

Preparedness Month, also commends the employees of the Department of Homeland Security; other federal agencies; state, local, and tribal government officials; emergency response personnel; and law enforcement officers who defend our nation against acts of terrorism.

New York's 3rd Congressional District is home to many of the Department of Homeland Security's employees, including those who work at JFK and LaGuardia airports and in the Coast Guard. We are all grateful for the important work they carry out, in partnership with local law enforcement officers and other first responders, to protect our communities, particularly in light of several recently foiled terrorist plots.

Earlier this month, we commemorated the eighth anniversary of the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001. In these times, we cannot afford to be complacent, or to forget what it means to prepare ourselves, our families, and our communities to respond to the threat of terrorism. All Americans can help promote emergency preparedness by taking steps such as assembling emergency supply kits, creating family emergency plans, and staying informed about possible emergencies in their area.

We have come a long way since September 11th, but there is still much more to do to keep America safe. House Resolution 731 helps remind all Americans of the steps they can take to be prepared, and honors those on the front lines who tirelessly work to keep our communities safe.

HONORING THE THOMAS JEFFERSON NATIONAL ACCELERATION FACILITY ON ITS 25TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. ROBERT J. WITTMAN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 1, 2009

Mr. WITTMAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Thomas Jefferson National Acceleration Facility in Newport News, VA, on the occasion of its 25th anniversary. Since its creation, the Jefferson Lab has welcomed scientists and researchers from across the globe to study the matter and forces which build and drive our universe.

The Jefferson Lab is committed to educating the next generation of scientists by increasing the number of teachers who have strong backgrounds in math and science, and in doing so increase student motivation in the subjects of engineering and technology.

Current Secretary of Energy and Nobel Prize winning physicist Dr. Steven Chu joined the lab in celebrating this momentous occasion. On Tuesday, September 29, Secretary Chu visited with the lab's scientists, and discussed the future of atomic research.

Recently, the Jefferson Lab began an expansion of its accelerated electron beam, and I was glad to attend the groundbreaking of this project in April 2009. This project creates a collision of atoms so that scientists may study protons and neutrons at the smallest level. The work done at the Lab is known around the world as second-to-none, and this initiative, also known as the 12GeV Upgrade, will ensure the Lab's worldwide leadership position for the next twenty years.

I continue to be impressed by the efforts of the men and women from the Jefferson Lab and their desire to lead the Nation and the world in research and innovation. I urge my colleagues to join me in congratulating the Thomas Jefferson National Acceleration Facility on its 25th anniversary.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE CITY OF RICHARDSON'S 2009 NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

HON. PETE SESSIONS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 1, 2009

Mr. SESSIONS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the City of Richardson and the Richardson Police Department for its efforts to combat crime and its 2009 National Night Out on October 13, 2009.

Since its inception twenty-six years ago, the National Night Out program has successfully reached out to numerous communities nationwide in its mission to raise crime and drug prevention awareness. The City of Richardson has utilized innovative methods to encourage citywide participation such as organizing neighborhood block parties, programs for the Hispanic and Asian communities, and activities at various senior centers. These gatherings unite citizens, law enforcement agencies, businesses, civic organizations, and local officials. It shows their resolve to fight back against criminals and their commitment to keeping our neighborhoods safe. The City of Richardson's high participation has resulted in their being the award winner for Category #3 in the Nation. National Night Out has helped the Police strengthen neighborhood spirit and build partnerships within the local community.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in commending the City of Richardson and the Richardson Police Department for their hard work and dedication. Their efforts have made our community a safer and better place.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE PASSING OF DON PRIEST

HON. JEFF MILLER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 1, 2009

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise today to join in the celebration of the life of Don Priest, a local legend in my district in Northwest Florida. For over four decades, Don delivered broadcast news and his daily editorials to people in the Florida Panhandle and Alabama Gulf Coast.

Don's years of broadcasting made him one of the most recognized voices in the area. As news director of the radio station WCOA for 41 years, he knew the importance of keeping people in the area informed. He also recognized that the news is not one-sided, and as the first host of Pensacola Speaks, a local radio call-in show, he was instrumental to letting countless people over the years discuss what was on their minds, be it a national, local, or a personal issue. Don opened his radio show to anything people wanted to discuss, and people daily instantly recognized his voice as he took to the airwaves.

Don's radio broadcasting covered more than just the news. On Friday nights, his distinctive voice came on the air to cover local high school football games. He was a news director who was involved with all aspects of the news, and he worked hard to include people of all ages and walks of life in the community. Don's tireless work made sure that events in the area received the notice they deserved.

Madam Speaker, Northwest Florida will long remember the legacy of Don Priest. My thoughts and prayers are with him, and many will be forever grateful for Don having touched their lives. Northwest Florida has suffered a great loss, but we will fondly recall his voice on the airwaves for a long time to come.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE CITY OF DALLAS AND 2009 NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

HON. PETE SESSIONS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 1, 2009

Mr. SESSIONS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the City of Dallas and the Dallas Police Department for its efforts to combat crime and its 2009 National Night Out on October 6, 2009.

Since its inception twenty-six years ago, the National Night Out program has successfully reached out to numerous communities nationwide in its mission to raise crime and drug prevention awareness. The City of Dallas has utilized innovative methods to encourage citywide participation such as organizing neighborhood block parties, safety fairs, visits from police, contests, and rallies. These gatherings unite citizens, law enforcement agencies, businesses, civic organizations, and local officials. It shows their resolve to fight back against criminals and their commitment to keeping our neighborhoods safe. National Night Out has helped the Dallas Police strengthen neighborhood spirit and build partnerships within the local community.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in commending the City of Dallas and the Dallas Police Department for their hard work and dedication. Their efforts have made our community a safer and better place.

RECOGNIZING THE TOWN OF ORANGE AS IT CELEBRATES ITS 275TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. ERIC CANTOR

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 1, 2009

Mr. CANTOR. Madam Speaker, I am proud to recognize the Town of Orange as it celebrates its 275th anniversary.

The Town of Orange is located northeast of Charlottesville, near James Madison's estate at Montpelier, viewing the Blue Ridge Mountains.

The Town of Orange was a strategically important location during the American Civil War. Just north of town, the Rapidan River was effectively the northern border of the Confederacy for several years. Consequently, the area witnessed countless troop movements,