Middle East. They make sure that nothing happens to us so that we can continue living the way we do.

However, as mentioned before, such a luxury comes with a price. Some members of our active military are lucky enough to return home with their lives, but some aren't. Yet this has not stopped people from joining the military in the past before. In World War II, when the world was threatened by one of the most infamous leaders in history, did we surrender? We did not, and hundreds of thousands of people were ready to defend our country and what we believed in, even if it meant traveling overseas, or being haunted by the gruesome memories of war for the rest of their lives, or to die trying. Our veterans faced these same consequences and have to hurdle over the same obstacles, and that didn't stop them from doing their duty. They protected us to make sure that we could forever keep our freedom and our rights from the hands of our enemies.

We have much to thank of our veterans and of our active military for their services to this country and for their services to us. Without them, we would not have the same freedoms as we do now. Our world would be completely different without them. But thankfully they are here to save us when we need them most. Thankfully, with these men and women as our guardians, we can continue to live life normally and enjoy it without the fear of oppression or harm.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE REOPENING OF ST. JAMES CHURCH

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 13, 2012

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of St. James' Church, one of the 11 Cleveland Catholic Diocese parishes that will be reopening this year.

In 2009 it was announced that several of the Cleveland Catholic Diocese's area churches, including St. Barbara's, were to close. However, just months ago, the Vatican overruled this decision and St. James' will be reopening its doors on Wednesday, July 25, 2012.

St. James Church was founded in 1908 as the founding parish for the cities of Lakewood and Rocky River. For more than a century, St. James has been a house of worship and gathering for the Catholic residents of Lakewood, Ohio.

After Bishop Lennon's 2009 announcement parishioners gathered together and formed Friends of Saint James/Save Saint James in an effort to stop the closing of their church. The members of Friends of Saint James/Save Saint James are committed to the preservation of Saint James as a parish and an architecturally significant structure in the City of Lakewood. They have dedicated themselves to the development of a long range financial plan for capital improvements and maintenance of the church and its programs.

Mr. Speaker and colleagues, please join me in recognizing the reopening of St. James' Church, a beloved parish that has returned to the City of Lakewood.

TRIBUTE TO ROSEMARY BOURNS

HON. KEN CALVERT

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 13, 2012

Mr. CALVERT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and pay tribute to Rosemary Bourns, who passed away on Wednesday, September 26, 2012. Rosemary was a pillar of the community in Riverside, California and she will be deeply missed.

In 1947, Rosemary and her newlywed husband Marlan moved to California from Michigan, and they began their electronics components manufacturing company in humble settings—the garage of their new home in Pasadena. While Marlan took care of the engineering side of the business, Rosemary oversaw the books and made sure that their house could accommodate the seven engineers working with her husband. The couple eventually moved the company, now renamed Bourns, Inc., to Riverside in 1950 to boost manufacturing operations in order to keep up with rising demand.

In her free time, Rosemary loved telling stories and arranging flowers. She and her husband always accomplished things as a team, from starting their business to moving it to Riverside. They also selflessly gave back to their community. In 1992, the Bourns family gave the University of California, Riverside (UCR) the single-largest donation it had received to that date, a $6 million gift for its new College of Engineering, eventually named Bourns College in the family's honor. In the years that followed, they continued to support the College, and the west engineering building was named Bourns Hall.

The way in which Rosemary lived her life should serve as reminder to others that an individual with drive, perseverance and a stellar work ethic can do great things. In 2000, Rosemary and her husband were recognized as UCR Laureates, and in 2010 the family was honored by the Inland Empire Center for Entrepreneurship with its Lifetime Award. University of California, Riverside Chancellor Timothy P. White said of Rosemary, "On the UCR campus, Rosemary Bourns' name has been synonymous with the accomplishments of strong, hardworking women . . . She will always be honored through the accomplishments of the faculty and students in the Bourns College of Engineering."

In addition to her husband, Rosemary is survived by her son Gordon; daughters Linda Hill, Anita Macbeth and Denise Moyles; 14 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Rosemary will always be remembered for her incredible contributions to business, her work ethic, generosity, and love of family. Her dedication to her work, family and community is a testament to a life lived well and a legacy that will continue. I extend my condolences to Rosemary's family and friends; although Rosemary may be gone, the light and goodness she brought to the world remain and will never be forgotten.

IN HONOR OF CZECHOSLOVAK INDEPENDENCE DAY

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 13, 2012

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Czechoslovak Independence Day, which is being celebrated at Cleveland's National Bohemian Hall on October 26 through 28, 2012.

Czechoslovak independence was declared on Wenceslas Square on October 28, 1918 and the Czechoslovak Republic was established. Thomas Masaryk was both the founder and the first president of the Czechoslovak Republic, often referred to as the "First Republic." Although Czechoslovakia only lasted two decades because of Nazi Germany's occupation of the Czech Lands in 1938, Czechs continue to view October 28 as the day of their national founding.

Bohemian National Hall was built in Cleveland, Ohio, in 1897 to cultivate friendships, charity and benevolence among the Bohemian nationalities. Included in their priorities were gymnastics, education and the advancement of their culture. Thomas Masaryk made two visits to Cleveland in his lifetime, one in 1902 and another in 1918 where he spoke at the National Bohemian Hall. Located in Cleveland's Slavic Village neighbor, today Bohemian National Hall serves as the home to the Czech Cultural Center.

This year's celebration of Czechoslovak Independence Day will be celebrated by Cleveland's Czech community and Sokol Greater Cleveland at Bohemian National Hall between October 26 and 28.

Mr. Speaker and colleagues, please join me in honoring the anniversary of Czechoslovak Independence Day, October 28, 2012.

LEXINGTON COUNTY IS FIRST

HON. JOE WILSON

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 13, 2012

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, the following article was published recognizing the leadership of Lexington County, South Carolina, as a Purple Heart County in the Lexington County Chronicle on September 20, 2012:

LEXINGTON IS THE FIRST PURPLE HEART COUNTY

Lexington County became the first in the state to be designated as a Purple Heart County.

A resolution was read before Lexington County Council, Sept. 11, that named Lexington a Purple Heart County.

"It's a recognition and a show of support for not only Purple Heart recipients, but for veterans and all of those who served," said Stan Thornburgh.

Thornburgh, of Lexington, is a past commander of the Col. Charles Murray Memorial Chapter of the Military Order of the Purple Heart. The chapter is based in Columbia, but many of its members live in Lexington County.

Thornburgh received the Purple Heart after being wounded in Vietnam in 1969.