

rural and urban communities; however, an estimated 42 percent have gaps in their capacity to provide dental care. "Deamonte's Law" would address this issue by establishing a 5-year, \$5 million pilot program to provide funds for dentists, equipment and construction for dental services at community health centers. The program would also provide support for contractual relationships between centers and private practice dentists.

"Deamonte's Law" would also address the dentist shortage. The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services estimates that there is a shortage of 4,650 dentists—and pediatric dentists are even more scarce. "Deamonte's Law" would address this issue by establishing a 5-year, \$5 million pilot program to enhance training and academic programs in pediatric dentistry, recruit and train dentists to study pediatrics, and provide continuing education for practicing dentists.

The legislation is endorsed by the American Dental Association.

I was joined in introducing this legislation by my colleagues, Chairman HENRY A. WAXMAN of California and Chairman DENNIS KUCINICH of Ohio.

I want to thank both Congressmen for their leadership and dedication to this issue.

On May 2, 2007, at my request, we conducted an oversight hearing entitled, "Evaluating Pediatric Dental Care under Medicaid" to investigate Deamonte Driver's death.

At the hearing, it became apparent that the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services has categorically failed to meet its oversight responsibilities with regard to ensuring that state health departments, and the managed care organizations that they contract with, are in compliance with the law.

Section 1905(r)(3) of the Social Security Act ensures that every Medicaid-eligible child will have access to medically necessary dental care under the early and periodic screening, diagnostic and treatment (EPSDT) provision. However, it is evident from our investigation that this has not been the case.

That is why Chairman KUCINICH and I sent letters to CMS Director Dennis Smith and Health and Human Services (HHS) Department Secretary Michael Leavitt to ensure that they are fulfilling their statutory obligation to provide comprehensive dental care to every Medicaid-eligible child.

I remain committed to addressing this problem from every angle, and I would urge all my colleagues to join me by supporting "Deamonte's Law," H.R. 2371.

I want to thank Representatives MILLER, COHEN, GRIJALVA, SERRANO, MCCOLLUM and PAYNE for already cosponsoring the legislation, and I would urge all of my colleagues to join them.

Children's lives are at stake. I can think of no better reason to act with a great sense of urgency.

TRIBUTE TO JESUS ARMAS—HAYWARD CITY MANAGER EXTRAORDINAIRE

HON. FORTNEY PETE STARK

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 23, 2007

Mr. STARK. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Jesus Armas, City Manager of Hayward, CA. Mr. Armas is ending his long and distinguished career with the City of Hayward at the end of June 2007. Mr. Armas, who has been associated with the City for nearly 20 years, was initially Assistant City Manager and since 1993 has held the position of City Manager.

During his tenure, Mr. Armas has assisted the City Council in addressing a number of issues that were outstanding at the time of his appointment as City Manager. Among his first tasks was to help the City Council address the financial challenges facing the City. The City was experiencing declining revenues and a reduction in its fund balance. Working with department heads and with the cooperation and assistance of employees and their associations or unions, various cost-saving measures were presented and adopted by the Council, resulting in a balanced budget. This spirit of cooperation among all members of the organization was employed once again a decade later when a downturn in the economy required another belt tightening.

Mr. Armas has initiated and implemented a number of significant changes, which have made Hayward a better place in which to live and work. Under the City Council's direction, he initiated projects that dramatically transformed downtown Hayward. Construction of a new award-winning City Hall served as a catalyst for significant public and private sector investments in the downtown area. Housing and retail development continue at a fast pace. While many communities in the Bay Area talked about the concept of transit-oriented development, Hayward went beyond the talking stage and caused the concept to become a reality. Mr. Armas describes the transformation of downtown as something he is especially proud of.

Jesus Armas has been the force and vision behind many projects that have enhanced the social, financial and environmental well-being of the City of Hayward. In reflecting on his tenure, Mr. Armas said that beyond the bricks and mortar, what is noteworthy has been the opportunity to work in a diverse community, where differences involving race, ethnicity and languages, are embraced and seen as positive rather than negatives aspects of the community.

Mr. Armas states "I will be eternally grateful to Hayward residents for allowing me to experience a rewarding and enriching professional career." I join the City of Hayward, CA in expressing our profound appreciation to Mr. Armas for his exemplary commitment and dedicated public service.

HONORING THE STATE OF TEXAS FOR ITS CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE NATION'S CIVIL SPACE PROGRAM

HON. NICK LAMPSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 23, 2007

Mr. LAMPSON. Madam Speaker, a resolution honoring the State of Texas for its contributions to the Nation's civil space program.

Whereas the Johnson Space Center (JSC), originally established as the Manned Spacecraft Center in Houston, Texas in 1961 and later renamed in honor of President Lyndon B. Johnson in 1973, continues to lead the National Aeronautics and Space Administration's (NASA) efforts in human space exploration;

Whereas JSC Houston is the home of NASA's Mission Control, the Astronaut Corps, and is the premier center for our nation's human space flight and related scientific and medical research efforts;

Whereas JSC's team of dedicated professionals has made advances in science, technology, engineering and medicine that enable us to explore our world and universe as never before, and to derive unparalleled benefits from that exploration;

Whereas JSC currently employs over 3,200 civil servants that include the NASA astronaut corps and over 12,000 contractor employees, which makes a significant positive economic impact on both the state of Texas and the city of Houston;

Whereas NASA's Explorer School program in Texas brings together educators, administrators, students and families in sustained involvement with NASA's education programs and provides grants to schools to support the purchase of technology tools, online services and in-service support for the integration of technology applications to engage students in advanced science and mathematics investigations;

Whereas NASA's next mission—Space Shuttle Mission STS-117—is scheduled to launch this summer and honors the state of Texas by having 3 hometown astronauts aboard Mission Specialist James F. Reilly of Mesquite and Mission Specialists Patrick G. Forrester and John D. Olivas, both of El Paso; and

Whereas native Texans and Astronauts Robert S. Kimbrough and Shannon Walker have qualified for future space flights as mission specialists, Astronaut Timothy L. Kopra is currently in training at JSC for future flight assignments, Astronaut Michael E. Fossum has flown 1 space flight, and Astronaut Kenneth D. Cockrell has flown on 5 space flights: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the House of Representatives—

(1) Recognize these remarkable achievements to the nation's Civil Space Program by the State of Texas and its residents; and

(2) Congratulate NASA employees, astronauts, students, and teachers, for their ongoing contributions to the advancement of United States engineering, scientific, and aeronautic capacity, ensuring a brighter and stronger future for this Nation.

RECOGNIZING JAMES HATLER FOR
ACHIEVING THE RANK OF EAGLE
SCOUT

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 23, 2007

Mr. GRAVES. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize James Hatler, 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 214, and in earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

James has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years James 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 James Hatler for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

10TH ANNUAL WOMEN IN MILITARY
WREATH LAYING CEREMONY

HON. JANICE D. SCHAKOWSKY

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 23, 2007

Ms. SCHAKOWSKY. Madam Speaker, I rise on behalf of the entire Women's Caucus, Co-Chairs LOIS CAPPS and CATHY MCMORRIS RODGERS and my co-Vice Chair, MARY FALLIN, to honor four women who have served our Nation with honor and distinction. Today, the 10th Annual Women in Military Wreath Laying Ceremony hosted by the Caucus, was held at Arlington Cemetery. The purpose is to honor our Nation's servicewomen and women veterans for their courage and achievements, and to remember the women who have died in service to the United States of America.

SFC Barbara Clavijo, United States Army, distinguished herself by exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding service to the United States as the Multi-National Division Baghdad Force Protection Vulnerability Assessment Team NCOIC, 4th Infantry Division, Camp Liberty, Iraq from December 2, 2005–November 15, 2006 in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

While assigned as the Multi-National Division Baghdad Vulnerability Assessment Team NCOIC, SFC Clavijo was directly responsible for the development and execution of the Division's force protection program. Without hesitation and with great enthusiasm, and despite the inherent threats and dangers, she continuously navigated the MND-B's battle space to conduct vulnerability assessments. These assessments required SFC Clavijo to plan, coordinate, and participate in over 125 ground and air movements in support of these missions. During the course of these assessments she was forced to travel many routes known to be covered with Improvised Explosive Devices, IEDs. During one of these assessments she had the unlucky fortune to have her vehicle targeted by an IED. For this

reason she was awarded the Combat Action Badge. Her awards also include the Bronze Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal, Army Commendation Medal, Army Achievement Medal, Army Good Conduct Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Drill Sergeant Badge, and Combat Action Badge. I am truly pleased to honor SFC Barbara Clavijo for her service and dedication.

Master Chief Ann L. Tubbs began her career with the U.S. Coast Guard in July 1980 when she graduated from the Coast Guard Training Center in Cape May, New Jersey and was assigned to Coast Guard Station Jonesport in West Jonesport, ME. Later, she was assigned aboard the Coast Guard icebreaker *Glacier* where she made 2 trips to Antarctica as part of Operation Deep Freeze. After leaving *Glacier*, Master Chief Tubbs spent 2 years in Mobile, AL., as a small boat engineer running search and rescue boats in the Gulf of Mexico.

In August 2001, she accepted an active duty position in the Office of Reserve Affairs at Coast Guard Headquarters in Washington, DC. In 2002, she advanced to Senior Chief Petty Officer and was assigned as the Enlisted Gender Policy Advisor to the Commandant. She advanced to Master Chief Petty Officer on January 1, 2005. She assumed her current job as Special Assistant to the Master Chief Petty Officer of the Coast Guard in October of 2006. Master Chief Tubbs' military awards include the Coast Guard Commendation Medal, the Coast Guard Achievement Medal with Operational Distinguishing Device, the Commandant's Letter of Commendation, the Coast Guard Good Conduct Medal and the Reserve Good Conduct Medal, and the Antarctic Service Medal. I am so pleased to recognize Master Chief Tubbs today.

SSGT Cassie L. Lucero began her career with the Marines in 1998. During her career in the Marines, she has been decorated with numerous medals, including the Joint Service Commendation Medal, Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal, three Navy Marine Corps Achievement Medals, two Joint Meritorious Unit Awards, Navy Unit Commendation, Navy Meritorious Unit Commendation, two Good Conduct Medals, National Defense Service Medal, Iraqi Campaign Medal, Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Korean Defense Medal, Military Outstanding Volunteer Service Medal, and three Sea Service Deployment Awards. It is my pleasure to honor SSGT. Cassie L. Lucero for her service.

CMSGT and Barbara S. Taylor is the Chief of Supply for the United States Air Force Band, Bolling Air Force Base, Washington, D.C. Originally from Kingsport, TN, her military career began in 1982. CMSGT Barbara S. Taylor was assigned to the United States Air Force Heritage of America Band at Langley Air Force Base, Virginia. There, she was both a euphonium and vocal soloist. She was the band's Director of Operations from October 1995 until her reassignment to the United States Air Force Band in January 1997. In 1993 and 1996, Chief Taylor was named the Air Combat Command Band's Noncommissioned Officer of the Year, and in February 1997 she was named the Air Combat Command Noncommissioned Officer of the Year for the band career field. Chief Taylor was also awarded the Commandant's Award at both the Airman Leadership School and the

Noncommissioned Officers Academy. I am so honored to recognize Chief Taylor for her dedication to the United States.

Madam Speaker, it is with great admiration and pride that the Congressional Caucus for Women's Issues honors these four servicewomen and their extraordinary accomplishments. In a time when our military faces especially difficult challenges both at home and abroad, these four women have shown exceptional courage, ability and loyalty to the Armed Services of the United States of America. They are true shining examples of the numerous women serving in our military today.

IN TRIBUTE TO THE LATE CAPTAIN
PETER CHARLES
SIGUENZA, USMC (RET)

HON. MADELEINE Z. BORDALLO

OF GUAM

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 23, 2007

Ms. BORDALLO. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and service of Captain Peter Charles Siguenza, United States Marine Corps (Retired), who passed away on May 17, 2007, just two days after his 87th birthday. He was the first Chamorro to be commissioned as an officer in the Marine Corps. Peter was also a well known public figure on Guam, and a genuinely fine and honest man who consistently gave of himself in service to his community and his fellow Marines. The outpouring of public condolences and accolades in my home district following the news of Peter's passing is indicative of the respect, admiration, and affection the people of Guam had for Peter and his service to his country.

A person's record of military and community service can be extensive and very impressive, but records do not convey the admiration or depth of emotion of the recipients of the service. Peter C. Siguenza was born on May 15, 1920, the second of nine children born to the late Jose and Consolacion Mendiola Siguenza. He attended Seaton Schroeder Junior High School in Hagåtña and graduated from Coronado High School in Coronado, California. He attended San Diego State College for 2 years, from 1940–1942. After the attack on Pearl Harbor plunged the United States into war, Peter, like thousands of young men, enlisted in the Armed Forces. Peter volunteered for the Marine Corps. After completing boot camp, he was assigned to the Third Marine Division. He saw action in New Zealand, Guadalcanal, and Bougainville. The division was then ordered to the Marianas to recapture Guam.

Peter was on board the USS *Dupage*, where he and his fellow Marines watched the intense pre-invasion bombardment of the island. He often spoke about how difficult it was to witness the bombing knowing his family was somewhere on the island, but not knowing whether they were safe.

Peter was among those destined to hit the beach at Asan, Guam, and begin the retaking of the island from the Imperial Army of Japan. But he was ordered away from the battle to attend Officer Candidate School before the landing occurred. Peter returned to Guam as a second lieutenant and participated in post-invasion operations to secure the island. He remained on Guam at the end of the war and was assigned to Island Command in 1946.