Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Charles H.K. Williamson, a long-time educator and winner of the Carnegie Foundation’s 2006 Professor of the Year Award for New York State.

Professor Williamson, during his 16 year tenure in the School of Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering at Cornell University, has impacted countless individuals, from undergraduates to Ph.D. candidates to fellow professors. As a colleague states, “Professor Williamson is the most creative and talented educator I have encountered . . . he has no equal on our faculty in integrating research into teaching and teaching into research.” It seems fitting that Professor Williamson began his teaching career among royalty, tutoring Prince Pavlos of Greece before leaving London to emigrate to Pasadena, California, and Caltech in 1984. In 1990, he found himself an assistant professor at Cornell, apprehensively standing in front of 100 students in a thermodynamics class. “I remember coming out of that first class on a high,” he recalls. “I realized that the students really want to learn and are eager to know that the teacher genuinely wants the same thing.”

From that point on, Professor Williamson has been a trailblazer, pioneering new approaches to lecturing. His classes are unpredictable but always educational, using anything from footlong smoke rings to Beatles albums to jet engines to demonstrate the principles of thermodynamics and fluid mechanics.

Professor Williamson’s unique teaching methods, combined with his love of the subject, touches students in a way that educators seldom do. His student evaluation scores are by far the best in his department and among the highest in the university. His average over 16 years at Cornell is 4.57 out of 5, an unequaled level of consistency and excellence.

In addition to being an entertaining lecturer, Professor Williamson is also a true mentor to students, inspiring and supporting them throughout their education, even attending student sporting events. “Without the confidence and skills I learned from Professor Williamson, I never would have . . . received a doctorate in plasma physics,” a former advisee recounts.

Professor Williamson is an inspiration to us all, an individual who truly makes a difference in the lives of those around him. I am honored to congratulate him on receiving the Carnegie Foundation’s 2006 Professor of the Year Award.

Mr. Speaker, with our brave men and women deployed abroad, it is more important than ever that all of us observe Veteran’s Day. By honoring past heroes, we salute those who serve today. With that in mind, I ask that all of my colleagues join me in saluting Mr. Selesky for his service and in congratulating him for being awarded Ogemaw County Veteran of the Year.

TRIBUTE TO THE ASIAN-AMERICAN MEDICAL ASSOCIATION

HON. PETER J. VISCOSKY
OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 13, 2006

Mr. VISCOSKY. Mr. Speaker, it is with sincere admiration that I recognize the Asian-American Medical Association of Indiana. Its membership has dedicated themselves to providing quality medical service to the residents of Indiana’s First Congressional District, and they have always demonstrated exemplary service through their many cultural, scholastic, and charitable endeavors.

At this year’s charity ball, the Asian-American Medical Association presented Dr. Surjit S. Patheja, M.D., with the Crystal Globe Award. Dr. Patheja was born in Pakistan in 1947 and relocated to northwest Indiana, where he has resided for the past 35 years. Although now retired from his practice, Dr. Patheja, board certified in Radiology and Nuclear Medicine, has been an invaluable member of the medical community since his arrival in northwest Indiana, even serving as President of the Porter County Medical Society and the Tenth District Medical Society. Aside from the many accolades he has earned in the area of medicine, Dr. Patheja has also been instrumental in establishing scholarships and fellowships for young doctors. All these accomplishments were not impressive enough, Dr. Patheja has also remained an active member of the community, donating his time through membership in several clubs and associations, including the Valparaiso Rotary Club, the Sikh Religious Society of Chicago, the Indian Medical Association of Northwest Indiana, and, of course, the Asian-American Medical Society. He is also a member of the American College of Radiology and the Radiological Society of North America.

Although Dr. Patheja has devoted so much of his time to medicine and to the northwest Indiana community, he has always made a special point of sharing as much time as possible with his loving wife of 61 years, Mindy,
and their three children. Aside from spending time with his family, in his spare time, Dr. Patheja has always enjoyed golfing and photography.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you and my other distinguished colleagues join me in commending the Asian-American Medical Association, as well as this year’s Crystal Globe Award recipient, Surjit S. Patheja, M.D., for their outstanding contributions to medicine and to the community. Their unwavering commitment to improving the quality of life for the people of Northwest Indiana and throughout the world is truly inspirational. For these reasons, they are to be praised, and I am proud to serve as their Representative in Washington, DC.

IN MEMORY OF MAJOR GENERAL KATHRYN G. FROST

HON. IVE SKELO OF MISSOURI
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 13, 2006

Mr. SKELO. Mr. Speaker, it is with deep sadness that I inform the House of the death of Major General Kathryn G. Frost.

General Frost was an inspiration to many people. She was the wife of The Honorable Martin Frost, she was a sister, an aunt, a friend to the military, and a hero to many. General Frost consistently urged joint service officers and enlisted persons to be the very best they can be and work hard to transfer her commitment to service to the soldiers with whom she came in contact.

Her distinguished career spanned three decades, and her duties included tours as Chief, Military Personnel Office/Deputy Adjutant General, Berlin Brigade/United States Army, Berlin, Germany; Commander, Eastern Sector, United States Military Entrance Processing Command, Great Lakes, Illinois; Adjutant General/Commanding General, Physical Disability Agency/Executive Director of Military Postal Service Agency, Alexandria, Virginia; and Deputy Legislative Assistant to the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, Washington, DC.

General Frost’s awards and decorations include the Distinguished Service Medal with Oak Leaf Clusters, Defense Superior Service Medal, Legion of Merit, Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal with 6 Oak Leaf Clusters, Army Commendation Medal, and Joint Chiefs of Staff Identification Badge. She also was named one of USC’s Distinguished Alumni in 2002.

Mr. Speaker, Major General Kathy Frost was a respected leader who will be greatly missed by her family, her friends, and her colleagues. She and her husband were dear friends of mine and I know the members of the House will join me in extending heartfelt condolences to Major General Kathy Frost’s family.

HONORING THE 60TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE JOHNSON-PHELPS ALL AMERICAN VFW POST #5220

HON. DANIEL LIPINSKI OF ILLINOIS
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 13, 2006

Mr. LIPINSKI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the 60th anniversary of the Johnson-Phelps All American VFW Post #5220 in Oak Lawn, IL. Since its establishment, Post #5220 has enriched the lives of its members and faithfully served the community. Today, Post #5220, under the guidance of Commander Joseph Stachon, has over 600 members and is one of the most active VFW Posts in the Chicagoland area.

Area veterans, returning from the Second World War, formed the Johnson-Phelps VFW Post between 1944 and 1945 and received a formal charter in 1946. Initially, members gathered at the Oak Lawn Public Library and later held functions at Brandt's Dug-Out. In 1951, the Post moved into its current location at 52nd and Yourell Drive.

Throughout its history, Post #5220 has successfully brought veterans of all ages and backgrounds together. Members of the Post and its Ladies Auxiliary have a strong reputation for participating in community service events, performing volunteer work at hospitals, and spearheading donation drives and fundraisers for charity. Through the work of its members, the Post continues to make a difference in the lives of countless individuals and has a tremendous impact on the surrounding community.

It is my great honor to recognize the 60th anniversary of the Johnson-Phelps All American VFW Post #5220 and commend the outstanding work of its members. As we celebrate the members’ accomplishments today, we also thank them for their dedicated service in defending everything that our great Nation represents. Our society is forever indebted to our Nation’s veterans for their unyielding bravery, courage, and perseverance.

TRIBUTE TO SAYKLYLL’S CONFECTIONARY AND GIFTS

HON. BART STUPAK OF MICHIGAN
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 13, 2006

Mr. STUPAK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a business and a family in my district that, in many ways, exemplify the American dream. The Saykly’s family business has been in the same family for 100 years. Through hard work, perseverance and an admirable entrepreneurial spirit, the family has built an Upper Peninsula institution.

In 1906, a young Lebanese immigrant named Joseph Saykly opened his own shop in Escanaba, Michigan. The shop, “Saykly’s,” carried groceries and homemade candy and ice cream. Eventually, that little store would blossom into a thriving landmark, recognized throughout the Escanaba area. In 1916, Joseph married his wife, Mary, who was also a Lebanese immigrant. Together, Joseph and Mary would have nine children—Josephine, Marge, Angelina, Louise, Elizabeth, Marie, Martha Jean, Fred and Edward. All of the children helped in the business and all of them lived in a small apartment above the store.

Over the years, Saykly’s grew in popularity. Local residents in Escanaba would stop by the store to take home a bag of Saykly’s famous candy or ginger at the soda fountain to savor treats made with hand-cranked ice cream. In the early days of Saykly’s, some of the most popular products sold were peanut brittle, hand-pulled taffy, hand-dipped chocolates, peanut clusters and fudge. Many of these same delights are sold today.

When Joseph Saykly passed away in 1943, Mary maintained the business with the help of her children and Mary’s sister Martha Jean. In