

found time to travel on a Foreign Mission's Preaching team to Africa. Further, he was Vice President of the East Chicago Board of Safety for 6 years, consultant to the Mayor of East Chicago from 2002–2004, and coordinator for "Operation Too Great to Wait" Hurricane Katrina Survivors, which took place at the Genesis Convention Center in Gary on September 11, 2005.

A true scholar, Reverend Wade has had a wide range of academic training. His degrees include a Bachelor of Arts, Bachelor of Theology, Doctorate of Bible Theology, Master of Religious Education, and an Honorary Doctorate of Divinity, and he has had extensive International Studies in Oxford, England.

Reverend Wade has also received many accolades throughout his lifetime. To name a few, Reverend Wade has received a proclamation from the City of East Chicago. In May 2000, the City of East Chicago dedicated and renamed Drummond Street to Reverend Dr. J.C. Wade Street for his many years of service and dedication to the community. On March 22, 2007, the Indiana State Senate also issued a proclamation in his honor for his dedicated service. Reverend Wade has also been recognized nationally as he was selected to travel on 3 pilgrimages to the Holy Land as a Nationwide Evangelist, and he has conducted a workshop at the District Association Board Meeting in Germany.

Madam Speaker, at this time, I ask that you and my other distinguished colleagues join me in congratulating Reverend Dr. J.C. Wade, Jr. as he is honored for his service and ministry. His 50 years of service have touched and improved the lives of all whom he has served. His unselfish and lifelong dedication is worthy of the highest commendation, and I am proud to represent him in Congress.

#### TRIBUTE TO ROBEY THEATER

### HON. SHELLEY MOORE CAPITO

OF WEST VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, May 21, 2007*

Mrs. CAPITO. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the historic Robey Theater, one of the longest continuously operating motion picture theaters in the United States. Since its establishment in 1907 as the Dreamland Theater, it has been central to the lives of the citizens of Spencer, WV. The theatre actually changed locations 4 times across Main Street during its first decade.

When it first opened, the Robey family had to run movies as many as 6 times a night to meet demand. The facility mixed live theater with silent pictures by putting scenery around the screen.

Even remodeling couldn't keep the theater from entertaining locals. Upon refurbishment in 1926, Mr. Robey moved the screen to a local school field and created a 'tentorium.' The movie star Little Jackie "Hoo" Ray performed at this event. Later that year, the theater hosted Congressman Harry Woodyard to celebrate its grand reopening.

Robey Theater was added to the National Register of Historic Places in 1989. Despite numerous technological updates and the addi-

tion of new releases to the theaters' showings, the theatre remains a small intimate setting to watch a movie, just as it was 100 years ago.

I join with the residents of Spencer and Roane County to recognize the Robey Theater for its 100 years of service.

#### RECOGNIZING JOHN IGO FOR ACHIEVING THE RANK OF EAGLE SCOUT

### HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, May 21, 2007*

Mr. GRAVES. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize John Igo, a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 138, and in earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

John has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the years John has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community.

Madam Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending John Igo for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

H.R. 1684

### HON. BETTY MCCOLLUM

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, May 21, 2007*

Ms. MCCOLLUM of Minnesota. Madam Speaker, I rise today to express my support for H.R. 1684, the Department of Homeland Security, DHS, Authorization Act for fiscal year 2008. The legislation makes clear that this Congress is dedicated to providing the Department of Homeland Security with the proper tools to protect American citizens, and to ensure accountability and proper oversight of DHS.

With many entities rolled into the Department of Homeland Security at its inception in 2003 the bureaucratic structure of the department has consistently needed improvement. DHS has come under intense scrutiny and yielded many questions regarding its bloated size and its ability to function smoothly. This legislation will take necessary steps to correct large problems associated with the agency that includes streamlining the contracting and procurement process, and require the department to conduct comprehensive quadrennial reviews of its operations.

H.R. 1684 is a bipartisan effort to restore huge cuts by the Bush administration to important programs. The 52 percent cut to the State Homeland Security Grant Program, which funds first responder preparation and response, has been reinstated. The 55 percent cut to firefighter assistance grants has been added back into the bill. This bill also restores

the previously eliminated Local Law Enforcement Terrorism Prevention Program to its entirety, and reverses the elimination of the SAFER program. Fully funding these crucial first responder programs dictates a dedication from Congress that is unparalleled.

The most important job of Congress is to keep America safe, and this legislation takes important steps to protect our communities. I want to commend the Chairman of the Homeland Security Committee, the gentleman from Mississippi, Mr. THOMPSON, for his work on this legislation and I urge all my colleagues to support it.

#### IN HONOR OF THE STUDENT GRADUATES OF PARAMUS' D.A.R.E. PROGRAM AT YAVNEH ACADEMY

### HON. SCOTT GARRETT

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, May 21, 2007*

Mr. GARRETT of New Jersey. Madam Speaker, last week, the Paramus Police Department held its D.A.R.E. graduation ceremony with the students of Yavneh Academy. More than 70 students are participating in this important program that gives young people the support they need to say no to drugs, underage drinking, and gang violence.

Drug Abuse Resistance Education, or D.A.R.E., began as a small program in Los Angeles in 1983. Today, it is implemented in more than 75 percent of our Nation's school districts and in more than 43 other Nations. It uses positive peer pressure to help children defeat the negative cultural influences that bombard them daily.

I am proud of the young boys and girls who participated in this program at Yavneh Academy, and I would like to recognize them all for taking this step toward positive citizenship: Hannah Ash, Benjamin Atwood, Hadassa Bendavid, Simcha Borodach, David Carr, Shimon Cohen, Orly Davis, Shoshana Edelman, Oriel Farjun, Nicole Feigenblum, Alexander Feldman, Jacob Felig, Jacob Finkelstein, Joshua Finkelstein, Michael Finkelstein, Miryam Fischer, Aaron Fox, Jacob Furer, Sheri Goldman, Ayelet Golubtchik, Marlee Goodman, Akiva Gottlieb, Abigail Greenbaum, Rochal Greenberg, Tova Greenberg, Yosef Greenfield, Yehoshua Hanfling, Justin Hod, Leora Hyman, Michael Kahan, Ilana Noa Karp, Rami Laifer, Jason Lang, Yael Ledner, Jacob Levy, Shmuel Levy, Miriam Lichtenberg, Sara Linder, Benjamin Marans, Ally Margulies, Joshua Meier, Esther Meir, Leo Metzger, Philip Meyer, Daniel Nagar, Jennifer Nir, Shaya Oster, Elisha Penn, Jordan Plaut, Noah Potash, Ori Putterman, Rebecca Raab, Daniel Raykher, Daniel Rehanian, Jake Reichel, Samuel Rochlin, Micayla Rosenbaum, Elan Samoochi, Liana Sandor, Risa Scharf, Eli Scharlat, Hillel Sebrow, Dafna Secemski, Gabriella Shankman, Mira Shapiro, Alan Socelof, Lauren Stein, Tamar Weglein, Judah Wertenteil, Solomon Wiener, Jonathan Wietzschner, Shira Wolff, Alan Yomtobian, and Yehoshua Zirman.