

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

HONORING THE NATIONAL DAY OF
THE REPUBLIC OF CHINA (TAI-
WAN)

HON. DENNIS A. ROSS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 19, 2012

Mr. ROSS of Florida. Mr. Speaker, October 10th is the National Day of the Republic of China (Taiwan).

Despite its small geographical size, Taiwan is a vibrant democracy and a free market economy that respects human rights and the rule of law.

The United States and Taiwan have enjoyed a strong security and economic partnership for over half of a century. Our common interest in peace and security has guided U.S.-Taiwan relations and our commitment to Taiwan's security, as stated in the 1979 Taiwan Relations Act, has enabled Taiwan to build a strong democratic government that, today, serves as a beacon for others in the region and beyond.

Similarly, Taiwan's economic partnership with us has benefited both countries. As a result, Taiwan is our ninth largest trading partner, with the United States importing nearly \$36 billion worth of Made in Taiwan goods and exporting \$26 billion in goods and services to Taiwan.

In recent years, the communications between Washington and Taiwan President Ma Ying-jeou's administration has been smooth and effortless. However, there is still room for improvement. For instance, we still need to assist Taiwan's meaningful participation in world agencies, help Taiwan meet its military needs, negotiate a free trade agreement with Taiwan, and waive visa requirements for Taiwanese tourists coming to the U.S. With the support of the United States, I hope Taiwan's goals come true.

Congratulations to the people and leaders of Taiwan on their National Day.

IN HONOR OF THE 40TH ANNIVERSARY OF
MONTEREY-SALINAS
TRANSIT (MST)

HON. SAM FARR

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 19, 2012

Mr. FARR. Mr. Speaker, I have the distinct honor and privilege of representing California's 17th congressional district and, on behalf of all the residents of the Central Coast, I would like to commend to my colleagues' attention the 40th Anniversary of Monterey-Salinas Transit, (MST).

The Monterey Peninsula Public Transit System Joint Powers Agency was formed by the cities of Carmel, Del Rey Oaks, Monterey, Pacific Grove, Seaside and the county of Monterey on October 1, 1972. As the predecessor of Monterey-Salinas Transit, it served the

Monterey Peninsula area, and later expanded to provide service to the cities of Marina, Salinas, and Watsonville. With the formation of the Monterey-Salinas Transit District on July 1, 2010, MST today serves one-fifth of the coastline of California from San Jose in the north to Paso Robles in the south at 1,300 bus stops in 25 communities throughout Monterey, Santa Cruz, Santa Clara, and San Luis Obispo Counties.

Through the foresight of the MST board members and the ongoing support of the Federal government, transit service in the Monterey region is consistently at the forefront of technology and innovation, with ridership of four and a half million passengers each year, on traditional fixed-route buses as well as paratransit minibus service for disabled customers, the popular MST Trolley system for visitors, "MST OnCall" demand response services in south Monterey County, and the award-winning Carmel Valley Grapevine Express.

New for 2012 is the MST JAZZ Bus Rapid Transit system, funded in part by a \$2.78 million Federal Transit Administration Section 5309 Capital New Starts grant. MST JAZZ follows a 6.75 mile route on the Monterey Peninsula starting in Sand City, running along Fremont Boulevard in Seaside, through downtown Monterey and along the visitor-intensive Lighthouse Avenue corridor in New Monterey, ending at the world famous Monterey Bay Aquarium at the edge of the city of Pacific Grove. MST has partnered with the legendary Monterey Jazz Festival, currently celebrating its 55th year, to create a distinct brand and marketing identity for the new "JAZZ" line. The Festival has opened its archives for the project and has worked with MST to develop a year-round linear jazz museum featuring dramatic jazz-themed displays on the buses and at each of the 30 custom designed shelters along the route. Passenger amenities include benches, bike racks and real-time electronic bus arrival and departure signage linked via Global Positioning Systems to the location of each JAZZ vehicle along the route. While waiting for the JAZZ buses, passengers will be able to listen and view on their smart phones actual recordings from the Monterey Jazz Festival throughout its 55-year history and learn more about the artists who performed for Festival audiences over the decades.

Not only does MST play a significant role in the transportation system of the Monterey Bay region, but it helps meet the basic transportation needs of thousands of constituents. More than one out of every three MST passengers live in a household without an automobile. A majority of MST passengers are either low-income and/or elderly. To further enhance senior mobility, MST is utilizing Federal Transit Administration Section 5317 New Freedoms funds to provide free travel training and volunteer assistance through the innovative "MST Navigators" program to Monterey County residents 65 years and older, as well as subsidized trips in local taxicabs at a cost of only \$3.00 for paratransit-eligible clients. Sev-

eral Monterey Peninsula jurisdictions and the city of Salinas have also become funding partners with MST to extend this tax discount voucher program to all seniors in their communities.

In addition, MST is at the forefront of forging partnerships with local stakeholders to expand public transit options throughout the community. MST's award-winning partnership with the United States Army's Defense Languages Institute at the Presidio of Monterey transports nearly 50,000 military and civilian personnel each month from all corners of the MST service area to work, relieving local traffic congestion and enabling the redevelopment of parking lots into language classrooms and training facilities vital to the global mission of our military. At Naval Postgraduate School, MST has again partnered with the military to provide two additional transit lines connecting student, faculty and staff housing areas with the college. And, MST's latest military partnership provides employees at Fort Hunter Liggett in rural southern Monterey County with two more transit lines connecting the base with communities in the Salinas Valley and San Luis Obispo County. MST's partnerships also extend to local colleges, with a University Pass program with California State University-Monterey Bay and a free fare zone at Hartnell Community College in Salinas. The Monterey Bay Aquarium is also a local funding partner for transit, helping to support the MST Trolley visitor-oriented service in downtown Monterey and Cannery Row and leading a new initiative designed to increase accessibility to the Aquarium for low income and minority residents of the Salinas Valley.

Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to commend Monterey-Salinas Transit for providing 40 years of exemplary public service to the Central Coast of California and ask my colleagues in the House of Representatives to wish them well on the next 40 years.

A TRIBUTE TO BRETT BUNNELL

HON. TOM LATHAM

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. LATHAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Brett Bunnell of Norwalk, Iowa for being awarded the Girl Scout Gold Award.

The Gold Award is the highest award that a high school-aged Girl Scout can earn. This is a prestigious honor as fewer than 6 percent of eligible Girl Scouts attain the Gold Award in a given year.

To earn a Gold Award, a Girl Scout must complete a minimum of 80 hours towards a community project that is both memorable and lasting. For her project, Brett worked to update rooms in her church by installing blinds and redecorating. The work ethic Brett has shown to earn her Gold Award speaks volumes about her commitment to serving a cause greater than herself and assisting her community.

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Mr. Speaker, the example set by this young woman and her supportive family demonstrates the rewards of hard work, dedication and perseverance. I am honored to represent Brett and her family in the United States Congress. I know that all of my colleagues in the House will join me in congratulating her on obtaining the Gold Award, and I wish her continued success in her future education and career.

IN SUPPORT OF USPTO'S
NATIONAL TRADEMARK EXPO

HON. JAMES P. MORAN
OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Wednesday, September 19, 2012

Mr. MORAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to express my support of the United States Patent and Trademark Office's (USPTO) National Trademark Expo. In a time of ongoing challenges for the American and global economy, I want to join the USPTO in its efforts to recognize the vital role that trademarks play in the economy.

The USPTO disseminates trademark information at the Expo to educate the public about the important role that trademarks play in our society and the global marketplace. This year's two-day event will be held on Friday, October 19th, from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., and Saturday, October 20th, from 10:00 a.m. to 4 p.m., at the USPTO headquarters in Alexandria, Virginia.

A broad cross-section of America's large corporations, small businesses, governmental agencies, and non-profit organizations will highlight a wealth of valuable information about trademarks: from the various types of trademarks available and their benefits. The Expo will also feature educational seminars, as well as children's workshops and activities. Exhibitors at the National Trademark Expo will include: 5-hour ENERGY; 1000 Cranes, LLC; ABA Section of Intellectual Property Law; AIPLA, Creativity in Bloom; American Girl; The American National Red Cross; Caterpillar Inc.; CMG; Cricket Wireless; Department of the Army; GEICO; Girl Scout Council of the Nation's Capital; The Hershey Company; HiT Entertainment; Hooray for Books!; Idaho Potato Commission; Indian Arts and Crafts Board; International Trademark Association (Unreal Campaign); Mattel; NASA Goddard Space Flight Center; NASCAR, Inc.; NBC Learn; NumbersAlive!; The Pepsom Group; Rita's Ice, Custard, Happiness; Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey; Travelers; Under Armour; United States Air Force; UPS; U.S. Department of Energy; U.S. Government IPR Agencies; Department of Commerce, National IPR Coordination Center, and Customs and Border Protection; Valvoline; Wormwatcher; and Zipcar.

On average, people are exposed to 1,500 trademarks each day. In a time of globalization, counterfeit goods pose an increasing threat to American businesses and jobs, and trademarks assist the public in discerning between authentic and counterfeit merchandise. Counterfeit goods cost the United States billions of dollars and countless jobs annually, as well as undermine consumer confidence in brand integrity when purchasers encounter knock-off goods of inferior quality.

I applaud the USPTO for its continued efforts to educate the public on the important role of trademarks and the benefits of federal registration through the National Trademark Expo. I urge my colleagues to join me in recognizing the USPTO, at this time when trademark protection and intellectual property rights play an increasingly important role in our global economy. And, I encourage the public and my fellow Members of Congress and staff to bring their family and friends to this free, family-friendly event.

HONORING ROY DRIVER

HON. MICHAEL H. MICHAUD

OF MAINE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Wednesday, September 19, 2012

Mr. MICHAUD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the achievements of Roy Driver who will be retiring after 32 years of outstanding work for the Vet Centers and the Department of Veterans Affairs.

Roy has dedicated more than 30 years to improving the lives of veterans and their families. Prior to his time with the Vet Centers, Roy served in the U.S. Coast Guard from 1960–1970 as a Sonar/Oceanographic Technician. He has attended the Greater Hartford Community College, Central Connecticut State College and Southern Connecticut State College. From 1974 to 1978 he served as a Veterans Affairs Coordinator for two colleges in Connecticut.

In 1980, he was the Team Leader of the Hartford Connecticut Vet Center, one of the first in the nation. During his time in Hartford, two additional Vet Centers were opened as satellites. Maine veterans were fortunate that in 1991, Roy moved to the Portland, Maine Vet Center, where he remained until 2004, when he became Team Leader of the Lewiston Vet Center.

It is always with some lingering sadness that I pass along my best wishes for the retirement of people like Roy. Throughout his career, he has been an important part of the lives of many combat veterans and their families, helping them to work through the issues that resulted from their service to our nation. You can never truly quantify the work of such an individual. On behalf of the people of Maine, I congratulate Roy and wish him the best of luck on his retirement and in his future endeavors.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in honoring Roy Driver for his unwavering dedication to our veterans and their families.

IN HONOR OF ARCHCARE AT TERENCE CARDINAL COOKE HEALTH CARE CENTER ON THE OCCASION OF THE 4TH ANNUAL "STEPPING UP IN FAITH FOR HIV AND AIDS" COMMUNITY EVENTS WEEK

HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Wednesday, September 19, 2012

Mrs. MALONEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay special tribute to ArchCare at Terence Car-

dinal Cooke Health Care Center, a faith-based, multi-specialty nursing facility in East Harlem, which has been serving the community since 1978. During the 4th Annual "Stepping Up in Faith for HIV and AIDS" Community Events Week, the Health Care Center is sponsoring "A Sacred NYC HIV & AIDS Conversation" among faith-based organizations, community-based organizations, Faith in Action Advocates, and the NYC Department of Health and Mental Hygiene. The discussion will focus on the theme "Turning the Tide Together—as we move forward with HIV and AIDS Prevention and Care in our Faith and Secular Partnership."

In 1989, ArchCare at Terence Cardinal Cooke Health Care Center created the first long term care facility in New York State to provide comprehensive residential health care services to people living with AIDS and HIV. In their 156-bed unit, residents have access to a continuum of medical services, including dentists, dietitians, occupational and physical therapists, and social workers. At all stages of care, residents and their families are encouraged to participate in case conferences to discuss treatment plans. The Discrete Unit provides treatment with the hope that residents will be able to return to the community and live independently.

According to United Nations estimates, there are more than 33 million people living with HIV in the world. In 2011 alone, some 2.7 million people became newly infected with the virus, and an estimated 2 million people died from AIDS. In the United States, New York remains an epicenter of the disease, with the five boroughs alone accounting for 15.5% of the entire AIDS caseload in the United States, meaning that our city has more persons living with AIDS than the entire state of California.

ArchCare and the Terence Cardinal Cooke Health Care Center have long fought on the front lines of the fight against AIDS and HIV, taking action to ensure that their patients are provided with access to vital healthcare services, and afforded protection of their basic human rights without fear of reprisal or discrimination. Not only does ArchCare provide quality, comprehensive care, but it also offers an environment of peace, tranquility and community.

The Terence Cardinal Cooke Health Care Center is named in honor of New York's former Archbishop, and its mission is driven by Terence Cardinal Cooke's words: "The 'gift of life', God's special gift, is no less beautiful when it is accompanied by illness or weakness, hunger or poverty, mental or physical handicaps, loneliness or old age."

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in paying tribute to ArchCare and Terence Cardinal Cooke Health Center's years of commitment to the fight against HIV and AIDS through exceptional care for all patients and vital education events. In so doing, we honor the dedication to compassionate service of the staff at Terence Cardinal Cooke, and hope that they serve as an inspiration to health care providers across the country.

A TRIBUTE TO JEANETTE
THORSBAKKEN

HON. TOM LATHAM

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 19, 2012

Mr. LATHAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Jeanette Thorsbakken on the recent celebration of her 100th birthday. Jeanette celebrated a century of life yesterday, September 18th, 2012.

Our world has changed a great deal during the course of Jeanette's life. Since her birth, we have revolutionized air travel and walked on the moon. We have invented the television, cellular phones and the internet. We have fought in wars overseas, seen the rise and fall of Soviet communism and witnessed the birth of new democracies. Jeanette has lived through eighteen United States Presidents and twenty-two Governors of Iowa. In her lifetime, the population of the United States has more than tripled.

Today, Jeanette resides in Story City, Iowa where she likes to spend her time playing solitaire on the computer and assembling jigsaw puzzles. Jeanette also greatly enjoys visits with her family and sharing stories of the many changes she has witnessed in her life.

Mr. Speaker, it is an honor to represent Jeanette in the United States Congress and it is my pleasure to wish her a very happy 100th birthday. I invite my colleagues in the House to join me in congratulating Ms. Thorsbakken on reaching this incredible milestone, and wishing her even more health and happiness in the years to come.

CELEBRATING HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH AND THE FIRST ANNUAL VIVA BREVARD FESTIVAL

HON. BILL POSEY

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 19, 2012

Mr. POSEY. Mr. Speaker, on September 15th families and businesses across the nation will begin observing National Hispanic Heritage Month in order to recognize the many outstanding contributions to our nation that are made by Americans of Hispanic descent. One celebration taking place in the City of Palm Bay, Florida, will be the First Annual Viva Brevard festival.

Al Día Today along with local businesses, non-profit organizations, and residents of Brevard County will gather together on Saturday October 13, 2012, near the Ted Whitlock Community Center in Palm Bay Regional Park to commemorate Hispanic Heritage Month with a day full of great Latin American cuisine, culture and entertainment.

Throughout Hispanic Heritage Month we also honor Hispanic Americans for their strong tradition of service in our Armed Forces. These proud patriots have fought in every war since our founding, and many have earned the Medal of Honor for their courage.

Hispanic service men and women have shown their love for the United States by answering the call to serve, and we owe them and their families a tremendous debt of gratitude. Their patriotism and valor have added to the character and strength of our nation.

The first Hispanic American to serve in the U.S. Congress represented Florida. Joseph Marion Hernández was born in St. Augustine when Florida was a Spanish colony. In 1822 when Florida became a U.S. Territory, Hernández transferred his allegiance to the United States and was elected a Delegate to the U.S. House of Representatives serving in our nation's Seventeenth Congress. He also served as a brigadier general and was the presiding officer of Florida's Territorial House of Representatives.

There have been many Hispanic Americans with notable achievements in science and medicine. The first Hispanic American Astronaut, Franklin Chang-Díaz of Costa Rican descent, earned his doctorate in applied physics from MIT and flew an astounding seven Shuttle Missions. Astronaut Ellen Ochoa was the first Hispanic female in space, flying four Shuttle missions.

Hispanic Americans have been awarded the Nobel Prize for Physics and Medicine, the Medal of Honor; have won the Pulitzer, Oscar and Tony Awards, achieved sports fame, and have been inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame.

National Hispanic Heritage Month is an opportunity to celebrate the spirit and accomplishments of Hispanic Americans everywhere and events like the Viva Brevard festival provide an opportunity to share and experience the diversity of cultures from Latin American countries and bring us all closer together as a community.

HONORING CONGRESSMAN JERRY
COSTELLO

SPEECH OF

HON. RUSS CARNAHAN

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 12, 2012

Mr. CARNAHAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of my colleague and Illinois neighbor Congressman JERRY F. COSTELLO for his tireless efforts in representing part of the St. Louis metro area in Southern Illinois.

His 24 years in the House of Representatives have been distinguished by his exceptional ability to achieve and selfless resolve to advance our nation and our bi-state region.

JERRY's civic work began well before his tenure in Congress. This was apparent even in college, where his eagerness to serve the community he called home led him to divide time between his studies and a job as a full time law enforcement officer. He chose to follow this path after college, and his ingenuity and knowledge of the regional court system made him prominent throughout Illinois. His devotion, practicality, and unwavering focus on his community would see his election as chief executive of one of Illinois' largest counties and eventual rise to Congress.

His career has been marked by leadership and consistent achievement, particularly in the field of transportation, where his record is as extensive as it is impressive. In 2005, he took the lead role to secure \$150 million for a new Mississippi River bridge as part of one of the biggest earmarks in U.S. history because of its classification as a project of national significance. He brought MetroLink to Southern Illinois, a new transportation network that has

improved infrastructure and simultaneously boosted and connected the regional economy. I have been proud to serve alongside Congressman COSTELLO on the Transportation and Infrastructure Committee and the Science Committee and I know all his colleagues on both sides of the aisle will deeply miss his leadership and knowledge. Furthermore, his constituents will miss his devotion to improving their lives, creating jobs, and bettering the region's infrastructure.

JERRY's accomplishments exemplify his commitment to issues ranging from safety to poverty, from the economy to defense. His efforts have benefitted not just his district, but the nation as a whole. Beginning in 1995, for example, JERRY undertook a decade-long endeavor to save Illinois' Scott Air Force Base from closure. Continuous efforts to improve base facilities and funding to keep it off the closure list eventually prevailed. The Air Force base is now one of the largest employers in the St. Louis region and ranks among the nation's most important with the operation of the Air Mobility Command.

As the Chairman and Ranking Member of the House Aviation Subcommittee, he has led the effort to modernize our aviation system and helped pass a bill this year that secured the place of our aviation system as the best and safest in the world for years to come. Several years later, he helped write the Airline Safety and Pilot Training Improvement Act of 2009. The bill requires pilots to now log more hours and undergo more rigorous training before being able to pilot commercial airplanes.

This coming January, my good friend JERRY will be retiring.

His decades of service have provided Illinois, the St. Louis bi-state region, and Congress a guiding voice that will be sorely missed. He retires with a legacy that the next generation of American leaders should hope to emulate.

I have been proud to serve alongside JERRY in Congress, serving the same region, and serving on two committees together. I have seen firsthand the incredible work he has done, and the stamp he has left on this place and the impression he has made on all of us who have had the good fortune to work alongside him. While JERRY will no longer be in Congress, I have no doubt that he will continue to serve his community and his country.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in congratulating JERRY COSTELLO on a successful career and wishing him and his family all the best as he retires. Thank you, JERRY.

RECOGNIZING SONIA GUTIERREZ

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 19, 2012

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to ask the House of Representatives to join me in recognizing the many accomplishments and contributions of Sonia Gutierrez, who for 40 years has served the residents of the District of Columbia with passion and dedication as one of this city's most productive and prominent education leaders and one of its most distinguished leaders. Mrs. Gutierrez, a talented institution builder, is best known as the founder and president of the Carlos Rosario

International Public Charter School. She also established the Council of Latino Organizations here, and together with others, helped establish the Mayor's Office on Latino Affairs.

Sonia built Carlos Rosario from a small non-profit teaching English to Latinos, into today's groundbreaking, comprehensive learning center offering support services, from English as a second language to citizenship and career services, to 2,500 residents. Her efforts are now spreading to a new site to be dedicated as the Sonia Gutierrez Campus. For her visionary leadership Mrs. Gutierrez earned the Ana G. Mendez Excellence in Education award and induction into the Washington Women's Hall of Fame, among many other awards for giving thousands of students an opportunity to change their lives.

I now ask the House to recognize Sonia Gutierrez for 40 years of tireless and selfless passion as an educator, organizer and advocate.

A TRIBUTE TO LAURA TIBBS

HON. TOM LATHAM

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 19, 2012

Mr. LATHAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Laura Tibbs of Alden, Iowa for being awarded the Girl Scout Gold Award.

The Gold Award is the highest award that a high school-aged Girl Scout can earn. This is a prestigious honor as fewer than 6 percent of eligible Girl Scouts attain the Gold Award in a given year.

To earn a Gold Award, a Girl Scout must complete a minimum of 80 hours towards a community project that is both memorable and lasting. For her project, Laura brought attention to the issue of school supplies that are wastefully discarded despite widespread need. The work ethic Laura has shown to earn her Gold Award speaks volumes about her commitment to serving a cause greater than herself and assisting her community.

Mr. Speaker, the example set by this young woman and her supportive family demonstrates the rewards of hard work, dedication and perseverance. I am honored to represent Laura and her family in the United States Congress. I know that all of my colleagues in the House will join me in congratulating her on obtaining the Gold Award, and I wish her continued success in her future education and career.

HONORING ST. JOSEPH'S COLLEGE
CENTENNIAL

HON. CHELLIE PINGREE

OF MAINE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 19, 2012

Ms. PINGREE of Maine. Mr. Speaker, I would like to honor a college in my District that is celebrating 100 years of teaching students and instilling in them incredible ethics about service to others.

St. Joseph's College was founded in 1912 by the Portland Regional Community of the Sisters of Mercy of the Americas, with classes

taking place in the Motherhouse in Portland, Maine.

Much has changed in the last hundred years. Today, over a thousand students attend the college. Many live at a beautiful campus overlooking Sebago Lake in Standish, Maine, while many others take classes online—something that would probably be difficult for the Sisters to imagine in 1912.

While the college has successfully seized opportunities to grow and adapt with changing times, its core values are completely intact. Service to others remains a defining characteristic of its culture. St. Joseph's students take part in an impressive number of service projects, including volunteering at health clinics in Guatemala, an active chapter of Habitat for Humanity, and Catherine's Cupboard, a local food pantry run by the college and the Town of Standish.

Another aspect of the school that is close to my heart is the college's commitment to serving healthy, local food to its students. Bon Appetit, the school's food service provider, has demonstrated that locally sourced products can work even for large institutions. Among their pursuits at St. Joseph's are featuring meals with ingredients only from the surrounding area and helping operate a small farm on the campus.

I extend to St. Joseph's College—along with its staff, students and alumni—the warmest congratulations on its first hundred years, and best wishes for a hundred more.

40TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE
TRUST FOR PUBLIC LAND

HON. BETTY MCCOLLUM

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 19, 2012

Ms. MCCOLLUM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Trust for Public Land on the occasion of its 40th anniversary.

In 1972 a group of conservation-minded business professionals took the message of the first Earth Day to heart and saw a unique opportunity to meet the challenge of increasing encroachment on green space and natural areas. Using business sector strategies, this group of finance experts, real estate professionals and attorneys formed a trust to pool their talents and knowledge to conserve and expand the natural environment for the health and enjoyment of the public. The Trust for Public Lands was born.

Initially the Trust for Public Land focused conservation efforts on urban and suburban areas. As success grew, the focus expanded to include working in rural areas. As a result of this hard work and innovation more than 4,250 park and conservation projects throughout the country have been completed, often by fostering public-private partnerships.

During the past four decades, the Trust for Public Lands has developed expertise beyond the development of land trusts, to advising and assisting communities in the passage of conservation focused ballot measures, using GIS technology to better map and identify conservation opportunities, and combating climate change. The Trust for Public Land has developed a legacy of providing legal and philanthropic resources for community-driven conservation initiatives in Minnesota and across the country.

The Trust for Public Land is an invaluable resource to Minnesota and communities in my congressional district through its unique approach to conservation. The work of the dedicated Trust for Public Land staff and volunteers has played a major role in protecting many of the spectacular parks, natural spaces, and protected watersheds which make our state great. I am proud to commend the Trust for Public Land on 40 years of accomplishments and wish them much success in the years to come.

Mr. Speaker, in honor of the 40th anniversary of the Trust for Public Land, I am pleased to submit this statement for the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD.

TRIBUTE HONORING CAMPUS FIRE
SAFETY MONTH

HON. BILL PASCARELL, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 19, 2012

Mr. PASCARELL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Trust for Public anniversary of Campus Fire Safety Month.

In September 2005, eleven sitting Governors issued the first proclamation recognizing the month of September as Campus Fire Safety Month. Ever since, public officials across the country have continued to champion the cause of campus fire safety.

Since 2005, over 200 proclamations in honor of Campus Fire Safety Month have been issued by Governors, Legislators, and public officials. I am proud to add my voice in recognition of September as Campus Fire Safety Month.

I first became involved in the issue of campus fire safety following a tragic fire at Seton Hall University in my district, in which three students were killed. Since that time, we have made many strides, including the passage of the Campus Fire Safety Right to Know Act, which will ensure that prospective students and their families are provided with the fire safety records, information and statistics of colleges and universities.

However, there is still much work that must be done. Since 2000, 155 students have tragically died in campus-related fires. While the annual number of fire-related deaths has significantly dropped since 2005, nine students still died in possibly preventable fire-related deaths in 2011.

That is why now, more than ever, we must do all that we can to promote fire safety instruction amongst our nation's college campuses.

It is my sincere hope, that college campuses in New Jersey and across the nation will participate in Campus Fire Safety Month activities throughout September. We must do all that we can to keep our nation's students safe and informed. This is also why I introduced the Campus Fire Safety Education Act, to provide universities with grants they can use to develop or implement campus fire safety education strategies. We must do everything in our power to ensure the safety and security of our children when they leave for college.

The job of a United States Congressman involves much that is rewarding, yet nothing compares to recognizing and commemorating

vital observances like Campus Fire Safety Month.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you join our colleagues, students, firefighters and educators, in recognizing September as Campus Fire Safety Month.

A TRIBUTE TO KATIE LUZIER

HON. TOM LATHAM

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HISPANIC SERVING INSTITUTIONS
WEEK

HON. EDWARD R. ROYCE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 19, 2012

Mr. ROYCE. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize and celebrate Hispanic Serving Institutions (HSI) Week. As Hispanic Heritage Month began September 15 and runs until October 15, 2012, I would like to acknowledge the numerous accomplishments the Hispanic community has achieved and continues to contribute to our nation. This week, September 16 to September 22, 2012, it is important to honor Hispanic Serving Institutions because they play an integral part in strengthening the Hispanic community through fulfilling students' higher educational needs.

In Orange County, California, I am proud to highlight California State University Fullerton (CSUF), my Alma Mater. In a county where 33.8% identify themselves as coming from Hispanic or Latino decent, not only is CSUF the only Hispanic Serving Institution in Orange County, it is the first in California and fourth in the United States in awarding baccalaureate degrees to Hispanic students. Additionally, it also ranks 19th nationally in Graduate Student enrollment. Educational institutions, like CSUF, embody the opportunity that translates to future success.

As the Hispanic community continues to grow, HSIs shape and promote education by providing the necessary tools to achieve academic success in fields ranging from science to business. Ultimately, these institutions empower citizens who work to give back and improve our nation. Where the Hispanic community remains an influential and growing force, not only in California, but nationally, it is important to distinguish HSI's commitment to academics as vital to the United States' success and growth.

REPUBLIC OF CHINA'S NATIONAL
DAY ON OCTOBER 10

HON. JOHN SULLIVAN

OF OKLAHOMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 19, 2012

Mr. SULLIVAN. Mr. Speaker, as millions of Chinese around the globe celebrate the Republic of China's National Day this October 10, we need to acknowledge the fact that it hasn't been easy for Taiwan to be a beacon of democracy and an island of prosperity in a world of tyrants and economic uncertainty. Taiwan's many achievements are attributable to the tireless efforts of their people and leaders throughout the decades.

I am proud to see that the United States has always been on the side of the Republic of China. During WW II, the United States and China were partners in war and we supported Taiwan against potential adversaries for decades until we enacted the Taiwan Relations Act in 1979. In recent decades, we witnessed Taiwan's evolution from authoritarian rule to full democracy. At the same time Taiwan has been a good political, economic and cultural ally of the United States. In recent years, Taiwan has been very strong in cooperating with us against global terrorism.

I am glad that we have re-established high level trust with President Ma Ying-jeou's administration. Taiwan has resumed important arms purchases from us and that Taiwan has lifted the ban on U.S. beef imports and is looking to restart talks on the Trade and Investment Framework Agreement with us. I am sure that the United States and Taiwan will be helping each other in many areas in the years to come.

Congratulations to the people and leaders of the Republic of China (Taiwan) on their National Day.

HONORING ALISON TUDOR

HON. JEFF DENHAM

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 19, 2012

Mr. DENHAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the dedicated work of Alison Tudor who serves as the Program Director with Mountain Crisis Services in Mariposa. As the Program Director, Alison spearheads the mission of Mountain Crisis Services, which seeks to prevent domestic and sexual violence by advocating for positive changes in the community.

Alison was born and raised in Tallahassee, Florida. She graduated from the University of Florida in Gainesville with a Bachelor's Degree

in Wildlife Ecology. Her love of the outdoors brought her to Yosemite National Park, where she moved to work with youth in environmental education for five years.

For the past year, Alison has served as the Program Director at Mountain Crisis Services in Mariposa. Prior to beginning this position, Alison managed prevention programs, including Project Respect and Promoting Gender Respect, which aim to prevent bullying and teen dating violence in Mariposa County.

Along with her important work at Mountain Crisis Services, Alison has also contributed greatly to the rape prevention work being conducted in cooperation with the University of California, Merced. This hard work has not gone unrecognized. Alison was awarded the Prevention Educator of the Year Award in August, 2012 given through the California Partnership to End Domestic Violence.

In addition to her prevention work, Alison serves as Chair for the Central Valley's Public Policy and Research Committee, a group which tracks legislation that impacts domestic and sexual violence. Alison's passion for knowing the complex issues surrounding domestic violence is a role which she embraces. She continuously goes above and beyond to assist the people of Mariposa. Alison is also a trained Doula. When she discovered that her community had about fourteen pregnant teens, she organized a parenting and childbirth class to address the specific needs of this young population. Furthermore, she spent countless hours helping to develop the Ethos Youth Center, a program of Mountain Crisis Services, which provides a healthy and safe environment for youth to gather while connecting with positive adult role models.

Alison's ability to see the big picture makes her invaluable to her organization and to the prevention efforts against domestic violence and sexual assault.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in recognizing and thanking Ms. Alison Tudor for her hard work as the Program Director of Mountain Crisis Services and for her continued efforts to increase the safety and wellbeing of residents in our Mariposa community. I wish her continued success in her future endeavors, and again, thank her for her dedication to improving the lives of all people living in Mariposa.

A TRIBUTE TO EAGLE SCOUT
ADAM WALKER

HON. TOM LATHAM

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 19, 2012

Mr. LATHAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Adam Walker of Hiawatha, Iowa for achieving the rank of Eagle Scout.

The Eagle Scout rank is the highest advancement rank in scouting. Only about 5 percent of Boy Scouts earn the Eagle Scout Award. The award is a performance-based achievement with high standards that have been well-maintained over the past century.

To earn the Eagle Scout rank, a Boy Scout is obligated to pass specific tests that are organized by requirements and merit badges, as well as completing an Eagle Project to benefit the community. The work ethic Adam has shown in his Eagle Project and every other

project leading up to his Eagle Scout rank speaks volumes of his commitment to serving a cause greater than himself and assisting his community.

Mr. Speaker, the example set by this young man and his supportive family demonstrates the rewards of hard work, dedication and perseverance. I am honored to represent Adam and his family in the United States Congress. I know that all of my colleagues in the House will join me in congratulating him on obtaining the Eagle Scout ranking, and I wish him continued success in his future education and career.

TRIBUTE TO TEXAS PANHANDLE
HONOR FLIGHT

HON. MAC THORBERRY

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 19, 2012

Mr. THORBERRY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the 94 veterans from Texas who will be visiting Washington, D.C., this week through the Texas Panhandle Honor Flight. On behalf of a grateful state and nation, we welcome these heroes to the nation's capital.

The veterans on this flight are: Charles Allen, U.S. Army Air Corps; Larry K. Baggett, U.S. Marine Corps; Wayne Baker, U.S. Army Air Corps; Jack Barnes, U.S. Navy; John Barnes, U.S. Navy; Donald E. Barton, U.S. Navy; Emmett L. Barton, U.S. Army; Clarence A. Betzen, U.S. Air Force; Kenneth S. Bjork, U.S. Navy; Albert Bland, U.S. Air Force; Clarence O. Bodling, U.S. Marine Corps; Van E. Bradford, U.S. Army; Roy M. Bradstreet, U.S. Army; Billy F. Brown, U.S. Army; Jerry Buttell, U.S. Air Force; Herbert R. Bytheway, U.S. Air Force; Lewis Cates, U.S. Army; Michael Cattaneo, U.S. Army; Paul E. Cattaneo, U.S. Army; Ernest Clark, U.S. Air Force; Lee J. Clark, U.S. Navy; Rodney E. Clark, U.S. Air Force; Ronald E. Clark, U.S. Army; Richard L. Collins, U.S. Navy; Michael Colon-Mateo, U.S. Army; Robert O. Counts, U.S. Army; Nicholas Devito, U.S. Army; William M. Edes, Texas Army National Guard; Warren Farris, U.S. Air Force; Donald E. Fine, U.S. Air Force; Antonio C. Flores, U.S. Army; John M. Gilbreath, U.S. Army; Kenneth G. Hammit, U.S. Navy; Homer Hampton, U.S. Navy; William J. Harris, U.S. Navy; James M. Hash, U.S. Army; Kenneth Holcomb, U.S. Army; Arthur L. Hulsey, U.S. Navy; Walton R. Humphrey, U.S. Navy; Joe R. Irwen, U.S. Marine Corps; Blythe Johnson, U.S. Navy; Robert Johnson, U.S. Army; Carl R. Lee, U.S. Navy; Elmer H. Lehnick, U.S. Army; Delwood Locke, U.S. Navy; Cecil E. McCarrell, U.S. Navy; Bill McCarty, U.S. Army; James O. McCracken, U.S. Army; Larry M. McCracken, U.S. Navy; Arch R. Moseley, U.S. Army; Felix P. Mote, U.S. Army; Frank Muratori, U.S. Army; Stephen L. Myers, U.S. Air Force; Wayne Nevins, U.S. Army; Clarence H. Nichols, U.S. Army; Anthony L. Paschel, U.S. Army; Don L. Patterson, U.S. Navy; Travis W. Peninger, U.S. Air Force; Jeffrey W. Pickard, U.S. Navy; Ellis B. Posey, U.S. Army; Jerald B. Post, U.S. Navy; Ronnie D. Powell, U.S. Army; William N. Quattlebaum, U.S. Navy; Ernest H. Ramm, U.S. Army; Roger Redman, U.S. Army; Donald E. Ricks, U.S. Army; E.J. Riley, U.S. Coast Guard; Joe C. Rivera, U.S. Army; Joe M. Rivera, U.S. Air

Force; William W. Rowell, U.S. Army Air Corps; Jacquelynn R. Salek, U.S. Navy; Richard G. Schacher, U.S. Air Force; Danny W. Schilling, U.S. Army; Calvin W. Skipper, U.S. Navy; Milton M. Skipper, U.S. Army; David S. Stear, U.S. Army; Charles R. Stokesberry, U.S. Army Air Corps; Larry D. Teague, U.S. Navy; Robert A. Thompson, Sr., U.S. Marine Corps; Clifford W. Thornton, U.S. Army; Bobby J. Thorpe, U.S. Navy; Brent V. Thorpe, U.S. Marine Corps; Fredric E. Tout, U.S. Air Force; Scott Tout, U.S. Army; William P. Vann, Texas Army National Guard; Eugene S. Waits, U.S. Navy; Jack D. Waller, U.S. Army; Butch G. Warren, U.S. Navy; Forrest W. Warren, U.S. Army; Robert C. Whitney, U.S. Navy; Roy L. Wilhite, U.S. Army; Reece Wilterding, U.S. Army; James Windor, U.S. Army; Otho Wiseman, U.S. Army.

Mr. Speaker, I am humbled by the opportunity to meet these men and women who exemplify the greatness of America. The services they rendered to our country can never be fully repaid, but I hope that when they visit Washington, D.C., it will reflect the gratitude and respect we have for them.

Colleagues, please join me in thanking these veterans and their families for their exemplary dedication and service to this great nation. I would also like to extend a special thank you to the local communities, all of the volunteers, and Mr. Jack Barnes for their extensive work in organizing this Honor Flight. This trip would not have been possible without all of the financial and emotional support of the people who have put in so much hard work and personal time to make sure this trip could be possible.

HONORING THE SERVICE OF
PERRYENE LICKERT

HON. BRETT GUTHRIE

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 19, 2012

Mr. GUTHRIE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Peryene Lickert on retiring after 31 years dedicated to civil service at Ft. Knox.

Since 1981, Ms. Lickert has served our nation in a multitude of capacities. From working in the Commissary as a Sales Store Checker to working as a Military Personnel Clerk in several departments, Ms. Lickert has dedicated her career to a greater cause.

Next week, Ms. Lickert's civil service ends as a Human Resources Assistant in the Health Services Directorate with the U.S. Army's Recruiting Command.

Upon Ms. Lickert's retirement, I want to wish her well and thank her for her service to both the Ft. Knox community as well as our great nation. You have made Kentucky's Second Congressional District proud.

HONORING THE CENTENNIAL
CELEBRATION OF THE FOUNDING
OF NATALIA, TEXAS

HON. FRANCISCO "QUICO" CANSECO

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 19, 2012

Mr. CANSECO. Mr. Speaker, I am proud to rise today to recognize and honor the centen-

nial celebration of the founding of Natalia, Texas.

Natalia, which is located approximately 30 miles southwest of downtown San Antonio, was founded in 1912 by the Medina Irrigation Company. The town was named after Natalie Pearson, daughter of Fred Stark Pearson, who oversaw the irrigation company and building of the Medina Dam. During the town's application process for a post office the following year, Natalie's name was misspelled and the town became known as Natalia.

After the deaths of Pearson and his wife, who were passengers on the ill-fated Lusitania which was sunk by German forces in 1915, the Medina Irrigation Company went bankrupt and was subsequently reorganized under the name of Medina Irrigated Farms in 1931. Despite the tough economic environment in the U.S. during that time, Charles F. C. Ladd was successful in selling bonds in the amount of \$2.5 million to pay for the Medina valley irrigation and to create a new loan fund for prospective land purchasers. As a result, the town prospered and increased its population from 150 in 1933 to 400 in 1939.

Today, Natalia is home to more than 1,400 people and is a vibrant community that is home to many families and businesses. Its centennial celebration will be marked with proud and exciting festivities that symbolize Natalia's wonderful history. I am proud to recognize this special event and have the opportunity to represent Natalia in the United States House of Representatives.

HONORING DAN ANDERSON

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 19, 2012

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize the outstanding achievement of Dan Anderson of Blue Springs, Missouri. Dan was the principal of the Blue Springs Freshman Center in Blue Springs, Missouri, and is the Missouri Association of Secondary School Principals' Principal of the Year. This prestigious award recognizes Dan's ability to excel and impact in the ever-demanding role of principal and lead educator in all aspects of education.

Mr. Speaker, Dan's impact in the areas of collaborative leadership, curriculum, instruction and assessment, and his personalization of the learning environment are stellar and recognized by his fellow educators, parents, and community. The selection was made from more than 600 high school principals throughout the Great State of Missouri. The Blue Springs Freshman Center is unique with 1,100 freshmen students within the Blue Springs School District. Dan was able to effectively position the talent of his team, motivate excellence in his school's curriculum, and clearly communicate purpose with the families and community in Blue Springs.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you join me in applauding Dan Anderson's outstanding professionalism and commitment to educating the American youth. I join with Dan's colleagues, family, friends, and students in congratulating Dan on his outstanding achievement, and wish him good luck in his future endeavors.

H.R. 6429, THE STEM JOBS ACT OF 2012

HON. RON KIND

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 19, 2012

Mr. KIND. Mr. Speaker, my Republican colleagues this week are attempting to make a case for the importance of education, yet their budget this year slashed funding for education and for basic and applied research, creating barriers for traditional students, returning students and worker training. This is not the approach to ensure our students have the skills they need to match the jobs that are available. And this is not the approach to capitalize on the American ingenuity that will lead to economic growth.

We know that students trained in science, technology, engineering and math (STEM), are acquiring the skills to fill and succeed at the jobs of the future. In order to increase American competitiveness, create good paying jobs, and ensure our position on the global stage, we have to invest in education, worker training and research in STEM studies. For years in my position as Co-Chair of the Innovation, Competitiveness and Tax Reform Task Force of the New Democratic Coalition I have called for exactly that—a renewed focus on STEM skills in the workforce.

And not just in our own students, but we must also remove the barriers to success for international students training in STEM studies at U.S. institutions. Instead of sending these highly-skilled international students back to their native countries, where they contribute to the foreign economies we are competing against, let's provide them with visas and let the American economy take advantage of these skills.

There is a real opportunity for these highly trained international students to achieve the American dream and contribute talent, creativity and innovative skills that will help ensure our place in a competitive global economy. And there is an actual opportunity to get something signed into law but we know the real work will have to come next Congress, as there are few days left to get much done this fall.

America's future as a global competitor depends on our ability to come together as leaders and make the hard decisions and smart investments as well as enact the policies that put us on a long-term path to prosperity. We cannot let America's future get bogged down by politics. There is too much at stake.

TRIBUTE TO THREE OLYMPIC MEDALISTS KESHIA BAKER, NATALIE COUGHLIN AND HEATHER PETRI

HON. JOHN GARAMENDI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 19, 2012

Mr. GARAMENDI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate three local heroes from the 10th District of California, Keshia Baker, Nat-

alie Coughlin and Heather Petri. At the 2012 London Olympic Games Keshia won the gold medal in the Women's 4x400m relay, Natalie won the Bronze in the Women's 4x100m freestyle swimming relay and Heather won gold as part of the Women's Water Polo team. These three inspiring women having assured places on the storied list of Olympians from our district, and have become role models of our community.

Keshia was a first time Olympian in London but you wouldn't know by the way she carried herself. Keshia graduated from Fairfield High in 2006 whereupon she attended the University of Oregon. In between setting athletic records at Oregon, Keisha started her own non-profit supporting young disadvantaged student athletes as well as graduating with Honors in Psychology.

Natalie is an Olympic veteran and a national household name who has performed at an amazing level as a member of the US Women's swimming team since 2004. Winning her 12th medal at the London games, Natalie has tied two others as the most highly decorated female Olympians in American history. As a lifelong resident of Vallejo and a graduate of my alma mater CAL, Natalie is and will continue to be an inspiration within our community.

Heather, a four-time Olympic veteran, has competed at a winning level for the past 12 years. Due in no small part to her excellent leadership and tenacity, the US Women's Water Polo Team earned gold in London. This was her fourth Olympic medal. Even at a young age Heather was an exceptional athlete; a founding member of her high school team, and a highly decorated college athlete from CAL, her success has been no surprise to our community.

Olympians are more than just exceptional athletes, they are exceptional Americans. Their ability to hurdle any obstacle, to apply hard work, dedication and perseverance to their goals embodies the best of the American spirit and the American people; they are role models to us all and ambassadors for America and we thank them.

HONORING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE INTERNATIONAL BROTHERHOOD OF ELECTRICAL WORKERS LOCAL 332

HON. ZOE LOFGREN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 19, 2012

Ms. ZOE LOFGREN of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise with my fellow Congress members ANNA ESHOO and MIKE HONDA to honor the 100th Anniversary of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local 332.

For over a century, the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local 332 has worked to ensure the safety and well-being of its members.

Established on August 25, 1912, with only fourteen members, it has grown today to include 2,700 men and women striving for the highest level of excellence in their trade. Their concern for safety, and pursuit for high quality

education, led to the creation of one of the top electrical training facilities in the United States.

In fact, these skilled workers have been instrumental in building Silicon Valley into the globally renowned location it is today. Members of the Local 332 have participated in nearly every major construction project in Santa Clara County in the last 100 years; from field-pumps and canneries of the early 20th century, to the high tech companies that drive Silicon Valley's economy today.

Just as these tradesmen helped build our homes, schools, hospitals, and civic facilities, they also have helped shape our community and grow our economy.

Indeed, Local 332's members contributions extend beyond the workplace to building a better community. Its members are active volunteers and generous supporters of numerous community and non-profit organizations.

Their civic work has improved the opportunities and lives of not only their own members, but also countless people in Santa Clara County.

Along with myself, Representatives ANNA ESHOO and MIKE HONDA also wish to congratulate the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers on its 100 year anniversary, and commend them for their work on behalf of workers' rights, craftsmanship, and their commitment to community in Silicon Valley.

IN HONOR OF CLEVELAND CITY COUNCILWOMAN PHYLLIS CLEVELAND

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 19, 2012

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of Cleveland City Councilwoman Phyllis Cleveland, who has been serving the Ward 5 community since being elected to the Cleveland City Council in 2005.

Councilwoman Cleveland has been a long-time resident of the community which she now represents, which includes the Central, North Broadway and Kinsman Union neighborhoods. The Councilwoman has spent her life in public and community service, working for the Cleveland Tenants Organization advocating for fair and affordable housing for Cuyahoga County residents. In 2009, Councilwoman Cleveland was chosen by Council President Martin J. Sweeney to serve as Majority Leader in the City Council.

Councilwoman Cleveland's goal for Ward 5 has always been to build a strong connection between residents and the community by keeping the neighborhood safe, clean, and affordable. To do this, she has supported programs to clear the city of vacant and abandoned housing, replacing it with new houses and businesses. She has continued the community and economic development started by Mayor Frank G. Jackson when he was the Ward 5 Councilman.

Mr. Speaker and Colleagues, please join me in honoring the accomplishments of Councilwoman Phyllis Cleveland.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE ASSOCIATION OF GREEK AMERICAN PROFESSIONAL WOMEN AND ITS WOMAN OF THE YEAR, LOULA LOI ALAFOYIANNIS

HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 19, 2012

Mrs. MALONEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the Association of Greek American Professional Women. In March 2011, it honored my good friend, Loula Loi Alafoyiannis, as its Woman of the Year at an awards ceremony held on International Women's Day. In a fitting tribute, it is presenting a scholarship to an outstanding female student of Hellenic descent in Loula's name.

Founded in New York, the Association of Greek American Professional Women (AGAPW) is an independent non-profit organization that provides a forum for American women of Hellenic descent working in various professions and businesses. It is a clearinghouse for information, resources, support and networking opportunities, and helps to expand career opportunities and advance Greek-American professional women by forging partnerships and establishing symbiotic relationships with other organizations within and outside the Greek-American community. In so doing, AGAPW plays an important supportive role for Hellenic American women who seek to work and improve their quality of life in the U.S., Greece, Cyprus, and around the world.

Loula Loi Alafoyiannis is a remarkable leader whom I am proud to call my friend. She is the Founder, Global President, and Chief Executive Officer of the Euro-American Women's Council (EAWC), which since 1996 has helped forge ties between entrepreneurs in Europe and America and advance women's rights and opportunities in the worlds of business and education.

Loula Loi Alafoyiannis is widely admired in the world of business and government for her strategic acumen and wise counsel. She provided training to prospective start-up business proprietors in Azerbaijan and was honored with IBM's prestigious Crown Award for women entrepreneurs. She served as a trusted advisor to me and to many distinguished public servants, including former Congressman Joseph Kennedy of Massachusetts, former New York Governor Mario Cuomo, U.S. Senators Hillary Clinton and Paul Sarbanes, and others. In addition, she is a noted public speaker who has delivered lectures before the National Foundation for Women Legislators and other distinguished audiences in both the public and private sectors.

Prior to founding the Euro-American Women's Council, Loula served as Vice President of the United States Hellenic American National Council, which she co-founded with her husband, John. It helps to build bridges between Greek and American entrepreneurs and to advance women's opportunities in business and education.

Loula is also a dedicated philanthropist and humanitarian who has devoted herself to serving others through many worthwhile causes. She sits on the Human Rights Advisory Council of New York, volunteers with the Daughters of Roumeli and the Hermes Athletic Club in New York, and was named Woman of the

Year by the Boys Club of Queens. For her tireless humanitarian efforts, she was honored by the Asociacion Mexicana de Mujeres Jefas de Empresa. In particular, Loula has devoted herself throughout her life to assisting those affected by cancer and other serious illnesses, especially low-income children from Greece.

Despite her busy career, Loula has remained focused on her beloved family. She is deeply devoted to her husband John, their daughter Rania, son Konstantine, daughter-in-law Nina, son John-Nicholas, Jr., daughter-in-law Nadia, and her "crown jewels", her grandchildren Aristotle, Konstantine John, and Isabella-Rania.

Mr. Speaker, I request that my esteemed colleagues join me in paying tribute to the Association of Greek American Professional Women and its 2011 Woman of the Year, Loula Loi Alafoyiannis.

HONOR FLIGHT COLORADO'S EIGHTH FLIGHT

HON. CORY GARDNER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 19, 2012

Mr. GARDNER. Mr. Speaker, I rise on the occasion of Honor Flight Northern Colorado's eighth flight to Washington, D.C. bringing Veterans of WWII, Korea, and Vietnam to see their memorials. On behalf of a grateful delegation, state, and country, we welcome these heroes.

The 122 Veterans on this flight include 48 from the Korean conflict, and 8 Purple Heart recipients from the Vietnam War. The Honor Flight program, founded in 2005, was intended to first honor all WWII Veterans that could make the trips, but then to afford the same to those from the Korea and Vietnam eras. We are, this day, honoring those Veterans from Korea (the Forgotten War) and Vietnam, our longest conflict in modern times, as they get to see their memorials. These trips are provided to our Veterans at no cost to them or their families.

The fact that these soldiers, sailors, airmen, Marines, and Coast Guardsmen would uproot themselves from their homes and families and put themselves in harm's way for our country is very humbling. The sacrifices they—and the families they left behind—made are truly incredible. The debt of gratitude we owe them can never be repaid, for without their honor, courage, commitment, and above all—sacrifice we would not be able to enjoy the freedoms we have today.

Please join me in thanking Charles Agnew, Lewis Ashcraft, Robert Barnard, Eugene Bonkiewicz, Carson Bright, Frank Brown, Wayne Bullock, William Castor, Lowell Dart, Donald Draxler, Robert Duntsch, Jose Duran, Joseph Edwards, George Emerick, Jack Endacott, Marvin Fowler, Robert Gillham, Warren Garst, Joseph Graham, William Hampton, Walter Hayward, Roland Kaiser, Willis Kramer, Victor Lazar, David Leon, Verne Lewellen, Harry Livingston, Mary Livingston, Gilbert Lopez, Russell Mam, W. Dennis McHenry, Raymond Mega, Gerald Monroe, Donald Morrison, Bernard Nettesheim, Reynolds Olson, Homer Phillips Jr., Richard Porter, Marion Raines, James Rauenbuehler, Frederick Reck, Gilbert Rohde, Walter Sapp, Henry Schmitt

Jr., John Shedd, Alan Schultes, Bill Shupe, Waldo Smith, Charles Smoot, Fredrick Stein, William Stromberg Sr., Gene Thorson, Clyde Treadway, Theodore Wahler, Arthur Wartburg, Crowell Werner, James White, Robert Williams, Evans Woodhouse, Darryl Anderson, Raymond Anderson, Donald Armagost, James Ball, Eugene Ball, Harry Ball, Leslie Brumley, Oris Charboneau, Dale Crist, Robert Cupp, Timothy Daley, Bobbie Desmond, Edward Eson, Clarence Ehrlich, Alvin Eurich, Francis Fleming Jr., James Flynn, Leslie Fraley Jr., George Frysinger III, Richard Gero, John Goad, Virgil Hanson, Roman Hermann, John Hess, Billy Hettinger, Donald Hoffman, Marguerite Ingram, Robert Kramer, Robert Kruger, Lindy Leifheit, Chester McCoy, Chester McGuire, William Miller, Raymond Nuss, James Ochsner, Louis Peterson, Marshall Petring, Arnold Piel, Wayne Pimple, Richard Reagan, Gerald Rice, Harry Rieger, Edward Roebuck, Gerald Ross, Alan Seaman, Dick Sears, Joseph Sellers, William Shirey, Norris Slechta, Robert Stanley, Elizabeth Strahan, Clarence Strahan Jr., William Striffler, Darrell Viegut, Sam Warner, Doyle Biggs, Paul Delgado, Edward Fast, Dennis Henneberg, Donald Hess, Daniel Menzies, Jack Roberts, Steven White, Irvin Tregoning, Jimmie Tregoning and Merrill Tregoning for their dedication, commitment, and service to this great nation.

JOY PINNIGER'S RETIREMENT

HON. JOHN J. DUNCAN, JR.

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 19, 2012

Mr. DUNCAN of Tennessee. Mr. Speaker, I rise to take this opportunity to recognize Jennifer Joy Pinniger on the occasion of her retirement as President and CEO of the National Stone, Sand & Gravel Association (NSSGA). Ever since Joy joined the National Stone Association sixteen years ago, she has been an advocate of the 107,800 men and women in the aggregates industry workforce.

She has focused NSSGA's advocacy on those issues with the most potential impact on the industry, always aware that the most effective advocates are those members of NSSGA who work every day to produce the construction materials essential to the built environment.

She has dedicated herself to educating Members of Congress and the public alike about the importance of the aggregates—or the stone, sand and gravel industry—not only to the Country as a whole, but to our individual lives.

About 10 tons of aggregates per person are used annually in America—everything from glass to cleaning products to pharmaceuticals, toothpaste, and so much more. Every mile of interstate contains 38,000 tons of aggregates and about 400 tons of aggregates are used in construction of the average home.

Joy led NSSGA's advocacy for the successful passage of the last two surface transportation authorization bills—SAFETEA-LU and MAP-21.

She worked closely with coalition partners in the Transportation Construction Coalition and the Americans for Transportation Mobility. She realized early on that involvement of the public—those affected by the need to get to and

from jobs on a daily basis, to take parents to the doctor, to attend children's soccer games; in reality all of us—was critical to success in moving surface transportation legislation forward. Joy worked tirelessly facilitating NSSGA member contacts with community leaders and lawmakers to build momentum for this often overlooked national priority.

Her leadership extended well beyond transportation to those regulatory issues affecting the aggregates industry. She championed the industry in meetings with administrative regulatory agencies, always intent on finding solutions that were right for both the aggregates industry and America. Most importantly, Joy always emphasized the industry's ethics and credibility through NSSGA member company commitments to safety and health resulting in 11 years of record-breaking achievements.

Joy's policy, management and motivational strength has helped NSSGA members reinforce message and guide relation bridges to fend off unjustified regulations like tightened standards for "farm dust," and legislation that does not accurately distinguish aggregates operations from others.

I salute Joy Pinniger on her tenure at the National Stone, Sand & Gravel Association which she led with distinction and integrity. I congratulate her on her retirement and wish her the very best in the years ahead.

IN HONOR OF OHIO SENATOR NINA
TURNER

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 19, 2012

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of Senator Nina Turner of Ohio's 25th Senate District.

Senator Turner began her political career as a legislative aide in the Ohio Senate, followed by her tenure on the administration of former Cleveland Mayor Michael R. White. After working in the Mayor's office, she went on to advocate for city school children as Director of Government Affairs for the Cleveland Municipal School District. She was later elected as the first woman to represent Ward 1 in Cleveland's City Council.

While serving in Ohio's 25th Senate District, Senator Turner has served as Senate Minority Whip and Ranking Member of the State and Local Government and Veterans Affairs Committee. She is a board member of the Great Lakes Science Center, the United Way of Greater Cleveland, and the Cleveland Police Foundation. Senator Turner has also been recognized three years in row by Inside Business Magazine as one of the "Power 100: Northeast Ohio's Most Influential People."

A first generation college graduate, Senator Turner stresses the importance of hard work and education. She not only supports education through legislation, she also serves as a professor of history at Cuyahoga Community College and a mentor to students and young people throughout the Greater Cleveland area.

Mr. Speaker and colleagues, please join me in honoring the achievements of Ohio Senator Nina Turner.

RECOGNIZING MR. ROY T.
CAMPBELL, JR.

HON. DAVID P. ROE

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. ROE of Tennessee. Mr. Speaker, I submit these remarks today to recognize Mr. Roy T. Campbell, Jr. of Tennessee's First District, who has been named 2012 Citizen of the Year by Senior Citizen Home Assistance for his longstanding dedication and service to Cocke County. For those unfamiliar with Senior Citizen Home Assistance, this is an organization that provides services to seniors and enables them to live at home. Once a year they recognize an exemplary individual and honor their achievements. Through his work as a lawyer and volunteer, Roy has made many selfless contributions to his community.

A graduate of the University of Tennessee School of Law, Roy has endeavored to help the citizens of Cocke County throughout his career. In addition to more than 61 years of practicing law, he has been involved in many civic, church, and community groups. He is a founding member of the Industrial Development Board of Cocke County, which has attracted businesses and jobs to the region. He has also been an enthusiastic supporter of higher education in East Tennessee with generous gifts to the University of Tennessee, UT School of Law, and East Tennessee State University.

Mr. Speaker, I commend Roy for his selfless contributions to Cocke County and wish him the best as he continues to exemplify the Volunteer spirit.

IN CELEBRATION OF THE 40TH AN-
NIVERSARY OF THE UNIFORMED
SERVICES UNIVERSITY OF THE
HEALTH SCIENCES

HON. CHRIS VAN HOLLEN

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 19, 2012

Mr. VAN HOLLEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences (USU) on its 40th anniversary and recognize this extraordinary university whose graduates serve our nation by caring for those in harm's way. I am honored that USU is located in Maryland's Eighth Congressional District.

Graduates of USU, which is based in Bethesda, Maryland, provide front-line care for our troops in Afghanistan and around the globe, aboard ships and airplanes equipped as state-of-the-art hospitals/emergency rooms and in public health facilities throughout our nation. These outstanding women and men are educated at USU in medicine, graduate nursing, dentistry, clinical psychology and biomedical research.

Over the past ten years, USU alumni have been routinely deployed in combat zones. They have established forward hospitals and have advanced battlefield medicine in ways not even envisioned only one decade ago. They have saved lives and worked to help restore wounded heroes' health. They have advanced basic research to address traumatic

brain injury, amputations, post-traumatic stress, and treatment for infectious diseases, and have worked under harsh and austere conditions to provide the highest quality health care possible.

USU was established by an Act of Congress in 1972. Since then, it has graduated nearly 5,000 physicians along with hundreds who have received degrees in biomedical sciences in the School of Medicine and graduate level nursing in the Graduate School of Nursing. Recently, USU expanded to include a Post-graduate Dental College.

Charles Rice, MD, President of USU, describes USU as follows:

The Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences is a center of excellence for military and public health education and research. USU's programs are unique, as are our dedicated faculty, staff and students. The university benefits tremendously from its extraordinary alumni who return to teach, conduct research and guide others in clinical care. These devoted professionals bring a wealth of experience gained in military treatment facilities throughout the U.S. and around the world, as well as in combat, on ships, in airborne intensive care units, amid natural disasters and among a multitude of cultures.

Since 1980, when USU's F. Edward Hébert School of Medicine graduated its first class, the school has produced talented and dedicated physicians and leaders who serve in the Army, Navy, Air Force and Public Health Service. They include the following distinguished alumni:

Lt. Gen. (Dr.) Thomas W. Travis, U.S. Air Force, class of 1986, who in July 2012, took over as the 21st Surgeon General of the United States Air Force.

Rear Admiral (Dr.) Michael Anderson, U.S. Navy, class of 1983, who is proudly serving as the Medical Officer of the Marine Corps, overseeing the health care of more than 200,000 active duty Marines and their families.

Rear Admiral (Dr.) Sarah Linde-Feucht, U.S. Public Health Service, class of 1992, a board-certified family physician who is also the Chief Public Health Officer for the Health Resources Services Administration, where she is a member of the executive leadership team and senior policy advisor to the HRSA Administrator.

Col. (Dr.) Paul Pasquina, U.S. Army, class of 1991, who heads the Orthopaedic and Rehabilitation Service at the Walter Reed National Military Medical Center, Bethesda, and is responsible for ensuring that the many U.S. service members returning from combat with often debilitating physical and mental injuries are receiving the best care possible. These include soldiers like Army Col. Gregory Gadson, who lost both legs in Iraq, but with Col. Pasquina as his doctor, became the first recipient of the prosthetic "power knees" and remains on active duty as the new commander of Fort Belvoir in Virginia.

USU has also awarded nearly 1,300 degrees in the biomedical sciences to individuals who advance the science that underlies our ability to treat and protect against infectious diseases and other maladies affecting humankind. Distinguished alumni include the following:

Dr. Katherine Bossart, a 2003 Ph.D. graduate in Emerging Infectious Diseases now at Boston University, developed the first treatment (antibody) and first vaccine against two deadly viruses, Nipah and Hendra, that could

be used as potential biothreat agents. The antibody was successfully used, through compassionate use exception, to save the lives of three individuals with significant exposure to the Hendra virus.

Brigadier-General (Dr.) Jean-Robert Bernier, Canadian Defence Force, a 1997 graduate of USU's Master of Public Health degree program, was sworn in as the Surgeon General of Canada in July 2012.

The USU Graduate School of Nursing has conferred more than 600 master's degrees since its founding in 1993 and 15 doctorates since opening its Ph.D. program in 2003. These men and women serve in uniformed and federal services at home and abroad. They also work with the school's faculty to conduct research.

Air Force Capt. Jennifer Curtis, who graduated from USU's Family Nurse Practitioner program, Graduate School of Nursing, in 2009, was awarded the Bronze Star and other decorations for her heroic lifesaving actions of six soldiers while under fire in Afghanistan during her very first deployment.

In addition to its world-class educational programs, USU is dedicated to innovative research in military medicine, nursing and oral health as well as public health. Its research programs, devoted to preventive medicine, infectious disease, prosthetics, traumatic brain injury and post-traumatic stress disorder, are relevant both locally and globally.

The civilian members of USU's Board of Regents are appointed by the Secretary of Defense. They are prominent leaders in health care, higher education and public policy from across the country. Current members include:

Otis Brawley, M.D., Chief Medical Officer and Executive Vice President, American Cancer Society

Sheila Burke, Senior Policy Analyst at Baker Donelson and former Under Secretary of the Smithsonian Institution

General (Ret.) Ronald Griffith, former Vice Chief of Staff of the Army

Michael Johns, M.D., Chancellor of Emory University

Haile Debas, M.D., Executive Director of Global Health Sciences at the University of California, San Francisco

Kenneth Moritsugu, M.D., Vice President, Global Strategic Affairs for LifeScan, Inc., former Deputy Surgeon General of the United States

Gail Wilensky, Ph.D., Senior Fellow at Project HOPE and former Administrator of the Health Care Financing Administration

Ronald Blanck, D.O., Chairman and Partner of Martin, Blanck & Associates, former Army Surgeon General, and former President of the University of North Texas Health Science Center in Fort Worth. Dr. Blanck serves as Chair of USU's Board of Regents.

Ex-officio members of the Board include:

Dr. Jonathan Woodson, Assistant Secretary of Defense for Health Affairs

Lt. General Patricia Horoho, Surgeon General of the U.S. Army

Vice Admiral Matthew Nathan, Surgeon General of the U.S. Navy

Lt. General Thomas Travis, Surgeon General of the U.S. Air Force

Vice Admiral Regina Benjamin, Surgeon General of the United States

Dr. Charles L. Rice, President of the Uniformed Services University

The Board members' experience, knowledge and ideas will enable USU to continue

its fine tradition of making significant contributions to military medicine and public health, helping to create a stronger, more effective military and federal health system in service to our nation and the global community.

Our nation is fortunate that USU fulfills well its mission of educating future generations of military and public health physicians, nurses, dentists and biomedical scientists. Moreover, USU is a particularly compelling example of the importance of public investment in our nation's future. I look forward to working with my colleagues in Congress, the leadership of the Department of Defense and the USU to ensure that USU has the support it needs to continue to fulfill the vision of its founders.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in congratulating USU, its students, alumni, faculty and staff on forty years of extraordinary contributions to our nation.

INTRODUCTION OF THE MEDICARE SECONDARY PAYER AND LATE ENROLLMENT PENALTY FAMILY FAIRNESS ACT

HON. FORTNEY PETE STARK

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 19, 2012

Mr. STARK. Mr. Speaker, I rise to introduce the Medicare Secondary Payer and Late Enrollment Penalty Family Fairness Act. Today, the Social Security Act uses different definitions of familial relationships for purposes of Medicare secondary payer rules and late enrollment penalty protections. Beneficiaries over age 65 are subject to a more restrictive definition than younger beneficiaries who are eligible for Medicare due to disability. My legislation fixes that anomaly by creating a uniform definition so that Medicare beneficiaries of all ages are treated equally. I would like to thank my constituent Joseph Goleman for bringing this problem to my attention.

Medicare's secondary payer rules generally allow an individual to maintain employer-sponsored coverage after they've obtained Medicare eligibility and forgo joining Medicare Part B (and therefore having to pay the Part B monthly premium) as long as they maintain such coverage. In these instances, their employer-sponsored coverage remains their primary coverage, and Medicare Part A is their secondary coverage. Very importantly, the law also protects people in this situation who then transition to Medicare Part B when they lose that employer-sponsored coverage. The law shields these beneficiaries from the late enrollment penalty because they've maintained consistent coverage and therefore carry no adverse risk for Medicare. This is a key benefit as the late enrollment penalty is a substantial financial hit.

These rules exist because they are a win for beneficiaries with access to employer-sponsored coverage and a win for taxpayers. Beneficiaries gain because employer-sponsored coverage usually has lower cost sharing than Medicare and typically has lower deductibles as well. Plus, taxpayers win because Medicare isn't responsible for many new health costs for these individuals because they are being primarily covered by their employer's plan.

For people who become eligible for Medicare based on disability, the current law pro-

vides that these Medicare Secondary Payer and Late Enrollment Penalty rules apply to the beneficiary and his or her "family member." For people who become eligible for Medicare by reason of turning 65, these protections only apply to the beneficiary or their "spouse."

The practical impact of these different definitions of familial relationships is that a person eligible for Medicare based on disability is protected from late enrollment penalties when covered by a same sex spouse on his or her employer plan. However, a person eligible for Medicare because they've turned 65 is not.

I learned of this problem after I received a constituent inquiry in my Fremont, California office. Joseph Coleman is a 34-year-old person with a disability and is enrolled in Medicare on that basis. After becoming enrolled in Medicare, he learned that he could obtain spousal coverage and thereby avoid having to pay the Part B premium. He was also rightly informed that he'd be eligible to rejoin Medicare Part B—without paying a penalty—if that spousal coverage changed.

Imagine Joseph's surprise, anger, and fear when he went to exercise that right to rejoin Medicare Part B and he was told by a local Social Security office in our community, that that right didn't extend to him because he was in a same-sex marriage. Instead, he would be subject to a significant late enrollment penalty, which made Medicare Part B coverage entirely unaffordable for him.

Thankfully, Joseph reached out to me. My staff quickly discovered that he was, in fact, guaranteed the protection to rejoin Medicare without penalty. After several go 'rounds with the local Social Security office by my staff and Medicare's Region 9 staff, we were able to get Joseph the benefits to which he was due. However, it is clear to me that because there are two different standards in the law, mistakes are made and people are likely losing benefits to which they are entitled under current law. This certainly would have been the case with Joseph if I hadn't intervened.

Regardless of your position on same-sex marriage, revising the law to have a standard definition using "family member" for the Medicare secondary payer rules and the late enrollment penalty protection simply makes financial sense for Medicare. By converting to the term "family member," we steer clear of stepping into any debate over the Defense of Marriage Act. While I oppose that law and would strongly support its repeal, that's not the fight we're waging today.

The simple goal of this bill is to right a wrong, which was brought to my attention by a constituent. If left unchanged, not only does the law treat Medicare beneficiaries in identical situations differently, it obviously results in confusion for those who enforce the law. I am sure more people than Joseph Coleman have been wrongly denied benefits based on misinterpretation of the convoluted law—potentially accentuated by personal prejudices.

I urge my colleagues to join with me in support of this small bill that affects few people, but simply clarifies the law. It will mean the difference between people obtaining quality, affordable coverage through Medicare Parts A&B, or being left behind.

IN HONOR OF MR. DAN BRADY

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 19, 2012

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of Dan Brady, a member of the Cuyahoga County Council serving the Third District.

Dan Brady is a native of Cleveland, Ohio and has been active in public service for many years. He earned a degree in political science and history from Ohio University. He served on the Cleveland City Council from 1986 to 1996 before serving one term in the Ohio House of Representatives from 1996 to 1998. He left the Ohio House of Representatives to run for a seat in the Ohio Senate, in which he served until 2006. He was elected to the position of minority whip in the Ohio Senate in 2001. He now serves on the Cuyahoga County Council representing the Third District.

Dan Brady's accomplishments make him a remarkable figure in state and local government. As a member of the Cleveland City Council, Dan helped manage the expansion of Cleveland Public Power. In the Ohio House of Representatives, he supported the Beck Center for the Performing Arts and opposed legislation that would have reduced benefits to injured workers. In the Ohio Senate, he fought for legislation to reduce the risk of HIV among hospital workers working with needles.

Mr. Speaker and colleagues, please join me in honoring Dan Brady, a member of the Cuyahoga County Council who is dedicated to serving the citizens of Cuyahoga County and the State of Ohio.

HONORING CLAUDE L. AND
MICHELLE D. WINFIELD**HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 19, 2012

Mrs. MALONEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to Claude and Michelle "Shelley" Winfield. The Winfields have made unique personal contributions in their professional lives and through their volunteer efforts to benefit New Yorkers at-large.

Mr. and Ms. Winfield have spent the majority of their professional careers in education. Mr. Winfield was born in Virginia and moved to New York City as a young boy. He earned an undergraduate degree in electrical engineering from New York University, and began his career working for Western Electric. He later earned masters degrees in elementary education and education administration from City University of New York. Mr. Winfield found his true calling when he began teaching. He taught 2nd grade English and middle school science, and later became the principal of Walt Whitman Middle School in Brooklyn, which served 1,900 students. Mr. Winfield is a strong proponent of the progressive teaching methods that he feels benefited him as a young student.

Ms. Winfield grew up in Pennsylvania, and earned an undergraduate degree in home economics from Howard University before beginning her teaching career. She received masters degrees in education administration from

Fordham University and in special education from Adelphi University. For 15 years, until her retirement in 2002, Ms. Winfield was the beloved Supervisor of Special Education at Robert Wagner Middle School in Manhattan where she inspired in her colleagues and students an appreciation for the intrinsic value of education.

The Winfields are deeply involved in the community, serving in leadership positions in a variety of organizations. Mr. Winfield serves as Manhattan Community Board 6 Executive Committee Vice Chairman and Chairman of the Community Board's Housing, Homeless Services and Human Rights Committee. He also volunteers as a docent at the Museum for African Art.

Ms. Winfield is an active member of the of the Parent Advisory Board at the National Dance Institute. She has been an enthusiastic advocate for the program since her son participated in it as a student at P.S. 124M. She was appointed by Manhattan Borough President Scott Stringer to serve on the Community Advisory Board of Bellevue Hospital Center and assists with fundraising for The Duke Ellington Society, Inc. in Manhattan.

Ms. Winfield had an early introduction to the civil rights movement as a result of her family's activism and community service. Her father was a civil rights leader who served as President of the North Philadelphia Action Branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP). In accordance with the family tradition, Mr. and Ms. Winfield have worked with the NAACP Mid-Manhattan Branch, which honored them with the Distinguished Service Award in 1975.

The couple is also very involved in local political organizations, including the Samuel J. Tilden Democratic Club, for which Ms. Winfield serves on the donations committee. In April, they received the Samuel J. Tilden Democratic Club Humanitarian Award for their tireless advocacy and incredible contributions of their time and talents to strengthen the community.

Married in 1974, Mr. and Ms. Winfield are the proud parents of two children, Marie and Michael, and adore their son-in-law Konrad Pust. They are also loving grandparents to their granddaughter, Sophie.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in recognizing Claude and Shelley Winfield. This remarkable couple are shining examples of selfless devotion to community service.

CONGRATULATING DR. HILLARD
M. LAZARUS**HON. STEVEN C. LATOURETTE**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 19, 2012

Mr. LATOURETTE. Mr. Speaker, I would like to offer my congratulations to Dr. Hillard M. Lazarus, in his continued pursuit of excellence in care delivery and commitment to medical innovation. During my eighteen year tenure in Congress, I have had the great honor of working with the University Hospitals Systems (UH) in Cleveland, OH, and experiencing firsthand the exceptional commitment to increasing the quality of care they provide to patients not just from Northeast Ohio, but from around the country. I have also had the

opportunity to develop a personal relationship with many members of their dedicated team of care providers.

Dr. Hillard Lazarus is one of those extraordinary members of the UH team. Dr. Lazarus has over 30 years of distinguished experience in his field, and has served as the Director of the Blood and Bone Marrow Transplant Program within the Division of Hematology/Oncology at Seidman Cancer Center for the past 25 years. In this time, Dr. Lazarus has gained a reputation as a leading expert in his field and is widely recognized for his contributions in the areas of mesenchymal stem cell transplants and autologous stem cell transplantation. As a pioneer in non-embryonic stem cells and regenerative medicine, Dr. Lazarus performed the first stem cell transplant in the state of Ohio in 1976 at UH Case Medical Center.

Dr. Lazarus has been identified as an Outstanding Physician in many national and local surveys, was inducted into the Cancer Care Hall of Fame and the American Cancer Society, and has received the American Cancer Society Lifetime Achievement Research Award. He has also authored and co-authored over 270 publications in peer-reviewed journals, 46 book chapters and 66 review articles. His record of ground-breaking treatments and breakthroughs has helped make Seidman Cancer Center a leader in the treatment of leukemia and other blood disorders.

Mr. Speaker, I thank you for the opportunity to share some of the highlights of the ongoing work of Dr. Lazarus with the House of Representatives. It is so important to recognize innovators like him, who pave the way for medical breakthroughs that increase the duration and quality of life for millions of Americans. I am proud to offer my congratulations and thanks to Dr. Lazarus for his outstanding achievements and contributions, as well as his service to Northeast Ohio and the United States of America.

IN HONOR OF CLEVELAND CITY
COUNCILMAN ZACK REED**HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 19, 2012

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of Councilman Zack Reed, who has been representing the residents of the Mt. Pleasant and Kinsman neighborhoods in Ward 2 on Cleveland's City Council since 2000.

Councilman Reed grew up in the Mt. Pleasant neighborhood of Cleveland. He began his career in public service working with local unions to help inner-city youth find jobs with the Civilian Conservation Corps and the Youth Apprenticeship Program.

Throughout his time in office, Councilman Reed has focused on the revitalization of the Mt. Pleasant neighborhood and the safety of its residents. He was an active advocate for the zero tolerance for crime policy, gun buybacks and an increase in support for Cleveland police officers. Reed has also worked closely with community leaders in his neighborhood to revitalize small businesses and create an environment that supports economic development.

Councilman Reed has been a strong advocate of workforce equality for the diverse population of Cleveland and has been an active

member of the National Black Caucus of Local Officials. His work in the community has resulted in the rebuilding of a local elementary school and senior center along with the cleanup and development of the community.

Mr. Speaker and Colleagues, please join me in honoring the achievements of Councilman Zach Reed.

HONORING THE 10TH ANNIVERSARY OF ONE WORLD NOW!

HON. JIM McDERMOTT

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 19, 2012

Mr. McDERMOTT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the ten-year anniversary of One World Now!, a pioneering, Seattle-based educational program that presents underserved youth with the opportunity to learn world languages and cultures through after-school classes and study abroad programs.

When it was founded, One World Now! was a pilot program run out of a single public school in Seattle with only 12 students enrolled. After ten years of hard-earned success and steadfast dedication to educating underprivileged youth, One World Now! has expanded to 8 Seattle high schools, 2 middle schools, and has also partnered with schools in Los Angeles, New York City, and Honolulu. Over 2000 youth have participated in programs orchestrated by One World Now!, and its consistent growth makes me optimistic that that number will continue to grow.

As we integrate into a more globalized world, it is imperative that youth from all backgrounds receive a worldly education that teaches the importance of tolerance and cultural understanding. Since 2002, One World Now! has endeavored to paint a brighter future for our leaders of the next generation by giving them a strong foundation in international relations.

The success of One World Now! in bringing youths of all cultures together under the common banner of education is admirable and has never been more necessary. As we celebrate the 10th anniversary of this commendable program, I would like to convey my unwavering support for One World Now! and its commitment to youth, culture, and education.

DR. CLEOTHUS MONTGOMERY

HON. GENE GREEN

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 19, 2012

Mr. GENE GREEN of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor my good friend, Dr. Cleothus Montgomery, D. Min., for his fifty years of service as the pastor of the Northside Missionary Baptist Church in Houston, Texas.

In September 1962, Dr. Montgomery founded the Northside Missionary Baptist Church and has been its leader ever since. In this time, he transformed the church from a gathering of a few people in his living room into a vehicle for community change, with more than 450 members. He is currently working on an ambitious plan to build senior housing and a nursing home, and to cultivate small busi-

nesses, in an effort to further the church's work toward improving the community.

Montgomery grew up one of nine siblings on a farm in Henderson, Texas. He met and married Emma Tinch and together they reared five children. He is a grandfather to nine grandchildren and great-grandfather to three great-grandchildren.

Dr. Montgomery has a Bachelor of Science Degree in Engineering Science and a Bachelor of Theology. He is a graduate of Houston Civilian Police Academy and has earned a Master of Ministry, a Doctorate of Ministry, and two Honorary Doctorates: Honorary Doctorate of Divinity and Honorary Doctorate of Sacred Theology.

In addition to leading Northside Missionary Baptist Church, Dr. Montgomery currently serves as the president of the CDC Association of Greater Houston. He has served as Vice President and Chairman of the Board at the College of Biblical Studies, Executive Director of Greater Northside Plaza, President of the Houston Christian Minister's Fellowship Northeast Houston, Chairman of the Board of the World Christian Training Center, and Vice President of the Ministerial Advisory Board to the Mayor of Houston.

The city of Houston is a better place because of Dr. Montgomery. On the 50th Anniversary of Northside Missionary Baptist Church which coincides with Dr. Montgomery's 80th birthday, I rise to thank and honor him for his tireless dedication to his parish and the greater community.

TRIBUTE TO THE UNITED STATES CAPITOL HISTORICAL SOCIETY

HON. NORMAN D. DICKS

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 19, 2012

Mr. DICKS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the United States Capitol Historical Society, which is celebrating 50 years of history and service to the United States Capitol.

Congressman Fred Schwengel, Senator Hubert Humphrey, and a group of 15 other Members of Congress, historians, and civic and business leaders organized the United States Capitol Historical Society on July 17, 1962. Fifty years later, the USCHS continues to fulfill its mission by teaching the public about the founding, growth and significance of the Capitol of the United States as a tangible symbol of its representative form of government.

Convinced that an understanding of history was inextricably linked with responsible citizenship, the founders of the United States Capitol Historical Society adopted a mission statement committing the nonprofit, non-partisan, educational organization to the role of "history teacher to the nation."

More than 50 years after its founding, the Society continues to develop new and creative ways to bring the fascinating story of the Capitol to the public's attention. Among its tools are educational tours, scholarly symposia, observances of historic events, enhancement and preservation of the Capitol's collection of art and artifacts, sponsorship of research, the sale of publications and mementos of an historical nature, and assistance to Congressional and other Capitol offices.

The partnership of the USCHS with the National Archives and Old Town Trolley in the

We the People Constitution program is particularly innovative. The Society has committed to working toward seeing every eighth grade student in the Washington, DC public schools tour "monumental" Washington to learn about the U.S. Constitution. This educational tour's sole purpose is to help students understand their place in American history and their role in the process of government.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring a great organization dedicated to preserving the history of the most recognizable symbol of representative government in the world, the United States Capitol.

IN HONOR OF CLEVELAND CITY COUNCILMAN KENNETH L. JOHNSON

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 19, 2012

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of Councilman Kenneth L. Johnson, who has been serving Ward 4 on the Cleveland City Council since 1980.

Councilman Johnson has served Cleveland with a focus on enriching Cleveland youth through recreational and academic programs. He is responsible for starting free overnight summer and winter camping trips where youth from the city have the opportunity to experience different environments. Johnson has always been an outspoken believer in quality recreational activities for young people to help them learn important lifelong leadership and social skills.

Along with working for the Cleveland youth, Councilman Johnson has supported bringing new jobs to Cleveland through development and investment in the community. He has strived to give those seeking work new opportunities by starting computer training programs across the city. He also began a volunteer street cleaning, tree cutting, and overall beautification program for senior citizens and disabled residents in his ward.

Councilman Johnson has been the only Council Member in Cleveland history to have a building named after him while still holding office. The Kenneth L. Johnson Recreation Center was dedicated in October 2001 and has established an area for young people to gather and develop in a healthy environment.

Mr. Speaker and colleagues, please join me in honoring the hard work and dedication Councilman Kenneth L. Johnson has shown serving the Cleveland community.

ON THE RETIREMENT OF GARY BOGUE

HON. GEORGE MILLER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 19, 2012

Mr. GEORGE MILLER of California. I rise with my colleagues Congressman JERRY MCNERNEY and Congressman JOHN GARAMENDI to take this opportunity to recognize and congratulate Contra Costa Times pet and wildlife columnist Gary Bogue as he retires after 42 years of public service.

Gary began his long career as a columnist in 1970 while still working at the Lindsey Wildlife Museum. During his thirteen year tenure as curator of the museum, he established one of the Nation's first wildlife rescue programs, tending to injured wildlife and raising a wide variety of orphaned animals. In 1982, Gary signed on as a full-time writer with the Contra Costa Times, using the skills and knowledge he gained as a curator to share his expertise on wildlife and domestic animals with the public in his own daily column.

As a prominent voice for preserving and protecting the environment in our region, Gary has left a lasting impact on our community. In 1990, when Oakland Athletics manager and animal-lover Tony La Russa realized that there was not a single "no-kill" shelter for animals in the area, he called on Gary for help. Together they cemented the idea that a non-profit shelter was urgently needed. A year later La Russa launched his Animal Rescue Foundation (ARF), which has helped countless homeless and unwanted pets to find permanent homes. Through his column, Gary has also spread awareness about the importance of preserving our natural land and has been a valued partner with such organizations as Save Mount Diablo and the Muir Heritage Land Trust in advocating the preservation of open space in the East Bay.

Over the years, Gary's work has been widely recognized throughout the Bay Area as his writing was picked up by the Oakland Tribune, San Mateo County Times, and the San Jose Mercury News. He has also written five books that have connected with environmentalists and wildlife advocates worldwide.

Mr. Speaker, I invite my colleagues to join me in commending Gary Bogue for his committed and diligent service to the community, our natural environment and the wildlife whose space we share on this planet. I am pleased to join his family, friends, and colleagues in congratulating Gary on an outstanding career and wish him the very best as he begins a well-deserved retirement.

TAIWAN NATIONAL DAY

HON. SANFORD D. BISHOP, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 19, 2012

Mr. BISHOP of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Taiwan on its 101st National Day, which will occur on October 10th, 2012. As a member of the Taiwan Caucus, I recognize the importance of continuing to cultivate a strong relationship between the United States and Taiwan.

The United States and Taiwan share a strong commitment to freedom. As a beacon of democracy for Southeast Asia and the rest of the world, Taiwan and its 23 million people enjoy self-governance, free elections, and the protection of individual rights. The policies pursued by President Ma Ying-jeou have made Taiwan a strong ally to the United States in these turbulent times.

Taiwan also is a strong business partner for the United States. It is our tenth largest trading partner and the sixth largest market for United States agriculture exports. Georgia and Taiwan also have strong business ties. Taiwan is Georgia's thirteenth largest export market,

grossing \$68 million in profit for Georgia last year alone. Taiwan imports chemicals, automobiles, and, of course, Coca-Colas. Taiwan is also a leading innovator and producer of information technology and knowledge-based industries.

The United States has supported Taiwan's transformation to a vibrant democracy. It should be congratulated for its 101 years of freedom and prosperity. It continues to be a model of democracy for Southeast Asia and countries all over the globe.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me today in congratulating Taiwan on its 101st National Day. I am confident that the friendship and close relationship that has been cultivated by the United States and Taiwan will continue for many years to come.

A TRIBUTE TO C. KEVIN GILLESPIE

HON. ROBERT A. BRADY

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 19, 2012

Mr. BRADY of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor C. Kevin Gillespie. Father Gillespie will be inaugurated as the 27th president of Saint Joseph's University on Friday, October 12, 2012.

A native of West Philadelphia, Father Gillespie attended St. Margaret's Grade School in Narberth, Monsignor Bonner High School in Drexel Hill, and then Saint Joseph's College in Philadelphia. After earning his bachelor's degree in psychology in 1972, Father Gillespie went on to earn master's degrees in psychology from Duquesne University and in divinity from the Jesuit School of Theology Berkeley. He holds a Ph.D. in pastoral psychology from Boston University.

Father Gillespie entered the Society of Jesus in 1975 and later served at Loyola College in Maryland where he became the first director of the master's program in Spiritual and Pastoral Care. There he also founded LOGOS, Loyola Overseas Gestures of Solidarity.

Most recently, Father Gillespie was the associate provost for University Centers of Excellence at Loyola University Chicago where he lead five academic centers and in 2011, simultaneously served as interim dean of the School of Social Work.

Father Gillespie credits his St. Joseph's education for preparing him to meet the critical issues he faces every day. He has served on the Board of Saint Joseph's since 2006.

Mr. Speaker, I encourage my colleagues to join me in honoring C. Kevin Gillespie for his years of service and congratulate him on his new journey as president of Saint Joseph's University.

IN HONOR OF OHIO SENATOR MICHAEL J. SKINDELL

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 19, 2012

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of Senator Michael J. Skindell of Ohio's 23rd Senate District.

Senator Skindell graduated cum laude with a B.A. in business and political science from Walsh College before earning his law degree from Cleveland-Marshall College of Law. Upon graduation, he served under Attorney General Anthony J. Celebrezze as an Assistant Attorney General. After providing legal representation to the Director of Health, serving as a hearing officer for the Ohio department of Health, and beginning his own practice, Senator Skindell turned to public service, becoming a councilman for Lakewood from 1998 to 2002. He was then elected to the Ohio House of Representatives for Ohio's 13th House district where he served four terms until being elected to the Ohio Senate.

Throughout his career, the Senator has been known to advocate for protections for the consumer, more affordable prescription drug coverage, protecting the environment, providing opportunities for working class and poor families, universal health care and developing Ohio's renewable energy resources. Currently, he serves on the Lakewood Chamber of Commerce, Lakewood Democratic Club, and Cuyahoga Democratic Party.

Senator Skindell has been recognized as Environmental Legislator of the Year in 2004, Legislative Champion of Children by the American Academy of Pediatrics and Voices for Ohio Children, and the Legislator of the Year Award from the Ohio Academy of Trial Lawyers in 2007.

Mr. Speaker and colleagues, please join me in honoring the achievements of Senator Michael J. Skindell.

IN HONOR OF THE RETIREMENT OF DR. MARCIA GOLDSTONE

HON. ANDRÉ CARSON

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 19, 2012

Mr. CARSON of Indiana. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to express my gratitude to Dr. Marcia Goldstone for her considerable achievements over the past 35-years with the Jewish Community Relations Council. Her vision, leadership and tireless devotion to promoting social justice and interfaith dialogue has strengthened and enriched the 71h District of Indiana in countless ways.

As the long-serving Executive Director of the JCRC, Dr. Goldstone created and led dozens of issue-based coalitions made up of exemplary business and religious leaders, educators, and philanthropists to foster a welcoming and secure environment for our growing Jewish community. I applaud the JCRC for its embrace of the ancient tradition of tzedakah, the Hebrew word for charity, by assisting Jewish families who have fallen on hard times, assisting Soviet Jewry to integrate into American society, and promoting a deeper understanding amongst peoples of faith throughout Central Indiana.

Dr. Goldstone's influence and passion for fighting injustice and promoting tolerance extends beyond Central Indiana. Her persistent efforts as part of a broad coalition of religious and secular organizations encouraged the Reagan Administration and Congressional leaders to call for the end of Apartheid in South Africa and release of Nelson Mandela. These efforts have earned her numerous

awards and accolades, including the prestigious Sagamore of the Wabash.

Today, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Dr. Marcia Goldstone for her outstanding service to the City of Indianapolis. Her retirement from the JCRC closes a chapter on an impressive career. She has been an extraordinary friend and adviser both to me and to my grandmother, the late Congresswoman Julia Carson. I wish her the very best and look forward to working with the JCRC of Indianapolis for many years to come.

CELEBRATING 100 YEARS OF COOPERATIVE EDUCATION AT THE ROCHESTER INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY

HON. LOUISE McINTOSH SLAUGHTER

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 19, 2012

Ms. SLAUGHTER. Mr. Speaker, it is my esteemed honor to celebrate the Rochester Institute of Technology's 100th year of Cooperative Education. I am joined by the Honorable KATHY HOCHUL and the Honorable TOM REED as we congratulate the Rochester Institute of Technology (RIT). RIT is home to our nation's fourth oldest established Cooperative Education Program. Cooperative Education provides students with the opportunity to enrich their traditional higher education experience by alternating periods of full-time study with periods of full-time, for credit, paid employment appropriate to their educational and career goals. It is a true testament to the progressiveness of Rochester region to be home to this longstanding educational program.

Established in 1912, RIT's Cooperative Education has grown to be nationally recognized as one of the nation's top programs by U.S. News and World Report and the Office of Cooperative Education and Career Services. RIT offers one of the largest programs in the world with more than 3,800 students completing nearly 5,800 quarterly work assignments with more than 2,000 employer partners throughout the U.S. and in 40 other countries around the world each year.

In the Cooperative Education program, RIT encourages students to explore their interests through hands-on experience while they are still working towards their degree. By providing students with the opportunity to experience their field of interest outside the classroom, RIT's graduates are better equipped to enter full-time jobs and thrive.

Cooperative Education is a required component in several of RIT's colleges including the Kate Gleason College of Engineering, the Golisano College of Computing and Information Sciences, The Saunders College of Business, and the College of Applied Science and Technology.

Through Cooperative Education programs, our universities ensure that American students are trained in best practices and have in-depth knowledge of the cutting edge technologies of today's global world. RIT's program and others like it are crucial to ensuring that the next generation of American professionals can compete and win in a globalized world.

Through the support of RIT faculty and administration, countless students have expanded their knowledge and skills in the Co-

operative Education program. They've been exposed to unique experiences and unparalleled knowledge that has prepared them for successful careers. For one hundred years, RIT has dedicated itself to providing these unique learning opportunities, and helped to prepare America's next generation for years of success to come.

Today I stand with Representatives HOCHUL and REED to congratulate the Rochester Institute of Technology on its 100th anniversary of enriching countless students through Cooperative Education. I ask my colleagues to join me in celebration of this momentous occasion.

HONORING THE FRANCO AMERICAN WAR VETERANS

HON. MICHAEL H. MICHAUD

OF MAINE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 19, 2012

Mr. MICHAUD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Franco American War Veterans (FAWV) on their 80th Anniversary, and Post 31 of Lewiston, Maine on their 25th Anniversary.

In early 1932, veterans of World War I began meeting in Massachusetts to establish a veteran's organization for veterans of French descent. They gathered signatures and were granted a charter by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. In the succeeding years, posts were formed around Massachusetts, and quickly expanded to Rhode Island, Connecticut, New Hampshire, and Maine.

This year, Post 31 of Lewiston, Maine celebrates its 25th Anniversary. Post 31 is an integral part of the Lewiston/Auburn community. Members of the Post have served as national officers in FAWV, and as leaders in the community. Among their many accomplishments, members of Post 31, through their work on the L/A Veterans' Council, helped establish and maintain the Veterans' Park in Lewiston and helped convince the Department of Veterans Affairs to locate its new community based outpatient clinic in Lewiston. In addition, the Post 31 Color Guard participates in many ceremonies each year, and their presence helps enhance the ceremony.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in congratulating the Franco American War Veterans on their 80th Anniversary and Post 31 of Lewiston, Maine, on their 25th Anniversary.

IN RECOGNITION OF ECOWATCH

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 19, 2012

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of EcoWatch, a non-profit organization that focuses exclusively on news from the grassroots environmentalist movement.

Founded in 2006 by Stefanie Penn Spear, EcoWatch is a Cleveland-based non-profit organization dedicated to uniting the voice of the grassroots environmental movement on their website, EcoWatch.org. The EcoWatch website is a dedicated and neutral platform for nearly 1,000 grassroots environmental organizations that helps transform the ability of indi-

viduals to learn about environmental issues and take action. This news service provides timely access to relevant information that motivates individuals to become engaged in their community, adopt sustainable practices and support strong environmental policy.

In addition to the website, EcoWatch's Next Generation program encourages students to be good stewards of the planet by providing free copies of the EcoWatch Journal to teachers of grades 6-12.

On Friday, September 14, 2012, EcoWatch will be celebrating its Fourth Annual Green Gala at Cleveland, Ohio's Rock n' Roll Hall of Fame and Museum. The event will feature the Blue Sky Riders, which is comprised of musicians Kenny Loggins, Georgia Middleman and Gary Burr.

Mr. Speaker and colleagues, please join me in recognizing EcoWatch, a group dedicated to uniting and giving a voice to grassroots environmentalists.

RECOGNIZING THE ACHIEVEMENTS OF REVEREND DOCTOR WALLACE S. HARTSFIELD, SR.

HON. EMANUEL CLEAVER

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 19, 2012

Mr. CLEAVER. Mr. Speaker, I proudly rise today in recognition of the achievements of Reverend Doctor Wallace S. Hartsfield, Sr. a minister, dedicated community activist, veteran, civil servant, compassionate role model, and a member of the Fifth District of Missouri, which I am deeply honored to represent. Doctor Hartsfield was born in Atlanta, GA and at an early age the family moved to Jacksonville, FL, where he received his element. and secondary education, graduating from Stanton High School.

After a three-year tour of duty in the United States Armed Services, he entered Clark College in Atlanta, GA and graduated with a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Elementary Education with minors in Religion and Psychology. He was listed in Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities in his Junior and Senior Years. In September 1954 he entered Gammon Theological Seminary from which he graduated with Degrees of Bachelor and Masters of Divinity.

Dr. Hartsfield has held pastorates in Pickens, SC; Brunswick, GA Bartow, FL; Kansas City, MO; and Wichita, KS. Upon the request of Metropolitan Missionary Baptist Church of Kansas City, MO, Dr. Hartsfield returned to assume the pastorate for the second time in 1972 and served until December of 2007 as Senior Pastor. He retired having served 41 years as Pastor of Metropolitan Missionary Baptist Church. Doctor Hartsfield now holds the title of Pastor Emeritus, and his son, Wallace II, was appointed Senior Pastor.

This week, Dr. Hartsfield is to be inducted into the Missouri Walk of Fame during a reception as part of the Congressional Black Caucus Foundation's Annual Legislative Conference, an event held to honor the achievements of African-Americans who have made significant contributions to Missouri and the nation. Because of his sage understanding of the ills and gifts of the people in the urban core, he is frequently called the "Godfather" of the African-Ameitan community.

He is the Vice President-at-Large of the National Baptist Convention of America, Inc., Past President of the General Baptist State Convention of MO/KS/NE; Past Chairman of the Congress of National Black Churches and current Board Member of the Congress of National Black Churches. He has served as a Commissioner of Highway and Transportation for the State of Missouri and to the Municipal Judicial Commission for Jackson County. He also serves as an Executive Board member of the Jazz District Redevelopment Corporation.

Dr. Hartsfield is highly sought after by national, state, and local public servants as an advisor because of the fellowship he has among black leaders and clergy. He also is in much demand as a guest speaker in many areas nationally. He has served as adjunct Professor and guest lecturer at numerous colleges and universities across the nation. Dr. Hartsfield has served and currently serves on several Boards of Directors for various colleges and organizations. He is the recipient of numerous honors and awards. In January 2008, I was proud to introduce a bill in Congress to rename the Parkway Post Office in my Kansas City district to the Wallace S. Hartsfield, Sr. Post Office.

He is married to the former Matilda Hopkins of Brunswick, GA. He and Mrs. Hartsfield are the parents of four children, Pamela Faith, Danise Hope, Ruby Love, and Wallace S. Hartsfield, II. They are the proud grandparents of seven and great-grand parents of five.

For those reasons and more, it is indeed an honor and privilege to welcome and congratulate Rev. Dr. Wallace Hartsfield, Sr. on his induction into the 2012 Missouri Walk of Fame.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in expressing our appreciation to Reverend Doctor Wallace Hartsfield, Sr. and his endless commitment to serving the residents of the State of Missouri and the Greater Kansas City Metropolitan Area. He is a true role model, not just to the African-American community in Missouri, but to the entire community and the nation. May his success serve as a stepping stone for many other African-Americans eager to be just as successful in their endeavors. While it is but a small acknowledgement for all of the work he has done, it is a heartfelt gesture, taking strength from the many lives he has touched in our hometown.

HONORING HERBERT HOROWITZ

HON. VERN BUCHANAN

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 19, 2012

Mr. BUCHANAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor, Mr. Herbert Horowitz of Sarasota, FL. Herb was born in Brooklyn, New York; his family moved to Fall River, Massachusetts. Herb entered the Army in 1941 and was honorable discharged in 1945. He is a World War II veteran who served in the European theater. After serving his country, Herb returned home and began a civilian life. Upon his discharge, he went into the manufacturing of Men's Clothing.

Married now for seventy years to his wife, Isbelle, they raised three children (David, Robert & Debra). They talk proudly of their grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Herb was active in various local religious and community

organizations. Retiring to Sarasota with his wife Isbelle in 1984, Herb has been active in his synagogue, Temple Sinai, and is now a respected elder member.

Herb still works out at the Sarasota Family YMCA, Evalyn Sadlier Jones Branch. Executive Director, Ben Pinegar, has said "Herb continues to be an inspiration to our senior members with his cheerful and positive outlook. His conscientious workout routine and his helpful attitude to other members is to be admired. He is also considered to be a mentor to some of our younger Y members. Herb helps to make our Y a family."

Herb will be ninety-five years young on November 17, 2012. I congratulate him and wish him many more happy birthdays. With Veteran's Day approaching, I thank all of our veterans, of which Herb is an example. I thank our veterans for not only their service to our country, but also for what they have contributed to their communities.

TRIBUTE TO LIEUTENANT GENERAL PATRICK J. O'REILLY

HON. MO BROOKS

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 19, 2012

Mr. BROOKS. Mr. Speaker, I would like to pay tribute to Lieutenant General Patrick J. O'Reilly, United States Army and Director of the Missile Defense Agency.

Lieutenant General O'Reilly will be retiring from the United States Army after 38 years of honorable and faithful service to the United States of America: four years as a cadet at West Point, and for 34 years as a Commissioned Officer. His service to this great nation spans nearly four decades that witnessed dramatic changes to the strategic national security landscape, organizational structure of the United States Army, and military services.

From humble beginnings growing up in Richland, Texas, to working long hot summers as a teenager on his mother's family farm in Davey, Nebraska, General O'Reilly recognized and believed that service to country was not only an obligation, but a calling. He entered West Point in 1974, at a time when many Americans shunned military service and military values as the United States exited the Vietnam War.

He started his commissioned Army career as a Maintenance Officer; he later served as an Ordnance Officer and a Physics Instructor at West Point. He then transitioned to the Army Acquisition Corps where his contributions and leadership have strengthened the security of the United States, our friends, allies, and international partners. Like all distinguished military careers, General O'Reilly has served in many assignments, including joint assignments that culminated with his service as the Director of the Missile Defense Agency.

General O'Reilly helped make missile defense a reality. He served as the Project Manager for the Directed Energy Directorate and as Program Manager for the Theater High Altitude Area Defense Missile Project of the Strategic Defense Initiative Organization, which later became the Ballistic Missile Defense Organization. He also served as the Product Manager for the Patriot Advanced Capability 3 Program. His outstanding work as an acquisi-

tion specialist and his engineering expertise earned him a career assignment as the Executive Officer to the Military Deputy to the Assistant Secretary of the Army for Acquisition, Logistics and Technology.

The Army, the Joint Staff, and the nation recognized his talent and expertise and appointed him to be the Program Manager for the Theater High Altitude Area Defense system in 1999. The Army later assigned him to be the Program Executive Officer for the Combat Support/Combat Service Support Program to provide Up-Armored vehicles to combat troops in Iraq and Afghanistan.

He returned to the Missile Defense Agency in 2005 and served as the Program Manager for the Ground-based Midcourse Defense system (GMD). In this role, General O'Reilly oversaw the development and acquisition of one of the most important weapon systems in the history of the United States, one designed to defend the homeland against long-range ballistic missile attacks. General O'Reilly was instrumental in successfully advancing the program following a challenging period. During his tenure as Program Manager, the Missile Defense Agency conducted the first successful flight test of the operationally configured Ground-Based Interceptor, and executed the first successful intercept flight test of the GMD system.

General O'Reilly's work as the GMD Program manager directly contributed to the fielding of the nation's first limited defense capability, the operational Ground-based Midcourse Defense System that was part of the initial Ballistic Missile Defense System (BMDS). This was the first ever deployed system to protect the United States homeland against a limited ICBM attack. His achievements and technical missile defense knowledge were well recognized by civilian and military leadership, and as a result, he was assigned in January 2007 to be the Missile Defense Agency's Deputy Director. Just a little over a year later, following his elevation to Deputy Director, the Department of Defense hand-picked General O'Reilly to be promoted to Lieutenant General. He was then nominated by the President of the United States and confirmed by the United States Senate to become the Director of the Missile Defense Agency.

As the Director of the Missile Defense Agency, General O'Reilly successfully applied his insightful and decisive leadership to a series of national and international challenges as the Agency developed, tested, fielded, and expanded the BMDS to protect the United States, its deployed forces, and allies and friends against the growing and diverse threat posed by ballistic missiles.

As Director, he completed the construction of an additional missile field in Alaska for the GMD infrastructure to ensure a more robust defense of the homeland. As part of this plan, he made a commitment to Congress and the American people to field and deploy 30 Ground Base Interceptors by the end of 2010, and he fulfilled this important milestone in September 2010. He also initiated a Ground Based Interceptor fleet refurbishment and reliability enhancement program that resulted in upgrades and improvements to 10 Ground Based missiles deployed at Fort Greely, Alaska. Moreover, under his direction, the Missile Defense Agency completed the upgrades and integration of the Thule Early Warning Radar in Greenland, and the Clear Early Warning Radar in Alaska.

In January 2009, strategic direction on how the nation would deploy missile defenses in Europe directed a renewed focus on the ballistic missile threat from the Middle East to our NATO European allies. General O'Reilly was called upon to work with the Office of the Secretary of Defense (OSD), and the Department of State to develop and implement a four phased plan for the deployment of the European Phased Adaptive Approach (EPAA).

His work resulted in a unique solution to phase and convert shipped-based SM-3 missiles for land-based use. In December 2011, General O'Reilly and the Missile Defense Agency achieved a historical milestone by issuing a technical declaration for EPAA Phase 1 in December 2011. As a result, the United States has now successfully deployed a command and control battle management system in Germany and a forward-based radar in Turkey, and has assigned an Aegis Ballistic Missile Defense (BMD) ship to patrol the Eastern Mediterranean Sea.

During his tenure, his organization further completed BMD installations on 11 Aegis warships, including the upgrade of three ships from 3.6 to 4.0.1, giving them a ballistic missile defense capability utilizing the most capable interceptors available. During this time the Aegis BMD program delivered 66 SM-3 IA interceptors and four SM-3 IBs for flight testing. At the tactical level, he oversaw the delivery of the United States Army's first two operational THAAD batteries, initiated production of two additional THAAD batteries, and managed the delivery of 51 THAAD interceptors to meet the needs of our Combatant Commanders and the needs of our allies.

General O'Reilly's missile defense vision extended far beyond the current set of fielded and planned capabilities. During his tenure, the nation witnessed the Airborne Laser Test Bed (ALTB) demonstrate revolutionary technology by achieving two historic shoot-downs of two short-range ballistic missile targets using directed energy technology. He also advocated and began program implementation to provide Precision Tracking Space System satellites to one day provide persistent overhead coverage from space as well as birth to death tracking of enemy ballistic missiles.

Mr. Speaker, these are but a few of the many accomplishments in General O'Reilly's storied and distinguished career. As I reviewed his experiences and contributions, I am reminded that his career has made national security history, and that he has also provided a vision for future generations of military officers.

I also believe all distinguished careers are helped, aided, and encouraged by friends and family. As a nation we also owe a debt of gratitude to General O'Reilly's wife, Judith, and his two daughters, Siobhan and Brigid. General O'Reilly and family, thank you for your service to God and Country. General O'Reilly, you have held true to your West Point Class of 1978 motto—"Proud and Great '78."

IN REMEMBRANCE OF JAMES M.
NAUGHTON

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 19, 2012

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of newsman James M.

Naughton who died at the age of 73 from complications of prostate cancer. He is survived by his wife Diana, three daughters, one son, and four grandchildren.

Mr. Naughton was born in Painesville, Ohio and earned his college degree from the University of Notre Dame while working summers at the local newspaper, The Painesville Telegraph. Upon his graduation in 1960, he served as a lieutenant in the Marine Corps for two years. In 1962, Naughton found himself back in Ohio writing about politics and urban affairs for the Cleveland Plain Dealer—a job he held for seven years.

From 1969 to 1977, Mr. Naughton worked at the New York Times as a White House and national correspondent covering the Nixon, Ford and Carter eras. During his tenure on the Times, he covered such stories as when Senator Muskie emotionally responded to a New Hampshire newspaper's attack aimed at his wife, former Vice President Agnew's admission of tax evasion in order to avoid bribery charges, and the Congressional impeachment hearings that arose out of the Nixon Watergate scandal. He later served as executive editor of The Philadelphia Inquirer during the time they earned 18 Pulitzers in 17 years, and from 1996 to 2003, Naughton served as the President of the Poynter Institute for Media Studies in St. Petersburg, FL where he eventually retired.

Jim Naughton was a "prank loving" reporter with a witty spirit. He was known for showing up to a presidential news conference wearing the head of a chicken costume, and often placed a wide variety of animals in his colleagues' offices; he always believed such a mischievous spirit provided for an atmosphere of creativity and cohesion.

Mr. Speaker and colleagues, please join me in honoring the life and achievements of James M. Naughton.

OUR UNCONSCIONABLE NATIONAL
DEBT

HON. MIKE COFFMAN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 19, 2012

Mr. COFFMAN of Colorado. Mr. Speaker, on January 20, 2009, the day President Obama took office; the national debt was \$ 10,626,877,048,913.08.

Today, it is \$ 16,020,975,194,914.83. We've added \$5,394,098,146,001.80 dollars to our debt in 3½ years. This is \$5.3 trillion in debt our nation, our economy, and our children could have avoided with a balanced budget amendment.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. PAUL C. BROUN

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 19, 2012

Mr. BROUN of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall No. 579 had I been present, I would have voted "no."

IN RECOGNITION OF THE RETIREMENT OF SERGEANT FIRST CLASS KITO KAJUAN WILKINS

HON. MIKE ROGERS

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 19, 2012

Mr. ROGERS of Alabama. Mr. Speaker, I ask for the House's attention today to recognize Sergeant First Class Kito Kajuan Wilkins, who will be retiring from the US Army's 3rd Infantry Division, 3rd Combat Aviation Brigade.

Originally from Anniston, Alabama, Wilkins entered the Army in 1992. Upon graduation from boot camp, he became a Bradley Vehicle Driver at Fort Benning, Georgia. Soon after, he became a Squad Leader and Platoon Sergeant in Illesheim, Germany. From 1999–2002, he was stationed in Fort Hood, where he served as a Technical Inspector. After serving as a recruiter in San Antonio, Wilkins was deployed to Iraq to support Operation Iraqi Freedom. After his deployment to Iraq, Wilkins served in Fort Eustis, Virginia as an Instructor. From 2008–2010, he was stationed at Fort Wainwright, Alaska, as a Platoon Sergeant and Section Chief. Currently, his duty location is Hunter Army Airfield in Savannah, Georgia. While stationed there he has deployed to Pakistan, where he took part in the Pakistani Humanitarian Mission Flood Relief, and Afghanistan, where he served his final deployment.

Because of his dedication to our country, SFC Wilkins has received countless awards. These include: 7 Army Accommodation Medals, five Army Achievement Medals, six Army Good Conduct Medals, two National Defense Service Medals, one Global War on Terror Expeditionary Medal, one Global War on Terror Service Medal, one Silver Recruiter Badge and one Basic Marksmanship Qualification Badge.

In addition to his dutiful service to our country, SFC Wilkins is a tireless volunteer. He has logged over 1,500 volunteer community service hours teaching youth football, basketball and soccer. Because of his volunteer efforts, Wilkins has received two Humanitarian Service Medals, a Military Outstanding Volunteer Service Medal, an Army Service Ribbon and two Overseas Service Ribbons.

Mr. Speaker, I offer my sincerest gratitude to SFC Wilkins, a true American hero, for his service to our nation.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 89TH ANNUAL FEAST OF ST. WENCESLAUS

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 19, 2012

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the Czech Catholics of Greater Cleveland on the occasion of their 89th Annual Feast of St. Wenceslaus on September 29, 2012 at St. John Nepomucene Parish.

St. Wenceslaus is the patron saint of the Czech Republic. Every year, his feast day, September 28th, is celebrated by Czech communities around the world. St. Wenceslaus was the leader of Old Bohemia during the

early part of the 10th Century. During his tenure as king, St. Wenceslaus took a vow of chastity and was devoted to his Christian faith. Killed by his brother, St. Wenceslaus was later canonized as a martyr of the Christian faith.

St. John Nepomucene is one of only two Czech congregations left in the Cleveland Catholic Diocese, along with Our Lady of Lourdes Parish.

The Czech Catholics of Greater Cleveland will gather together on September 29th for mass featuring the Most Reverend Bishop Roger W. Gries and will be followed by a celebration dinner and performance by the Hronek Czech Band.

Mr. Speaker and colleagues, please join me in recognition of the Czech Catholics of Greater Cleveland on the occasion of their 89th Annual Feast of St. Wenceslaus. I offer my best wishes to the Czech Catholics of Greater Cleveland and all those who attend this joyous celebration.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 10TH ANNIVERSARY OF MILESTONES AUTISM ORGANIZATION

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 19, 2012

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the 10th anniversary of Milestones Autism Organization, a non-profit organization dedicated to improving the quality of life for individuals on the autism spectrum and their families.

Founded in 2003 by parents to promote life-long strategies for success for individuals with autism, Milestones Autism Organization has assisted more than 4,000 individuals throughout the past decade. Milestones trains parents and professionals using research-based techniques in order to improve the level of educational and therapeutic programming available for individuals with autism. Milestones offers parent workshops and training, professional development programs, school team training, consultation services, hosts an annual Autism/Asperger's conference, and has launched a professional network, the Milestones Consortium for Autism Professionals.

As Milestones Autism Organization celebrates its 10th anniversary this year, a special tribute will be given to its founding board members, Chantal Akerib, Bart Bookatz, Carol Lader and Sally H. Wertheim.

Mr. Speaker and colleagues, please join me in recognizing a decade of training and support provided by the Milestones Autism Organization.

A TRIBUTE TO THE REVEREND DOCTOR DARAN HERNANDEZ MITCHELL

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 19, 2012

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute and honor the Reverend Doctor Daran H. Mitchell, a man dedicated to serving God, his family, and the community. Dr. Mitch-

ell is the pastor of the First African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church in the Bedford-Stuyvesant section of Brooklyn, which I represent.

Dr. Mitchell earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Religion/Philosophy-Liberal Studies from Bethune-Cookman College, a Master of Divinity degree from Hood Theological Seminary, and the Doctor of Ministry from the Samuel DeWitt Proctor School of Theology, Virginia Union University.

Since his appointment to the First A.M.E. Zion Church pulpit in October 2004, Dr. Mitchell has established a ministry to men, a ministry to women, a liturgical dance ministry, a media ministry, completed over \$850,000 in capital improvements, restored the Historic Clock on its edifice, and is actively creating partnerships with churches and community leaders in the Borough of Brooklyn.

An active member of the community, Dr. Mitchell presently serves as chairman of the Board of Conference Studies for the New York Annual Conference; member of the Board of Trustees of the New York Annual Conference; member, Board of Directors, Harriet Tubman Home; chairman of the Budget Committee, New York Annual Conference; chairman of the Finance Committee for the New York City District, and a member of the Brotherhood Pension Board for the A.M.E. Zion Church.

Dr. Mitchell is married to the Reverend Lorraine Lynn Kennedy-Mitchell and they are the proud parents of a 16 year-old son, Caylen.

A gifted preacher, teacher, motivational speaker, builder, and community activist, Dr. Mitchell has sought to raise the spiritual climate and social consciousness of not only the congregation, but the community in general by becoming active in every aspect of community life. The community of Greensboro, North Carolina is gaining an extraordinary figure that will be greatly missed in Brooklyn.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to recognize the Reverend Dr. Daran H. Mitchell 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 Dr. Daran H. Mitchell.

HONORING 53 YEARS OF EXEMPLARY SERVICE BY THE FEDERATION OF ASIA-PACIFIC WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION

HON. MADELEINE Z. BORDALLO

OF GUAM

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 19, 2012

Ms. BORDALLO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Federation of Asia-Pacific Women's Association (FAWA) for more than 50 years of exemplary service to our community. FAWA has strived to develop mutual cooperation and friendship through the advocacy of cultural ties among Asian and Pacific Islander women in our region since its origins with the General Federation of Women's Clubs and its founding in the Philippines in 1959.

FAWA seeks to improve the lives of members and their communities. Their motto, "Asian Women United for Service" describes their efforts to effect major changes in the status of women in Asia and to work towards a better life for the Asia-Pacific region. FAWA

accomplishes this objective through promoting closer relations and joint efforts among Asians, particularly women, by fostering a mutual appreciation of cultural, moral and socio-economic values.

As an honorary president of FAWA, I am proud and excited to host this year's convention on Guam. This year's theme, "Empowering Asia-Pacific Women Through Knowledge and Opportunities," is fitting, as this convention brings together women leaders from across the Asia-Pacific region to share experiences and promote the continued growth and preservation of women's roles in the Asia-Pacific region. The conference will address issues affecting women in the modern world, including women and sustainability, women's health issues, and women and education. These sessions offer valuable networking opportunities for participants, and I encourage all attendees to take advantage of this unique group of leaders; to make valuable connections with other empowered women in our community.

I recognize the founders, Minerva G. Laudico and Geronima T. Pecson; this organization has carried on their vision and passion across generations and national boundaries. I am confident that their legacy of service will endure. I commend my fellow Honorary President Cecilia Y. Koo, Honorary Advisor Nancy C. Nee, FAWA President Kristal Koga, FAWA 1st Vice President Charlene Yang, FAWA 2nd Vice President Mei Woo, FAWA 3rd Vice President Jung Sook Kim, Convention Chair Sylvia Crafton, Convention Co-Chairs Nancy Tan and Denise Mendiola-Hertslet, and members of the FAWA Board of Executives and all the organizing members for their efforts in ensuring that this year's conference, like past events, will be a success. I congratulate the Federation of Asia-Pacific Women's Association for their dedication and contributions, and I look forward to the continued growth of this organization for many more years to come.

THE AFFIRMING RELIGIOUS HERITAGE AND FREEDOM IN THE UNITED STATES ACT

HON. STEPHEN LEE FINCHER

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. FINCHER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to introduce the Affirming Religious Heritage and Freedom in the United States Act. This legislation is a simple statement recognizing the importance of religion in the lives of our nation's citizens, the strong role of Judeo-Christian heritage in the development of our nation, and the freedom for all to exercise their religious beliefs in our nation.

Our nation's history is storied with references to religious beliefs and symbols that mark their importance in the development of our nation. Those religious beliefs often inspired our nation's founding fathers, as well as presidents and lawmakers throughout our history, to stand firm in their conviction that this should be a nation of freedom, including freedom of religion.

Recently, we've heard more and more negative news stories about religion in our nation. I ask, what is wrong with faith and exercising

your religious beliefs? When did religion become such a bad thing that people want to delete it from our nation's history? I am discouraged when I see anti-religion groups forming throughout the nation, working hard to remove any mention or symbol of God or religion in our public spaces and resources. These groups claim their work is about the separation of church and state, but the government is not forcing anyone into religion or to pay tithes to any particular religious establishment. Religion, specifically the Judeo-Christian religion, is just simply part of our heritage, and the Constitution says this is a nation with freedom of religion, not freedom from religion.

I introduced this resolution because we are a nation of people with the right to freely exercise our religion and many in our nation are religious. A 2007 PEW survey shows that 92 percent of Americans believe in God. I also introduced this resolution because I believe the religious beliefs of Americans inspire them to do good for others, not harm. For instance, in 2010, \$298.42 billion of charitable contributions were made in the United States and 32 percent, or \$95.88 billion, went to religious organizations according to the National Park Service. From September 2010 to September 2011, 64.3 million people in the United States volunteered and 33.2 percent did so for religious organizations, the highest percentage of all volunteer categories according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics.

The freedom to exercise religious beliefs is vital to our nation's citizens and an important part of our heritage. That's why I am honored to introduce the Affirming Religious Heritage and Freedom in the United States Act.

TRIBUTE TO DAVID A. LINN

HON. JEFF DENHAM

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. DENHAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and thank Mr. David A. Linn for the time and energy he has dedicated to the Military Academy Nomination process by serving the constituents of the 19th Congressional District as a member of our Academy Selection Board.

David A. Linn was born in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania on August 8, 1948. In June of 1970, Mr. Linn was commissioned an Ensign in the United States Naval Reserve through Purdue Universities' NROTC Program. Mr. Linn served his country honorably in Vietnam aboard the USS *Virgo* ammunition ship. Later, while still on active duty, Mr. Linn was trained and certified as a terrier missile systems officer by the Department of Defense. He then served aboard the USS *Dahlgren*, a guided missile frigate, and the USS *Dale* of the standing NATO forces in the Atlantic.

After leaving active duty in 1973, Mr. Linn continued to serve as part of the Naval Reserve. During his reserve years, he served on numerous ships, participated in exercises at the Naval War College in Newport Rhode Island, and served on the staff of Commander and Chief of the Pacific Fleet in Pearl Harbor, Hawaii. He retired with the rank of Commander.

As a civilian, Mr. Linn married Betty Linn, Publisher of the Sierra Star Newspaper. He received a Bachelor of Science Degree from Purdue University, a Master's Degree in Business Administration from California State University, Dominguez Hills, and a Juris Doctorate from Pepperdine University.

Mr. Linn has practiced law for the past thirty-seven years and is currently the senior partner at the law firm of Linn Law Offices in Oakhurst, California. He is licensed to practice in California and has also been admitted to the Bar by the United States Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit, the United States Claims Court, and the United States Supreme Court.

A sense of volunteerism has driven much of Mr. Linn's life. He has served as President of the Oakhurst Community Fund and Oakhurst Community Park Association since 1984. He is a former President of the Oakhurst Sierra Rotary Club, the Eastern Madera County Bar Association, and the Eastern Madera County Chamber of Commerce.

Mr. Linn has remained politically active throughout his career and in his private life. He has served on many councils, including Congressional Advisory Councils, the Congressional Business Council, and Congressional Service Academy Selection Boards for the past eighteen years. He was the Republican nominee for the 18th Congressional District in 1988; and in 1989, he was the Eastern Madera County Man of the Year. He has been a member of the California Republican State Central Committee for fourteen years and currently is a Madera County Civil Service Commissioner.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in honoring David A. Linn for his outstanding service to his country and community. His expertise as a Naval Officer, strong academic background, and life experiences have made his contributions on the Academy Selection Board for former Representative George Radanovich and myself invaluable. He is a true public servant, and I wish him continued success in his future endeavors.

HONORING COLBY COLLEGE ON
ITS BICENTENNIAL

HON. MICHAEL H. MICHAUD

OF MAINE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 19, 2012

Mr. MICHAUD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Colby College as it prepares to celebrate its bicentennial in 2013.

Nearly 200 years ago, residents of Kennebec County raised over \$4,000 to secure land for a locally-based theological institution. The petition establishing what was then the Maine Literary and Theological Institution was formally adopted by the Massachusetts Legislature on February 27, 1813, making it the 33rd chartered college in the country. Today, Colby College enrolls over 1,800 students from 46 states and 76 countries. As one of the finest liberal arts colleges in the country, its graduates have gone on to become international business leaders, critically acclaimed writers, noted statesmen, and even members of my Congressional staff.

Throughout its history, Colby College has fostered a culture of social justice at its very core. In 1833, students launched the first college-based anti-slavery society. In 1871, Colby College became the first all-male college in New England to admit women, the first of whom was Mary Caffrey Low, valedictorian of the Class of 1875 and one of the five founding members of the Sigma Kappa sorority. In 1985, students successfully protested for College divestment in South Africa in protest of apartheid. More recently, Colby has made ever increasing strides to attract students with diverse cultural and economic backgrounds, to reduce the college's carbon footprint, and to develop new partnerships with the community.

The College will kick off its bicentennial celebration this October. Special lectures, panel discussions, and festivities will be held throughout the year both on campus, as well as in downtown Waterville. I am pleased to have the opportunity to join the community's celebration of Colby, and I look forward to watching the College continue its growth during the years to come.

Mr. Speaker, please join me again in congratulating the students, alumni, faculty, staff, and friends of Colby College as they celebrate their bicentennial.

CELEBRATING THE 101ST ANNIVERSARY OF DOUBLE TEN DAY
FOR THE PEOPLE OF TAIWAN

HON. MADELEINE Z. BORDALLO

OF GUAM

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 19, 2012

Ms. BORDALLO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the people of Taiwan on the upcoming celebration of the 101st anniversary of "Double Ten Day." Double Ten Day traces its roots to the Wuchang Uprising that occurred on October 10, 1911. The Wuchang Uprising signaled the end of the Qing Dynasty and the start of a democratic movement that we continue to celebrate and recognize. Double Ten Day is a celebration of the birth of democracy and the Republic of China.

I want to especially recognize the people of Taiwan on this important occasion. The strength of the relationship between the people of Taiwan and the people of the United States is strong and this is evidenced by the expansion of the U.S. visa waiver program to include Taiwan. Inclusion of Taiwan in the U.S. visa waiver program is a significant development in the relationship between both countries. This announcement will help to expand business opportunities as well as deepen our mutual appreciation for each other's unique cultures. Exchange of our cultures is clearly evidenced on Guam, which is home to many people of Chinese ancestry. Guam continues to benefit from their cultural contributions to our community and the promotion of trade and economic opportunities. I congratulate the people of Taiwan on the 101st anniversary of Double Ten Day. We celebrate this historic occasion with them and we honor their friendship with the American people.

HONORING CHANDLER ELEMEN-
TARY SCHOOL AS A 2012 BLUE
RIBBON SCHOOL

HON. JEB HENSARLING

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 19, 2012

Mr. HENSARLING. Mr. Speaker, today I would like to honor Chandler Elementary School of the Brownsboro Independent School District from the Fifth Congressional District of Texas for excellence in education. Chandler Elementary School was named to the United States Department of Education's 2012 Blue Ribbon Schools Program, which: "recognizes public and private elementary, middle, and high schools where students perform at very high levels or where significant improvements are being made in students' levels of academic achievement."

Chandler Elementary School's performance illustrates the commitment and dedication of the school board, administrators, teachers, and staff who provide students with a quality education. The school district, parents, students, and community should be applauded for this achievement.

Mr. Speaker, as the representative for the Fifth Congressional District of Texas, I would like to commend Chandler Elementary School for their continued educational achievements.

HONORING THE 90TH BIRTHDAY OF
MARY LYDIA MATTA GARZA

HON. JEFF FLAKE

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 19, 2012

Mr. FLAKE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate and celebrate the 90th birthday of Mrs. Mary Lydia Matta Garza, of Mesa, Arizona.

Known to her friends and family as Mary Lou, Mrs. Matta Garza is perhaps best known in the Mesa community as the proud owner and operator of the former Matta's Restaurant. Now a Mesa landmark, Matta's was opened in 1953 by Mrs. Matta Garza and her husband, Manuel. Mary Lou and Manuel opened Matta's with only \$1,000, and grossed a mere \$25 a day in those first few weeks and months of getting their small business off the ground.

Matta's opened as a small storefront, but its family-oriented traditions and atmosphere, and of course, its great dishes based on Matta family recipes passed down for generations, drew larger and larger crowds. The Matta's following grew so much that in 1969, Mary Lou and Maneul were able to expand Matta's home, adding enough seating for 350 people.

Mrs. Matta Garza and her family decided to close Matta's in 2008 after 55 years of serving quality Latin fare. But despite its closed doors, its traditions, and of course, its great food, now live on at Matta's Mexican Grill in East Mesa and Matta's Grill and Cantina in Northwest Mesa, which are owned and operated by Mrs. Matta Garza's grandchildren.

While Matta's was becoming a successful business and Mesa landmark, Mrs. Matta Garza—in between helping to run the restaurant and raise six children—made many important contributions to the Mesa community

and the state of Arizona. She launched the Mesa-Phoenix and Flagstaff councils of the League of United Latin American Citizens, or LULAC, and served as LULAC's regional governor. She volunteered her time at the Southside Hospital of Mesa and Desert Samaritan Hospital and served as a board member and treasurer of the Mesa Chamber of Commerce. For her many efforts to give back, Mrs. Matta Garza was named Mesa Woman of the Year in 1973.

In her 90 years, Mary Lou Matta Garza raised her six children, saw the birth of 21 grand children, 23 great grandchildren, and even one great-great grandchild. She ran a profitable business that became a pillar of Mesa. And she gave much of her time, effort, and love to her community. Mrs. Matta Garza is fond of saying that giving back in this way will "reward you tenfold." As a Mesa resident, I feel rewarded to have had her as an integral part of our community. Thank you, Mrs. Matta Garza, for all you have done and continue to do for our town and our home.

EXAMINING THE ROLE OF
RWANDA IN THE DRC INSURGENCY

HON. CHRISTOPHER H. SMITH

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 19, 2012

Mr. SMITH of New Jersey. Mr. Speaker, I held a hearing that examined U.S. policy toward Rwanda following the release on June 26th of a United Nations report confirming Rwanda's support of rebels who have ravaged the provinces of North and South Kivu in neighboring Democratic Republic of the Congo, or DRC. In the aftermath of the 1994 genocide until the issuance of this report, the international community declined to comment on Rwanda's interventions in the DRC. We need to better understand the devastation caused by these interventions and gauge how the United States can play a helpful role in bringing this crisis to an end.

Unfortunately, our previously scheduled Administration witnesses—Assistant Secretary of State for African Affairs Johnnie Carson and USAID Assistant Administrator for the Bureau of Africa Earl Gast—are unable to testify this morning due to events in the world involving heightened security for U.S. embassies and aid missions. This would have been an opportunity to present a full statement of the Administration position on what has happened in the DRC and what needs to be done to more effectively address the root causes of the ongoing conflict there. We expect that they will be available to speak publicly on these matters at a later date.

We had a distinguished private panel that was more than able to shed light on the crisis in the DRC, as well as Rwanda's involvement in the ongoing rebellion in eastern DRC. The crisis in the DRC is both tragic and complex, and the ethnic cleavages have developed over more than a century, although they have been heightened in recent decades. The first significant recorded influx into the DRC of Rwandan Tutsis and Hutus dates back to the 1880s.

Other ethnic groups in DRC (then known as Zaire) began to fear the influence of the Rwandans, especially in the East. The Hutu-Tutsi conflict in Rwanda led to the 1994 geno-

cide there, but Hutu-Tutsi animosity also spilled over into the DRC. Hutu militiamen, who fled Rwanda after the genocide, have repeatedly attacked Rwanda, and fighting involving Tutsis and Hutus inside the DRC have terrorized the inhabitants of the eastern part of the country.

As one of our witnesses today, Congolese Bishop Ntambo Ntanda, told us, six million people have lost their lives in the DRC as a result of recurring conflict. Far from resolving ethnic disputes, the interventions by Rwanda in the DRC have exacerbated tensions among the ethnic groups who live there.

In the wake of activity by Rwandan troops or militias that they create or support, Tutsi and Hutu people living in the DRC have become targets as a result. Rwanda has been engaged in armed intervention in the DRC for at least 17 years. If this is the most successful method to halt cross-border attacks into Rwanda by Hutu rebels operating from DRC territory, why is there continued devastation in the region? Why do Tutsis and Hutus living in the DRC seem more hated today than they have been previously?

During the summer of 2008, the National Congress for the Defense of the People (CNDP), a Congolese rebel group, reportedly was backed secretly by Rwanda. It was initially led by Tutsi General Laurent Nkunda, an indicted war criminal. A March 23, 2009, agreement between the DRC and Rwanda led to the arrest of Nkunda, but replaced him with Bosco Ntaganda, even then a suspected war criminal for whom the International Criminal Court (ICC) had issued an arrest warrant in 2006. When the CNDP judged that DRC President Joseph Kabila had broken the 2009 accord, Ntaganda led a mutiny that named itself M23 for date of the broken agreement and began a reign of terror in eastern DRC.

In June of this year, a United Nations Group of Experts report confirmed that Rwandan Defense Minister James Kabarebe and other top Rwandan military officers played a central role in organizing, funding and arming the mutineers in eastern DRC. The report also stated that Rwandan military officers engaged in efforts to convince Congolese businessmen, politicians and former rebels that had joined the Congolese army to join the M23 mutiny in order to wage "a new war to obtain a secession of both Kivus." The report further charged that Rwanda was protecting Ntaganda from arrest. Meanwhile, Nkunda remains in Rwanda—immune from prosecution for his crimes.

Aside from ethnic divisions and allegations of breach of faith in agreements, another source of conflict has been the abundant mineral wealth in DRC, including 70% of the world's coltan (used to make vital components of cell phones and other electronic equipment), 30% of the world's diamond reserves and vast deposits of cobalt, copper and bauxite. The UN report stated that rebels in the East export precious minerals for profit to fund their continuing mayhem and that Rwandan officials also were benefiting from DRC's mineral wealth.

We have held this hearing to begin the process of finding a way to address the factors that have caused Rwanda's armed intervention in hopes that the U.S. Government can offer a lasting solution to the long crisis in the DRC.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO LIEUTENANT COLONEL KELLY M. LAUREL FOR EXCEPTIONAL SERVICE TO THE UNITED STATES ARMY AND TO OUR NATION

HON. NORMAN D. DICKS

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 19, 2012

Mr. DICKS. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to Lieutenant Colonel Kelly M. Laurel for her exceptional dedication to duty and service to the United States Army and to the United States of America. Lieutenant Colonel Kelly Laurel will be transitioning from her present assignment as the Senior Army Budget Congressional Liaison for the Army (SAFM-BUL) to work on the Secretary of the Army's Strategic Initiatives Group.

A native of Laredo, Texas, Lieutenant Colonel Kelly Laurel enlisted in the Wyoming Air National Guard in 1989 and completed Air Force Basic Military Training and Medical Records Technician Training at Lackland Air Force Base, Texas. She later joined the Army Reserve Officer Training Corps program at Weber State University, where she completed a bachelor's degree in Microbiology and Chemistry in May 1993. Upon her graduation she was commissioned a Second Lieutenant in the Medical Service Corps in the Army Reserve. The following year she opted to enter the active duty Army.

Lieutenant Colonel Laurel's assignments have been diverse, including Medical Platoon Leader, 61st Area Support Medical Company; Adjutant, 1st Medical Group; Budget Officer, 13th Corps Support Command; and Company Executive Officer, 502d Medical Company (Dental Service), all at Fort Hood, Texas. In Korea, she served as a Company Commander, for Headquarters, 52d Medical Evacuation Battalion; and later Chief of the Management Division, 18th Medical Command. In Germany, she served as the Chief Financial Officer for the Heidelberg Medical Activity. She was then assigned to Office of the Surgeon General where she served as the Senior Budget Analyst, Chief of the Financial Health Policy Division and as a Congressional Affairs Coordinating Officer. In addition to her regular duties, she also served as the Deputy Consultant for Comptrollers for over three years, where she assisted in recruitment, career development and assignments for all MSC Comptrollers.

Lieutenant Colonel Laurel has worked diligently throughout her career to help the Army and take care of our nation's men and women in uniform. As a Senior Legislative Liaison she worked directly with the Senate and House Appropriations Committees to educate and inform Senators, Representatives, and staff about medical issues, soldier issues and various programs.

Mr. Speaker, it has been a pleasure to work with Lieutenant Colonel Kelly Laurel during her time as a legislative liaison. On behalf of a grateful nation, I join my colleagues today in recognizing and commending Lieutenant Colonel Kelly Laurel for a lifetime of service to her country. We wish Kelly, her husband Raymond, and her children Alex, Isabella, Zachary and Daniel all the best as they continue their journey in the United States Army.

RECOGNIZING NORTHEAST TENNESSEE SECTION OF THE AMERICAN CHEMICAL SOCIETY ON NATIONAL CHEMISTRY WEEK

HON. DAVID P. ROE

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 19, 2012

Mr. ROE of Tennessee. Mr. Speaker, during the week of October 21–27, the American Chemical Society, ACS, will be celebrating the 25th anniversary of National Chemistry Week. National Chemistry Week is an annual community outreach program hosted by the ACS and its volunteers across the country to highlight the importance of chemistry in our lives. This year's theme is Nanotechnology: The Smallest Big Idea in Science.

I applaud the ACS for its efforts to showcase the importance of science to all Americans—especially our students. The study of chemistry and nanotechnology has made tremendous advances possible in areas ranging from energy and the environment to health. And with so many American servicemen and women still in the field, it is worth noting that nanotechnology has been used to create a special coating of Teflon to Kevlar, which offers added protection to those in uniform. And in chemistry—as with all of science—we are just scratching the surface of what is possible.

I commend the American Chemical Society—and its Northeast Tennessee Section—for hosting its annual celebration of National Chemistry Week.

100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE NUT GOODIE BAR

HON. BETTY McCOLLUM

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 19, 2012

Ms. McCOLLUM. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to honor the 100th Anniversary of the Nut Goodie Bar—one of my favorite candies that just so happens to be produced in Saint Paul, Minnesota in my congressional district. This delicious candy became an instant success when it was introduced by Pearson's Candy Company in 1912, and it continues to delight 100 years later.

Honoring the 100th Anniversary of a candy as iconic as Pearson's Nut Goodie Bar is no small task. The company is releasing a limited time only candy, the Sea Salt Caramel Nut Goodie. Inspired by the "Golden Ticket" contest from Rohald Dahl's, Charlie and the Chocolate Factory, the wrappers for the special edition Nut Goodie have a code that can be entered to see if you have won a "Too Goodie to Be True Factory Tour." The Minnesota State Fair even got involved in the celebration with a deep fried Nut Goodie Bar.

Pearson's Candy Company has been a Minnesota institution since 1909, when it was founded by J. Edward Pearson and his brothers John Albert and Oscar F. Pearson. The company quickly became a leading producer of candy. In 1933 the Pearson brothers introduced the Salted Nut Roll, which continues to be a favorite to this day. The company moved to St. Paul in 1951 when they purchased the Trudeau Candy Company, which brought the

famous Mint Pattie to its growing array of products. Recently, the Bun Bar was added to the tasty company offerings.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in paying tribute to the 100th Anniversary of the Nut Goodie Bar, and the proud employees who make them at Pearson's Candy Company in Saint Paul, Minnesota.

HONORING ANNALEE CARROLL FROM APPLETON, MAINE

HON. CHELLIE PINGREE

OF MAINE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 19, 2012

Ms. PINGREE of Maine. Mr. Speaker, I would like to recognize a young constituent of mine who has proven that vegetables aren't just healthy, but delicious.

In August, the White House invited children from across the country to a "Kids State Dinner" to highlight healthy recipes that they submitted. Twelve-year-old Annalee Carroll from Appleton, Maine, was selected to represent our state with her recipe for turkey dumplings.

Full of healthy ingredients, Annalee's turkey dumplings can be made in a flash—and look tasty enough to disappear from dinner plates just as quickly.

While parents have been the ones historically to tell their children to eat vegetables, we all have something to learn from Annalee and her peers. Go into a school cafeteria in Maine these days and you're likely to see kids happily gobbling up kale instead of French fries. In between classes, they're tending to the school garden. On the weekends, they're introducing their parents to the local farmers market.

What's behind the change? For years, children learned little—if anything—about what they ate and where it came from. Today, though, more schools are connecting students directly with their food sources. Children are literally getting their hands dirty while learning about the places and people producing their food. With that first-hand information, students more often opt for fresh, healthy foods, many of which can be grown locally or even in school gardens.

I am grateful that the White House, and in particular the First Lady, has done so much to raise awareness about eating healthy, and to celebrate kids who are leading this positive change. Congratulations to Annalee on her excellent recipe!

IN RECOGNITION OF THE TURTLE BAY ASSOCIATION ON THE OCCASION OF ITS FIFTY-FIFTH ANNIVERSARY

HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 19, 2012

Mrs. MALONEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to acknowledge the achievements of the Turtle Bay Association of New York, which celebrates its 55th anniversary this year. For over half a century, the dedicated members of the Turtle Bay Association, TBA, have served as passionate and conscientious stewards of one of

Manhattan's most celebrated and historic neighborhoods.

The Turtle Bay Association has worked tirelessly to improve and preserve the quality of life in its community. In 1957, community members created the Turtle Bay Association to give residents a platform for voicing concerns about the ways in which robust development affected their neighborhood. TBA members, which number nearly 2,000, have conserved their area's low-rise architectural cohesiveness and aesthetic beauty by successfully fighting for rezoning efforts. They have also undertaken numerous neighborhood beautification initiatives, such as the Turtle Bay Association Tree Program and the Beautification of Second Avenue campaign resulting in tree and flower planting and graffiti elimination. They have spearheaded major renovations of public spaces at Peter Detmold Park, MacArthur Playground, and Dag Hammarskjöld Plaza. In the Plaza, they created the Katharine Hepburn Garden, a green and tranquil urban oasis named after one of America's most celebrated actresses.

Turtle Bay Association members have preserved Turtle Bay's quality of life by serving as community watchdogs through vigorous involvement in the New York Police Department's 17th Precinct Community Council and volunteer efforts such as repainting street furniture and supporting the National Night Out Against Crime every year. They have worked closely with local elected officials and municipal agencies to secure optimum government service, and kept Association members informed through the publication of regular newsletters, the TBA website, and bulletin board displayed on Second Avenue. The Turtle Bay Association is known for hosting annually recurring events such as a holiday season toy drive and a "Love Thy Neighborhood" Valentine's Day Party.

Currently, the Turtle Bay Association is keeping an eye on the impact of the many homeless shelters that are in and around the Turtle Bay area; and TBA continues to donate magazine subscriptions to the 30th Street Men's Shelter. The Association is also working to create bike lanes and improve security in the area to ensure the safety of pedestrians and cyclists in the neighborhood.

The Turtle Bay neighborhood dates back to 1639, when the Dutch rulers of Manhattan Island granted two English settlers a land grant. Turtle Bay's natural beauty was noted by famous Americans from Horace Greeley to Edgar Allan Poe. Its iconic past is outlined in the 2008 book by former TBA board member, Pamela Hanlon, *Manhattan's Turtle Bay: Story of a Midtown Neighborhood*. Today, as the home to the United Nations, Turtle Bay is a fitting symbol of New York City's status as the capital of the world. Famous Turtle Bay residents, in addition to Katharine Hepburn, have included Walter Cronkite, Kurt Vonnegut, Dorothy Thompson, Tyrone Power, Maxwell Perkins, Mary Martin, Derek Jeter, and the brilliant Broadway composer Stephen Sondheim. Today, the Turtle Bay Association's legacy of effectiveness and voluntarism is proudly led by its Board of Directors: President William E. Curtis, Vice Presidents Millie Margiotta, Dolores Marsh, and Bruce Silberblatt, Secretary Pascale Longuet, and Treasurer Dick Irwin.

Mr. Speaker, I request that my distinguished colleagues join me in honoring the passionate

and dedicated Turtle Bay Association members for their ongoing success in helping to make Turtle Bay a wonderful place to live, and in saluting them on the occasion of the Association's 55th anniversary.

HONORING COMMANDER ROBERT
HADLEY BROWN

HON. JEFF DENHAM

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 19, 2012

Mr. DENHAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the service career of Commander Robert Hadley Brown. Commander Brown served his country in the United States Navy and will soon be celebrating his upcoming retirement as District Attorney for Mariposa County.

In December of 1960, Commander Brown entered the United States Navy through Officer Candidate's School and was commissioned into the U.S. Naval Reserve. Robert then married his college sweetheart, Jo Ann, in Memphis, Tennessee on June 4, 1961. As the couple continued their lives together they were blessed with two children, Robert Hadley Brown, Jr. and Elizabeth Ann Brown Rinella, along with four grandchildren—Benjamin, Hadley, Dylan, and Shauna.

In 1963, Commander Brown was commissioned into the United States Navy as a Lieutenant Junior grade. After being commissioned, Commander Brown served on three warships, as well as commanding a River Patrol Division in Vietnam, where his division earned a Presidential Unit Citation. Robert was also awarded a Bronze Star in recognition of his superior service. While on active duty, Commander Brown and his family lived in Hawaii, Germany, Rhode Island, and San Diego. After twenty years of active service in the United States Navy, Robert honorably retired as a Commander in 1980.

After ending his U.S. Naval career, Commander Brown continued his education at the University of Memphis. Robert then attended Boston University earning his Master's Degree in Education. He finished his collegiate career at Thomas Jefferson University in 1985, where he received his Juris Doctorate and graduated fourth in his class. Commander Brown's dedication to his studies was rewarded that same year, when he passed the state bar.

In his new career path as a lawyer, Commander Brown joined a law firm in San Diego. After two years, he knew he wanted to be a prosecutor and joined the San Diego City Attorney's Office. In 1989, Robert and Jo Ann bought a ranch in Mariposa County and moved from San Diego. Robert became a Deputy District Attorney in Merced County in June of 1989, and was later promoted to a Supervising Deputy District Attorney. Commander Brown retired from this position in November, 2002.

In that same year, he was elected as the Mariposa County District Attorney. He was then reelected in 2006 and 2010. During his ten years of service in this capacity, Commander Brown dedicated his time to protecting the citizens of Mariposa County.

On October 31, 2012, Commander Brown will retire as the Mariposa County District Attorney.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in honoring Commander Robert Hadley Brown for his out-

standing achievements in his career. He is a true public servant. I congratulate him on his retirement, and wish him the best of success in his future endeavors.

RECOGNIZING THE ACHIEVEMENTS
OF PASTOR CHARLES J. BRISCOE

HON. EMANUEL CLEAVER

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 19, 2012

Mr. CLEAVER. Mr. Speaker, I proudly rise today in recognition of the achievements of Pastor Emeritus Charles J. Briscoe, a graduate of Western Bible College, a studious teacher of the Holy Bible, and a member of the Fifth District of Missouri, which I am deeply honored to represent. Pastor Briscoe is a native of Kansas City. He attended elementary school and graduated from the R.T. Coles Vocational High School with music as his major.

Pastor Briscoe was honored by the National Center for Fathering with the 2004 "City Father" award. Offered to recipients who demonstrate community and family leadership and influence, the award was a fitting testament to the father of nine children and a man who has served Kansas City in various capacities for over 50 years.

Rev. Briscoe, a native Kansas Citian, has been involved with community services most of his life, including Goodwill Industries, the Neighborhood Alliance, and the Young Men's Christian Association (YMCA). From 1970 to 1974, he worked as President and then Chairman on the Kansas City, Missouri School Board. "This was shortly after Martin Luther King was assassinated" he says of the experience, "and so there was a lot of turmoil here in Kansas City." He remembers letting students vent their frustrations, rather than "giving it back to them. It helped diffuse some of the volatile situations."

Retired since February, 2003, Rev. Briscoe was senior pastor of the historic Paseo Baptist Church for 35 years. He has made mission trips with the church all over the world, including Africa, Israel, and Jamaica. While on a work and witness trip in South Africa, he, his wife Georgia Mae, and six other Paseo Baptist members helped start up their sister church in Johannesburg and conducted Vacation Bible School for the youths.

Pastor Briscoe, although retired, remains a much respected and admired religious leader. He continues his involvement with Paseo Baptist Church and serves on the Board of Directors of Salvation Army and as Secretary for the Carver Foreign Missions Board. He has served as a Co-Chair of the Billy Graham Evangelical Association's Heart of America Campaign.

Rev. Briscoe has been committed, throughout his ministry with building strong families with the church and the community. One of his greatest joys is building bridges of understanding between various peoples and helping families become wholesome influences to this community. He is considered Kansas City's supreme pastor and for that and numerous other roles of service, he is now inducted into the Missouri Walk of Fame.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in expressing our appreciation to Pastor Charles Briscoe and his endless commitment to serving the residents of the State of Missouri and the Greater Kansas City Metropolitan Area. He is a true role model, not just to the African-American community in Missouri, but to the entire community and the nation. May his success serve as a stepping stone for many other African-Americans eager to be just as successful in their endeavors. While it is but a small acknowledgement for all of the work he has done, this recognition is a heartfelt gesture, taking strength from the many lives he has touched in our hometown.

SENATE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Title IV of Senate Resolution 4, agreed to by the Senate on February 4, 1977, calls for establishment of a system for a computerized schedule of all meetings and hearings of Senate committees, subcommittees, joint committees, and committees of conference. This title requires all such committees to notify the Office of the Senate Daily Digest—designated by the Rules Committee—of the time, place, and purpose of the meetings, when scheduled, and

any cancellations or changes in the meetings as they occur.

As an additional procedure along with the computerization of this information, the Office of the Senate Daily Digest will prepare this information for printing in the Extensions of Remarks section of the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD on Monday and Wednesday of each week.

Meetings scheduled for Thursday, September 20, 2012 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED

SEPTEMBER 25

2 p.m.

Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

Federal Financial Management, Government Information, Federal Services, and International Security Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine improving financial accountability at the Department of Defense.

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