This month, the Astoria Civic Association holds its annual Judge Charles J. Vallone Scholarship Dinner Dance at the Riccardo’s by the Bridge in Astoria, Queens. George Alexiou and Gloria DeMarco Aloise, two extraordinary people who are truly pillars of the community, will be this year’s honorees. The two have demonstrated remarkable leadership and have been instrumental in supporting the Astoria Civic Association’s vital mission.

George Alexiou embodies the American immigrant success story. He was born and raised in Greece. Following his service in the Greek Army, Hotel Manager, he studied in Germany, where he worked for two years. He then worked for two years at the Hilton Hotel in Dusseldorf, Germany, and also worked in the hotel business in Paris and London. In 1972, Mr. Alexiou moved to Astoria, New York. For ten years, Mr. Alexiou worked in top restaurants and hotels before leaving the hospitality industry to start his own business. He established Cen
tury 21 Alexiou Realty, which helps Queens residents find housing and enables many to begin the American dream of home own
ership. Mr. Alexiou is also a founding member of the Greek American Homeowners Association, and a member of Queens Community Board 1 and Astoria/Long Island City Kiwanis Club. He resides in Astoria with his lovely wife, Elpida.

Gloria DeMarco Aloise grew up in a political family and has spent a lifetime involved in Queens politics, particularly through the Taminent Democratic Club. Ms. Aloise is a Democratic District Leader for 36th Assembly District, and has provided organizational skills and guidance to local elected officials in Western Queens. Ms. Aloise has also been an inspiration to countless community leaders through her tireless efforts to improve the quality of life of all the residents of Astoria, New York. Ms. Aloise is active in many commu
nity organizations, including the Martin De Porres School, where she has served as a teacher and a caseworker. She is supported by her devoted husband, Edward, and by her children and grandchildren.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in paying tribute to all those who have made the Judge Charles J. Vallone Scholarship Dinner possible and in recognizing the achievements of its sponsor, the Astoria Civic Association, and its distinguished 2009 honorees.

Mr. CONNOLLY of Virginia. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize the contributions of Alternative House to the family and community of northern Virginia. Alternative House has grown organically from its origins in a trailer on the grounds of Lewinsville Presbyterian Church to a renovated house located on Gallows Road in Vienna. While Alternative House’s programs have grown, the organization continues to focus on those most in need of assistance and those with the greatest potential for making life-altering changes.

In 1993, Alternative House embarked on an aggressive outreach program for at-risk youth. The effort consisted of a mobile unit with two counselors who walked through our neighbor
hoods to provide young people with support, resources, and guidance. Since its origins, the Community Outreach Program has expanded to include additional recreation and education services designed to help children and teens stay in school.

In 2002, Alternative House expanded its assistance outreach by opening the Assisting Young Mothers program. This program seeks to provide shelter, educational and career support to young women who are homeless, pregnant or already parenting. These programs give young people hope for brighter futures.

In 2008, Alternative House’s Emergency Shelter for Teenagers provided safe shelter, food and counseling to an average of more than eighteen young people each month, totaling 220 for the year. In just the past twelve months, Alternative House provided neighbor
hood-based counseling, outreach, food and after-school programs to more than 1,800 at-risk youth in Fairfax County.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the consistently growing and increasingly significant contributions of Alter
native House to at-risk young people in Fairfax County. From both its origins to its current ef
forts, Alternative House is truly an exemplar for community-based assistance programs.

HON. JOHN CONYERS, JR.
Of Michigan

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 21, 2009

Mr. CONYERS. Madam Speaker, Ranking Member LAMAR SMITH and I are introducing a bill to codify into positive law as title 53, United States Code, certain general and per
manent laws related to small business. This bill was prepared by the Office of the Law Re
cision Counsel, as part of its ongoing respon
sibility under 2 U.S.C. §285b to prepare, and sub
mit to the Committee on the Judiciary one title at a time, a complete compilation, restate
ment, and revision of the general and perma
nent laws of the United States.

The bill restates the Small Business Act and the Small Business Investment Act of 1958, along with related provisions in other acts, as a new positive law title of the United States Code. The new positive law title replaces the existing provisions, which are repealed by the bill.

This bill is not intended to make any substan
tial changes in the law. As is typical with the codification process, a number of nonsubstan
tial revisions are made, including the re
organization of sections into a more coherent