

marks on the Arizona Instrument to Measure Standards (AIMS) exam. In 2009, BASIS was the only high school in Arizona with 100 percent of its students passing the AIMS exam in every subject tested.

Documentary filmmaker Robert A. Compton has produced a film about BASIS Schools entitled *2 Million Minutes: The 21st Century Solution*. The title chronicles a student's journey in school from eighth grade until high school graduation. The filmmaker lauds BASIS schools saying that they "demonstrate that American students are capable of competing academically with the best in the world." The film will premiere in Tucson on October 1, 2009.

I am proud to acknowledge the great achievements of BASIS Charter Schools. The founders, the teachers, the students and their parents are leading the way for the critical improvements we must bring about in our public education system.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. J. GRESHAM BARRETT

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 30, 2009

Mr. BARRETT of South Carolina. Madam Speaker, unfortunately, I missed recorded votes on the House floor on Thursday, September 24, 2009.

Had I been present, I would have voted "no" on rollcall vote No. 735 (on agreeing to H. Res. 766, which provides for consideration of motions to suspend the rules), "aye" on rollcall vote No. 736 (on motion to suspend the rules and agree to H. Con. Res. 163), "aye" on rollcall vote No. 737 (on motion to suspend the rules and agree to H.R. 3631).

IN HONOR AND REMEMBRANCE OF
SERGEANT RICHARD ALLYN
WALTERS, JR.

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 30, 2009

Mr. KUCINICH. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor and in remembrance of United States Army Sergeant Richard Allyn Walters, Jr. of Cleveland, Ohio. Sergeant Walters was a devoted husband, father, son, brother, uncle, cousin and friend who made the ultimate sacrifice on behalf of the country.

A graduate of Columbian High School in Tiffin, Ohio, Sergeant Walters followed in his father's footsteps and enlisted in the U.S. Navy. He was a ten-year Navy veteran and served in Operation Desert Storm. In 2006 Walters re-enlisted in the Army and became a licensed practical nurse (LPN) in March of 2009. He worked at Walter Reed Army Medical Center in Washington, DC before being assigned to the 14th Combat Support Hospital in Fort Benning, Georgia.

Sergeant Walters' military service is a reflection of excellence, loyalty and achievement. He was awarded the Navy Fleet Marine Force Ribbon, Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, Navy Good Conduct Medal, Combat Action Ribbon, National Defense Service

Medal with Bronze Service Star, Southwest Asia Service Medal with Bronze Service Star, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Army Service Ribbon, Sea Service Deployment Ribbon, Overseas Service Ribbon and the Kuwait Liberation Medal. Sergeant Walters' pending posthumous awards and decorations include the Army Good Conduct Medal and Army Commendation Medal.

Madam Speaker, and colleagues, please join me in honoring and remembrance of Sergeant Richard Allyn Walters Jr., whose heroic actions, kindness and love for those closest to him will always be remembered. Sergeant Walters was a courageous United States soldier, and a devoted husband, father, son, brother, uncle, cousin and friend. I extend my deepest condolences to his wife, Stephanie; to his daughters, Rachel and Piper; to his mother, Margaret; to his brother Greg; to his sister-in-law Stacy and nephew Benjamin; and to his extended family and many friends. Sergeant Walters will live on within their hearts and memories for all time.

IN HONOR OF MR. BEN MOORE'S
LIFETIME OF SERVICE

HON. TOM PRICE

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 30, 2009

Mr. PRICE of Georgia. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Mr. Ben Moore, who this weekend will receive a Lifetime Service and Achievement Award from the Johnson Ferry Baptist Church in my district.

Mr. Moore was born in Texarkana, Arkansas on October 24, 1913. In 1920, his family fled the Dust Bowl and made their way to Atlanta, Georgia. At the age of 14, a young Ben Moore took a job as an office boy at the First National Bank of Atlanta, beginning what would become a long and distinguished career at First National.

Mr. Moore served his country with valor during World War II, joining the Army Air Corps on Oct. 1, 1942 and seeing service in Italy. He returned to Atlanta after the war and was admitted to the State Bar of Georgia in 1949. He has been a member of the bar for 60 years and continues to practice law to this very day.

In 1953 Mr. Moore was named as one of "Atlanta's 100 Leaders of Tomorrow" by Time Magazine. He served on the Atlanta Board of Aldermen, the precursor to today's City Council, during Mayor Ivan Allen's first term. During this period, the City of Atlanta saw numerous changes including the arrival of the Atlanta Braves, the opening of construction on Interstate 285, and the beginning of the transformation of Zoo Atlanta and Hartsfield-Jackson International Airport into the institutions we recognize today.

Mr. Moore became a Baptist in 1957 when he and his two daughters were Baptized by Dr. Monroe Swilley, then pastor of Second Ponce de Leon Baptist Church. He is a graduate of Tech High, the Woodrow Wilson College of Law, and the American Institute of Banking.

Mr. Moore will celebrate his 96th birthday next month. When he isn't practicing law, he enjoys the company of his two daughters, three grandsons, and one great grandson in the Atlanta area.

Throughout his life, Ben Moore has answered the call to serve his family, his community, and his country. I'm proud to honor him today in the United States House of Representatives.

RECOGNIZING THE DESIGNATION
OF SEPTEMBER AS
CRANIOFACIAL ACCEPTANCE
MONTH

HON. ERIC CANTOR

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 30, 2009

Mr. CANTOR. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the designation of the month of September as Craniofacial Acceptance Month.

September has been designated as Craniofacial Acceptance Month to raise awareness and acceptance of the courageous children and adults who live daily with craniofacial deformities. These brave patients and their families often face significant medical challenges over the course of their lives. While the commonly known cleft palate or cleft lip condition may call for a simple surgical fix, there are many other unique and complex anomalies which can require extensive surgeries throughout a child's developmental years.

In the 7th District of Virginia, a young constituent of mine named Chase has a moderately severe craniofacial deformity. At the age of 9, he has already had 28 surgeries and hospitalizations to improve his ability to breathe, walk, see, hear, and talk. He will need more surgeries as he grows. Despite his many challenges, Chase and his family celebrate his growth and milestones with joy. His unique medical needs do not stop him from riding the bus to school and making friends. His big smile and enthusiasm for life have enabled Chase and his family to approach each day with a positive outlook.

This month also marks the 20th anniversary of the Children's Craniofacial Association, an incredible charitable organization that offers a network of resources and assistance to families with children who have deformities. The association's mission is to "widen the circle of acceptance," through promoting the message that "beyond the face, there is a heart." I would like to commend the CCA for connecting Chase, his family and other families across America with resources to improve the lives of these patients. I encourage all of my colleagues to join me in raising awareness of the needs of these extraordinary individuals.

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HON. JOHN SHIMKUS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 30, 2009

Mr. SHIMKUS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor World War II veteran Earl Daniels of Strasburg, Illinois, as Strasburg American Legion Post #289 holds a dinner in his honor this Saturday, October 3, 2009.

Mr. Daniels was drafted into the United States Army at the age of 18. After he had completed training he joined the 28th Infantry Division. His unit served admirably in France, Belgium, Czechoslovakia and Germany.