Mr. Speaker, please join me in leading this body in recognition of Suzanne and Jeffrey Citron. It is with great pleasure that I am able to join with Big Brothers Big Sisters of Monmouth County in honoring their work this evening. Both Suzanne and Jeffrey are truly deserving of this body's recognition.

GOOD EGG BREAKFAST 50TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. JEFF DENHAM

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 23, 2012

Mr. DENHAM. Mr. Speaker: I rise today to recognize and honor the Good Egg Breakfast on its 50th anniversary. The first Good Egg Breakfast, GEB, was held in April 1963 at the Sportsmen of Stanislaus Clubhouse. Today, the event is billed as the world's longest running egg promotion breakfast.

Original cosponsors of the GEB were Stanislaus and San Joaquin County area poultrymen and the Modesto Chamber of Commerce. Stanislaus County Farm Bureau was added as a cosponsor, and the poultrymen evolved into the Pacific Egg and Poultry Association and the California Poultry Federation. Today, the four entities that plan and execute the breakfast are the Modesto Chamber of Commerce, California Poultry Federation, Pacific Egg and Poultry Association, and the Stanislaus County Farm Bureau Federation. The Good Egg Committee is made up of members from the aforementioned sponsors.

The original GEB award was given to an area resident singled out for their outstanding contributions to agriculture. The breakfast also kicked off Farm-City Days in Stanislaus County. The breakfast now includes recognition not only of agriculturists but also those from every walk of life who have demonstrated dedication and outstanding service for the benefit of the community. Mr. Good Egg of 1970, Governor Ronald Reagan, is the most famous of past honorees. In 1981, the Good Egg of the Year award was renamed the ''Fred C. Price Good Egg of the Year Award,'' in honor of farm advisor Fred Price.

The GEB also awards scholarship stipends to local Modesto Junior College students who epitomize a ''Good Egg''—someone who gives back to the community.

The following is a list of all the Good Egg recipients for the past 50 years: 1963—Joe Domecq; 1964—John G. Veneman; 1965—Ernest Tarone; 1966—Wiiliam Ulm; 1967—Richard Lyng; 1968—Joe Hart; 1969—Milton Kidd; 1970—Ronald Reagan; 1971—Fred G. Thiemann; 1972—Romain Stewart; 1973—John Keefe; 1974—Dan Kelsay; 1975—Frank Espinola; 1976—Clare Berryhill; 1977—Donald West; 1978—George Biddle; 1979—John Thurman; 1980—Norton Coleman; 1981—Mathew Fiscalini; 1982—Max Foster; 1983—Paul Lavine; 1984—Bill Lyons, Sr; 1985—Peggy Mensinger; 1986—Larry Banks; 1987—John De Boer; 1988—Larry Can; 1989—Larry Hooker; 1990—Grant Lucas; 1991—Bette Belle Smith; 1992—James S. West; 1993—Ernie Gemperle; 1994—Roland Starn; 1995—Henry Voss; 1996—Bob Benson; 1997—Stan Hodges; 1998—Ray Simon; 1998—Genie Zehrung; 1999—Tony Cobarrubia; 2000—George House; 2001—Dr. George West; 2002—Nick Blom; 2003—Willis D. ''Woody'' Woodward, D.V.M; 2004—Saxon Downs; 2005—Shirley Jorgensen; 2006—Bill Lyons, Jr; 2007—Carol Whiteside; 2008—Gary West; 2009—Dr. Mark Bender; 2010—Dr. Richard Breitmeyer; 2011—Reverend Vernon Deatherege; 2011—Barbara Deatherege, Ph.D.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in congratulating the Good Egg Breakfast for 50 years of promoting eggs, agriculture, and community service.

RECOGNIZING THE ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL IN MORGAN HILL, CALIFORNIA

HON. JERRY McNERNEY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 23, 2012

Mr. McNERNEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Central High School in Morgan Hill, California, which is located in my congressional district.

A quality education is the cornerstone of our children's and country's future. A strong educational system ensures that we will remain competitive in an ever growing and interconnected world. We must demand the best from students, excellence from teachers, and the involvement of parents and communities. Central High School is emblematic of the rewards of hard work.

Central High's dedication and commitment to quality education has been a model for schools throughout California. The hard work of everyone involved at the school, including teachers, students, and administrators is evident in its exceptional 158 point improvement in the state's Academic Performance Index. This success shows what can be achieved when all stakeholders work together with a focused goal, and is something that will benefit these students their entire lives.

I urge my colleagues to join me in recognizing the improvements, accomplishments, and dedication to academic excellence at Central High School.

HONORING EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COORDINATOR IRA MARKS

HON. STEVEN R. ROTHMAN

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 23, 2012

Mr. ROTHMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Ira Marks for his dedicated leadership and service to the Borough of Fair Lawn, a community that I have the pleasure of representing in New Jersey's Ninth Congressional District. At the end of the year Ira will be retiring from his position as Director and Emergency Management Coordinator for the Borough, a position he has held since 2006. Mr. Marks is a dedicated public servant and I am pleased to recognize him as he completes his distinguished career.

Mr. Marks first began working in the Office of Emergency Management in 1997. Since then he has served as Local Emergency Planning Committee President, Shelter Coordinator, Deputy Coordinator, and Emergency Management Coordinator. He has been integral in restoring the borough after several natural disasters, including flooding from Hurricane Irene, and assisting in medical training. Mr. Marks has demonstrated his talent for combining community service with his training and knowledge of the health field to improve the Office of Emergency Management.

Furthermore, Ira Marks has served as a volunteer for the Borough of Fair Lawn since 1978 while working in the private sector. He spent 21 years in the Volunteer Ambulance Corps, donating his time and holding the offices of Treasurer, Vice President, President, and Trustee. Among his many accomplishments, Ira aided in obtaining a grant for 10 automated external defibrillators for the training of Fair Lawn police officers. Ira was recognized for his excellent work when he was awarded the Distinguished Volunteer Service Cross in 1995, as well as the Hackensack Medical Center Award for EMS Excellence of Life Saving in 1998.

Ira is a graduate of Monmouth University in New Jersey, a veteran of the Army National Guard, and a wonderful New Jerseyan. His extraordinary dedication to public service is an inspiration to us all.

Mr. Speaker, today I rise to congratulate Ira Marks for his tremendous service to our community. I join with the grateful residents of the Borough of Fair Lawn in thanking him for his innumerable contributions to our community. His leadership and dedication to service have improved the lives of many and I wish him an enjoyable retirement.

RECOGNIZING CHRISTIAN VOLUNTEER SERVICE FOR THEIR TIRELESS DEDICATION AND CONTRIBUTIONS 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 the charitable, nonprofit organization, Christian Volunteer Service.

Christian Volunteer Service, CVS, is an organization that has been active in Claiborne County, Mississippi, for 31 years. Founded in January 1981 by Don and Jeannette Mahoney, Christian Volunteer Service began their work in the community by providing practical aid for citizens that were sick and confined to their home. The services included home visits, preparation of meals and feeding, bathing and light household cleaning.

Later, they partnered with Meals on Wheels, a program that delivers meals free of charge to the elderly, to continue their philanthropic efforts; Christian Volunteer Service began providing roundtrip transportation for medical appointment for the elderly throughout the Port Gibson, Vicksburg and Jackson areas. Christian Volunteer Service has a stellar record for serving over 12,500 families, repairing over 1,600 homes and spending over $700,000 on the needy with the help of dedicated volunteers and supporters over the past years.

The volunteers of Christian Volunteer Service are dedicated to working with local churches and residents in the county to provide care

for the needy and the elderly. Due to the encouragement and financial support they receive from local churches, members of the community and the United Way, Christian Volunteer Services has been able to sustain their mission of strengthening and nurturing the community with a spirit of love and concern for its neighbors.

In 2006 Bishop Randal Burge became the Director of Christian Volunteer Service. Currently, they host teams of volunteers from all over the United States and Canada that are willing to come and service the area.

Christian Volunteer Services is the recipient of a number of Community Service Awards, including one from the State of Mississippi Governor's Office and an Excellence Award from the United Way Organization.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Christian Volunteer Service for its philanthropic work throughout Claiborne County, Mississippi, and surrounding areas.

TRIBUTE TO MAYA WESBY

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 23, 2012

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to ask the House of Representatives to join me in honoring Maya Wesby, the 2012 Congressional Black Caucus, CBC, Spouses Essay Contest winner. Maya, a native Washingtonian, is a dedicated student and burgeoning scholar at one of the District's top performing public schools, the Duke Ellington School for the Performing Arts. Her outstanding essay, ''Defeating the Barriers of Physical Activity,'' won first place at the Congressional Black Caucus Foundation's Annual Legislative Conference this year.

Each year, high school and college students from the districts of CBC members write essays on issues that affect the lives of African Americans for the CBC Spouses Essay Contest. This year's topic was ''How America's youth are moving us into a healthier tomorrow.'' Maya's essay documents childhood and adolescent obesity in our country and offers a solution for the staggering statistics. As an advocate for healthy living, Maya's thought-provoking work shows a young scholar who is getting the most from her education, is on top of the issues of the day, and has great promise as she prepares for college and for success in life.

Mr. Speaker, I ask the House of Representatives to join me in honoring Maya Wesby for winning the 2012 Congressional Black Caucus Spouses Essay Contest.

RECOGNIZING THE GIRL SCOUTS OF NORTHEAST TEXAS

HON. KENNY MARCHANT

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 23, 2012

Mr. MARCHANT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in celebration of the 100th anniversary of Girl Scouts of the USA and in special recognition of the Girl Scouts of Northeast Texas. This Council comprised of more than 35,000 girls and 16,000 adult volunteers spans across 32 counties in Northeast Texas. It is with great pride that I honor their long history of public service and leadership.

Established by Juliette Gordon Low in 1912, the Girl Scout movement started with just 18 girls in Savannah, Georgia, and the belief that bringing girls into the open air and the community would allow them to develop the confidence, self-reliance, and resourcefulness needed for personal and professional success. A century later, Low's extraordinary vision has impacted the lives of over 50 million girls and helped to produce some of the most accomplished women in the fields of business, science, education, and public service.

Today, Girl Scouts of the USA has nearly 4 million members and more than 100 different councils across the nation. In the greater Northeast Texas community, it is the Girl Scouts of Northeast Texas who carry on this incredible legacy by offering a variety of community outreach and educational programs that help all its members become strong leaders. Thanks to this Council, thousands of girls in my district are being given the tools to become successful women and accomplished professionals.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the 24th Congressional District of Texas, I ask all my distinguished colleagues to join me in celebrating the 100th anniversary of Girl Scouts of the USA and recognizing the Girl Scouts of Northeast Texas. I look forward to the members of this Council becoming the next generation of successful American women.

HONORING JANE RAMSEY

HON. BOBBY L. RUSH

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 23, 2012

Mr. RUSH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Ms. Jane Ramsey. She is a long-time Chicago area resident who has worked for three decades as a community leader for social and economic justice.

Jane Ramsey is retiring this year from her current position as the President of the Jewish Council on Urban Affairs, JCUA. She had been the Council's Assistant Executive Director from April 1979 and was named its Executive Director in 1982. JCUA combats poverty, racism and anti-Semitism in partnership with Chicago's diverse communities. Guided by prophetic Jewish principles, JCUA pursues social and economic justice for Chicago's most vulnerable neighborhoods by promoting a vision of empowering communities from within. Her leadership of over 30 years has helped enable the JCUA to become one of Chicago's most active and important organizations speaking on behalf of human and civil rights issues.

Jane Ramsey led the JCUA in an effort to combat racism facing mayoral candidate Harold Washington. Further, when Chicago Housing Authority residents were fighting to ensure that their rights were honored when the City of Chicago tore down its highrise public housing buildings, the JCUA organized a coalition of religious and civil rights groups to work for the tenants. When Chicago's Muslim community became the target of hate crimes after September 11, 2001, the JCUA formed the Jewish-Muslim Community Building Initiative.

Jane Ramsey has also served on numerous boards including the Justice Coalition of Greater Chicago, Chicago Coalition to Protect Public Housing, Ethics Coalition, KAM Isaiah Israel Congregation, Women in Charge; and as commissioner for Private Industry Council (PIC), the Women's Commission of the City of Chicago, and the Commission on Social Action of Reform Judaism. She is currently a board member of CAN–TV, the Leadership Greater Chicago Fellows Association, and the Illinois Coalition for Immigrant and Refugee Rights.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Jane Ramsey. She is truly worthy of recognition by this august body, the U.S. House of Representatives.

REPEALING SECTION 907 OF THE FREEDOM SUPPORT ACT

HON. RANDY HULTGREN

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 23, 2012

Mr. HULTGREN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of repealing Section 907 of the FREEDOM Support Act. Since 1992 the people of Azerbaijan have been under unfair restrictions for American assistance.

Twenty years ago tomorrow, President George H.W. Bush signed into law the FREEDOM Support Act.

While a well intentioned effort at lifting out of poverty and tyranny the afflicted peoples of the former Soviet Union, the law also contained a provision under Section 907 of the bill, which restricted Azerbaijan from receiving assistance.

Azerbaijan was the only former Soviet state restricted in this manner, and bound by outdated criteria.

Every year since 2001, the restrictions under Section 907 have been waived. The US-Azerbaijan alliance has grown immensely over the previous 20 years across all sectors of cooperation, from military intelligence, to trade and business, to academic and cultural ties.

It is time to do away with this unnecessary and unfair law. Azerbaijan is a key ally in the War on Terror, and is a strategic geographic partner given its close proximity to Iran and Israel.

Instead of dwelling on conflicts of the past, we should be embracing economic growth of the future while continuing to foster and encourage democratic values in Azerbaijan.

Congress should repeal Section 907 of the FREEDOM Support Act and allow Azerbaijan access to the support it deserves.

RECOGNIZING DA' HOUSE OF KHAFRE FOR THEIR COMMITMENT 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 Indianola, Mississippi minority owned business, da' House of Khafre. Owned and operated by, Ms. C. Sade Turnipseed and Mr. Robert Terrell, Jr.