Chapter of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. have made a tremendous impact in their local community through raising $18,963 in support of American Cancer Society's Relay for Life, raising $7,800 in support of American Diabetes Association for Step Out to Fight Diabetes, and donating 160 toys to children in transitional housing due to domestic violence.

Omega Psi Phi's cardinal principles are Manhood, Scholarship, Perseverance, and Uplift. The members of the Pi Lambda Lambda Chapter uphold these principles by serving the community and offering a lending hand to their neighbors.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in congratulating the Pi Lambda Lambda Chapter of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. on their civic accomplishments. I thank the fraternity for their service-oriented goals and making a positive difference in the lives of Prince William County residents.

RECOGNIZING DR. TERRY GORDON AS THE 45TH RECIPIENT OF THE BERT A. POLSKY HUMANITARIAN AWARD FOR HIS WORK AS A CHAMPION OF AUTOMATED EXTENERAL DEFIBRILLATORS

HON. BETTY SUTTON

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 26, 2012

Ms. SUTTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor an extraordinary individual who has tirelessly advocated to save the lives of children and others by getting life-saving automated external defibrillators, AEDs, placed in schools across the nation.

Dr. Terry Gordon is the 45th recipient of the Bert A. Polsky Humanitarian Award given out each year by the Akron Community Foundation to an individual or couple who best exemplifies selfless dedication to humanitarian causes in Akron, Ohio.

A Cleveland Clinic trained cardiologist, Dr. Gordon practiced invasive cardiology at Akron General Medical Center for over 21 years prior to his retirement. In 2000, while serving as President of the Summit County American Heart Association, a 15 year old football player at Barberton High School by the name of Josh Miller collapsed on the field and suffered sudden cardiac arrest. There was no AED on site and, sadly, Josh died of sudden cardiac arrest. The tragic loss of this young man full of promise was devastating to not only Josh's parents and family, but to the entire community.

Upon learning of this tragic loss of life and realizing the school did not have an AED on site, Dr. Gordon began raising funds to place AEDs in every junior and high school, making Summit County, Ohio, the first county of its size to do so and earning him the National Physician of the Year award for 2002 from the American Heart Association. His efforts also resulted in AEDs placed in every police, highway patrol and sheriff's vehicle in Summit County.

Dr. Gordon continued his advocacy at the state level, and in 2005 helped procure $2.5 million from the State of Ohio, which in partnership with the American Heart Association and Akron General Medical Center, placed over 2,200 AEDs in schools throughout Ohio. He later worked with the Ohio General Assembly to allocate an additional $2.5 million needed to complete the task of placing 4,500 devices in Ohio schools.

In 2007, I was proud to partner with Dr. Gordon on this important mission and introduced the Josh Miller HEARTS Act. Named after the Barberton High School football player who we lost to sudden cardiac arrest, the bill establishes a grant program to get automated external defibrillators into elementary and secondary schools across the nation. The Act passed the U.S. House of Representatives in both the 110th and 111th Congress and is pending action in the 112th Congress.

In addition to his work advocating for AEDs in schools, Dr. Gordon remains actively engaged in our community, serving on various volunteer boards. He was a founding member of Stewart's Caring Place, a facility of wellness for those with cancer and their loved ones. He has been a member of The Youth Motivational Task Force for many years, has been a longstanding board member of the American Heart Association and is co-host of 'Docs Who Rock', a fundraiser for the Summit County United Way. Dr. Gordon is also an accomplished author, whose work includes the book No Storm Lasts Forever.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing the selfless dedicated service of Dr. Terry Gordon and in congratulating him on receiving the 45th Polsky Humanitarian Award.

HONORING THE SERVICE AND SACRIFICE OF UNITED STATES ARMY SERGEANT FIRST CLASS RYAN SAVARD

HON. RON BARBER

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 26, 2012

Mr. BARBER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor United States Army Sergeant First Class Ryan J. Savard, who was killed in action on October 13, 2012, while on patrol in Khanabad District, Afghanistan. He leaves behind his wife, mother, father and numerous friends.

Born in Salt Lake City, Utah, Sgt. 1st Class Savard moved to Arizona where he attended Buena High School in Sierra Vista before joining the Army in 2001 to work on helicopters. Over the course of his career, Sgt. 1st Class Savard worked with the Special Forces and was assigned to Headquarters and Headquarters Company, U.S. Army Special Operations Command based at Fort Bragg, NC. He was on his fifth Special Forces deployment to Afghanistan, not including a previous deployment to Iraq in 2003.

We will remember Sgt. 1st Class Savard as an exceptional soldier. Over his career he earned more than a dozen honors including two Bronze Star Medals, two Purple Hearts, three Army Commendation Medals, a Joint Service Achievement Medal, three Army Achievement Medals, four Army Good Conduct Medals, a National Defense Service Medal, an Afghanistan Campaign Medal with Bronze Service Star, a Kosovo Campaign Medal with Bronze Service Star, a Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal and a Global War on Terrorism Service Medal. For his bravery in action, he was awarded a Defense Meritorious Service Medal, a Purple Heart and a Bronze Star posthumously.

I ask the House of Representatives to join with me in extending our deepest condolences to the family and friends of Sgt. 1st Class Savard. All who live in this great nation owe Sgt. 1st Class Savard and his family a debt of gratitude for he has paid the ultimate price for our safety and security. His sacrifice reminds us of all of our men and women in uniform who are in harm's way each day whom we must keep in our thoughts and prayers. We will always remember Sgt. 1st Class Savard for his courage and selfless sacrifice.

HONORING KNAUS SAUSAGE HOUSE ON THEIR 100TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. MICHELE BACHMANN

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 26, 2012

Mrs. BACHMANN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Knaus Sausage House on their 100th anniversary this year. It is my honor to join with the Kimball community in celebrating the dedication and services that this company has provided and continues to provide.

Three generations have been involved with this business and the fourth generation is already involved. Over the last 100 years, the Knaus Sausage House has grown to include groceries, a deli, and a bakery. The family's outstanding efforts in providing great service and great products are what make this a growing, viable business as they keep up with changing times. Many farmers and hunters depend on the market to do custom processing and cut meat for them. The Knaus Sausage House services are a valuable asset to the community and their long-term dedication does not go unnoticed.

It is small businesses including Knaus Sausage House that help communities flourish in America today. Mr. Speaker, please join with me in congratulating Knaus Sausage House on their 100th anniversary.

HONORING THE FAKLIS' 100 YEARS IN TARPON SPRINGS, FLORIDA

HON. GUS M. BILIRAKIS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 26, 2012

Mr. BILIRAKIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and congratulate the Faklis family of Tarpon Springs, Florida, on the 100th anniversary of Faklis' Department Store and Shoe Repair Service. Throughout their many decades in the United States, the Faklis family has lived the American dream, applying hard work and determination to create a successful small business in our community.

In 1909, two young brothers—Nikita and Nicola Papafaklis—arrived in America from Symi, Greece, in search of a better life for themselves and their families. Shortly thereafter, another brother, Vasile, arrived in America. Vasile and Nikita soon settled in Tarpon Springs and established their own small business. This small business opened as a custom shoe maker. The business evolved into a

dry goods department store carrying shoes, clothing, suits and specializing in shoe repairs and orthopedic corrections.

Vasile and his sons, George, Nick and Michael are proud American veterans, having served in WWI and Korea. They continue to be involved in the local American Legion and never open for business without first displaying the American flag in front of their building.

Throughout the generations, the Faklis family's store evolved with the times and provided services with excellent professionalism. The family business has passed from Nikita and Vasile down to Vasile's sons George and Michael, and down again to Vasile G. Faklis, the current operator and namesake of one of the family's patriarchs. Serving the greater Tampa Bay area from their location in Tarpon Springs, the Faklis family has been able to merge old world craftsmanship and warm customer service with the orthotic technology of today and the future.

Mr. Speaker, for 100 years the Faklis family has represented the best of the American entrepreneurial spirit. They came to America seeking a better life and have become a pillar of the local community. Their economic success and ability to adapt with the changing times exemplify the strength of this country's business community, and I commend them for their contributions to our area.

TO RECOGNIZE THE 2012 LIFECIRCLE ALLIANCES KUDOS FOR CAREGIVERS HONOREES

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 26, 2012

Mr. CONNOLLY of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the winners of the 2012 LifeCircle Alliances Kudos for Community Caregivers Awards. LifeCircle Alliances, a non-profit organization based in Fairfax County, Virginia, is a leader in promoting and enabling independent living for older adults with developmental, intellectual, or physical disabilities, including our Wounded Warriors.

LifeCircle Alliances has formed public-private partnerships to create innovative long-term care solutions, enhance existing programs, and address workforce, mobility and transportation issues. The goal of these efforts is independence for life; ensuring that our older adults and adults with disabilities are able to live independently and with dignity in their communities of choice.

The LifeCircle Alliances Kudos for Community Caregivers Award celebration recognizes the efforts of six outstanding caregivers, who tirelessly provide dedicated care, day in and day out. The recipients of the 2012 Kudos Awards are:

Stephanie Mensh—Stephanie Mensh has been a caregiver for Mr. Paul Berger for 25 years. Additionally, she has volunteered her time supporting stroke and TBI survivors and their families. She also provides support and advice to other caregivers by hosting a support group as well as providing individual support by phone, email, and in person.

Liza Ruiz—The loving mother of two daughters, Mrs. Ruiz has been caring almost daily for her 65 year old daughter, Cynthia, who was brain injured at birth and her husband who has been diagnosed with dementia. For many years, she did this while working as a full-time employee of the federal government. Mrs. Ruiz was instrumental in helping to establish the Northern Virginia Training Center, which opened in 1973.

Maureen Renault—A dedicated and tireless caregiver, Maureen Renault has taken on the daunting task of caring for her mother, a resident at Herndon Harbor Adult Day Health Care Center. During this time Maureen has been actively involved in her mother's care at the center in addition to her needs at home.

Steven Nehl—Care-giving is an around the clock job for Mr. Nehl. He cares for his autistic son, Michael, and wife, Joanne, who is continuing to recover from two brain aneurysms. Since the time of her illness in 2008, Joanne is unable to work and Mr. Nehl may only maintain short-term positions due to the tremendous requirements of his time at home.

Cecilia Ortega-Shew—For almost two decades, Cecilia Ortega-Shew has given selflessly to individuals living with HIV/AIDS. In her role as a mental health clinician and program clinical manager for Inova Juniper Group, she helps pregnant women have healthy, HIV-free babies and continues to counsel people on the difficulties of living with HIV. She inspires young staff to be better clinicians and instills in them a passion for caring for those with HIV.

Natascha Dixon Edelin—Passionate and dedicated to helping women and children in need, Natascha Dixon Edelin tirelessly works to assist the battered women of Fairfax, Virginia and honor them for their strength, courage and commitment. She partnered with the co-founders of the Duffy House in 2011 to organize the ''Duffy House Day of Pampering'' for victims of domestic violence and sexual abuse which provided, at no charge, a much needed day of respite for approximately 50 women and 80 children. Her continued work with the Duffy House brings joy into this special community.

I congratulate this year's winners and recognize each of them for their dedication and personal sacrifices. These individuals are examples of the many caregivers who put the needs of their families, friends and colleagues above their own. Mister Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in paying tribute to the 2012 LifeCircle Alliances awardees and in thanking the volunteers, staff, and partners of LifeCircle Alliances for their efforts in providing assistance to not only those in need of care, but to those who provide the care here in our community.

THE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION FOR SOUTHWEST WASHINGTON

HON. JAIME HERRERA BEUTLER

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 26, 2012

Ms. HERRERA BEUTLER. Mr. Speaker, throughout our nation's history, individual Americans have voluntarily joined together to meet important needs in their communities. This generosity and willingness to work together toward a common goal is a trademark of the American character.

Today, private voluntary associations across the country make substantial contributions to our nation's well-being in areas such as health care and social services, education and the arts, economic development, and environmental protection. Many of these associations are community foundations—charitable organizations formed to attract and distribute endowment funds.

The Community Foundation for Southwest Washington is a successful private sector economic and social support system that helps meet specific needs in our region. They have far-reaching benefits for anyone interested in philanthropy and are an example of the spirit of generosity and service that helped build America and continues to make it great.

Directed by volunteers, the Community Foundation for Southwest Washington has community partnerships that run deep. The longstanding relationships they have built in the community help them meet current needs, while enabling the Foundation to address future challenges and opportunities. They provide effective leadership in our community, often complementing or assisting in the coordination of public programs and other private services. They facilitate one of the fastest-growing forms of philanthropy in the United States.

Today I rise to congratulate the Community Foundation for Southwest Washington on obtaining their National Standards for U.S. Community Foundations accreditation from the Community Foundations National Standards Board. Achieving confirmation and reconfirming compliance with National Standards is a rigorous process, demonstrating that the Community Foundation for Southwest Washington has adhered to excellent philanthropic practice. This program requires community foundations to document their policies for governance, donor services, investments, grant making, community leadership, and administration.

The Community Foundation for Southwest Washington of Vancouver, Washington has obtained its National Standards accreditation through a commitment to operational quality, integrity, accountability, transparency and adherence to the highest standards for grant making.

On behalf of the residents of our region, I congratulate the Community Foundation for Southwest Washington on receiving its National Standards accreditation and commend the foundation's dedicated service to Vancouver and communities in Southwest Washington.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO UPS EMPLOYEES AND U.S. VETERANS TIM PFOHL, DAN VERANJES AND MIKE BURNS

HON. BRIAN HIGGINS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 26, 2012

Mr. HIGGINS. Mr. Speaker, I along with Congresswoman KATHY HOCHUL would like to pay tribute to several Western New York UPS employees who have delivered outstanding service for the company and for the country.

Tim Pfohl has been with UPS for 23 years. He is a member of the UPS Safety Committee, a mentor to new drivers and has 14 years of accident-free driving. Tim served in