

In addition to his public service, he was dedicated to his Roman Catholic faith as a Papal Knight of the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre and as a parishioner of Blessed Sacrament Church in Laredo. Mr. Gonzalez was also a large part of community events such as the famous Washington Birthday Celebrations Associations and established the bridge ceremony that is one of the hallmarks of the Washington Birthday Celebration. Mr. Gonzalez was also a proud alumnus of the University of Notre Dame and dedicated his life to the University by being the Notre Dame recruiter of South Texas, passionately recruiting young scholars for the past 21 years to attend Notre Dame in addition to being on the Hispanic Board of Alumni for 15 years.

Mr. Gonzalez was preceded in death by his wonderful wife, Margarita V. Gonzalez, and is survived by his daughters, Alejandra G. Brady, Gabriela G. Tawil and his grandchildren, Ryan Joseph Brady, Joseph Jakob, and Elliot James Tawil. He is also survived by his brother, Ignacio Gonzalez, brother and sister-in-law, Jorge and Olga Verduzco, and the rest of his family. He has left behind a remarkable legacy, and without that legacy, the City of Laredo has suffered a sad loss in one of its greatest members of the community.

Mr. Speaker, I am honored to have had this time to recognize the legacy of Mr. Jose "Pepe" L. Gonzalez.

THE ANNIVERSARY OF SAN FRANCISCO'S JAPANTOWN

HON. NANCY PELOSI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 14, 2006

Ms. PELOSI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to our San Francisco Japantown and celebrate with them on their 100th anniversary as a community. Affectionately called J-town, San Francisco Japantown is the oldest and joins San Jose and Los Angeles as the only remaining Japantowns in the continental United States. A century ago, there were more than 50 in California, Washington, Oregon, Idaho, and Utah. Japantown is more than just a physical location where Japanese people migrated after the Great San Francisco Earthquake of 1906, a distinctive area where Japanese culture is on display, or a tourist destination. Japantown represents more than 100 years of a unique immigrant experience, which started with the arrival of the first generation—the Issei.

Prior to 1906, Japanese immigrants gravitated to ethnic enclaves where rents were affordable and they felt accepted. The arrival of picture brides through Angel Island Immigration Station in San Francisco Bay after 1906, many of them meeting their future husbands for the first time, was the genesis of the second generation—the Nisei. The 100 years included the emergence of the activist third generation the Sansei—who are now "baby boomers" and the parents and grandparents of the fourth and fifth generations—the Yonsei and Gosei.

As the younger generation makes their mark on our global society, I hope they will recognize the critical role of family and community in their successes. I was recently made aware of an example of what is possible. NASA As-

tronaut Daniel Tani represents the next generation of Japanese Americans in space, following the tradition of Astronaut Ellison Onizuka, who tragically lost his life on the same mission as teacher Christa McAuliffe in 1986. Astronaut Tani flew the 2001 *Endeavour* mission. He is a shining example of the boundless possibilities of the immigrant experience. His family has roots in J-town.

The road was not always easy: in fact, Japanese Americans often persevered under great hardship to overcome prejudice. In its 100 years in San Francisco's Western Addition, the community suffered segregation in local schools, a racially motivated exclusionist immigration policy, and a shrinking community with each redevelopment. During World War II, eligible Nisei men volunteered for military duty while their families remained behind barbed wire without due process, many of them United States citizens. Our government under the guise of war forced Japanese Americans from their homes and escorted them under armed guard to internment camps throughout the United States. Most of the San Francisco Japantown community was interned in Topaz, Utah. It took three generations until redress was made in the form of monetary reparations and our government's apology, though no amount of compensation or apology could ever adequately replace or repair what Japanese Americans lost. The lessons that we learned during the internment should serve as a reminder of how we must continue to fight for our freedoms today. Protecting civil liberties must be a constant priority of our government.

As San Francisco's Representative in Congress, and House Democratic Leader, I am grateful that I can count on the steadfast strength of our San Francisco Japantown community and its extraordinary leaders, too many to name individually.

Congratulations Japantown for more than 100 years in San Francisco.

RECOGNIZING LINCOLN UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI DURING NATIONAL HISTORICALLY BLACK COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES WEEK

HON. IKE SKELTON

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 14, 2006

Mr. SKELTON. Mr. Speaker, I'm pleased to join my colleagues today in recognition of National Historically Black Colleges and Universities Week.

Missouri's Fourth Congressional District is the home of Lincoln University, located in Jefferson City, Missouri. Yesterday, I was fortunate to have the opportunity to meet with Dr. Carolyn Mahoney, the President of Lincoln University, during her visit to Washington, DC.

Like all HBCUs, Lincoln University has a proud history. The school was founded in 1966 by soldiers of the 62nd and 65th Colored Infantries who established Lincoln Institute for African Americans interested in continuing their education. Today, Lincoln University has the most diverse population of colleges and universities in the state of Missouri. U.S. News and World Report ranks Lincoln University as fourth in the Midwest for campus diversity and

seventh in the Midwest for its international student population.

Although the University has many outstanding academic programs, I have been particularly impressed with Lincoln University's Cooperative Extension and Research programs, which provide valuable outreach to under served populations. I am also very proud of the University's ROTC programs, which train tomorrow's military leaders and continue Lincoln University's military heritage. I look forward to participating in the Blue Tiger Battalion's Veterans' Day commemorations this November, just as I have done for more years than I can remember. Lincoln also hosts an outstanding public radio station, KJLU-FM. In April 2006, KJLU was named the Black College Radio Station of the Year at the 28th Annual Black College Radio and Television Conference in Atlanta, Georgia.

Mr. Speaker, I am certain that the Members of the House will join me in congratulating the students and staff of Lincoln University for their accomplishments and in wishing them the best as we celebrate National Historically Black Colleges and Universities Week.

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SPEECH OF

HON. G.K. BUTTERFIELD

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 13, 2006

Mr. BUTTERFIELD. Mr. Speaker, I was pleased to learn of the recovery of one of our Nation's fighting women who had been missing in Kyrgyzstan for more than 3 days. After being kidnapped, Maj. Metzger spent 80 hours in captivity before escaping her abductors. Her resilience is remarkable and her resolve serves as another example of the superior character of the men and women of our Air Force and our other Armed Services.

I am most pleased to hear of her safe return. I wish the very best for the Metzger family, and continue to pray for the safe return of Sergeant Keith "Matt" Maupin, United States Army Reserves, who has been missing since April of 2004.

TRIBUTE TO SERGEANT NATHANIEL "BRAD" LINDSEY

HON. DARLENE HOOLEY

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 14, 2006

Ms. HOOLEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a fallen hero. Sergeant Nathaniel "Brad" Lindsey was a family man, a fellow Oregonian, and a proud American. He understood the actions that needed to be taken so that his countrymen could continue to enjoy the blessings of freedom.

Last Saturday, Brad made his final sacrifice on behalf of a grateful nation while on patrol in the Zabul province of Afghanistan.