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Madam Speaker, Nina began her career in government as an intern in the Press Office of Mayor Martin O'Malley of Baltimore, Maryland. Upon graduation from college, she worked as a volunteer in the campaign office of Mayor Rendell who was running for Governor of Pennsylvania. After his successful bid for Governor, she transferred to Harrisburg to serve as Assistant to the Executive Director of the Inaugural Committee.

Nina was then offered the position of Special Assistant in the Office of Public Liaison. Soon thereafter, she became Deputy Director of Scheduling and Advance in the Governor's Office. She advanced to the position of Deputy Press Secretary and Communications Manager where she served as a liaison between State agencies and the Governor's Office, managed releases and press briefings, and pro actively promoted the policy agenda of Governor Rendell.

Ms. Tinari has a B.A. in Communications with a concentration in Public Relations from Loyola College in Maryland, a Certificate in Non Profit Leadership and Management from the Fels Institute of Government—University of Pennsylvania, and is presently a candidate for a masters in Government Administration from the Fels Institute of Government—University of Pennsylvania.

Madam Speaker, as the first woman Speaker and someone who is extremely proud of her Italian heritage, I ask you and all of our colleagues to congratulate an up-and-coming leader. A woman who is working hard to blaze a trail for her generation—Nina Tinari.

COMMENDING THE UNIVERSITY OF  
SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA FOR  
WINNING THE PINNACLE AWARD

**HON. LUCILLE ROYBAL-ALLARD**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 7, 2007*

Ms. ROYBAL-ALLARD. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the University of Southern California School of Pharmacy, located in my Congressional district, on receiving the 2007 Pinnacle Award from the American Pharmacists Association Foundation. This national award celebrates innovators who have made significant contributions to improving the quality of medication delivery for patients and caregivers.

Los Angeles County is home to more than 2.7 million uninsured residents, many of whom rely on their local health care clinic for needed health services. USC's Community Pharmacy Group earned this honor for their work to serve patients in eight safety-net clinics in underserved neighborhoods in Los Angeles, including the JWCH Medical Clinic at the Weingart Center located in the heart of downtown Los Angeles' Skid Row.

Recognizing that community pharmacists are often the most accessible health care professionals for many underserved patients, USC has trained pharmacists along with residents and students to provide disease management services to high-risk patients, and has helped community clinics purchase lower-cost medication. USC pharmacists work di-

rectly with patients with chronic diseases requiring ongoing medication and lifestyle changes. By implementing pharmacist-based disease management services and education at these clinics, the USC Community Pharmacy Group has demonstrated significant improvements in health outcomes directly attributed to pharmacist interventions.

Prior to the start of the project, none of the eight clinics had a pharmacist available to provide pharmaceutical care to patients in the clinic. Pharmacists have reduced drug costs at the clinics by utilizing patient assistance programs and formulary products. The results were outstanding; patients with chronic conditions increased their use of appropriate medications and improved control of their illnesses.

Madam Speaker, I applaud USC for their commitment to improving health outcomes for low-income patients in Los Angeles. It is my hope that the recognition USC receives through the Pinnacle Award will prompt other communities to try similar successful interventions. Together, through these types of efforts, we can improve the quality of life for millions of underserved Americans in need of quality health care.

RECOGNIZING AND HONORING  
NORMAN ROSENSHEIN, NA-  
TIONAL COMMANDER OF THE  
JEWISH WAR VETERANS OF THE  
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

**HON. DEBBIE WASSERMAN SCHULTZ**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 7, 2007*

Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ. Madam Speaker, I would like to recognize and honor Norman Rosenshein, Commander of the Jewish War Veterans of the United States of America for his tireless efforts and dedication on behalf of America's veterans. Jewish War Veterans of the USA, is the oldest active veterans association in the United States, founded by civil war veterans in 1896. Today, the Jewish War Veterans of the USA is dedicated to those programs that support the needs of our veterans' community; combat anti-Semitism and bigotry; support American youth through scouting, scholarships and anti-drug programs; and assist oppressed Jews worldwide.

Mr. Rosenshein served in the U.S. Army on active duty from December 8, 1964 until December 7, 1966. He joined the Jewish War Veterans of the United States of America in January 1970. Since 1970, he has been an active member of David Blick Post 63 of Elizabeth, NJ. During that time Mr. Rosenshein has held all of the post offices until finally in August of 2006 when he was elected National Commander.

In addition to the Jewish War Veterans, Mr. Rosenshein is active in his congregation, having served as their Vice President. Because of his expertise, Mr. Rosenshein was appointed to the New Jersey Healthcare System Veterans Stakeholder Advisory Group in 1995 and presently serves on their committees. I applaud Mr. Rosenshein's whole hearted commitment to the Jewish War Veterans. He has proved himself a tenacious advocate and his continuous contribution for their welfare and wellbeing is truly commendable.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF  
MARQUETTE

**HON. BART STUPAK**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 7, 2007*

Mr. STUPAK. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor faithful people and an important historic landmark in my district, the First Presbyterian Church of Marquette, Michigan. For a century and a half, the First Presbyterian Church of Marquette has served as a place of worship for the residents of Marquette and surrounding communities in Michigan's Upper Peninsula (U.P.). Throughout its rich history, the church and its congregation have served as an anchor to the community and offered important social services to those in the area.

In October of 1855, a small group of people met and considered putting together an organization for a Presbyterian Society in Marquette. A month after this initial meeting, this small group purchased a piece of land on which to erect a church. Called the "Session House," the building originally stood on the corner of Baraga Avenue and Fourth Street in Marquette. In June of 1857, the original 18 members of the Presbyterian Society called a meeting and elected its first elders. The Reverend Jonathan A. Woodruff was named the first temporary pastor. During these early years of the church, a Sunday School was started and common functions such as baptisms and marriages were performed.

By 1865, the size of the First Presbyterian Church's congregation had increased dramatically and the congregation determined that a larger church was necessary. In 1867, a large brick and stone structure was erected on the corner of Front and Bluff Streets in Marquette, Michigan. In the summer of 1868, a horrific fire swept through the downtown area of Marquette, destroying practically every building in the area. Nonetheless, the structure of the First Presbyterian Church survived and the church was finished and dedicated in November of 1868.

Sadly, this structure was destroyed in a second fire that occurred in 1931. Nonetheless, the congregation of the First Presbyterian Church remained united in their faith and continued to hold services in various locations. Two faithful church members left a bequest, allowing the church to be rebuilt in 1935. The 1935 structure exhibits the architecture of the English Gothic period and stained glass windows inspired by 13th century churches. The 1935 building still stands today.

Throughout its history, the church has provided not only a place to worship, but a valuable center of social services to the entire Marquette community. In the late 1970s, an adult day care center was started at the church for elderly community members in rooms furnished to meet a variety of needs. The program remains active today and serves approximately thirty people a week, providing vital services to some of the most vulnerable members of the Marquette community.

The genesis of the adult day care center stemmed from another valuable program at the church, the "Lunch Bunch," a social event at the church targeting elderly residents. Members of the congregation cook lunch and make it available to anyone who wishes to attend, primarily elderly members of the community.