event to be held on November 24th, 2012, people around the country will demonstrate their appreciation for the businesses that make their communities unique.

The days following Thanksgiving have become a time of windfall sales revenue for many retail businesses. In the past, however, small businesses without large advertising budgets have not seen the same success as their larger counterparts. In 2010, Small Business Saturday was created to encourage consumers to utilize their local vendors. I commend the communities that participate every year and especially those who will begin this year.

This will be the first year the Village of Oak Lawn formally participates in Small Business Saturday. Thanks to the work of the Oak Lawn Chamber of Commerce, Small Business Saturday Oak Lawn will no doubt be a hugely successful event, highlighting the local flavor that these establishments provide. A trolley will shuttle shoppers along Oak Lawn's bustling 95th Street to visit the various businesses and the village will simultaneously hold its annual Santa on the Green for local youth. This is a great event not only for Oak Lawn businesses but also for residents of the village and surrounding communities.

Small businesses represent the hopes and dreams of so many hard working and creative entrepreneurs, and have long been the backbone of the American economy. The individuals who create and work at small businesses represent half of all private sector American jobs and generate over 60% of the new jobs in our recovering economy. In many cities and villages, small businesses are what keep Main Street communities alive and thriving. Such vendors are best suited to cater to the unique needs of these small and distinctive towns, and so our continued support is more important than ever.

Please join me in honoring those who have worked hard to start Small Business Saturday around the country and of course the small businesses that make it all possible. May the event be a resounding success.

2012 WINGS OVER HOUSTON, TEXAS

HON. TED POE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 16, 2012

Mr. POE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, today, I want to recognize a unique event in the state of Texas that attracts more than 85,000 people from Houston and around the globe. The Wings Over Houston Airshow showcases the best of American aerial military might in a thrilling display of everything from vintage World War II aircraft to the marvels of modern aviation.

A non-profit event produced by a collaborative volunteer effort of the Gulf Coast Wing and West Houston Squadron of the Commemorative Air Force, this year's Wings Over Houston Airshow dazzled the crowds with several new additions, including the U.S. Air Force's newest fighter aircraft, the F–22 Raptor, the U.S. Marine Corp MV–22 Osprey demonstration and the Air National Guard Flash Fire Jet Truck. The biggest feature this year was the Navy's Blue Angels, which is the second oldest flying aerobatic team. They impressed bystanders with their daring and impressive routines, at one point even flying only 18 inches from each other during their four-jet Diamond Formation.

For 28 years, Wings Over Houston has benefited a variety of nonprofit organizations and charities. This year's air show benefitted the Wings Over Houston Airshow Scholarship Program, Aviation Career Education Academy, Exchange Club of Sugar Land, Westchase Rotary Club and the Commemorative Air Force aircraft restoration and flying historical programs.

As a spectacular aerial show and an impressive charitable community effort, the Wings Over Houston Airshow inspires both charity and patriotism in Houstonians and all Americans. It's a significant part of Texas history, as the event conserves a little piece of our military's aviation history and ensures that it'll be around for years to come.

And that's just the way it is.

IN TRIBUTE TO ARNIE GODMINTZ

HON. DORIS O. MATSUI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 16, 2012

Ms. MATSUI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in tribute to Mr. Arnie Godmintz, an activist and well-known Sacramento community leader who passed away on October 4th. Arnie was a prominent progressive leader in the Sacramento region, and his death leaves a great void in the community. As his family and friends gather to honor and remember his life, I ask all my colleagues to join me in saluting a committed and well-respected figure in Sacramento.

Arnie led a fascinating life, devoted to fighting for progressive causes. Most of his work was done on his own free time and focused on the rights of the underserved and needy. Arnie's roots in activism began at a young age. After earning an economics degree from Harvard University, he worked as an organizer for auto workers. He later worked for the U.S. Bureau of Indian Affairs encouraging companies to find work for unemployed American Indians on reservations in Arizona and New Mexico.

Arnie had to go through a lot to help those whose voices were often unheard. At one time, during the civil rights movement, Arnie was arrested while driving supplies to ''freedom schools'' for African-American children in the South. His advocacy led him to the same location where FBI agents discovered the bodies of murdered activists James Chaney, Andrew Goodman and Michael Schwerner. Those events became a part of Arnie, deeply affecting him and became his motivation to continue to advocate for the less privileged. Throughout all of his efforts, Arnie stayed humble and never spoke about himself, although he was always a passionate advocate for the underdog and often unpopular causes.

Arnie was also greatly involved in local politics, donating his time, energy and enthusiasm for causes near to his heart. He was a leader in the Sacramento County Democratic Party, often organizing meetings and coordinating campaign events. He donated his time, marched at rallies, worked phone banks and walked door to door for issues he believed would improve our country.

Mr. Speaker, I am honored to recognize the numerous contributions made by Mr. Arnie Godmintz during his lifetime of service to the people of Sacramento and our Nation. As his family and friends gather to honor his wonderful legacy and countless contributions, I am honored to pay tribute to him. I ask all my colleagues to pause and join me in paying respect to an extraordinarily loving man, Arnie Godrnintz.

HONORING MYRNA CAMPBELL

HON. HEATH SHULER

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 16, 2012

Mr. SHULER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the members of my Congressional Staff who have served with me the over the past six years while I have been in office. A Member of Congress' most important responsibility is to provide exceptional constituent services and my staff is second to none in providing the best assistance to everyone in our District. I take great pride in the work that each one has done on my behalf and on behalf of everyone in the 11th Congressional District of North Carolina.

Each District Staff member has shown a strong sense of dedication in meeting the needs of each and every one of our constituents. They often go well beyond the call to make sure each constituent is treated fairly and respectfully by our government agencies and that they receive appropriate resolution. I owe a debt of gratitude to each one of them for the support and friendship which they have shown me while I have served in Congress.

Myrna Campbell was among the first individuals to join me on the campaign trail and to serve as a member of my original District staff team. Myrna has been a steady force in making sure no constituent or issue ever slips through the cracks of bureaucracy. Her organizational skills and commitment to excellence on the job have served as a model for all of our staff. The words ''commitment'' and ''dependable'' immediately come to mind when I think of Myrna's work ethic.

In is no secret that Myrna is the glue that holds our District operation together. Myrna is loved and revered by her colleagues, and anyone who has ever worked with her can attest to her loyalty and kindness.

Myrna should be proud of the service she has provided to our District and country. It has been an honor to serve with her and as I retire from office I wish her the very best in the future. Western North Carolina is a better place because of her efforts and I will cherish the memories of serving with Myrna and the team by my side.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing and thanking Myrna Campbell for her hard work on behalf of all of Western North Carolina and to wish her continued success in her future endeavors.