EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

RECOGNITION FOR BORDER PATROL AGENT NICHOLAS IVIE

HON. RON BARBER

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 5, 2012

Mr. BARBER. Mr. Speaker, I am proud to acknowledge today the exceptional life and public service of Border Patrol Agent Nicholas Ivie, who tragically was killed in the line of duty in the early morning hours of October 2, 2012.

Agent Ivie loved to help other people and he always wanted to be in law enforcement. He was dedicated, loyal and brave. After high school, he trained to become a firefighter and later on, became an emergency medical technician. He tended to the sick and injured in his community, ready at a moment's notice to render aid. Having served a two-year mission with the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints in Mexico City, Agent Ivie had learned Spanish and developed a love for the Mexican people.

Agent Ivie followed his older brother, Joel Ivie into the Border Patrol. He joined his brother as a Horse Patrol Agent. Agent Nicholas Ivie took a solemn oath to protect and serve not just the people of Southern Arizona, but those of the United States. He made the ultimate sacrifice in carrying out his oath.

Agent Ivie was just 30 years old at the time of his death. He is survived by his wife, two young daughters, parents, three brothers, a sister and countless friends and colleagues. He served his country with distinction and honor and for that we all owe him and his family a tremendous debt of gratitude.

Every day, thousands of men and women of the Border Patrol put their lives on the line in the name of something bigger than themselves. Many across our country have forgotten the dangers that Agent Ivie and other Border Patrol agents face as they selflessly work to secure our borders. They risk everything for an ideal—protecting Americans and our freedoms.

I ask the House of Representatives to join with me in extending our deepest condolences to the family and friends of Border Patrol Agent Nicholas Ivie and in thanking him for his great sacrifice as he courageously carried out his duty to protect and serve. His life is an inspiration to us all and he will never be forgotten. On behalf of a grateful nation, we thank him for his patriotism and dedication and his commitment to the Border Patrol motto—Honor First.

JOSEPH D. CERULLO

HON. LOU BARLETTA

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 5, 2012

Mr. BARLETTA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Joseph D. Cerullo who received the Outstanding Italian American of 2012 award from the Hazleton Chapter of UNICO National. Founded on October 10, 1992, UNICO National is the largest Italian-American service organization in the United States.

As a native of Hazleton, I have known Joe and his family for many years. Joe graduated from Hazleton Senior High School in 1965 and started working at PPL Co. at the Hauto Steam Electric Station. Not long after, Joe decided to dedicate his life to the safety of our great Nation by enlisting in the U.S. Navy. His naval career took him many places including San Francisco, CA; Key West, FL; and even Cuba. In June of 1970, Joe was honorably discharged from the Navy and returned to Pennsylvania.

Joe knows what it takes to run a successful business. In 1978, along with three other individuals, he cofounded Micrographics International, Inc. In 2003, Joe's partners at IMF offered him an opportunity of a lifetime—a buyout. This allowed him to retire young and spend more time with his family and friends, most importantly, his grandchildren, Julian and Gianna.

In addition to his work as a small business owner, Joe has always been committed to community service for the betterment of Hazleton, the Commonwealth, and our country. Joe has served as the elected president and devoted his time to several local clubs such as Mountain City Lions, Kiwanis Club of Hazleton, Valley Country Club, and the Hazleton Chapter of UNICO. Currently, he serves as the District Director (PA–1) of UNICO National and is a member of the Board of Trustees for UNICO National.

Overall, it is an honor to recognize Joe and his involvement in an organization that has given so much back to the community. I have had the esteemed privilege of attending many UNICO events in my congressional district, including pig roasts and charity events. I look forward to seeing how Joe will make a positive mark on Italian-Americans across the Nation and, specifically, those of the 11th District of Pennsylvania.

Mr. Speaker, I commend Joseph D. Cerullo for his years of committed service to the Hazleton Chapter of UNICO National and his readiness to serve the needs of Italian-Americans across our Nation and in Northeastern Pennsylvania.

TO COMMEMORATE THE LIFE AND WORK OF CAPTAIN ANSIL SAUNDERS

HON. CORRINE BROWN

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 5, 2012

Ms. BROWN of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the life and work of Captain Ansil Saunders, a fifth generation native of Bimini, Bahamas, in recognition of his outstanding contributions in keeping Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s legacy alive in the Bahamas.

Captain Saunders first met Dr. King in 1964 when he traveled to Bimini in search of a peaceful and serene writing environment. Captain Saunders knew the perfect place and took Dr. King deep into the mangroves to a spot called "Bonefish Hole" where Dr. King wrote portions of his famous Nobel Prize acceptance speech. Dr. King returned to Bimini in 1968 where he wrote portions of his Sanitation Workers speech while on Captain Saunders' boat. Dr. King was assassinated in Memphis, Tennessee on April 4, 1968, just days after his visit to the Bahamas.

Since Dr. King's death, Captain Saunders has shared his conversations with the civil rights leader with visitors to Bimini as well as with local and international media outlets, including National Public Radio. Plaques marking local sites visited by Dr. King are found throughout Alice Town, Bimini, including the location of a barbershop frequented by Dr. King and the cottage where he stayed during his visits. The local museum also has Dr. King's disembarkation card with his original signature proudly on display.

Captain Saunders' acclaim extends beyond his connection to Dr. King. He is also a bonefishing world record holder, a 2003 Cacique Award (Minister's Award) recipient and an artistic boat builder, creating custom-crafted vessels out of fiberglass, bronze, and wood indigenous to the Bahamas. Each of his made-to-order boats take about six months to complete and are used by top sports fishermen to ply the flats in search of the elusive "gray ghost."

It is clear that although Captain Saunders' hard work has led to success, his time in the mangroves with the civil rights leader left an indelible mark, which is why Captain Saunders has made it his life's work to honor Dr. King's legacy.

CELEBRATING THE 25TH ANNIVERSARY OF HELITECH, HEADQUARTERED IN CASEYVILLE, ILLINOIS

HON. JERRY F. COSTELLO

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 5, 2012

Mr. COSTELLO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing the 25th anniversary of the founding of Helitech, and in congratulating Mr. William J. (Bill) Courtney, Founder, President and CEO.

Helitech was founded by Bill Courtney and a partner in 1987 as a concrete leveling company. Bill bought out his partner in 1992 and embarked on the course of building the company in his vision. A critical step was the addition of basement and foundation waterproofing and repair. Helitech began using the A.B. Chance Helical Pier Foundation Systems and has exclusive rights to use the system in its market. Helitech has also expanded with a Civil Construction Division.

From the humble beginnings with an office in the basement of Bill Courtney's home,

Helitech has experienced tremendous growth. They now have over 100 employees, operate in five States and had over $12 million in revenue last year.

Throughout the years, Helitech has won numerous awards, particularly from the Better Business Bureau and the homebuilders associations in the areas where it does business.

In building his business, Bill has always been committed both to his customers and to his employees. He has also been committed to giving back to his community and to many charitable causes. Although Bill does not like to draw attention to his charitable endeavors, there are many organizations that owe a debt of gratitude to Bill Courtney and to Helitech. The Special Olympics, the Poshard Foundation and the Women's Crisis Center in Belleville are benefactors and St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital officially recognized Helitech for 10 years of continuous contributions.

Family is also very important to Bill Courtney and tangible evidence of this is the location of the company headquarters on land where his family owned a farm. Several structures from the farm, though significantly modernized, are still in existence today as a reminder to Bill of his roots.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in celebrating the 25th anniversary of Helitech, to congratulate Bill Courtney and all the employees and to wish them the very best for a bright and prosperous future.

''THE REAL REFERENDUM''

HON. BARNEY FRANK

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 5, 2012

Mr. FRANK of Massachusetts. Mr. Speaker, Paul Krugman is absolutely correct and every member of Congress should read his thoughtful column before voting on any economic matter.

[From the New York Times, Sept. 30, 2012]

THE REAL REFERENDUM

(By Paul Krugman)

Republicans came into this campaign believing that it would be a referendum on President Obama, and that still-high unemployment would hand them victory on a silver platter. But given the usual caveats—a month can be a long time in politics, it's not over until the votes are actually counted, and so on—it doesn't seem to be turning out that way.

Yet there is a sense in which the election is indeed a referendum, but of a different kind. Voters are, in effect, being asked to deliver a verdict on the legacy of the New Deal and the Great Society, on Social Security, Medicare and, yes, Obamacare, which represents an extension of that legacy. Will they vote for politicians who want to replace Medicare with Vouchercare, who denounce Social Security as ''collectivist'' (as Paul Ryan once did), who dismiss those who turn to social insurance programs as people unwilling to take responsibility for their lives?

If the polls are any indication, the result of that referendum will be a clear reassertion of support for the safety net, and a clear rejection of politicians who want to return us to the Gilded Age. But here's the question: Will that election result be honored?

I ask that question because we already know what Mr. Obama will face if re-elected: a clamor from Beltway insiders demanding that he immediately return to his failed political strategy of 2011, in which he made a Grand Bargain over the budget deficit his overriding priority. Now is the time, he'll be told, to fix America's entitlement problem once and for all. There will be calls—as there were at the time of the Democratic National Convention—for him to officially endorse Simpson-Bowles, the budget proposal issued by the co-chairmen of his deficit commission (although never accepted by the commission as a whole).

And Mr. Obama should just say no, for three reasons.

First, despite years of dire warnings from people like, well, Alan Simpson and Erskine Bowles, we are not facing any kind of fiscal crisis. Indeed, U.S. borrowing costs are at historic lows, with investors actually willing to pay the government for the privilege of owning inflation-protected bonds. So reducing the budget deficit just isn't the top priority for America at the moment; creating jobs is. For now, the administration's political capital should be devoted to passing something like last year's American Jobs Act and providing effective mortgage debt relief.

Second, contrary to Beltway conventional wisdom, America does not have an ''entitlements problem.'' Mainly, it has a health cost problem, private as well as public, which must be addressed (and which the Affordable Care Act at least starts to address). It's true that there's also, even aside from health care, a gap between the services we're promising and the taxes we're collecting—but to call that gap an ''entitlements'' issue is already to accept the very right-wing frame that voters appear to be in the process of rejecting.

Finally, despite the bizarre reverence it inspires in Beltway insiders—the same people, by the way, who assured us that Paul Ryan was a brave truth-teller—the fact is that Simpson-Bowles is a really bad plan, one that would undermine some key pieces of our safety net. And if a reelected president were to endorse it, he would be betraying the trust of the voters who returned him to office.

Consider, in particular, the proposal to raise the Social Security retirement age, supposedly to reflect rising life expectancy. This is an idea Washington loves—but it's also totally at odds with the reality of an America in which rising inequality is reflected not just in the quality of life but in its duration. For while average life expectancy has indeed risen, that increase is confined to the relatively well-off and well-educated—the very people who need Social Security least. Meanwhile, life expectancy is actually falling for a substantial part of the nation.

Now, there's no mystery about why Simpson-Bowles looks the way it does. It was put together in a political environment in which progressives, and even supporters of the safety net as we know it, were very much on the defensive—an environment in which conservatives were presumed to be in the ascendant, and in which bipartisanship was effectively defined as the effort to broker deals between the center-right and the hard right.

Barring an upset, however, that environment will come to an end on Nov. 6. This election is, as I said, shaping up as a referendum on our social insurance system, and it looks as if Mr. Obama will emerge with a clear mandate for preserving and extending that system. It would be a terrible mistake, both politically and for the nation's future, for him to let himself be talked into snatching defeat from the jaws of victory.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE POCASSET COMMUNITY CLUB

HON. WILLIAM R. KEATING

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 5, 2012

Mr. KEATING. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Pocasset Community Club upon its centennial anniversary.

The Pocasset Community Club traces its roots to seventeen women who lived in the region over a century ago. Together, they formed a club to promote scholarly exchanges amongst themselves. These women had wanderlust for travel but had neither the economic means nor the opportunity to see the world. So, they decided to do the second best thing, and named their group ''The Travelers Club.'' The members would take turns presenting a report of a travel experience they would like to have, and would then discuss these destinations and the journeys necessary to get there. Before long, the club became quite popular in Pocasset, and it was no longer possible to meet in members' homes. The Travelers Club created a fund to erect their own building, starting the fund with just $25.90. By 1912, enough money had been saved, and the first Travelers Club meeting was held in the group's new building on October 3rd of that year.

In 1948, ownership of the building was transferred to a group of town residents who renamed it as the Pocasset Community Club. As more and more families moved to the area, the Club's popularity grew quickly. Saturday night dinners, dances for the local teenagers, and family movie nights ensured that the Club was a popular spot for the people of Pocasset. Travelers Club meetings continued to thrive, and other groups found their home in the building as well. Today, the Pocasset Village Association ensures that the original mission of the Community Club remains in place. The building continues to be a beloved location for the town, hosting Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts meetings, 4H events, and countless other town proceedings.

The Pocasset community will celebrate the one hundredth anniversary of its Community Club building by honoring the original founders of the Travelers Club, a group of courageous women who were certainly ahead of their time in establishing their own organization when women's suffrage was over a decade away. The many groups who have since then kept the Community Club an active location in Pocasset will also be remembered during this celebration.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to recognize the Pocasset Community Club upon its centennial anniversary, as well as the countless men and women whose work has made the Club a central fixture in the Pocasset community. I ask that my colleagues join me in honoring these outstanding organizations.

THE UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON CENTER FOR MEXICAN AMERICAN STUDIES

HON. GENE GREEN

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 5, 2012

Mr. GENE GREEN of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the 40th anniversary of the Center for Mexican American Studies at the University of Houston and to honor the accomplishments of this program.

For the past 40 years, the Center for Mexican American Studies, CMAS, has served as a pioneer of intellectual thought regarding people of Mexican descent in the United States. Established in 1972, CMAS is an interdisciplinary academic program encompassing the liberal arts, education, and social sciences focusing on the Mexican American and broader Latino experience in the United States. Through its courses, publications, conferences, speakers and other programs and activities, CMAS has been at the forefront of bringing insight and understanding about the country's growing Mexican American community.

As the student population became more diverse in the 1970s, members of the U of H Mexican American Youth Organization, MAYO, saw a need for courses that would include the history, culture, folklore, political behavior and salient social issues of Mexican Americans. This student group encouraged the administration to establish such a program and in the fall of 1972, CMAS was created. The courses included in the program work to counter stereotypes and convey the many contributions that people of Mexican descent have made to our great nation.

CMAS has become an academic program focused on advancing knowledge, promoting critical thinking and fostering the value of service to the community, and has expanded beyond the classroom by providing mechanisms to increase the number of Mexican Americans and other Latino students on the U of H campus and develop true leaders.

As a center for intellectual thought and leadership development, CMAS has advanced the Mexican American community on campus, enhanced understanding of the Mexican American experience, and built linkages to the broader Latino community in Houston and throughout the state of Texas. On the 40th anniversary of the Center for Mexican American Studies, I rise to honor the work and accomplishments of this program.

HONORING THE CLAREMONT HOTEL'S 2012 SUMMER LECTURE AND CONCERT SERIES

HON. MICHAEL H. MICHAUD

OF MAINE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 5, 2012

Mr. MICHAUD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the historic Claremont Hotel in Southwest Harbor, Maine, for its continued commitment to showcasing world-renowned lecturers and talented performers each summer. Since 1884, the Claremont has provided a getaway for travelers across the world and a gateway to Bar Harbor, Mount Desert Island, and Acadia National Park.

Every summer, the Claremont brings knowledgeable and interesting lecturers and talented performers to the Maine Coast to share their insights and gifts with native Mainer and tourist alike.

Please join me in honoring each of the Claremont Hotel's 2012 summer lecturers for their contributions to this year's successful program: Nancy Wetzel, Landscape Gardener and Garden Historian for the Sarah Orne Jewett House, ''Shoals & Tidewater: Thaxter's Island Garden to Tyson's River Garden''; William Bigelow, M. Div., Student of Jungian Psychoanalysis, C.G. Jung Institute of Boston, ''Shadow and Light: Carl Jung, and the Opposites That Dwell Within Each of Us''; Susan Danly, Senior Curator, Portland Museum of Art, ''Apogees: Mount Desert and Katahdin in the Art and Life of Frederic Edwin Church''; Tom Hayward, Humanities Reference Librarian at Bates College, ''George Gershwin, 1898–1937: A Sampling of His Music from the Year of His Death''; Walter Butts, Poet Laureate of New Hampshire, ''The Language of Cinema: Techniques of Image and Composition in Poetry & Film''; David Hanna, Author, Knights of the Sea, ''Knights of the Sea: The True Story of the Boxer and the Enterprise and the War of 1812''; Peter Der Manuelian, Phillip J. King Professor of Egyptology at Harvard University, ''The Giza Pyramids in 3D: Ancient Egypt and the Harvard—MFA Expedition''; Dr. Ralph Nurnberger, Professor of International Relations at Georgetown University and Senior Fellow at the Center for Strategic and International Studies, ''The Potential of a Nuclear Iran in the New Middle East''; and David Arnold, a freelance writer, photographer of coral reefs, and web video producer of travel/adventure stories targeted to newspapers, magazines, and websites, ''Climate Change: Photographing the Reality Above and Below the Waterline.''

The hotel also welcomed many talented performers this summer. Please join me in recognizing Anastasia Antonacos, classical Pianist and founder of the Bayside Trio; the Hot Club of Portland; the Acadia Chamber Players; the Thomas Snow Trio; Jerks of Grass; and, Judith Gordon, classical pianist and assistant Professor of music at Smith College.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in congratulating the Claremont and its guests on a wonderful 2012 summer season.

RECOGNITION OF SAM F. HAMRA

HON. BILLY LONG

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 5, 2012

Mr. LONG. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Sam F. Hamra.

On October 11, Legal Services of Southern Missouri (LSSM) will dedicate their new building, the ''Sam F. Hamra Center for Justice.'' It is my hope that this building will help LSSM provide services to Missourians for many years to come.

Born in Steele, Missouri, Sam attended the Gulf Coast Military Academy in Mississippi and went on to receive both business and law degrees from the University of Missouri. After receiving his first degree, he served as an officer in the United States Army Field Artillery and Second Armored Cavalry Regiment. After his service he returned to the University of Missouri to pursue his law degree and began practicing law in Springfield, Missouri. He would later become the city attorney for Nixa and the governmental relations attorney for Branson and St. Robert.

As an alumnus of the University of Missouri he has been honored with the MU Law School Citation of Merit Award in 2003 and the Missouri University 2003 Distinguished Service Award which was named for the Outstanding Alumni of the Year. In 2012 he was the recipient of the Distinguished Tiger Award from the Greater Ozarks Chapter of the Missouri Alumni Association for his ''dedication and continued support of the University of Missouri.'' He also received the ''M'' letter from Athletic Director, Mike Alden, and Assistant Athletic Director, John Kadlec, of the MU Athletic Department.

In 1976 Sam was elected as the first Chairman of the Board of the newly formed Legal Aid Association of Greene County, MO, known today as the Legal Services of Southern Missouri, LSSM. The Legal Aid Association was created to help low income citizens whose legal needs would otherwise be unmet. Under Sam's leadership, LSSM helped thousands of Missourians throughout 43 counties.

In addition to Sam's accomplishments in the legal field, he is the proprietor of 75 restaurants across the country, including 28 Wendy's restaurants in Missouri. In 2009 Wendy's International honored Sam with their highest honor, the R. David Thomas Founder's Award, for being named the outstanding Wendy's Franchisee of the Year.

Sam served on numerous boards among them the Foundation Board of Ozark Technical Community College, the Board of Cox Health Systems, the Board of St. Jude's Children Research Hospital, and Chairman of the Highway Committee of the Springfield Area Chamber of Commerce in 1977 when he was instrumental in expanding Chestnut Expressway from two lanes to four lanes from Highway 65 to Kansas Avenue.

Mr. Speaker, Sam F. Hamra's contributions to the City of Springfield and the State of Missouri are far-reaching, and it is an honor to recognize him.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker, I yield back.

IN RECOGNITION OF SIRVART HOVNANIAN

HON. FRANK PALLONE, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 5, 2012

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Sirvart Hovnanian for her dedication and commitment to furthering issues of importance to the local community. A dedicated and loving wife and mother, Sirvart Hovnanian truly exemplifies what it is to live the American dream.

Sirvart Hovnanian was instrumental, along with her late husband, Kevork Hovnanian, in advocating for issues of importance to the Armenian community. Today we celebrate the 25th anniversary of St. Stepanos Church in Elberon, New Jersey. Sirvart played a critical role in the conception and construction of St.

Stepanos Church. In addition, she was also heavily involved in charitable causes, including founding and overseeing the Fund for Armenian relief, an organization dedicated to the advancement of a market economy and providing education and financial assistance for children in post-Soviet Armenia.

Sirvart and her husband, Kevork, turned personal tragedy into hope and inspiration. Both Mrs. and Mr. Hovnanian were instrumental in the creation of the Alton A. Hovnanian Emergency Room at the Riverview Medical Center in Red Bank, New Jersey. Understanding the importance of giving back to the community, Sirvart was also heavily involved in the creation of the K. Hovnanian Children's Hospital at the Jersey Shore Medical Center, as well as funding the construction of the cardiac care wing of the New York Presbyterian Hospital/Columbia University Medical Center. All of her charitable work and giving back to the community was done without sacrificing her obligations to her family. Sirvart Hovnanian is the proud mother of five children, grandmother of thirteen, and great-grandmother of four.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in leading this body in recognition of Sirvart Hovnanian. Her humble disposition and commitment to her family and community truly make her deserving of this body's recognition.

RECALCITRANT CANCER RESEARCH ACT OF 2012

SPEECH OF

HON. DAVID G. REICHERT

WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 19, 2012

Mr. REICHERT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in strong support of H.R. 733, the Recalcitrant Cancer Research Act of 2012, and to thank the bill's sponsors, Representatives ESHOO and LANCE for all of their work on this legislation.

This bill is crucial to the search for a cure for pancreatic and other deadly cancers and it is important to everyone whose life has been touched by the deadly disease—those suffering now, survivors, and of course the loved ones that cancer leaves in its wake.

This bill is a great first step to addressing some significant scientific challenges.

A diagnosis of pancreatic cancer is all too often a death sentence. It is the only major cancer that carries with it a 5 year survival rate of just 6 percent—a statistic that has not improved in the last 40 years.

Sadly, cases are projected to rise if we do nothing. It's the fourth leading cause of cancer-related death and there are no proven early detection methods. In fact, a typical narrative is that a patient feels not quite right. She goes in for an unrelated problem or illness, often difficult to diagnose. It can be weeks or months before the cause—pancreatic cancer—is identified.

I am all too familiar with that story. It is my mother's.

My mother fought a brave, years-long battle with pancreatic cancer, ultimately succumbing to the disease last year. There is nothing that I wouldn't have done to help her, but there is nothing I could have done to save her. When she was diagnosed, as now, there were no proven early detection and treatment methods.

We simply must reverse these statistics. The Recalcitrant Cancer Research Act will help do just that—it calls on the National Cancer Institute to develop a scientific framework to deal with these types of cancers.

By defining a roadmap for success and creating a strategy for research in this area, we can begin the process of reversing the abysmal statistics.

Cancer is not partisan, and neither is this bill—with over 290 bipartisan cosponsors, I am thrilled to see this bill move forward. It is time to address these issues and really make a difference in pancreatic cancer and other resistant cancers.

HONORING JOHN RONALD ''JACK'' SCHUFREIDER

HON. JANICE D. SCHAKOWSKY

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 5, 2012

Ms. SCHAKOWSKY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the contributions of a true American patriot, Mr. John Ronald ''Jack'' Schufreider, who is in Washington this week with other World War II veterans. Mr. Schufreider has already lived a full life: he is a husband, a father, a World War II veteran, and so much more. He is the epitome of the ''greatest generation.''

Born in Chicago and raised in Oak Park, Illinois, Jack Schufreider left home to serve his country shortly after turning eighteen years of age in 1944. He was sent to the Pacific theater, where he served in the Field Artillery as a radio operator. After spending time in the Philippines, Jack was assigned to a unit and spent time interviewing soldiers who had been interred as prisoners of war under the Japanese.

When Jack Schufreider returned home after the war, he resolved to live a good life. With the help of the G.I. Bill he enrolled at Northwestern University, earning a degree in Business Administration. After graduation, he spent time as a salesman before he contributed almost thirty years of his life to the Channer Corporation—rising up to an executive position before retiring.

Jack saw remarkable success in the business world, and has seen similar success in his private life. He married his wife, Marjorie, and they have been together for over fifty five years. Over the course of those decades, they raised seven children, and I know they are quite proud of their twenty four grandchildren, and first great grandchild.

Today, Jack and his wife remain active members of the community. They are parishioners at St. Joan of Arc Church, and Jack continues to sing in the church choir. They regularly travel abroad and are very involved in community activities.

On behalf of myself and a grateful nation, I want to thank Jack Schufreider for all that he has done for our nation: for his service, his sacrifices, and the fruits of many decades of hard work. I want to welcome him and all the other veterans participating in the ''Honor Flights'' to Washington D.C. to visit the World War II Memorial.

IN HONOR OF LYNN BRAVEWOMON

HON. FORTNEY PETE STARK

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 5, 2012

Mr. STARK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Lynn Bravewomon, a resident of Rayward, California. Lynn was recently honored for her outstanding efforts to eliminate homophobic behavior and bullying in Hayward schools. On September 29, 2012, Ms. Bravewomon received the annual Pryor Conrad Award from GLOBE (Gays and Lesbians Organized for Betterment and Equality of Alameda County) for her exemplary efforts.

The Pryor Conrad Award is presented to an individual or group for outstanding service to the LGBT community. As the 2012 award recipient, Ms. Bravewomon exceeded all the qualifications.

Lynn Bravewomon has been actively supporting students, teachers and the Hayward community for over 20 years, working tirelessly for a safe school environment for LGBT students. She has made significant contributions to achieve this goal.

Her contributions include creating Safe Learning Environments for LGBT students; authoring a resolution for No Name-Calling Week and the use of inclusive curricula; facilitating the committee developing the current Hayward Unified School District's Safe and Inclusive School Program; establishing No-Name Calling Week, Ally Week and Day of Silence as annual district-wide events affecting more than 15,000 students each year; facilitating the development of a 9th grade health curriculum that addresses standards related to healthy relationships, inclusive of sexual orientation and all gender expression; producing the film ''GSA Students Speak Out for School'' in collaboration with the Middle School Film Club; providing support for Gay Straight Alliances for middle and high schools and developing a manual for Ally Clubs for elementary schools and participating in the creation of the Hayward Unified School District's Equity Action Plan.

I have listed a few of Ms. Bravewomon's many outstanding contributions. She has truly made a difference in the lives of others through her tireless commitment and exemplary efforts. Her service is a model to follow. I join Lynn Bravewomon's friends, colleagues and admirers in appreciation for her advocacy on behalf of students, teachers and the Hayward community for a safe school environment for LGBT students.

BARRY E. CONWAY

HON. FRANK C. GUINTA

OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 5, 2012

Mr. GUINTA. Mr. Speaker, at the end of 2012 Barry Conway will retire as Commandant of the New Hampshire State Veterans Home after forty years of faithful service in health care administration. Mr. Conway began his career as a Corpsman with the United States Air Force serving from 1960–1964. Soon after leaving the Air Force, he pursued his post-secondary education in Rhode Island, before

beginning his work in health care administration working in long-term care facilities, ambulatory care centers and hospitals.

For the last twenty-three years, Mr. Conway has worked at the New Hampshire State Veterans Home, providing quality care and services to our states aging and disabled veterans. Under his leadership the Veterans Home has become a sought after long-term care facility, focusing on the special needs of our veterans. The care provided to our veterans not only meets their specific challenges and needs, but honors both them and their service to our country.

Mr. Conway has also shared his expertise and experience in caring for the elderly, frail, and disabled veterans as a member of many associations including the National Association of State Veterans Home, American College of Health Care Administrators, New Hampshire Health Care Association, and the American Legion. He has served New Hampshire and its residents well, especially our veterans community, and he will be sorely missed when he leaves the Veterans Home.

I congratulate Barry Conway on his well earned retirement and thank him for his outstanding support of our veterans here in New Hampshire. I wish both Barry and his wife Barbara continued success in their life together.

TRIBUTE TO THE WEST END CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST

HON. CHARLES A. GONZALEZ

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 5, 2012

Mr. GONZALEZ. Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in recognizing the West End Church of God in Christ in my district of San Antonio, Texas as they celebrate 95 years of service to the community.

Throughout the past 95 years, they have worked diligently to provide the local community with spiritual enrichment, guidance and support. For nearly a century, they have endured and succeeded in accomplishing their mission to generations of families.

The service of The West End Church of God in Christ is as important today as it was 95 years ago, and their impact on our community cannot be understated. I would again ask you to help me congratulate The West End Church of God in Christ on their 95th jubilee.

HONORING THE LIFE AND SERVICE OF THE HONORABLE WARREN BRIGGS

HON. JEFF MILLER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 5, 2012

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I am privileged to recognize the life and service of the Honorable Warren Briggs. Mayor Briggs was a dedicated public servant and a staple in the community. Northwest Florida mourns his passing.

Mayor Briggs, a Saint Paul, Minnesota native, led a distinguished life as a public servant, businessman, educator and soldier. He was a graduate of the United States Military Academy at West Point who answered the call of duty and served our nation with honor and distinction. Mayor Briggs served as a pilot in the United States Army Air Corps during World War II, and later returned to his alma mater to serve as an English Instructor at West Point. He served in the United States Air Force until 1957, achieving the rank of Major. Following his military service, Mayor Briggs settled down in northwest Florida with his wife, Gloria, and joined his father-in-law in the Century, Florida sawmills at Alger-Sullivan Company.

It did not take long for Mayor Briggs to become active in Pensacola and Escambia County politics. In 1966 he was elected to the Florida House of Representatives. Mayor Briggs was widely respected by his colleagues in the Florida State Legislature, and was described as a gentle politician by his friends. In 1976, he continued his service to the northwest Florida community as Mayor of the City of Pensacola until 1978.

Mayor Briggs was involved in myriad civic organizations and charities such as Hospice of Northwest Florida, University of West Florida Foundation, USO Downtown Improvements, Junior Achievement of Pensacola, the Navy League of the United States, the Children's Home Society, United Cerebral Palsy, the Pensacola Area Chamber of Commerce, and the Pensacola Museum of Art. He was also president of Baptist Health Care Foundation. Mayor Briggs' work ethic, humility, and dedication to the citizens of northwest Florida did not go unnoticed. He had been honored as the Businessman of the Year by the Pensacola News Journal, BIP Community Leader of the Year, and Madison Fellow. Mayor Briggs was also bestowed with the United Way Distinguished Community Service Award and the Baptist Healthcare Foundation Fellowship Award.

Mayor Briggs had a deep passion and commitment to beautifying the City of Pensacola, and he wanted to establish the city as the Crape Myrtle Capital of the World. He encouraged community residents to color the area by planting crape myrtles in their yards and other public spaces. He also worked to highlight the beauty and history of the city by developing and restoring Pensacola's historic buildings through his company, Thompson-Briggs Developers. He was also the self-appointed Pensacola weed inspector, a role that friends and family claim he was most passionate about.

To some, Mayor Briggs will be remembered as a dedicated public servant and member of our armed forces. To others, he will be remembered as an amiable and caring neighbor always willing to lend a hand to improve the city's appearance. To his family, he will most fondly be remembered as a loving brother, father, and grandfather. His impact on northwest Florida was immense, and his legacy will never be forgotten.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the United States Congress, it gives me great pride to honor the life and service of Warren Briggs. My wife Vicki joins me in extending our most sincere condolences to his daughter, Sandi Briggs; granddaughter, Clancy Bambrick; brother and sister-in-law, Edward and Nan Briggs and the entire Briggs family.

IN RECOGNITION OF BOB MURRAY

HON. WILLIAM R. KEATING

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 5, 2012

Mr. KEATING. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor Bob Murray for his long and distinguished career helping families on Cape Cod.

For the past twenty-five years, Bob has been one of the Cape's strongest advocates for those who are in need of a home. He first became involved with helping the homeless when he was a small business owner and town selectman in Arlington, Massachusetts. Upon his retirement, Bob, like many in Massachusetts, chose to relocate to the Cape. Unlike most, however, his work did not end there. Instead, Bob chose to dedicate himself to helping those who are struggling with homelessness. When he found out that several local families were living in hotels, and threatened with losing even that form of shelter, he went into action, visiting every local pastor in the town of Harwich and raising money to help these families establish new homes. This grassroots initiative quickly grew into the Harwich Ecumenical Council for Housing, or HECH, an organization that has helped countless families since it was officially founded in 1990. Today, HECH's many responsibilities include the management of a portfolio of fifty-eight of its own rental units, one-to-one assistance with homeownership opportunities, and individual counseling. In addition, HECH founded The Children's Center of Harwich, a year-round childcare program that has proven to be an important resource for the area's working families.

Bob's compassion for those struggling with homelessness has reached nearly every corner of Cape Cod. In addition to being the president and founder of HECH, Bob was also a founding board member of the Family Pantry of Cape Cod, an organization that has provided food and clothing to those in need for nearly twenty-three years. He also founded the Falmouth Service Center in Falmouth, Massachusetts, a one-stop organization that provides housing opportunities, clothing, and community resources to local families. Nonprofits nationwide now turn to Bob for consulting, as his story is seen as a model of what can be accomplished when one is truly dedicated to helping others.

Residents of Cape Cod's shoreline know Bob as the man who loves to raise awareness for a good cause. For the past twenty years, Bob has organized the annual Housing with Love Walk on Cape Cod, leading others as they walk along the coast from Provincetown to Sandwich in order to raise awareness for the issues faced by the homeless. This year, Bob's organizations joined forces with several other local nonprofits, and over a quarter of a million dollars was raised for those in need. Known as an ''entrepreneur with a deep heart,'' Bob is well-loved by his friends and coworkers. He continues to work tirelessly with his wife, Judy, in ensuring that no family on Cape Cod faces the incredible hardship of homelessness.

Mr. Speaker, I am honored to recognize Bob Murray for his extraordinary career in helping others. I am proud to call him my friend and I ask that my colleagues join me in

honoring all that he has done for the families of Cape Cod.

HONORING THE CROATIAN AMERICAN CIVIC CLUB

HON. JASON ALTMIRE

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 5, 2012

Mr. ALTMIRE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Croatian American Civic Club of Farrell, Pennsylvania, as it celebrates the Centennial of the ''Hrvatski Dom,'' the Croatian home. This architectural and cultural landmark, which still stands, serves as a reminder of the great impact the Croatian community has on our region's rich cultural history. Their commitment to the preservation of their culture is worthy of this body's recognition and admiration.

Croatian immigrants, who began construction on the Hrvatski Dom in September of 1912, would arrive immediately after their 12-hour shifts at the steel mills to work on the arduous task of laying bricks. On Thanksgiving, 1912, less than three months after the beginning of construction, the Hrvatski Dom was officially opened, serving as a testament to the dedication and perseverance of these immigrant laborers.

Starting as lodging for a collection of Croatian immigrants, the Hrvatski Dom quickly transformed into the central location for a community of like-minded Croatian Americans. As the hub for Croatian immigrants, the Hrvatski Dom became an educational, musical, and athletic haven for young and old alike—bridging the gap between the old country and their new culture as American citizens. I would also like to give special recognition to a celebrated member of the Croatian American Civic Club, who passed away earlier this year. Known as Aunt Polly, Mrs. Pauline Desput exemplified the love and care of the Croatian community in Pennsylvania.

I take great pride in celebrating and congratulating the Croatian American Civic Club of Farrell on its momentous day.

IN HONOR OF MEE MEMORIAL HOSPITAL

HON. SAM FARR

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 5, 2012

Mr. FARR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and celebrate the Fiftieth anniversary of Mee Memorial Hospital in King City, California. Founded in 1962 to replace an outmoded and inadequate facility, Mee Memorial has served its small town home and over 5,000 square miles of surrounding rural farms, ranches, and scattered residences with the highest quality medical care for the last half century. In that time it has grown into modern facility with a network of clinics serving the whole cross section of the local community, from farmworkes and local retirees to visiting U.S. Army Reserve soldiers training at nearby Fort Hunter Liggett.

In the late 1950s, South Monterey County leaders recognized the need to upgrade their community's medical care. Dr. L.M. Andrus and his son, Dr. L.H. Andrus, donated land for a new hospital. Local leaders secured part of the construction funding through the federal Hill-Burton Act. A community campaign raised the balance needed, with local ranchers Myrtle Mee and her son Tom Mee donating the final $150,000. They sold a valuable herd of cattle to complete the campaign. The campaign leadership named the hospital in memory of Myrtle's husband, George L. Mee, in recognition of this final critical effort.

Mee Memorial has kept up with the changing needs of the community and in 2001 built its present 199 bed facility adjacent to the original 1962 facility. This modern hospital is the core of the Mee Memorial Medical System in Southern Monterey County which also includes four outpatient health clinics in King City and one in the neighboring City of Greenfield.

In 1962, only 10,000 people called Southern Monterey County home. Today the population has grown to nearly 50,000, and Mee is still the only hospital within fifty miles. The hospital's on-site heliport, a project supported by the King City Lion's Club, transports critical patients to other facilities as needed. Today Mee Memorial employs more than 500 people. Over seventy-five volunteers are active in the Service League and Foundation, which sponsor many events and fund-raisers to provide valuable services and equipment to meet the needs of the patients. It is these people, the doctors, nurses, administrators, and the deep bench of community support, that make Mee such a vital part of Southern Monterey County's quality of life. Mee Memorial has seen some challenging times in recent years, but the skill, dedication, passion, and professionalism of these people ensure that Mee Memorial's future is a bright one.

Mr. Speaker, I know the whole House joins me in congratulating Mee Memorial Hospital on its anniversary, and wish them many more years of quality service to the public.

RECOGNIZING ALVARO URIBE AND RICARDO SALINAS, TWO KEY FIGURES IN LATIN AMERICA

HON. ILEANA ROS-LEHTINEN

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 5, 2012

Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN. Mr. Speaker, on Monday October 1st, the Congressional Hispanic Leadership Institute (CHLI) hosted their First Annual Trade and International Affairs Symposium, which highlighted the contributions of the U.S. Hispanic community to the global economy. To culminate the day of activities, CHLI honored two important figures from Latin America during the Global Leadership Salon Dinner: Alvaro Uribe, former President of Colombia, and Mexican businessman Ricardo Salinas, President and CEO of Grupo Salinas.

Alvaro Uribe started his career in public service as a Senator of Colombia, making great strides in increasing community participation in government decisions. Then, he became Governor of Antioquia, where he cut government spending and allocated more funding to the education system to improve schools. During his tenure as Governor, 40,000 people received training in the peaceful negotiation of conflict; and, with community cooperation, the number of kidnapping cases fell dramatically. In 2002, Mr. Uribe became President of Colombia and our country's staunchest ally in Latin America. With his integrity and courage, Uribe fought the extremist forces within his country and led an aggressive campaign to root out drug traffickers. Colombia strengthened its democracy, improved its judicial system, protected human rights, and enhanced the way of life for all Colombians. Mr. Uribe reaffirmed his commitment to the U.S. by negotiating the U.S.-Colombia Free Trade Agreement, a critical alliance that benefits the security and economic interests of both nations. It is no wonder that in 2009, President George W. Bush honored Alvaro Uribe with the U.S. Presidential Medal of Freedom for his meritorious contributions to our country. To this day, Mr. Uribe remains a great friend of the causes of freedom, democracy, and human rights in Latin America; and a strong partner of the United States.

Ricardo Salinas has been a pioneer in breaking down walls of competition in key industries in both México and the rest of Latin America. While his business achievements are admirable, his philanthropic work is perhaps even more laudable. Ricardo has been an outspoken entrepreneur who has dedicated his business career to promoting education, health and human rights among the communities he serves. Through Fundación Azteca, Ricardo has raised millions of dollars for important charities in México. Following the steps of Fundación Azteca, Ricardo founded Fundación Azteca América, an organization that works to promote the well-being of the Hispanic community in the United States. As part of their work, Fundación Azteca América has developed a series of social campaigns such as establishing educational programs for young Hispanic students to access quality education; improving civic engagement; and learning about financial responsibility. The organization has also been a staunch supporter of comprehensive immigration reform.

Mr. Speaker, as we continue to celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month, I am honored to have these two significant leaders from the Western Hemisphere in our nation's capital. I would also like to thank CHLI for their vision of advancing the Hispanic community's diversity of thought in the United States and beyond.

SUPPORT AND CONGRATULATIONS FOR THE MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. BIMINI PLAQUE PROJECT

HON. CORRINE BROWN

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 5, 2012

Ms. BROWN of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to express my support and congratulations for the Martin Luther King, Jr. Bimini Plaque Project.

The project is an effort to bring attention and awareness to the connection Dr. King had with The Bahamas, particularly Bimini. A special celebration and ceremony scheduled for October 5–7, 2012 will include the unveiling and placement of a commemorative plaque and bust of Martin Luther King, Jr. in the mangroves where Dr. King is said to have

spent peaceful moments with boat maker and bone fisherman Captain Ansil Saunders in 1964 and 1968. The bust, in the image of Dr. King will be designed and sculpted by renowned sculptor Erik Blome. The activities will also incorporate the launching of a scholarship award program for deserving Bahamian students to attend the historic Edward Waters College in Jacksonville, Florida.

Ansil Saunders, the bonefish man, tells the story of how he took Dr. King out into the mangroves of Bimini to think and meditate. Dr. King wrote his acceptance speech in the mangroves for the Nobel Peace Prize in 1964. He also wrote the notes for his speech to the Sanitation Workers in Memphis in those mangroves three days before his death.

The project is supported by the Frisch family of Jacksonville, Florida, one of whom Ben, runs Bahamas Food Services in Nassau. The project will be unveiled in Bimini in honor of the 50th anniversary of the "I Have A Dream" speech delivered at the monument in Washington, D.C.

I want to personally thank members of the Martin Luther King Jr. Bimini Plaque Project Committee, including Joyce Danford, Executive Director, Dr. Richard Danford, Esmin Shakespeare Master, Edward Waters College Scholarship Coordinator (who has Bahamian roots); and Nat Glover, President of Edward Waters College. I also want to thank Bahamian Prime Minister Perry G. Christie and Bahamian Minister of Tourism Leonard Stuart for their strong support of the project.

Bimini, about 40 miles east of Miami, Florida, was also a retreat for noted American author and journalist Ernest Hemingway, and American Politician Adam Clayton Powell, Jr.

IN RECOGNITION OF LULA BELLE WILSON

HON. FRANK PALLONE, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 5, 2012

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mrs. Lula Belle Wilson for her contributions to the local community. A resident of Long Branch, New Jersey, Mrs. Wilson has selflessly dedicated much of her life to others.

A dedicated mother, grandmother, and great grandmother, Lula Belle Wilson has been a member of the Second Baptist Church in Long Branch for over 60 years. Mrs. Wilson has led a life inspired in many ways by her devotion to her faith. A native of Cordele, Georgia, Lula Belle Wilson moved to New Jersey where she became a member of the Second Baptist Church in 1950. Since that time, Mrs. Wilson has been actively involved with the church. This includes her tenure as president of the church's Carnation Club, president of the Seacoast Usher Union, vice-president of the Kitchen Circle, and president of the Senior Usher. For over 60 years, Lula Belle Wilson has been a devoted member of the Long Branch community and the Second Baptist Church. Her faith has led her through good times and bad, and Lula Belle Wilson continues to share her faith and positive demeanor with members of her church and community. It is with great joy that I am able to join with the Second Baptist Church in honoring Lula Belle Wilson's over 60 years of service.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in leading this body in recognition of Lula Belle Wilson. Her active role with the Second Baptist Church and the community of Long Branch make Mrs. Wilson truly deserving of this body's recognition.