fair and just immigration reform to keep families together and create pathways to citizenship for undocumented immigrations.

Throughout her distinguished career, Jane has been recognized both locally and nationally. In 2009 she was named to the ''Forward 50'' list of those ''leading the American Jewish community into the 21st century''. She is a current board member of CAN–TV, Leadership Greater Chicago Fellows Association, Illinois Coalition for Immigrants and Refugee Rights, and the Shalom Center. In the past, she has also served her community by working with the Justice Coalition of Greater Chicago, Chicago Coalition to Protect Public Housing, Ethics Coalition, KAM Isaiah Israel Congregation, Women in Charge; and as a commissioner for Private Industry Council, PIC, the Women's Commission of the City of Chicago, and the Commission on Social Action of Reform Judaism.

For thirty years, Jane's work has changed the lives of countless individuals, families, and communities throughout Chicago. Her work has empowered Jews of all ages, brought together individuals of different faiths, and given a voice to those who would otherwise have gone unheard. I have been privileged to work with Jane over the years on several issues and projects and feel fortunate to call her a treasured friend. I join others in the Chicago area in offering my deep gratitude for her decades of work and lifelong commitment to social justice, empowerment, and human rights and in wishing her well.

HONORING PEARL ALICE MARSH, PHD

HON. BARBARA LEE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 23, 2012

Ms. LEE of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the extraordinary career and tremendous accomplishments of Dr. Pearl Alice Marsh of California as she retires from a distinguished career in academia, public service and advocacy for both the United States and throughout Africa. Emerging from humble roots to become the first African-American woman to receive a doctorate degree in Political Science from the University of California, Berkeley, Dr. Marsh continues to be an inspiring trailblazer.

Dr. Marsh's prolific career includes a decade of service as Senior Professional Staff for Africa on the House Committee on Foreign Affairs. Yet, Dr. Marsh's long record of activism is at the heart of her call to service. Playing a role in some of the defining civil and human rights movements of our time, Dr. Marsh spoke out for non-discriminatory Fair Housing in California and helped drive the Civil Rights, Students, Health Rights, Women's and African Liberation movements throughout the 1960s and 1970s. This bold activism was part of an engine for enormous social and political change, and Dr. Marsh's passion for social justice went on to inform every aspect of her long career.

Pearl Alice Marsh began her career as a social worker and advisor to the Oak Park Neighborhood Council Member in Sacramento, CA, in 1968. Throughout the 1970s and early 1980s, she held many key positions driving efforts to strengthen the response of California communities to mental health issues, including joining the University of California, Berkeley to coordinate health administration and planning seminars for the Neighborhood Health Seminars Project and becoming the Associate Director of Mental Health Planning at Northern Alameda County.

Yet, in 1986, Dr. Marsh turned her attention back to academia and her studies of Africa, accepting a position as Program Director of Berkeley's Center for African Studies. In 1993, she moved to Washington, DC, to put her academic skills into policy practice as the Senior Research Associate for International Affairs at the Joint Center for Political and Economic Studies. In this critical role, Dr. Marsh developed and convened a series of multi-party forums in the run-up to the South African elections, which saw the election of Nelson Mandela as the first black president of the newly racially-integrated South Africa. She later became Executive Director at the Africa Policy Information Center, where she supervised the development of the Advocacy Network for Africa, a network of over 60 human rights, advocacy and humanitarian organizations working to raise the level of understanding and attention to current events in Africa through key policymakers.

In the years that followed, Dr. Marsh employed her ample knowledge and expertise to help guide Congressional policy as Senior Policy Advisor for International Affairs and Domestic Policy for Congresswoman Juanita Millender-McDonald. And, for the next decade, from 2000 to 2011, Dr. Marsh served as a Professional Staff Member on the House International Relations Committee and the Committee on Foreign Affairs where she reported to consecutive chairmen and helped to develop two key pieces of legislation—the U.S. Global Leadership Against HIV/AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria Authorization Act of 2003 that created PEPFAR and the Tom Lantos and Henry J. Hyde Global Leadership Against HIV/AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria Authorization Act of 2003, which has helped to provide AIDS treatment for more than 6.6 million people around the world.

In the final chapter of her professional career, Dr. Marsh returned to her activist roots, assuming the position of Director of U.S. Policy and Global Health at the ONE Campaign, where she developed an advocacy plan to scale up African co-financing of their national health needs.

On behalf of the residents of California's 9th Congressional District, Dr. Pearl Alice Marsh, I salute you. I am proud to call you a colleague, a former constituent, but most importantly my friend. Thank you for your countless contributions to the struggle for equal opportunity and for your manifold commitment to teaching, advocating and producing groundbreaking U.S. foreign policy in the fight against global poverty and disease. I congratulate you on your many achievements, and I wish you and your loved ones all the best in this next chapter of life.

RECOGNIZING CANNON'S CATERING FOR THEIR SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 23, 2012

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a Mississippi Delta, minority-owned business, Cannon's Catering. Owned and operated by Bobby and Della Cannon, Cannon's Catering was started by Della Cannon when she was just a high school student.

Originally, she wanted to use her culinary expertise to earn extra money by baking cakes and preparing refreshments for small parties held by family and friends. What started as an after school job transcended into a lucrative catering business; preparing meals for family reunions, class reunions, weddings, office parties as well as a host of other functions.

Cannon's Catering primary goal is to meet the needs of its customers. As a result, they take incredible pride in their work by paying close attention to details, providing excellent customer service, and creating a menu suitable for the occasion. The secret to their longevity has been their undeniable commitment to customer service.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Cannon's Catering for their entrepreneurial spirit and commitment to excellent customer service.

IN RECOGNITION OF SUZANNE AND JEFFREY CITRON

HON. FRANK PALLONE, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 23, 2012

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Suzanne and Jeffrey Citron for their tireless efforts and work with the community. As co-founders of the Charles Lafitte Foundation, Suzanne and Jeffrey have dedicated much time and effort to philanthropy.

Founded in 1999, the Charles Lafitte Foundation is dedicated to helping individuals live a more well rounded life. Under the leadership of Suzanne and Jeffrey, the Charles Lafitte Foundation helps and supports individuals and organizations in several areas, including support for children's advocacy, education, medical research and initiatives, as well as the arts. The Charles Lafitte Foundation holds numerous events each year in their attempt to further their ability to reach those in need.

Much of both Suzanne's and Jeffrey's philanthropic success is rooted in their background in the private sector, where both have ample experience leading successful private enterprises. Suzanne served as CEO of New World Aviation, a small aircraft company co-founded by both herself and Jeffrey. Jeffrey co-founded the telecommunications company Vonage in 2001, served as CEO of Vonage from 2001–2006, and is currently chairman of the board of directors. Besides her work in the private sector and with the Charles Lafitte Foundation, Suzanne for the past several years has served on the American Cancer Society Advisory Board of the Jersey Shore.