

many of these falls are caused by darkness, these four members of the Saddle Brook Gifted and Talented Program figured out a way to help solve one of the causes of this problem. As a result of four months of intensive research and design, they invented a pressure sensitive floor mat, the Auto-MAT-ic, that automatically illuminates a bedside lamp enabling seniors to see, so they can walk safely at night. Preventing falls will not only save injuries and medical costs, but it will also help seniors retain their independence.

In many ways, the work has only started for these young ladies. They are currently putting their \$25,000 prize to good use. The girls have contracted with a company to help them make their product wireless and to date they have made progress in creating four prototypes that are being tested by seniors. In addition, the students have created their own corporation, Safety Steps LLC. On Monday, May 15, 2006 the group will be in Washington, D.C. to meet with Congressional staff, the American Association of Retired Persons, and the Center for Aging Services Technology about their product and to continue their advocacy on behalf of seniors.

Mr. Speaker, I am very proud of these four students. I commend Urszula Kapinos, Heather Kuehnle, Ashley LaRose, and Kasia Truszkowska for their continued pursuit of trying to help keep seniors safe by creating devices to help prevent falls in the home. On behalf of the people of the Ninth Congressional District of New Jersey, I congratulate them on winning the Christopher Columbus Award. I wish them continued success in their work and advocacy.

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CONGRATULATIONS TO THE 4-LIFE  
PROJECT

**HON. IKE SKELTON**

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 11, 2006*

Mr. SKELTON. Mr. Speaker, let me take this means to congratulate the 4-Life Project in Lexington, Missouri. On May 12, 2006, the 4-Life Project will receive the Bishop John J. Sullivan Award by the Catholic Charities of Kansas City—St. Joseph. The award, the Catholic Charities' most distinguished honor, is given to individuals or organizations whose deeds, character, leadership, and accomplishments best exemplify the mission of the Catholic Charities.

The 4-Life Project consists of 4 programs critical to the Lafayette County area: the Margaret Gray Senior Center, the Rodgers-Lafayette Community Health Center, the Lexington School District Preschool, and Vocational Childcare Training Program. The Senior Center opened on February 15, 2006. It provides a wide array of home and community based services for persons 60 and over, including on-site and home delivered meals, computer classes, and a new program called ProjectEnhance, which assists seniors with ongoing health and wellness issues. The Rodgers-Lafayette Community Health Center opened on January 15, 2006, and provides comprehensive medical care, including dental and mental health care. The Lexington School District Preschool and the Vocational Childcare Training Program provides the area

with a much needed total early childhood center.

Mr. Speaker, I am certain that the Members of the House will join me in congratulating the staff of the 4-Life Project for their accomplishments and in thanking them for their contributions to the community.

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HONORING EVA HALLER AND  
WOMEN'S eNEWS

**HON. LOIS CAPPS**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 11, 2006*

Mrs. CAPPS. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to pay tribute to a great friend, constituent and tireless advocate for women's issues, Ms. Eva Haller.

Eva Haller began her political activism in Budapest, Hungary during World War II by printing and distributing anti-Hitler leaflets. She eventually moved to the United States, where she earned a master's degree in social work while maintaining full-time employment in the service-industry. After graduating, Eva worked as a social worker in New York's Lower East Side. She then took time to volunteer for UNICEF with her husband in Southeast Asia, officially beginning her career as a philanthropist.

A dedicated activist as well, Eva serves on the board of Women for Women International, a Washington-based agency that helps women in war-torn regions rebuild their lives. She also chairs the American board of Free the Children U.S.A., an organization dedicated to eradicating child poverty, exploitation and the use of child soldiers.

Dedicated and talented women such as Eva Haller deserve to be recognized by such credible institutions as Women's eNews. Serving as the definitive source of substantive news—unavailable anywhere else—covering issues of particular concern to women and providing women's perspectives on public policy, Women's eNews enhances women's ability to define their own lives and to participate fully in every sector of human endeavor.

Eva is an excellent example for all of us to live up to and I am proud to recognize the inspiring work she does on her own and in conjunction with Women's eNews. It is no accident that the organization will honor Eva, among other admirable women, at its gala dinner, "21 Leaders for the 21st Century" on May 16. In these trying times there is more and more need for the leadership exemplified by Eva and Women's eNews.

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SALUTE TO THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY  
OF THE ZILWAUKEE LIONS  
CLUB

**HON. DALE E. KILDEE**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 11, 2006*

Mr. KILDEE. Mr. Speaker, today I ask the House of Representatives to join me in congratulating the Zilwaukee Lions Club as it celebrates 50 years of service to the community of Zilwaukee, Michigan. The Lions Club will gather on June 9th to mark the occasion with a banquet.

The Zilwaukee Lions Club was founded in March 1956 by a group of men looking to fulfill the Lions motto, "We Serve." Lions Clubs offer their associates the opportunity to give back to the community and the members of the Zilwaukee Club have embraced this philosophy wholeheartedly.

That same year, the members built the first boat dock in Zilwaukee. Not content to be limited to one endeavor, the Zilwaukee Lions Club has spent the past 50 years providing such diverse services as arranging eye exams and glasses for the needy; taking blind men fishing; expanding the tape library for the blind; building a pavilion in the Zilwaukee City Park; holding an annual Christmas Dinner for the senior citizens of Zilwaukee; and many other worthwhile projects too numerous to name.

Lions Clubs International has 1,300,000 members in 196 countries all contributing to the Vision Program. The Zilwaukee Lions Club participates with its fellow clubs to achieve the goal of bringing sight to the world's blind as well as improving their individual communities. The Zilwaukee Club has continuously maintained this commitment throughout its 50 year history.

Mr. Speaker and Members of the House of Representatives, please join me in congratulating the Zilwaukee Lions Club on the wonderful job they have done over the past 50 years serving the residents of Zilwaukee, Michigan and the surrounding area. They are to be commended for their good work, their dedication to others and their pledge to continue to serve.

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HONORING STAFF SGT. GREG  
WARNER

**HON. STEPHANIE HERSETH**

OF SOUTH DAKOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 11, 2006*

Ms. HERSETH. Mr. Speaker, I want to take this opportunity to honor the life of Staff Sgt. Greg Wagner who died May 8, 2006, from wounds suffered while serving in Iraq.

Every member of the House of Representatives has taken a solemn oath to defend the Constitution against all enemies, foreign and domestic. While we certainly understand the gravity of the issues facing this legislative body, Greg lived that commitment to our country. Today, we remember and honor his noble service to the United States and the ultimate sacrifice he has paid with his life to defend our freedoms and foster liberty for others.

The lives of countless people were enormously enhanced by Greg's compassion and service. Greg, who represented the best of the United States, South Dakota, and the military, continues to inspire all those who knew him and many who did not. Our Nation and the State of South Dakota are far better places because of his service, and the best way to honor him is to emulate his devotion to our country.

I join with all South Dakotans in expressing my sympathies to the family of Staff Sgt. Greg Wagner. His commitment to and sacrifice for our Nation will never be forgotten.