during his first tour, yet continued fighting in hand-to-hand combat with enemy soldiers. During his second tour in Vietnam, he was a senior advisor to a Vietnamese Infantry Battalion. On his final tour of duty, he was an advisor to the 23rd Vietnamese Infantry Division Intelligence Staff in Kontem. He finished his service in the war as a Senior Advisor to a Vietnamese Infantry Regiment. Tom was the last American actually in contact and combat with the enemy in 1973.

For his exceptional service, Tom has been awarded the Silver Star for gallantry in action, two Bronze Stars-one for heroism in ground combat—a Purple Heart, two Air Medals, four Army Commendation Medals, two Meritorious Service Medals, a Joint Services Commendation Medal, a Defense Meritorious Service Medal, numerous campaign medals, foreign awards, and the Combat Infantryman Badge.

Tom finished his 20 years of service in the Army as a Lieutenant Colonel of Infantry. His last two assignments were as a member of the Joint Chiefs of Staff in the Pentagon, and at Fort Ord as a Brigade Executive Officer in the 7th Infantry Division.

But Tom's dedication to serving the people of his county and his community extends beyond his military career. Tom has earned his Master's Degree, a Specialist's Degree, and a Doctorate. Licensed as a professional counselor, Tom uses his skills to help veterans and underserved or low-income families in Monterey County.

Tom spent seven years researching and studying Army families, with specific focus on the impact that military life has on children. He

served the county's housing authority, with responsibility for the psycho-social services of 3,000 underserved, low-income families, many of them veteran families in need of assistance. He also built and started the HUD-mandated Family Self Sufficiency Program, which was selected by the National Housing Authority Association as one of the top three programs in the United States.

Tom has also served as a social worker for Child Protective Services in Monterey and Santa Clara Counties. He acted as a liaison between the counties and the service families for the Army, National Guard, and all active components.

In 1998, Tom became a member of Monterey County's Vietnam Veterans and the founding President of the Veteran's Transition Center. This program now owns 40 homes on the former Fort Ord and is housing 55 homeless veterans and families in a two-year program that leads from being homeless and jobless to self-sufficiency.

In June 2012, Tom put together a Stand Down for homeless veterans, where 297 homeless veterans including 10 homeless families were served.

Mr. Speaker, it is my honor to rise today to honor this man, Thomas Helmut Griffin, for his outstanding dedication, commitment, and service.

HONORING NICK KAVADAS AND  
OTHER MEMBERS OF THE AMERICAN  
HELLENIC EDUCATIONAL  
PROGRESSIVE ASSOCIATION

**HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKY**

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 27, 2012*

Mr. VISCLOSKY. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure and admiration that I stand before you today to honor Nick Kavadas, who has been recognized by the American Hellenic Educational Progressive Association, AHEPA, as Chapter, District, and National Ahepan of the Year. AHEPA honored Nick at a celebratory reception that took place on Saturday, November 10, 2012, at Dynasty Banquets in Hammond, Indiana. Also honored at the event were Pete Kavadas, for his heroic efforts at a recent AHEPA conference, and Joseph Skora, who received the Prometheus Award in recognition of his many years of service to AHEPA.

The Order of AHEPA was founded on July 26, 1922, in Atlanta, Georgia, joining the NAACP and B'nai B'rith in the effort to end racism, bigotry, and discrimination against all immigrants. AHEPA was founded on the principles of ancient Greece, to promote civic responsibility, education, philanthropy, family, and individual excellence through volunteerism and community service.

On November 10, AHEPA honored Nick Kavadas, AHEPA Supreme Governor of Region 6 representing districts 12, 13, and 14 of the Supreme Lodge, who has been an outstanding leader, and who has worked tirelessly to develop AHEPA in presence and membership throughout the state of Indiana. Under Supreme Governor Kavada's direction, AHEPA membership has grown to its highest level this year with over 450 members in the state of Indiana. Brother Nick has spear-

headed many of AHEPA's charitable endeavors supporting worthy causes including the Saint Baldrick's Foundation, which does exceptional work for children's cancer research, the National Hellenic Foundation, the National Hellenic Museum, Greek relief efforts, and the District #12 Scholarship Foundation, among many other charitable endeavors. Over the years, Nick has held numerous positions including serving on the Gary/Merrillville Chapter #78 Board of Governors, as Lieutenant Governor and Governor of Hoosier District #12, and as Chairman of the Standing Governor's Committee. Nick Kavadas has been able to touch the lives of countless individuals through his work with AHEPA, and for his passionate, selfless life of public service, he is worthy of the highest praise. I am pleased that AHEPA has recognized these admirable contributions with such a prestigious award.

Nick's brother, Pete Kavadas, was also honored at this event for his heroic efforts in a critical situation. While attending an AHEPA conference in Las Vegas, Nevada, Pete came across a young man who was contemplating suicide by jumping off of the Hoover Dam Bypass Bridge. Pete, along with the help of his brother, persuaded the young man to cease his efforts and obtain the help he needed. For his courageous efforts, Pete is an inspiration, and we are grateful for his incredible bravery in this dire situation.

Joseph Skora was honored at the event with the Prometheus Award in recognition of his many years of service to the organization. Joseph has been one of the most involved members in the Gary/Merrillville Chapter #78 as well as Hoosier District #12. Brother Joe has worked extensively with AHEPA housing and serves as a board member for AHEPA Chapter #78's Housing Board. Brother Joe also served as the Assistant Project Manager for part of the construction of the six apartment phases in Merrillville, Indiana, which provide housing for senior citizens. He has also been the manager of repairs and improvement projects for the AHEPA apartments. For his many years of service and noteworthy dedication to AHEPA, Joseph is to be commended.

Mr. Speaker, at this time, I ask that you and my other distinguished colleagues join me in congratulating AHEPA, Brother Nick Kavadas as he is recognized as Ahepan of the Year, Brother Pete Kavadas for his heroic efforts, and Brother Joseph Skora as he is honored with the Prometheus Award. For their remarkable leadership, commitment, and enthusiasm shown through their service to so many in need throughout Northwest Indiana and across the nation, they are worthy of the honors bestowed upon them, and I am proud to represent them in Congress.

TRIBUTE TO TAHARKA ROBINSON

**HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 27, 2012*

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute and to honor Taharka Robinson for his devotion to public service in his community.

Taharka Robinson was born and raised in the Bedford Stuyvesant Community of Kings County. He attended Community Head Start,

Martin De Porres School, Uhuru Sassa Shule, the Dwayne Braithwaite School, J.H.S 35 and Boys and Girls High School. Growing up, he was fortunate enough to have been exposed to community affairs at an early age. Rev. Taharka attended P.T.A. meetings, school board meetings, community board meetings, rallies, voter registration drives, political campaign meetings and even protests. Exposed to all of these events, Rev. Taharka understood that there was something significant about serving the community.

In 2002 after working on numerous political campaigns, Rev. Taharka started Urban Consulting Group Inc., a political consulting firm that targeted urban communities throughout the state of N.Y. Through his commitment and dedication Taharka successfully orchestrated the election of five African American Judges to the Kings County Civil Court over the course of three consecutive election cycles.

In 2006 Rev. Taharka Robinson took a leave of absence from political consulting to pursue ministerial studies. After completing his studies and acquiring the required certification, Rev. Taharka Robinson started Victory Consulting Group Inc. a full service consulting firm that handles every phase of a campaign, from strategy, management, community outreach, polling, to media and field coordination. Since 2003, Rev. Taharka Robinson has worked to help promote equity in the Kings County Court System. Through his work, serving as a Judge in Kings County is a more attainable goal for people of color.

Taharka has demonstrated his commitment to public service through interaction with community faith based and political organizations. Rev. Taharka convenes an annual Clergy Luncheon that is focused on highlighting the needs of the most fragile people in our communities. Rev. Taharka is the founder of The Brooklyn Anti Violence Coalition an organization that deals with the issue of crime and violence in the community. Rev. Taharka Robinson's life vision is to promote leadership within the community, create mentoring opportunities for young men and women and continue the legacy of his mother.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to recognize Mr. Taharka Robinson for his commitment to serving others and continued dedication to the community.

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#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

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### HON. MIKE PENCE

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 27, 2012*

Mr. PENCE. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably absent on November 16, 2012, and missed rollcall vote 608. Had I been present, I would have voted "aye" on rollcall vote 608.

CELEBRATING DICK BOYSEN'S 35TH ANNIVERSARY AS EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF SPOKANE GUILDS' SCHOOL AND NEUROMUSCULAR CENTER

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### HON. CATHY McMORRIS RODGERS

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 27, 2012*

Mrs. McMORRIS RODGERS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Dick Boysen's 35th anniversary serving as the Executive Director of the Spokane Guilds' School & Neuromuscular Center.

On November 21, 1977, Dick Boysen set out to make a difference in the lives of children with disabilities in Eastern Washington. Believing in the worth of every individual, Dick looked forward to helping Spokane's most vulnerable population. Thirty five years later, his focus remains the same—nurture the full potential of families and their children, from birth to three, with disabilities.

Dick arrived at the Spokane Guilds' School & Neuromuscular Center with a passion for making a difference in the lives of children with developmental and physical disabilities and a vision to make the Spokane Guilds' School & Neuromuscular Center program the best in the country. To that end, over the last 35 years, Dick has tirelessly worked to ensure this dream became a reality. Under Boysen's leadership, the Spokane Guilds' School & Neuromuscular Center has become not only one of the most comprehensive and respected programs in Washington State but has gained national acclaim.

Founded in 1960, the Spokane Guilds' School & Neuromuscular Center has grown from a part-time, volunteer staffed respite center for children with developmental disabilities, to a full-time, quality center with a professional staff of certified teachers and therapists serving children who experience developmental delays. Today, the Spokane Guilds' School & Neuromuscular Center serves 200 children in Spokane County who experience developmental delays or disabilities.

Not only am I encouraged by Dick's tireless effort to advocate and improve the quality of life for children with disabilities in Spokane, but in the past 2 years, he has received the Sacred Heart Children's Hospital's "Advocate of the Year" award and was given a Founder's Award by the Early Childhood Development Association of Washington because of his great work with the organization and around the State.

So today, I want to congratulate Dick Boysen on his 35th Anniversary as Executive Director of Spokane Guilds' School and Neuromuscular Center.

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#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

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### HON. ROBERT E. ANDREWS

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 27, 2012*

Mr. ANDREWS. Mr. Speaker, I was not present for votes in the House of Representatives on November 15, 2012. Had I been present, I would have voted in the following manner:

Rollcall No. 606 for H. Res. 808, had I been present, I would have voted "nay."

Rollcall No. 607 for Senate Amendment to H.R. 2453, had I been present, I would have voted "aye."

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102.7 FM "THE GOAT'S" 18TH BIRTHDAY

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### HON. JARED POLIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 27, 2012*

Mr. POLIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a beloved radio station, 102.7 FM KYGT, which turns eighteen on February 4, 2013. The station, which is fondly known as "The Goat," started with an antique phonograph and a dream. Over the years, this humble station has transformed itself into the voice of Clear Creek and a local institution.

This community owned radio station's mission is clear: "Broadcast entertainment, news and information, both over the airwaves and via the Internet, to the residents of Clear Creek County, Colorado, and the world through an eclectic mix of programming." The Goat encourages creative expression and believes in the importance of community.

The Goat is a commercial-free station that is funded by local business sponsors, fundraisers, and an intergovernmental agreement with all the towns in Clear Creek County. In addition to playing diverse music, the station encourages civic engagement and community building. There are live broadcasts of local high school athletic events, public service announcements about community events, and a dedicated line for the Sheriff's Department to take over the broadcast in case of an emergency. The Goat informs and educates its audience, as exemplified by founder and General Manager Greg Markle and Mark Cucinella's show, "All Things Reconsidered."

The Goat's dedicated staff is also a long-tenured staff. Gary and Doc have been rocking Clear County for almost 18 years with their show "So Much Music, So Little Time." Many mountain residents have woken up to snowy mountain mornings with "Mornings with Mozart" (even though sometimes the show is played in the afternoon), put on their square dancing shoes during "Texas Tunes," been constantly surprised by "The Mystery Hour," and head-banged through Mikey and Jen Jen's metal show.

This radio station epitomizes not only what a community radio station could be, but also what a community radio station should be. With a laid-back vibe, an inclusive attitude, and a fun-loving spirit, 102.7 FM consistently has entertained, informed, and supported the Clear Creek community. Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me today in paying tribute to 102.7 FM The Goat as it soon celebrates its 18th birthday.

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#### TRIBUTE TO SANDY DEWALT

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### HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 27, 2012*

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute and honor Deacon Sandy Dewalt

devoted husband to his loving wife Eva of 65 years, and father to son Sandy Jr. and daughter Cassandra.

Deacon Dewalt is a devoted servant of Christ who joined the Union Baptist Church in 1955 under the leadership of the founding pastor, Rev. Dr. Aaron Wood. A member of the Union Baptist Church for 57 years, he was appointed Deacon Chairman Emeritus in 1998. Mr. Dewalt is also a member of the Joint Board of Directors; he has served on the Board of Deacons for the better of 50 years.

“Deek”—as he is affectionately known at Union is the current Superintendent of the Sunday School Department 2nd, member of the Board of Christian Education, the Pastor’s Aide and the Music Ministry. Additionally he works diligently with the Soup and Feeding Ministry.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to recognize Deacon Dewalt for devoting his time to serving those who God sends to in their time of need and to the church that he loves so dearly, the Union Baptist Church, I urge my colleagues to join me in paying tribute to Deacon Sandy Dewalt.

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HONORING SISTER ELIZABETH  
VAN STRATEN

**HON. BOBBY L. RUSH**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 27, 2012*

Mr. RUSH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Sister Elizabeth Van Straten, who is a highly esteemed member of the Chicago area and a resident of the Englewood community in the City of Chicago.

At the end of this year, Sister Van Straten will be retiring from her position as the President and Chief Executive Officer of St. Bernard Hospital, which is located in the Englewood community of the City of Chicago.

An alumnus of DePaul University, Sister Van Straten is a member of the religious congregation of women known as the Religious Hospitalers of Saint Joseph (R.H.S.J.), which founded St. Bernard Hospital in 1904. She is the last member of the religious sisters serving at St. Bernard. In following a line of women dedicated to serving the poor, Sister Van Straten has committed herself and her talents for more than 34 years in service of and promoting the health and well-being of the Englewood community.

Sister Van Straten has met and overcome major challenges in keeping St. Bernard Hospital open, even as three other neighborhood hospitals have closed. In addition to keeping open its doors, under Sister Van Straten’s leadership St. Bernard has become the largest employer in the Englewood community and a leading national provider of emergency medical services, dental services and prenatal care services, just to name a few.

Mr. Speaker, I would ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Sister Elizabeth Van Straten. She is truly worthy of recognition today and onward by this august body—the U.S. House of Representatives.

CONGRATULATING THE LONE  
STAR MODEL A FORD CLUB

**HON. JOHN R. CARTER**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 27, 2012*

Mr. CARTER. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to recognize the Lone Star Model A Ford Club upon achieving a milestone in the club’s history. This Saturday, December 1, 2012, the club will meet for their 1,000th weekly breakfast in Georgetown, Texas.

Organized on September 26, 1993, in Georgetown, Texas, the Lone Star Model A Ford Club is for owners and admirers of Model A Fords who are interested in restoring and maintaining the automobile in a manner to attract prestige and respect within the community.

The Lone Star Model A Ford Club has served as a medium of exchange of ideas, information and parts for admirers of the Model A Ford car, manufactured from 1928 through 1931, and to aid them in their efforts to restore and preserve the car in its original likeness.

In addition, the Lone Star Model A Ford Club encourages and maintains among its members the spirit of good-fellowship, sociability, and fair play through sponsored activities including the use of the Model A Ford and family participation.

The Lone Star Model A Ford Club has consistently supported local civic endeavors by displaying their Model A’s whenever asked by nursing homes, retirement homes, civic clubs, the Chamber of Commerce, the City of Georgetown, and Williamson County, including, during the re-dedication of the Williamson County Courthouse after its renovation.

The Club has twice hosted the statewide Model A Ford Convention in Georgetown with attendance as high as 550 people from throughout Texas in 1998 and again in 2005 and has been selected to host the 50th statewide Model A Ford Convention to be held in June 2013 in Round Rock, Texas.

Club members began meeting for weekly breakfasts every Saturday morning in October 1993 and have consistently continued this weekly social activity to this day.

Mr. Speaker, I congratulate the 77 family members of the Lone Star Model A Ford Club on the occasion of their 1,000th weekly breakfast together and encourage our state’s citizens to congratulate these individuals whose efforts should be recognized in preserving an important part of our nation’s motoring history for the benefit of future generations.

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IN SUPPORT OF THE NATION OF  
ISRAEL

**HON. TOM MARINO**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 27, 2012*

Mr. MARINO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in strong support of the nation of Israel, and ask my colleagues to join me in condemning the terrorist attacks against the Israeli people from the Palestinian Hamas in the Gaza Strip.

As Hamas militants continue to target its assault against innocent Israeli civilians, Israel will continue its efforts to defend her people.

No nation should be forced to subject itself to such violence and destruction, nor should its people be forced to live in fear. Just as the United States would not stand idly by if such horrific attacks were waged against Americans, I support Prime Minister Netanyahu’s acts of self-defense.

It is equally concerning that Egyptian President Mohamed Morsi has moved away from Egypt’s traditional role as a mediator between Palestine and Israel, and has publically supported the actions of Hamas, which is an offshoot of the Muslim Brotherhood, to which President Morsi belongs. That is why I strongly urge President Obama and Secretary Clinton to use the strongest forms of diplomacy to support our ally Israel, and work with Israelis and Palestinians to end this violence.

In less than three days, Hamas militants have fired an estimated 550 missiles into Israel. Israel’s justified response has debilitated Hamas’s rocket-firing facilities and has significantly reduced their strategic capabilities.

To date, three Israeli civilians have been killed, along with twenty Palestinian militants and civilians. Israel ended its military and civilian presence in Gaza in 2005, attempting to end further conflict in the area, but Hamas militants continue to provoke armed conflict against Israel.

My thoughts and prayers are with the nation of Israel as they withstand and defend against these heinous attacks. I hope that this conflict soon ends and firm groundwork is established to solidify a long-term, mutually agreed upon peace agreement between Israel and Palestine.

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A TRIBUTE TO THE SHEPHERD OF  
THE HILLS CHURCH IN HONOR  
OF ITS 100TH ANNIVERSARY

**HON. BRAD SHERMAN**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 27, 2012*

Mr. SHERMAN. Mr. Speaker, it is my great pleasure to congratulate Shepherd of the Hills Church in Porter Ranch, California, on the celebration of its 100th Anniversary. For a century, the leaders and parishioners of the Church have dedicated themselves to upholding their faith and bringing the San Fernando Valley community closer together. Originally known as the Van Nuys First Baptist Church, the Church began in 1912 in an railroad car in the town of Van Nuys, California, with less than 100 congregants. Under the direction of senior pastor Dr. Jess Moody, the congregation grew steadily, moving in 1991 to a new building in Porter Ranch, California, where it became known as Shepherd of the Hills Church. In 1995, the congregation merged with nearby Hillcrest Christian Church.

Since its founding, Shepherd of the Hills Church has continued to explore new venues and opportunities for worship throughout the greater Los Angeles area. Today, the Church is a vibrant, diverse congregation of more than 12,000 members, four “daughter” churches, and two satellite campuses throughout Los Angeles County. Since 1999, Shepherd of the Hills Church has also hosted an annual 4th of July Fireworks Spectacular, which attracts over 50,000 residents of the San Fernando

Valley. The annual celebration has brought our community together year after year.

I would also like to take this opportunity to congratulate senior pastor Dudley Rutherford on this special occasion. Under the leadership of Pastor Rutherford, who is also celebrating his 25th Anniversary, the Church has seen its congregation and community outreach efforts continue to expand. Pastor Rutherford spearheaded the development of four self-sufficient satellite campuses within Los Angeles County, the opening of the Church's Family Life Center, and he helped to organize the "Miracle in the Making" Campaign to raise funds for a new church building. Known nationally for his dynamic leadership and communication skills, Pastor Rutherford served as president of the 2011 North American Christian Convention, and was the featured Chapel Speaker at the World Series.

Mr. Speaker, I wish to extend my heartfelt congratulations to Shepherd of the Hills Church on its 100th Anniversary, and to Pastor Dudley Rutherford for his commitment, dedication and vision in helping this praiseworthy congregation carry out its mission of fellowship and community service throughout the San Fernando Valley.

OPPOSITION TO H. RES. 813: EXPRESSING VIGOROUS SUPPORT AND UNWAVERING COMMITMENT TO THE WELFARE, SECURITY, AND SURVIVAL OF THE STATE OF ISRAEL AS A JEWISH AND DEMOCRATIC STATE WITH SECURE BORDERS, AND RECOGNIZING AND STRONGLY SUPPORTING ITS RIGHT TO ACT IN SELF-DEFENSE TO PROTECT ITS CITIZENS AGAINST ACTS OF TERRORISM

### HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 27, 2012*

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise in opposition to H. Res. 813, an unfortunately and unnecessarily one-sided resolution that was brought up on Friday, November 16, for consideration without any advance notice to Members of Congress and which was completed in about a minute without any discussion. The hasty nature in which this resolution of such significance was considered undermines the unspoken, but operationally essential understanding, that bills of great importance will not be quietly tiptoed through Congress. A loss of Members' confidence in Leadership results when House floor procedures are conducted in a manner frustrating to good faith. Such conduct can only add to the hyper-partisanship and the breakdown of comity in Congress that Americans find objectionable.

Members must be given the opportunity to debate U.S. support of a military operation that is likely to be of significant consequence in talks between Israel and the Palestinians. This impacts the region and the world.

Only one minute for consideration of a most consequential resolution in the House, when in the past week, the death toll in Gaza has climbed past 100, including 24 children. Over 800 people are reported to have been wounded. Rockets from groups in Gaza have landed

in several Israeli towns. Three Israelis have been killed.

This latest military escalation began after Israel assassinated Ahmed Al-Jabari, the head of Hamas' military wing. According to Israeli negotiator Gershon Baskin, who secured the release of Gilad Shalit, Mr. Jabari "wasn't just interested in a long-term cease-fire; he was also the person responsible for enforcing previous cease-fire understandings. . . . On the morning that he was killed, Mr. Jabari received a draft proposal for an extended cease-fire with Israel, including mechanisms that would verify intentions and ensure compliance." Could anything be more destructive of peace than the assassination of a principal to ceasefire negotiations? And the House only has one minute to consider the ramifications of such action?

The root of this latest flare up in hostilities is deep. Negotiations between Israel and the Palestinians on a two-state solution have been virtually non-existent. Innocent people in Gaza continue to suffer under a blockade that has deprived them of everything from food and clean water to educational opportunities. Illegal settlements continue to be built in the West Bank and East Jerusalem, further diminishing prospects for a negotiated two-state solution.

The hastily written, and even more hastily passed resolution, fails to mention any of that. In its deficiencies are writ the failures of our own Middle East policies. This latest outbreak in violence is deplorable and I am strongly supportive of Egyptian efforts to negotiate a ceasefire. Innocent people on both sides deserve to live without fear. Can the House Leadership spare a minute for that point to be made?

### TRIBUTE TO MRS. MABEL KITTRELL

### HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 27, 2012*

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute and to honor Mrs. Mabel Kittrell who was born in Portsmouth, Virginia on July 18, 1912, and is 100 years young!

Mrs. Kittrell does not have biological children but she helped raise her nephew Kevin Jackson. Mrs. Kittrell was employed as a clerk and nurse's aide among several of the many jobs she has worked during her life.

Mrs. Kittrell became a member of the Zion Baptist Church in Brooklyn New York in 1978. She was the treasurer of the Virginia Club, which is now known as the Southern States Ministry. Mrs. Kittrell supports many of the church's ministries.

Mrs. Kittrell has a number of friends and especially appreciates her two home attendants, Mrs. Jean Moore and Mrs. Annie Everett. Mrs. Kittrell claims to not know the secret to her longevity but acknowledges herself as one of God's creations. Earlier this year Mrs. Kittrell received a certificate of recognition for her 100th birthday from Senior Citizens Ministry of Zion Baptist Church and a card from President Barack Obama congratulating her on her 100th birthday.

Mr. Speaker, she also received a Proclamation from Brooklyn Borough President Marty Markowitz.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in paying tribute to Mrs. Mabel Kittrell.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE CARDIOLOGY ASSOCIATES OF ALBANY, GEORGIA

### HON. SANFORD D. BISHOP, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 27, 2012*

Mr. BISHOP of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to salute the members and supporters of the Cardiology Associates of Albany, Georgia as they commemorate their 30th anniversary this year. A celebration event will be held on Thursday, November 29, 2012 at noon in the main lobby of Phoebe Putney Memorial Hospital in Albany, Georgia.

Thirty years ago, a young Cardiology Resident at Emory Medical School in Atlanta, Georgia was recruited to Albany, Georgia by several local physicians seeking to provide advanced Cardiology Services to Southwest Georgia. Dr. Jeffrey Hoopes accepted the challenge and set out to form Cardiology Associates in 1982.

From one physician's vision and commitment, Cardiology Associates has grown into a network of world-class heart and vascular services. Cardiology Associates teamed with Phoebe Putney Memorial Hospital, itself a healthcare leader providing breakthrough technology and innovation to the communities it serves for 100 years. Together they bring the finest Cardiology talent and technology to the citizens of Southwest Georgia.

Dr. Hoopes performed the region's first Cardiac Catheterization, a new and revolutionary diagnostic procedure at the time, at Phoebe Putney Memorial Hospital thirty years ago. Today, more than 50,000 life-saving cardiac catheterization procedures have been performed by Cardiology Associates. Many other Cardiology firsts for the region have followed.

Building on that original foundation, Cardiology Associates through the Phoebe Heart and Vascular Center now provides patients and families facing heart disease access to services at one of the largest and most advanced heart centers in Georgia.

These accomplishments, along with a dedication and commitment to the citizens of Southwest Georgia, have been rendered with compassion and professionalism.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in applauding the exceptional efforts of the Cardiology Associates at Phoebe Putney Memorial Hospital in Albany, Georgia for thirty years of healthcare excellence to the residents of Southwest Georgia.

RECOGNIZING MR. RALPH SPEZIO OF ROCHESTER, NEW YORK, FOR HIS DEDICATION TO ERADICATING CHILDHOOD LEAD POISONING

### HON. LOUISE McINTOSH SLAUGHTER

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 27, 2012*

Ms. SLAUGHTER. Mr. Speaker, it is my esteemed honor to recognize Mr. Ralph Spezio

of Rochester, New York for his continuous advocacy and leadership to prevent and test for childhood blood lead poisoning. It is a pleasure to acknowledge Ralph as an educator, community servant, and leader in the fight to protect children's health.

Ralph Neil Spezio served for 33 years in the Rochester City School District as a teacher, curriculum specialist, vice principal and principal. As principal of Enrico Fermi School No. 17, he excelled at engaging students, faculty, families and the surrounding neighborhood. Ralph addressed the needs of the school both inside and outside its walls in order to restore School No. 17 back to a safe place for learning. He connected with Rochester's leading medical centers to build the Community Health and Family Center on school grounds, established a music program with help from the renowned Eastman School of Music, and promoted an active parent-teacher association.

Despite these improvements, a large portion of Ralph's students continued to struggle with learning and behavioral problems. He felt that his school had more than the average number of students who had trouble with focus, memory, language, and impulsive behavior. It turned out that while Ralph was working to level the playing field for students to have a fair chance at success—even in a school plagued with a 98% poverty rate and located in Rochester's poverty crescent—an unforeseen and silent monster was working against him: lead poisoning.

Lead is a highly toxic metal. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) concludes that in young children, lead poisoning can result in lowered intelligence, reading and learning disabilities, impaired hearing, reduced attention span, hyperactivity, and antisocial behavior. In 1999 Ralph overheard school nurses speaking about students who had been poisoned. Eventually it was discovered that school health records showed 41 percent of the children at School No. 17 had a history of elevated levels of lead in their blood. Worst yet, those were only the results of those children who were tested directly for lead.

Through the Community Health and Family Center he had established, Ralph began testing preschool students for lead. That first year, 100% of the preschoolers tested were positive for lead. Ralph immediately initiated a grassroots effort to educate the community about the dangers of lead and to advocate for blood tests and home inspections.

Mr. Spezio became a founding member of the Coalition to Prevent Lead Poisoning, a group of Rochester doctors, nurses, lawyers, educators, child advocates, health insurers, property owners and community leaders committed to ending childhood lead poisoning. The work of this coalition has earned the EPA's Environmental Justice Achievement Award. In conjunction with local government and with the support of federal resources through the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the Coalition reports an 84 percent decline in childhood lead poisoning in Monroe County over the past decade. With this success, Rochester has become a model for other cities combating lead problems.

I am so proud of the excellent, life-changing work that Ralph has done and his commitment to putting children first in Rochester. Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing and thanking Mr. Ralph Spezio for his leadership, compassion and dedication to

the healthy development of our nation's most precious resources, our children.

HONORING THE LIFE OF BETTY RODRIGUEZ

**HON. JIM COSTA**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 27, 2012*

Mr. COSTA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the life of Betty Rodriguez, who passed away on November 12, 2012, at the age of 83. Betty will be remembered as one of Fresno's greatest treasures.

Betty was born and raised in Fresno, California, where she graduated from Edison High School and met her husband, Armando Rodriguez. Armando and Betty were high school sweethearts and celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary in 2010. Their marriage was filled with happiness, warmth, and compassion. Together, they shared a deep love for one another and also for their community.

Armando was a Superior Court Judge in Fresno County and Betty became extremely active in the community. She spent her time volunteering for many different organizations, including the League of Women Voters, Girl Scouts, Arte Americas, Ladies Aid for Retarded Citizens, Friends of the Library, and the Fresno-Torreón Sister City Committee.

Betty was a trailblazer for women throughout the Valley. It was an important priority for Betty to instill in women, especially Hispanic women, that they could make a difference in the world. She wanted Hispanic women to feel liberated and proud of themselves and their heritage.

One of Betty's greatest achievements was the founding of the League of Mexican American Women. They created the Fiesta Navideña Fashion Show, an event dedicated to raising scholarship money for local youth. Over \$250,000 has been raised since the fashion show's inception. Betty took great pride in the event because the proceeds were going to a wonderful cause. Betty was known to be able to sell tickets to anyone because she would not take no for an answer. Due to Betty's tireless efforts, the fashion show is still something people look forward to year after year.

This past May, Armando and Betty were recognized at the 12th annual Latino Legends of the 20th Century dinner for their service to the community. Their selflessness and passion for the Central Valley made them very deserving of the award.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the life of Betty Rodriguez, a true champion for the people of Central California. Her leadership in the community made her a role model and asset to our community. Betty's generous and kind heart will be sorely missed.

RECOGNIZING MARINE CORPS GENERAL JOHN KELLY

**HON. DUNCAN HUNTER**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 27, 2012*

Mr. HUNTER. Mr. Speaker, it's with deep respect and profound admiration that I rise

today to honor Marine Corps General John Kelly, who just recently became the Corps' fifth active four-star general and took the helm of U.S. Southern Command.

General Kelly has a long and distinguished military career, leading Marines through peacetime and war. His record of accomplishment has earned the respect of not just Marines, but the entire military and civilian leadership structure, and members in both bodies of Congress.

General Kelly is not just someone who I consider a good friend. Having served as a Marine, I also consider him to be a high-caliber officer who embodies all the qualities that make the Marines the most effective fighting force in the world. Without a doubt, he's a role model and mentor to younger Marines. He's a trusted voice for U.S. national security and his service to the nation, spanning more than four decades, has been an asset for the Marine Corps and the entire country.

Those who have had the distinct opportunity to learn from General Kelly and observe him in action are even better Marines today. He's been an inspirational figure to many—myself included—and now as head of U.S. Southern Command, he will surely make his mark as a superior and effective officer who is capable of leading at the highest levels.

Among Marines, the rank of four-star general is attainable only to a select few. They are considered the best and brightest military minds. They are tactically coherent. They are masters of strategic planning and they represent both the intimidating strength and goodwill that is associated with the Marine Corps and the rest of America's military.

General Kelly is the right person to lead U.S. Southern Command at the right time. There is no shortage of challenges throughout the Caribbean, Central America and South America. America faces threats from drug trafficking, corruption and cyber attacks. With General Kelly at the forefront, America will be safer and more secure, and we'll surely be in a position to make progress toward improving conditions in countries that are so close to our doorstep.

And I know I speak for the rest of my colleagues in expressing my gratitude for General Kelly's service. He's an exceptional leader who deserves our unending respect and appreciation for a military career that first began in 1970 when he enlisted in the Marine Corps.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in wishing General Kelly much success as the Marine Corps' newest four-star general and the head of U.S. Southern Command. Semper Fi.

BETH DUPREE

**HON. MICHAEL G. FITZPATRICK**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 27, 2012*

Mr. FITZPATRICK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Dr. Beth DuPree, a breast surgeon, oncologist and the medical director for Holy Redeemer's Breast Health Care Program in my home of Pennsylvania.

Earlier this month, Dr. DuPree was honored with the inaugural Be Well Philly Hero Challenge. This award, presented by Philadelphia Magazine, honors local champions of health and wellness.

In addition to recognizing the work of Dr. Dupree in her medical practice, Philadelphia Magazine has awarded The Healing Consciousness Foundation with a \$2,500 charitable donation.

Founded by Dr. Dupree in 2006, The Healing Consciousness Foundation works to improve the quality of life of breast cancer patients through a holistic approach which includes exercise programs, counseling and education services and diet coaching.

The Be Well Philly Hero Challenge award marks the latest in a long line of achievements presented to Dr. DuPree throughout her career.

Many of our families, my own included, have been affected by breast cancer, and it is thanks to the dedication of men and women like Dr. Beth DuPree that treatments are constantly evolving and improving as we work towards a cure.

Congratulations again to Dr. DuPree and I wish her the best of luck going forward.

#### TRIBUTE TO JASPER E. PEYTON

### HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 27, 2012*

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to and honor the Reverend Jasper E. Peyton, a man dedicated to serving God, his family, and the community.

Reverend Jasper E. Peyton, native of Richmond, Virginia is a graduate of the Armstrong High School in Richmond, Virginia. He entered the military service while a student at Virginia Union University and while serving in the Philippine Islands, he attended the University of Philippines in Manila and majored in Business Administration. After being discharged from the military he enrolled in City College of New York and graduated in 1952. His education also includes labor studies at Wagner College, Staten Island, New York; and courses at the School of Journalism at Rutgers University and at New York Theological Seminary. Reverend Peyton served as an adjunct professor in the Black Studies Department at Fordham University, Manhattan Campus. In February of 2007 Reverend Peyton was presented the degree of Doctor of Humane Letters from the Eastern Theological Seminary.

Reverend Jasper Peyton joined the International Ladies Garment Workers Union in 1950 and served in several capacities including: organizer, shop steward, editor of the local newspaper, local education director, assistant national education and political director, art class instructor, a founder of the Fulton Art Fair in Brooklyn, New York and ILGWU training institute coordinator. During his labor career, Reverend Peyton participated in international labor conferences in Ethiopia, Kenya, Nigeria and Ghana, Africa. He was listed in Who's Who in American Labor. Reverend Peyton is the former President of the Congress of Christian Education of the New York State Progressive National Baptist Convention, and served as Chaplain in the New York State Supreme Court Officers Association, ILA-AFL-CIO.

Reverend Peyton's many commitments at Bethany Baptist Church have included former President of the Senior Choir, President of the

Presidents Council, President of the Virginia Club, Chairman of the Board of Deacons. He is presently the Adult Sunday School instructor. Dr. Peyton served as Interim Pastor at Bethany Baptist Church until January 2008 and as Assistant to the Pastor under Dr. David A. Hampton, the tenth pastor called to the historic Bethany Baptist Church of Brooklyn until his departure in December of 2011.

Rev. Peyton is the father of one daughter, Rose LaVerne Abernathy, grandfather of six and great-grandfather of twenty.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to recognize the Reverend Jasper E. Peyton for his tremendous contributions to his congregants and the community.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in paying tribute to the Reverend Jasper E. Peyton.

#### CONGRATULATING DENNIS GEHRINGER

### HON. MIKE ROGERS

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 27, 2012*

Mr. ROGERS of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, I rise to congratulate Mr. Dennis Gehringer on his retirement from First National Bank of Howell after a distinguished 44 year career.

Mr. Gehringer's career is truly an American success story. He progressed from errand boy to teller to collector before becoming a Loan Officer and ultimately a Commercial Loan Officer in 1984. In addition to his job duty progression, Mr. Gehringer was also promoted in rank within the bank from an assistant cashier to assistant vice-president then to vice-president and retires as a Senior Vice President, a rank he has held since 1989, among the highest ranking officers in the bank hierarchy aside from the Chief Executive.

Although Mr. Gehringer gained significant professional accomplishments during his tenure, when asked, he said that he was most proud of the people that he and First National have helped over the years. From helping people start a business or just helping get a customer through a rough patch, Mr. Gehringer demonstrated the real value of a community banker with his ability to build relationships.

Mr. Gehringer has given back to the community where he has lived his entire life. He is the past President of the Livingston County Coin Club; an active participant with the Howell Chamber of Commerce; a Livingston County United Way Volunteer, and active in his church, St. Joseph's, as a Men's Club member and former Endowment Fund Chair. Mr. Gehringer also served on the Salvation Army board and as a Scout Master. Mr. Gehringer's community involvement was specifically recognized and celebrated on two different occasions. In 2001, he received the Charles W. Itsell Volunteer of the Year Award from the Livingston County United Way. Then, in 2003, the Howell Chamber of Commerce presented Mr. Gehringer with its Citizen of the Year Award.

Mr. Gehringer and his wife Laurie, who met at First National, have two children and one grandchild. Mr. Gehringer says he is most looking forward to spending more time with family, playing more golf, and continuing to

enjoy the people and places of Livingston County.

I ask that the House of Representatives join me in thanking Mr. Gehringer for his exemplary service to his community and congratulating Mr. Gehringer on his retirement and we wish him the best of luck in his future endeavors.

#### IN RECOGNITION OF JOYCE C. ROSE

### HON. JOHN L. MICA

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 27, 2012*

Mr. MICA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the dedication of Joyce Rose, who is retiring after 25 years of service to the United States Congress. Joyce has worked for the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure since 2001, and has served as the staff director of the Subcommittee on Railroads, Pipelines and Hazardous Materials since 2008.

Prior to her service with the U.S. House of Representatives, Joyce worked for 13 years on the U.S. Senate's Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation. Joyce began her career on Capitol Hill as a staff assistant, and through her energy, inquiring mind, and hard work, rose to positions of greater responsibility.

She has worked for a total of 11 different committee and subcommittee chairmen and ranking members, and has given each her total loyalty and professional expertise. For her entire 25-year career, Joyce has worked on transportation policy and funding issues. Over the years, she has become a true subject matter expert, particularly in the areas of rail and transit policy.

Joyce has worked for me directly since I became the ranking member of the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure in January 2007 and, subsequently, became Chairman last year. She was instrumental in helping me and my constituents in Central Florida get a new, 61-mile commuter rail system called Sun Rail approved and under construction.

She has advised me on legislation ranging from the 9/11 Implementation Act in 2007, to the 2008 Passenger Rail Investment and Improvement Act, to this year's MAP-21 surface transportation bill. I will miss her can-do attitude and deep knowledge of rail and transit issues.

Joyce was born on December 22, 1960 to Mary Jo and Joseph Comer in Leonardtown, Maryland. Her parents instilled a love of God and country, and strong commitment to public service—though Joyce's original plan was to teach music, and in fact, her college degree is in music education. I'm told that Joyce "keeps her hand in" music by volunteering to direct her church choir.

Joyce has been married for 29 years to Dale Rose, a mechanical engineer, and they have two children, Brian and Beau. Beau has Autism, and their experience as the parents of a disabled child has given Joyce and Dale the gift of advocating for those who can't speak for themselves.

Joyce is leaving us to take on a new position as President and CFO of Operation Life-saver, Inc., a national, non-profit safety education group whose goal is to eliminate deaths

and injuries at railroad crossings and along railroad rights of way.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you and all of our colleagues to join in thanking Joyce Rose for her years of service to the U.S. Congress and our Nation. We wish her well in her new career at Operation Lifesaver.

ROCKET ATTACKS ON ISRAEL  
FROM GAZA

**HON. MAZIE K. HIRONO**

OF HAWAII

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 27, 2012*

Ms. HIRONO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in strong solidarity with the people of Israel and in support of its right, as any sovereign nation, to defend its citizens against rocket attacks from Hamas, a terrorist organization dedicated to Israel's destruction. The rocket attacks launched from the Hamas-controlled Gaza strip earlier this month against civilian targets in Israel, including Tel Aviv and Jerusalem, continued a reign of terror that includes over 800 rocket attacks this year alone.

Several years ago, I traveled to Israel. It was clear that the constant threat of violence was a harsh reality of everyday life. Israel's efforts to eliminate this threat to her people, stop these attacks by Hamas, and destroy stockpiles of missiles must be viewed in this context. We grieve for the innocent civilians—Israeli and Palestinian alike—who have lost their lives in this tragedy. We appeal to Hamas to honor the ceasefire it agreed to on November 21, 2012; adhere to its terms; and stop storing and using its weapons among a civilian population, putting their lives in grave danger.

We also appeal for peace, and we hope those countries in the region that can help end the conflict will continue to work with us to do so. Our goal is a world where a Palestinian state and a Jewish state of Israel live side by side in peace and security. It can only happen when the Palestinian people enforce a peace that stops attacks on Israel, keeps their commitments, and acknowledges Israel's right to exist.

America stands firmly behind our friend and ally Israel; Hamas must permanently end its aerial assault against Israeli civilians and its allies must cease supplying these weapons of terror.

IN HONOR OF THE CITY OF IRVING  
ON ITS RECEIPT OF THE MALCOLM  
BALDRIGE NATIONAL  
QUALITY AWARD

**HON. KENNY MARCHANT**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 27, 2012*

Mr. MARCHANT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the City of Irving, Texas, for being named a recipient of the 2012 Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award—the nation's highest Presidential honor for performance excellence.

Irving, Texas, is the first city in Texas to ever receive the Baldrige Award, and is only the second municipal recipient in the distin-

guished program's 25-year history. Applicants were evaluated by an independent board of examiners in seven areas defined by the Baldrige Criteria for Performance Excellence: leadership; strategic planning; customer focus; measurement, analysis and knowledge management; workforce focus; operations focus; and results. The evaluation process for each of the recipients included hundreds of hours of process review and an on-site visit by a team of examiners.

I commend the City of Irving, Texas, for adopting private sector programs to make government more efficient and for striving towards performance excellence through innovation, continuous improvement, and visionary leadership. The City of Irving is a Lone Star model of fiscal achievement, values its resident feedback, focuses on strategic planning and process efficiency, and prioritizes public safety initiatives.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my respected colleagues to join me in recognizing the City of Irving, Texas, for being awarded the Malcolm Baldrige Award National Quality Award.

IN MEMORY OF OFFICERS KEVIN  
BOWDEN AND ADRIAN MORRIS

**HON. STENY H. HOYER**

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 27, 2012*

Mr. HOYER. Mr. Speaker, since August of this year, the people of Prince George's County, Maryland, have lost two of their finest. Tragically, in separate incidents, two Prince George's County police officers were killed in car crashes. Both men served with distinction and were dedicated to keeping our communities safe.

On August 20, while he and his partner were in a high-speed pursuit of a suspect in an attempted car theft, Officer Adrian Morris's police cruiser veered off of the Capital Beltway near Laurel, Maryland. Adrian was killed in the line of duty, and his partner, Mike Risher, severely injured. An immigrant originally from Kingston, Jamaica, Adrian wanted to be a police officer since a young age. While attending Eleanor Roosevelt High School in Greenbelt, he participated in the Prince George's County Police "Explorers" program, which helps young people learn about and prepare for careers in law enforcement. Adrian achieved his dream by joining the Prince George's County Police Department's Sixth District in 2010. When he was killed this past August, Adrian was only 23 years old. His mother, Sherrin Crosdale, and a younger brother survive him.

In a second, tragic setback to the men and women of the Prince George's County Police Department, on October 18 an accident took another officer's life. Off-duty Officer Kevin Donnell Bowden was headed home in his police cruiser after a shift when he was killed in a crash in Clinton, Maryland. Kevin had been with the force for six years, serving at the Oxon Hill station. His colleagues remembered him as a steady officer with a sense of humor who loved his job. Kevin grew up in the area and graduated from Surratsville High School. He loved football and was an avid fan of the Dallas Cowboys. Kevin, who was 28 years old, was also a devoted father of sons DeAndre and Joshua and daughter Mahogany.

The loss of these two outstanding officers was a terrible blow to the Prince George's County Police Department and to all who call the County home. Adrian Morris and Kevin Bowden represent the finest tradition of service to our communities, and they will be sorely missed. I join in mourning their passing and in comforting their families and communities during this difficult time, and I am confident that their memories will inspire young people to follow in their footsteps in service to county, state, and country.

CONGRATULATING JINSA ON ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL GENERALS AND ADMIRALS TRIP TO ISRAEL

**HON. ERIC CANTOR**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 27, 2012*

Mr. CANTOR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize The Jewish Institute for National Security Affairs and their continued excellence in providing American military leaders with an unparalleled look at the challenges facing Israel, our closest ally in the Middle East. JINSA's annual Generals and Admirals Trip to Israel offers recently retired American generals and admirals the opportunity to consult with Israel's senior political and military leadership on the persistent threats Israel faces across its borders and the shared threats our countries face in the region.

America has a long standing commitment to the U.S.-Israel strategic relationship, a unique bond forged by shared interests and shared democratic values. No country in the tumultuous region stands aligned with our ideals more than Israel. Amid a rising tide of radicalism and violent extremism in the region it is imperative that the United States stand by her ally and ensure that Israel can maintain its Qualitative Military Edge so that threats to Israeli and American security will be answered with strength and resolve. America's military and intelligence cooperation has proven successful and our joint missile defense efforts such as Iron Dome, David's Sling, and Arrow have saved lives from the rockets launched into Israel from the Gaza Strip. These collaborations have also prevented weapon smuggling in the Sinai Peninsula and have effectively protected Israel against terrorism.

Unfortunately, as Iran expands its influence in the region, the threat of terrorism and conflict grows. Iran's radical mullahs call for death and destruction of Israel, America, and all that we stand for. Iran also continues their longstanding efforts to acquire nuclear weapons and today they are closer than ever to a nuclear bomb. The sanctions we have implemented have impacted Iran's economy, but Iran's leaders remain undeterred from their pursuit of their dangerous goal and continue to support various terrorist factions such as Hamas, Hezbollah, and the Taliban. Iran's leaders are also strategic patrons of Syrian Dictator Bashar Assad, a brutal despot and sponsor of terrorism whose violent suppression of his own citizens has fueled sectarian conflict and extremism in violence in Syria. The United States must act as a global leader in order to thwart Iran's nuclear capabilities, combat their terrorist proxies, and ensure that the security of the United States, Israel, and our Arab allies is assured.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in recognizing JINSA for another successful trip that seeks to solidify our nation's support for Israel, with whom we share a commitment to freedom, a respect for human life, and a commitment to security. Global security depends on strong U.S. leadership. The U.S. must stand tall for Israel, now more than ever, and must not abandon our ally at a time of enormous instability in the region.

COMMEMORATING THE 20TH ANNIVERSARY OF TIME WARNER'S NY1

**HON. MICHAEL G. GRIMM**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 27, 2012*

Mr. GRIMM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the 20th anniversary of Time Warner's NY1 News and honor their commitment to serving the people of New York City as the only city-wide 24-hour local news channel.

NY1 has become a New York institution, part of the fabric of daily life for millions across the five boroughs of New York City. Since its debut on September 8, 1992, New Yorkers have come to depend on NY1's credible, accurate and thorough reporting on the stories and issues we care about.

Born out of Time Warner Cable's commitment to providing New Yorkers with comprehensive information about the city in which we live, NY1 continues to live up to the mandate to cover the stories big and small, the major events and breaking news as well as the neighborhood and community stories that make the city tick.

New Yorkers have come to depend on NY1 to stay informed with segments including the NY1 Minute, In the Papers, Weather on the 1s, Rail and Road, and From the Floor. NY1 also offers exclusive quality programming such as Inside City Hall, NY1's required nightly viewing for everyone in the political world, or On Stage, which provides a unique perspective on the latest shows on Broadway. In 2003 Time Warner added NY1 Noticias. Modeled after NY1 News it provides a strong emphasis on New York City news, politics and culture from a Hispanic perspective.

Mr. Speaker, this past September 8th, NY1 celebrated its 20th anniversary. Please join me in honoring Time Warner and NY1 News for its commitment to providing quality local news programming to New Yorkers whenever they want it. We should celebrate the benefits NY1's service provides as an indispensable community asset in New York City.

IN TRIBUTE OF BERT AND JANE BOECKMANN

**HON. ELTON GALLEGLY**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 27, 2012*

Mr. GALLEGLY. Mr. Speaker, I rise in tribute to two exceptional people my wife, Janice, and I are honored to call our friends, Bert and Jane Boeckmann, who have contributed much to our world as extraordinary entrepreneurs, philanthropists, and volunteers.

Bert Boeckmann, my friend of more than 25 years, is the owner and Chief Executive Officer of Galpin Motors, Inc. Starting from a modest background, he built an automotive empire from the ground up with hard work, integrity, vision, and a deep caring for others. For the past 22 years, Galpin has been No. 1 in Ford car and truck sales worldwide. Galpin currently ranks No. 1 in Jaguar sales worldwide and No. 1 in the Western United States for Mazda and Lincoln.

Boeckmann has been recognized nationally as the American Brand Names Foundation Retailer of the Year; is entered into the Automotive Hall of Fame; is the recipient of Time Magazine's National Dealer of the Year, given to only one of the country's 25,000 dealers each year in tribute to that dealer's customer service, sales volume, and citizenship; and has received thousands of other awards and recognitions.

Boeckmann also has been honored with countless awards for his community service and leadership locally and nationally, including The Fernando Award; the first Business "Star of the Valley" from the Economic Alliance of the San Fernando Valley; and The Presidential Citation for Private Sector Initiatives, the nation's highest award for entrepreneurs. As a Horatio Alger Award recipient, he is named among The Horatio Alger Association of Distinguished Americans.

He served nearly 17 years as a Los Angeles Police Commissioner and was the only police commissioner appointed to serve four consecutive terms under the administrations of Mayors Bradley, Riordan, and Hahn. During his tenure, he served alongside six Chiefs of Police.

His philanthropic endeavors include everything from helping the needy in his own community to building schools, playgrounds, and university libraries. He arranged for the delivery and personally helped distribute 56,000 pounds of seeds to help the Russian people survive the coming winter, and arranged for and presented a \$1 million gift of medical supplies, food, and clothing to Mother Teresa for her worldwide charities.

As President of The Prince of Peace Foundation, he presented The Prince of Peace Prize to Mother Teresa, King Hussein of Jordan (accepted posthumously by his son, King Abdullah), and, most recently, to the Reverend Dr. Billy Graham.

Bert and Jane have been married 45 years and have lovingly supported each other in their mutual and separate endeavors. Jane Boeckmann is President of the Los Angeles based-firm World of Communications, Inc., the publisher of L.A. Brides and Valley Magazine. She also serves as Treasurer of Galpin Motors and is the official Interior Designer for all their facilities. Previously she was treasurer and Interior Designer for Establishment Motor Homes. Her career also includes the role of executive producer of documentaries and docudramas for television, including the award-winning "Desperate Passage."

Among their many honors, Bert and Jane received the coveted Jack Webb Award from the Los Angeles Police Historical Society and were both honored with Honorary Doctorates from Kings College and Seminary.

In addition, Jane and Bert are the devoted parents of five children and devoted grandparents of 11 grandchildren.

Mr. Speaker, I know my colleagues join me in thanking Bert and Jane Boeckmann for their

extraordinary business leadership, community service, and deep commitment to humanity, and in wishing them continued success.

THE PRIDE OF ACADIANA RISES TO THE OCCASION DURING MACY'S 2012 THANKSGIVING DAY PARADE

**HON. CHARLES W. BOUSTANY, JR.**

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 27, 2012*

Mr. BOUSTANY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to congratulate the University of Louisiana at Lafayette's Marching Band for again being selected to perform during the nationally televised annual Macy's Thanksgiving Day parade in New York City. The band, known as the Pride of Acadiana, lived up to its name under the leadership of Doctors Brian Taylor and Gerald Waguespack.

As a proud alumnus of the University, I want to thank all band members for your hard work and excellent performance before an estimated 65 million viewers.

I specifically want to commend band member Eric Gaudet of Thibodeaux, Louisiana for winning the Bob Hope Band Scholarship Award provided by Macy's and the Bob and Delores Hope Charity Foundation. Gaudet and the band received the \$10,000 prize based on Eric's musical ability, leadership, humor and community service. You gave all of us in South Louisiana another reason to be thankful as we celebrated a national holiday with friends and family.

HONORING ROBIN J. COPELAND

**HON. ED WHITFIELD**

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 27, 2012*

Mr. WHITFIELD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Robin J. Copeland, who passed away on October 30, 2011 at the young age of 46.

Ms. Copeland served this great Nation with honor and dignity for many years. She had a very distinguished career in international diplomacy, nonproliferation, and scientific engagement.

She began government service working in Russia in 1991, where she became the U.S. Department of Energy's attach at the U.S. Embassy in Moscow. At the time, this was our largest Embassy in the world. She later served in Moscow with the U.S. Agency for International Development. In this role, she became the first woman and first person under the age of 50 to hold the office of Chairman of the Interagency Council. As an energy specialist, she worked on several non-proliferation programs that resulted in effectively stemming the spread of weapons of mass destruction from the former Soviet Union.

She also was successful in thwarting proliferation of weapons of mass destruction, and exporting of technologies and former Soviet scientists through her work as the Worldwide Director of Nonproliferation for the Civilian Research Development Foundation (CRDF) Global. And due to her expertise in non-proliferation, she took part in contractor efforts to

monitor Libya's nuclear programs following the return of Libyan WMD to the United States in 2003.

In addition to her work on non-proliferation issues, she used her expertise on Russia and developed and implemented the U.S. program that trains Russian doctors with our doctors in Africa involved in the treatment and care of those with HIV/AIDS.

Ms. Copeland was born in Florida and grew up in Connecticut, but she and her family have deep roots in West Texas where her parents and grandparents are Dimmitt, Texas natives. In honor of Ms. Copeland, Texas Tech University in Lubbock, Texas, has developed a scholarship for students interested in using scientific and technical skills to promote peace internationally. This is a very unique scholarship as it is the only one of its kind at any major university in America.

I congratulate Texas Tech University in developing this scholarship, and I think it is a great honor to a great American who served this country with such distinction. I send my thoughts to her family, and it is my distinct pleasure to honor Robin Copeland.

CONGRATULATING PROFESSOR LEI ZUO

**HON. TIMOTHY H. BISHOP**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 27, 2012*

Mr. BISHOP of New York. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Professor Lei Zuo of Stony Brook University and his students, Teng Lin and John Wang, for their tremendous achievement as their project was recently named Best Application of Energy Harvesting at the Energy Harvesting and Storage USA 2012 conference.

There has been a significant progress over the last couple of decades to find new and innovative ways to generate, store, and harness energy in an efficient, cost-effective, and environmentally-friendly manner. This is exactly what Professor Zuo and his team have done. The project, entitled "Mechanical Motion Rectifier (MMR) based Railroad Energy Harvester," has the potential to revolutionize the way in which railroad equipment is powered.

Professor Zuo and his team have been studying various uses for MMR technology. They first created a device that can be retrofitted to automobiles and use vibrational energy captured as the car travels to recharge the battery and power other electronic components. They then turned their attention to other industries in which the technology might be useful. The railroad industry presented the type of challenge the team was looking for.

In order to operate the over one hundred thousand miles of track throughout the United States efficiently and with as few train accidents as possible, the industry utilizes a system of signal lights, crossing gates, and track switches. Each of these systems requires electricity to operate, which often means having to find a way to install and maintain power sources in remote or hard-to-access locations.

The device created by the team at Stony Brook University can be installed on train tracks without much difficulty. It collects the unusable up-and-down vibrational energy created by train cars passing over the tracks; this

type of energy is generally wasted. The collected energy is then converted into unidirectional energy that can be used to power the safety components needed to operate the rail system. The creation of electricity at the location where it is needed will save time and money that would otherwise be required to install, maintain, and repair electrical lines connected to the components. Over the long run, this technology will help increase the efficiency of rail systems and, hopefully, cut down on costly service disruptions.

I thank Professor Zuo and his team for their important work on energy harvesting. It is critical that we find new and innovative ways to increase energy efficiency. Projects such as this, which find ways to capture energy that would otherwise be lost, are the key to unlocking new avenues of green technology. I also wish to congratulate Stony Brook University, which I am very proud to represent in Congress, for its continuing support for innovative breakthroughs in science and technology.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of New York's first congressional district, I again congratulate Professor Zuo and his team on the well-deserved recognition they have received and wish them success in their future research endeavors.

RECOGNIZING THE LIFE OF SERVICE OF RICHARD "RJ" KRAUSE

**HON. JERRY F. COSTELLO**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 27, 2012*

Mr. COSTELLO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing the life of service of Richard "RJ" Krause as well as that of his brother, Russell Krause.

RJ Krause has been a well-known figure in the East St. Louis and surrounding community, particularly for his tremendous work for youth sports.

A product of East St. Louis parochial and public schools, RJ graduated from East St. Louis Senior High School (East Side) and went on to Southwestern Illinois College (then Belleville Area College) and Southern Illinois University Edwardsville. RJ's early interest in serving area youth made a career in education a natural fit and he would go on to teach for 38 years before retiring in 2010.

RJ began his coaching career in 1964, the same year he started high school. He has coached most sports, including basketball, baseball, softball, football, tennis and cheerleading. On February 10, 2004, RJ coached in his 6,000th athletic event, a tremendous accomplishment that bears witness to his tireless dedication to youth sports.

In 1979 RJ founded the RJ Krause All-Stars sports club. Through this organization, a generation of mostly at-risk boys and girls has had the opportunity to develop their athletic talents through organized sports as well as going on educational field trips and many other wholesome activities.

While teaching and coaching, RJ has found time to make many other significant contributions to his community. He has served as precinct committeeman, county board member and township clerk.

RJ's list of awards is long, including the Kimmel Community Service Award, the St.

Vincent de Paul Society Volunteer of the Year Award, the St. Louis Sports Commission Award and, most recently, the East St. Louis NAACP Stellar Life Achievement Award.

Through most all of RJ's lifetime of service, he has had a constant companion who has worked just as tirelessly for the youth of our area, his brother, Russell Krause. Russell has also received his share of local awards, including being nominated for the Dr. King Award, being named a Hardee's Hometown Hero and recognition from the St. Louis Sports Commission.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring two champions for youth sports and the St. Louis Metro East community, Richard "RJ" Krause and his brother, Russell Krause and in wishing both of them and their family the very best in the future.

CONGRATULATING THE SOUTHERN MARYLAND ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE ON ITS 75TH ANNIVERSARY YEAR

**HON. STENY H. HOYER**

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 27, 2012*

Mr. HOYER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to congratulate the Southern Maryland Electric Cooperative—known colloquially as "SMECO"—on 75 years of serving communities in Maryland's Fifth District. Since its humble beginnings bringing power to a handful of farmers, SMECO has become a major utility that fuels economic growth across Southern Maryland.

In 1937, SMECO was first incorporated in the wake of President Roosevelt's New Deal initiative to connect rural areas with electricity. With assistance from Roosevelt's Rural Electrification Administration, SMECO brought affordable light and power to families in Charles, St. Mary's, and Calvert Counties for the first time. Over the years, SMECO expanded its service and brought electrical power to communities the major urban and suburban utilities had left in the dark.

As one of the oldest and largest electricity cooperatives in the country, SMECO is owned by the families and businesses it serves, with all profits reinvested in infrastructure improvements or as rebates to shareholders. What began with 400 families just before the Second World War today provides power to over 147,000 homes and businesses across Southern Maryland.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of all the people of our District, I want to thank the men and women of SMECO for their hard work throughout the years. Whether it is a snow storm or a hurricane, they immediately go to work and, within days, restore power for most shareholders who have lost their connections as a result of downed wires. I commend them for their focus and diligence during these emergencies and for continuing to earn praise from shareholders for their preparedness and responsiveness along with respect from utility management professionals across the country.

I also join in celebrating this milestone of 75 years of creating opportunities for rural Marylanders. For three quarters of a century, the men and women of SMECO have played a vital role in the economy and community of Southern Maryland for which they are to be commended.

HONORING THE LIFE OF DR.  
THOMAS LESTER BRATCHER

**HON. BILL FLORES**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 27, 2012*

Mr. FLORES. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to pay tribute to Dr. Thomas Lester Bratcher, who resided near Cranfills Gap in Bosque County, Texas. He passed on November 3 at the age of 70.

Dr. Bratcher was born in Ft. Worth, Texas on July 9, 1942. He graduated from Eastern Hills High School in Ft. Worth and went on to receive a Bachelors of Science in mathematics from Arlington State College, and a Master of Science in statistics and Ph.D. in statistics from Southern Methodist University.

Dr. Bratcher would go on to teach statistics at the University of Louisiana in Lafayette. Years later he moved to central Texas to teach at Baylor University, where he specialized in Bayesian Methods. For the past 20 years he directed the Ph.D. program in statistics at Baylor. Dr. Bratcher was a founder and primary organizer of the Conference of Texas Statisticians which has been meeting now for 32 years.

Dr. Bratcher was an active participant in numerous causes, including the Arts Council and has been serving as Bosque County Republican Chairman since 2009. As Chairman, he was staunch supporter of conservative ideals and helped get city, county, state, and federal officials elected.

Dr. Bratcher was a member and past president of the Council of Texas Statisticians, a member and past president of the Southern Regional Council on Statistics, and a member of the American Statistical Association and the Sigma Xi Society. He was the author of numerous scholarly publications.

Dr. Bratcher is survived by his loving wife, Nancy, mother, Laura Margaret and his loving

children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren.

His loving wife said it best when she wrote that "his legacy—in all its many expressions of love, courage, integrity, principle, and unbri-dled passion for all he did—is with us always."

Today I pay tribute to a humble man who served Bosque County with honor and great respect. I know I am not alone as I say thank you, Dr. Thomas Bratcher, for all that you have done for the Bosque County community.

Mrs. Bratcher and her family remain in our prayers.

IN HONOR OF HARRISON INDUS-  
TRIES' 80 YEARS OF SERVICE

**HON. ELTON GALLEGLY**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 27, 2012*

Mr. GALLEGLY. Mr. Speaker, I rise in honor of Harrison Industries, which was founded 80 years ago when E.J. Harrison offered to haul his neighbors' rubbish to the dump for 75 cents a load. His offer landed him 150 customers in the first year.

From those humble beginnings, Harrison Industries has continued to evolve and set the standards for rubbish collection while generously contributing to its community's success.

Family owned and operated Harrison Industries is one of the oldest and largest privately owned rubbish collection businesses in the United States. It provides residential, commercial, and industrial services to about 90,000 customers in Ventura and Santa Barbara counties.

E.J. died in 1991 but his wife, Myra, remains with the company as founder. Four generations of Harrison family members are involved in the day-to-day operations of the company. Myra's oldest son, Ralph, is president while her other sons, Jim and Myron, serve as vice presidents.

Harrison Industries is on the forefront of the recycling movement in California. In 1990, Harrison was among the first rubbish haulers in California to institute a three-barrel residential curbside recycling service for rubbish, recycling, and yard waste. Recyclables are delivered to Harrison's strategic partner Gold Coast Recycling and Transfer Station, while yard waste goes to Agromin, which uses cutting-edge technology to convert it into reusable soil amendments, barks, and mulches.

In 2012, Harrison Industries is undertaking new efforts toward achieving its goal of "Zero Waste."

Harrison Industries has won many awards in recognition of its financial support of local non-profit organizations and community cultural events.

Of the more than 150 non-profit organizations Harrison Industries has supported over the past eight decades, its substantial donations and support include: The E.J. Harrison Family Youth Center—the future home of the Saticoy branch of the Boys & Girls Club of Ventura; The Myra & E.J. Harrison Room at the East Ventura Boys & Girls Club; the inner courtyard of the Museum of Ventura County; The E.J. Harrison Family Promenade at Ojai's Libbey Bowl; The Harrison Industries Classroom/Computer Lab at the California State University Channel Islands' John Spoor Broome Library; the Ventura Cross; the Ventura Pier; Ventura County Fairgrounds; and, The "Eagle's Nest" at Carpinteria State Beach's Interpretive Play Area.

Mr. Speaker, Ralph, Jim, Myron, and their families have been friends of my wife, Janice, and me for a very long time. I know my colleagues join me in honoring the Harrison family and Harrison Industries for 80 years of business leadership, community service, and deep commitment to public service, and in wishing them continued success.