devoted husband to his loving wife Eva of 65 years, and father to son Sandy Jr. and daughter Cassandra.

Deacon Dewalt is a devoted servant of Christ who joined the Union Baptist Church in 1955 under the leadership of the founding pastor, Rev. Dr. Aaron Wood. A member of the Union Baptist Church for 57 years, he was appointed Decaon Chairman Emeritus in 1998. Mr. Dewalt is also a member of the Joint Board of Directors; he has served on the Board of Deacons for the better of 50 years.

''Deek''—as he is affectionately known at Union is the current Superintendent of the Sunday School Department 2nd, member of the Board of Christian Education, the Pastor's Aide and the Music Ministry. Additionally he works diligently with the Soup and Feeding Ministry.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to recognize Deacon Dewalt for devoting his time to serving those who God sends to in their time of need and to the church that he loves so dearly, the Union Baptist Church, I urge my colleagues to join me in paying tribute to Deacon Sandy Dewalt.

HONORING SISTER ELIZABETH VAN STRATEN

HON. BOBBY L. RUSH

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 27, 2012

Mr. RUSH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Sister Elizabeth Van Straten, who is a highly esteemed member of the Chicago area and a resident of the Englewood community in the City of Chicago.

At the end of this year, Sister Van Straten will be retiring from her position as the President and Chief Executive Officer of St. Bernard Hospital, which is located in the Englewood community of the City of Chicago.

An alumnus of DePaul University, Sister Van Straten is a member of the religious congregation of women known as the Religious Hospitallers of Saint Joseph (R.H.S.J.), which founded St. Bernard Hospital in 1904. She is the last member of the religious sisters serving at St. Bernard. In following a line of women dedicated to serving the poor, Sister Van Straten has committed herself and her talents for more than 34 years in service of and promoting the health and well-being of the Englewood community.

Sister Van Straten has met and overcome major challenges in keeping St. Bernard Hospital open, even as three other neighborhood hospitals have closed. In addition to keeping open its doors, under Sister Van Straten's leadership St. Bernard has become the largest employer in the Englewood community and a leading national provider of emergency medical services, dental services and prenatal care services, just to name a few.

Mr. Speaker, I would ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Sister Elizabeth Van Straten. She is truly worthy of recognition today and onward by this august body—the U.S. House of Representatives.

CONGRATULATING THE LONE STAR MODEL A FORD CLUB

HON. JOHN R. CARTER

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 27, 2012

Mr. CARTER. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to recognize the Lone Star Model A Ford Club upon achieving a milestone in the club's history. This Saturday, December 1, 2012, the club will meet for their 1,000th weekly breakfast in Georgetown, Texas.

Organized on September 26, 1993, in Georgetown, Texas, the Lone Star Model A Ford Club is for owners and admirers of Model A Fords who are interested in restoring and maintaining the automobile in a manner to attract prestige and respect within the community.

The Lone Star Model A Ford Club has served as a medium of exchange of ideas, information and parts for admirers of the Model A Ford car, manufactured from 1928 through 1931, and to aid them in their efforts to restore and preserve the car in its original likeness.

In addition, the Lone Star Model A Ford Club encourages and maintains among its members the spirit of good-fellowship, sociality, and fair play through sponsored activities including the use of the Model A Ford and family participation.

The Lone Star Model A Ford Club has consistently supported local civic endeavors by displaying their Model A's whenever asked by nursing homes, retirement homes, civic clubs, the Chamber of Commerce, the City of Georgetown, and Williamson County, including, during the re-dedication of the Williamson County Courthouse after its renovation.

The Club has twice hosted the statewide Model A Ford Convention in Georgetown with attendance as high as 550 people from throughout Texas in 1998 and again in 2005 and has been selected to host the 50th statewide Model A Ford Convention to be held in June 2013 in Round Rock, Texas.

Club members began meeting for weekly breakfasts every Saturday morning in October 1993 and have consistently continued this weekly social activity to this day.

Mr. Speaker, I congratulate the 77 family members of the Lone Star Model A Ford Club on the occasion of their 1,000th weekly breakfast together and encourage our state's citizens to congratulate these individuals whose efforts should be recognized in preserving an important part of our nation's motoring history for the benefit of future generations.

IN SUPPORT OF THE NATION OF ISRAEL

HON. TOM MARINO

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 27, 2012

Mr. MARINO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in strong support of the nation of Israel, and ask my colleagues to join me in condemning the terrorist attacks against the Israeli people from the Palestinian Hamas in the Gaza Strip.

As Hamas militants continue to target its assault against innocent Israeli civilians, Israel will continue its efforts to defend her people. No nation should be forced to subject itself to such violence and destruction, nor should its people be forced to live in fear. Just as the United States would not stand idly by if such horrific attacks were waged against Americans, I support Prime Minister Netanyahu's acts of self-defense.

It is equally concerning that Egyptian President Mohamed Morsi has moved away from Egypt's traditional role as a mediator between Palestine and Israel, and has publically supported the actions of Hamas, which is an offshoot of the Muslim Brotherhood, to which President Morsi belongs. That is why I strongly urge President Obama and Secretary Clinton to use the strongest forms of diplomacy to support our ally Israel, and work with Israelis and Palestinians to end this violence.

In less than three days, Hamas militants have fired an estimated 550 missiles into Israel. Israel's justified response has debilitated Hamas's rocket-firing facilities and has significantly reduced their strategic capabilities.

To date, three Israeli civilians have been killed, along with twenty Palestinian militants and civilians. Israel ended its military and civilian presence in Gaza in 2005, attempting to end further conflict in the area, but Hamas militants continue to provoke armed conflict against Israel.

My thoughts and prayers are with the nation of Israel as they withstand and defend against these heinous attacks. I hope that this conflict soon ends and firm groundwork is established to solidify a long-term, mutually agreed upon peace agreement between Israel and Palestine.

A TRIBUTE TO THE SHEPHERD OF THE HILLS CHURCH IN HONOR OF ITS 100TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. BRAD SHERMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 27, 2012

Mr. SHERMAN. Mr. Speaker, it is my great pleasure to congratulate Shepherd of the Hills Church in Porter Ranch, California, on the celebration of its 100th Anniversary. For a century, the leaders and parishioners of the Church have dedicated themselves to upholding their faith and bringing the San Fernando Valley community closer together. Originally known as the Van Nuys First Baptist Church, the Church began in 1912 in an railroad car in the town of Van Nuys, California, with less than 100 congregants. Under the direction of senior pastor Dr. Jess Moody, the congregation grew steadily, moving in 1991 to a new building in Porter Ranch, California, where it became known as Shepherd of the Hills Church. In 1995, the congregation merged with nearby Hillcrest Christian Church.

Since its founding, Shepherd of the Hills Church has continued to explore new venues and opportunities for worship throughout the greater Los Angeles area. Today, the Church is a vibrant, diverse congregation of more than 12,000 members, four ''daughter'' churches, and two satellite campuses throughout Los Angeles County. Since 1999, Shepherd of the Hills Church has also hosted an annual 4th of July Fireworks Spectacular, which attracts over 50,000 residents of the San Fernando

Valley. The annual celebration has brought our community together year after year.

I would also like to take this opportunity to congratulate senior pastor Dudley Rutherford on this special occasion. Under the leadership of Pastor Rutherford, who is also celebrating his 25th Anniversary, the Church has seen its congregation and community outreach efforts continue to expand. Pastor Rutherford spearheaded the development of four self-sufficient satellite campuses within Los Angeles County, the opening of the Church's Family Life Center, and he helped to organize the ''Miracle in the Making'' Campaign to raise funds for a new church building. Known nationally for his dynamic leadership and communication skills, Pastor Rutherford served as president of the 2011 North American Christian Convention, and was the featured Chapel Speaker at the World Series.

Mr. Speaker, I wish to extend my heartfelt congratulations to Shepherd of the Hills Church on its 100th Anniversary, and to Pastor Dudley Rutherford for his commitment, dedication and vision in helping this praiseworthy congregation carry out its mission of fellowship and community service throughout the San Fernando Valley.

OPPOSITION TO H. RES. 813: EXPRESSING VIGOROUS SUPPORT AND UNWAVERING COMMITMENT TO THE WELFARE, SECURITY, AND SURVIVAL OF THE STATE OF ISRAEL AS A JEWISH AND DEMOCRATIC STATE WITH SECURE BORDERS, AND RECOGNIZING AND STRONGLY SUPPORTING ITS RIGHT TO ACT IN SELF-DEFENSE TO PROTECT ITS CITIZENS AGAINST ACTS OF TERRORISM

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 27, 2012

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise in opposition to H. Res. 813, an unfortunately and unnecessarily one-sided resolution that was brought up on Friday, November 16, for consideration without any advance notice to Members of Congress and which was completed in about a minute without any discussion. The hasty nature in which this resolution of such significance was considered undermines the unspoken, but operationally essential understanding, that bills of great importance will not be quietly tiptoed through Congress. A loss of Members' confidence in Leadership results when House floor procedures are conducted in a manner frustrating to good faith. Such conduct can only add to the hyper-partisanship and the breakdown of comity in Congress that Americans find objectionable.

Members must be given the opportunity to debate U.S. support of a military operation that is likely to be of significant consequence in talks between Israel and the Palestinians. This impacts the region and the world.

Only one minute for consideration of a most consequential resolution in the House, when in the past week, the death toll in Gaza has climbed past 100, including 24 children. Over 800 people are reported to have been wounded. Rockets from groups in Gaza have landed in several Israeli towns. Three Israelis have been killed.

This latest military escalation began after Israel assassinated Ahmed Al-Jabari, the head of Hamas' military wing. According to Israeli negotiator Gershon Baskin, who secured the release of Gilad Shalit, Mr. Jabari ''wasn't just interested in a long-term cease-fire; he was also the person responsible for enforcing previous cease-fire understandings. . . . On the morning that he was killed, Mr. Jabari received a draft proposal for an extended cease-fire with Israel, including mechanisms that would verify intentions and ensure compliance.'' Could anything be more destructive of peace than the assassination of a principal to ceasefire negotiations? And the House only has one minute to consider the ramifications of such action?

The root of this latest flare up in hostilities is deep. Negotiations between Israel and the Palestinians on a two-state solution have been virtually non-existent. Innocent people in Gaza continue to suffer under a blockade that has deprived them of everything from food and clean water to educational opportunities. Illegal settlements continue to be built in the West Bank and East Jerusalem, further diminishing prospects for a negotiated two-state solution.

The hastily written, and even more hastily passed resolution, fails to mention any of that. In its deficiencies are writ the failures of our own Middle East policies. This latest outbreak in violence is deplorable and I am strongly supportive of Egyptian efforts to negotiate a ceasefire. Innocent people on both sides deserve to live without fear. Can the House Leadership spare a minute for that point to be made?

TRIBUTE TO MRS. MABEL KITTRELL

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 27, 2012

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute and to honor Mrs. Mabel Kittrell who was born in Portsmouth, Virginia on July 18, 1912, and is 100 years young!

Mrs. Kittrell does not have biological children but she helped raise her nephew Kevin Jackson. Mrs. Kittrell was employed as a clerk and nurse's aide among several of the many jobs she has worked during her life.

Mrs. Kittrell became a member of the Zion Baptist Church in Brooklyn New York in 1978. She was the treasurer of the Virginia Club, which is now known as the Southern States Ministry. Mrs. Kittrell supports many of the church's ministries.

Mrs. Kittrell has a number of friends and especially appreciates her two home attendants, Mrs. Jean Moore and Mrs. Annie Everett. Mrs. Kittrell claims to not know the secret to her longevity but acknowledges herself as one of God's creations. Earlier this year Mrs. Kittrell received a certificate of recognition for her 100th birthday from Senior Citizens Ministry of Zion Baptist Church and a card from President Barack Obama congratulating her on her 100th birthday.

Mr. Speaker, she also received a Proclamation from Brooklyn Borough President Marty Markowitz.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in paying tribute to Mrs. Mabel Kittrell.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE CARDIOLOGY ASSOCIATES OF ALBANY, GEORGIA

HON. SANFORD D. BISHOP, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 27, 2012

Mr. BISHOP of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to salute the members and supporters of the Cardiology Associates of Albany, Georgia as they commemorate their 30th anniversary this year. A celebration event will be held on Thursday, November 29, 2012 at noon in the main lobby of Phoebe Putney Memorial Hospital in Albany, Georgia.

Thirty years ago, a young Cardiology Resident at Emory Medical School in Atlanta, Georgia was recruited to Albany, Georgia by several local physicians seeking to provide advanced Cardiology Services to Southwest Georgia. Dr. Jeffrey Hoopes accepted the challenge and set out to form Cardiology Associates in 1982.

From one physician's vision and commitment, Cardiology Associates has grown into a network of world-class heart and vascular services. Cardiology Associates teamed with Phoebe Putney Memorial Hospital, itself a healthcare leader providing breakthrough technology and innovation to the communities it serves for 100 years. Together they bring the finest Cardiology talent and technology to the citizens of Southwest Georgia.

Dr. Hoopes performed the region's first Cardiac Catheterization, a new and revolutionary diagnostic procedure at the time, at Phoebe Putney Memorial Hospital thirty years ago. Today, more than 50,000 life-saving cardiac catheterization procedures have been performed by Cardiology Associates. Many other Cardiology firsts for the region have followed.

Building on that original foundation, Cardiology Associates through the Phoebe Heart and Vascular Center now provides patients and families facing heart disease access to services at one of the largest and most advanced heart centers in Georgia.

These accomplishments, along with a dedication and commitment to the citizens of Southwest Georgia, have been rendered with compassion and professionalism.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in applauding the exceptional efforts of the Cardiology Associates at Phoebe Putney Memorial Hospital in Albany, Georgia for thirty years of healthcare excellence to the residents of Southwest Georgia.

RECOGNIZING MR. RALPH SPEZIO OF ROCHESTER, NEW YORK, FOR HIS DEDICATION TO ERADICATING CHILDHOOD LEAD POISONING

HON. LOUISE McINTOSH SLAUGHTER

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 27, 2012

Ms. SLAUGHTER. Mr. Speaker, it is my esteemed honor to recognize Mr. Ralph Spezio