

HONORING KYLE BRYSON EVANS

**HON. SAM GRAVES**

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, November 19, 2008*

Mr. GRAVES. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Kyle Bryson Evans of Holt, Missouri. Kyle is 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 1494, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

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

## A TRIBUTE TO ANISH BERRY

**HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. TOWNS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute and to honor Mr. Anish Berry. Mr. Berry is the President of the Diagnostic Imaging Group, which operates 38 diagnostic imaging centers, 23 of which are in New York and 6 in New Jersey under the name Doshi Diagnostic Imaging Services, as well as 16 centers in Florida under the name Signet Diagnostic Imaging Services.

Mr. Berry helped to engineer the aggressive growth of the Diagnostic Imaging Group by leveraging hardware-and-software prowess with the talents of a diverse medical, technical, and administrative staff to deliver high-caliber customer service to patients and over 40,000 referring physicians. This excellent team of medical professionals is paired with state of the art equipment in each facility where the full range of imaging services are offered, including MRI/MRA, CT, Ultrasound, X-ray, Mammography, PET/CT, Nuclear Medicine, Nuclear Cardiology, DEXA, Echocardiography and Vascular Duplex.

Mr. Berry takes the same aggressive approach to his charitable works. He is the co-founder of the Doshi Difference Program at the John Bowne High School in Flushing, NY. This unique, selective program affords its students an outstanding introduction in research techniques as well as valuable learning experiences including scientific competitions, mentoring, field trips, and speakers. Mr. Berry was also responsible for the recent construction of a brand new science lab at John Bowne High School to further assist the students in their quest for educational excellence.

Mr. Berry is also a staunch supporter of law enforcement, serving as the Director of the New York Law Enforcement Foundation, the Medical Director of Amtrack Police, the Director of the Suffolk County Police Reserves, and as a member of the Nassau County Police Reserves.

Madam Speaker, I would like to recognize Mr. Anish Berry for his extraordinary accomplishments in diagnostic imaging, science education, and community service.

Madam Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in paying tribute to Mr. Anish Berry.

## RECOGNITION OF MR. ROBERT S. HEKEMIAN

**HON. STEVEN R. ROTHMAN**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. ROTHMAN. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize Mr. Robert Hekemian, a resident of Saddle River, New Jersey, for his lifetime of dedication to the improvement of the community, and being awarded the Bergen Community College Foundation's 2008 Medallion Award of Merit for Corporate Responsibility and Philanthropy.

Mr. Hekemian currently serves as Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer of both Hekemian & Co., Inc., a real estate investment, management and brokerage company, and First Real Estate Investment Trust of New Jersey. He has been active in the real estate business for more than 6 decades, and is esteemed by his peers.

Mr. Hekemian, who is of Armenian descent, is a devoted member of the Armenian Presbyterian Church in Paramus, New Jersey and serves on the Board of the Armenian Missionary Association of America. During the past 50 years, he has contributed substantially to numerous civic and community organizations, as well as domestic and international charitable endeavors, both personally and through the Robert and Mary Jane Hekemian Foundation. Benefactors of the Foundation include The New York Philharmonic, Hackensack University Medical Center, Bergen Community College, Boy Scouts of America and The Young Men's Christian Association (YMCA). Finally, Mr. Hekemian is a devoted husband, father, and grandfather. He has been married to his loving wife Mary Jane for 51 years, and they have been blessed with 4 wonderful children and 7 grandchildren.

Today, I would like to recognize Robert Hekemian's leadership by example for more than half a century. I am proud that such an honorable man resides in my Congressional District. My constituents' lives are better for all his many and generous contributions to the community. I offer my sincere and hearty congratulations on the occasion of this well-deserved and distinguished award.

## RECOGNIZING THE CHILD ADVOCACY CENTER OF GENESEE COUNTY AWARD WINNER

**HON. DALE E. KILDEE**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, November 19, 2008*

Mr. KILDEE. Madam Speaker, I ask the House of Representatives to join me in congratulating the individuals honored by the Child Advocacy Center of Genesee County for their service to the young people of the greater Flint area that are the victims of child

abuse. Genesee County expressed its gratitude to these persons at a dinner on November 6, 2008 in Flint, Michigan.

The Child Advocacy Center of Genesee County was founded to react to allegations of child abuse. A multidisciplinary team responds by providing forensic interviews, medical evaluations, therapeutic intervention, and victim support/advocacy. Their goal is provide these services to children and families in a safe and consistent manner.

Three persons were honored that evening. The 2008 Stars for Children Awards Law Enforcement Officer of the Year is Detective Diana Mills of the Mt. Morris Township Police Department. The 2008 Stars for Children Awards Child Protective Services Worker of the Year is Marie Putnam. Andrea Legendre was named the 2008 Stars for Children Awards Prosecutor of the Year.

May the House of Representatives rise with me and applaud the work of these individuals. Their commitment to abused and vulnerable children is exemplary. They perform an invaluable service to our community and through their work abused and neglected children in Genesee County have help for a safer, happier life.

## IN RECOGNIZING OF MAJOR BRIAN SITLER, UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

**HON. JEFF MILLER**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, November 19, 2008*

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor the service of Major Brian Sitler, United States Air Force. Brian served as the Military Fellow in my office during the second session of the 110th Congress and was an integral part of the staff. He took the lead on 9 important portfolios: Defense/Foreign Policy, FEMA, Homeland Security, Immigration, Postal TRICARE/Military Health Care, Labor/Trade, Resources/Interior/Environment, and Science and Technology. He also served as my subject matter expert for important Air Force issues which included the Air Force Tanker replacement and the BRAC-mandated Joint Strike Fighter beddown at Eglin Air Force Base. Brian's counsel on the strategic as well as tactical implications was extremely valuable.

Brian's performance in dealing with constituents and case work should be commended. He effectively negotiated the executive and legislative barriers to solve constituent issues. One case in particular should be highlighted. He received a constituent request from a military retiree whose daughter was diagnosed with autism. Brian took the initiative to investigate this case further and uncovered a significant gap between active duty and retiree TRICARE coverage in the Extended Care Health Option, ECHO, program. After bringing this to my attention, Brian worked with the Congressional Budget Office, Professional Staff Members from the House Armed Services Committee, autism advocacy groups, and offices of other Members of Congress and Senators. As a result of his diligent work, the \$231 million bipartisan "Military Family Autism Equality Act" was introduced. Without Brian's initiative, hard work, and attention to detail, this act would not have been possible.