

patrols, skirmishes, and encampments. In addition, the Town of Orange served as General Robert E. Lee's headquarters during that time. In fact, General Lee worshipped at the St. Thomas Episcopal Church on Caroline Street, which still stands today.

The town continued to thrive into the twentieth century. Fire destroyed much of the eastern part of town in 1908, but many of the buildings constructed shortly after the fire still remain. In fact, Orange was well-known for its silk mill, which produced many of the parachutes used by U.S. troops during World War II. The silk mill finally closed in the 1970s, but the building still remains and is used by local businesses.

Orange residents will celebrate and honor the town's heritage and 275 years of history with events and activities throughout the year. In conjunction with the Fall Fiber Festival at Montpelier, the Gordonsville Street Festival, and other county-wide events, the Town of Orange will have a Blues Festival on Main Street on October 3rd to mark the anniversary.

Madam Speaker, please join me in congratulating the fine citizens of Orange as they celebrate their town's anniversary and wishing them the best for their continued growth and success.

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

**HON. TOM PRICE**

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, October 1, 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.

COMMENDING HOMELAND SECURITY DEPARTMENT EMPLOYEES AND ANTI-TERRORISM PARTNERS

SPEECH OF

**HON. ANDRÉ CARSON**

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 30, 2009*

Mr. CARSON of Indiana. Mr. Speaker, over the last two days, we have considered and voted to pass legislation honoring all Department of Homeland Security employees for their service to the United States over the course of the War on Terror.

As a former Homeland Security official, I have seen first hand the sacrifices that each of these employees makes in the service of our country. These dedicated men and women spend years developing specialized skills and becoming experts on the most effective methods to prevent violence. They devote long hours away from their families, in potentially life threatening situations. And they do all of this to keep us safe from threats around the world.

These federal employees rarely make the news, but their success in the War on Terror is undeniable. Their unyielding efforts have saved lives and prevented billions in property damage. We may never hear of their successes, but they deserve our thanks just the same.

So, Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor these men and women across our country, whose ongoing fight to protect us from terrorism has allowed all of us to enjoy the freedoms that make the United States great.

DON'T HIDE HEALTH CARE DECISIONS FROM JUDICIAL REVIEW

**HON. LAMAR SMITH**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, October 1, 2009*

Mr. SMITH of Texas. Madam Speaker, when Democrats introduced health care legislation, the Administration wanted to rush it through Congress before its cost could be calculated.

When Republicans wanted to review health care legislation before they were made to vote on it, Democrats refused to let them see the language.

Look for more of the same. For instance, the House Democrats' health care legislation prevents federal health care decisions from getting judicial review.

Stealth provisions of the House bill take away Americans' rights to challenge government decisions that will profoundly affect their

lives. The courts are not allowed to review challenges to decisions to impose payment rates for doctors, hospitals and prescription drugs.

The courts can't review decisions to rest health care reimbursement on racial and ethnic criteria. And the courts can't review decisions intended to control other features of our health care system.

When Democrats hide what they are doing and limit Americans' rights, we know that the game is not about improving Americans' health care. It is about increasing government power at the people's expense.

And it's time to blow the whistle on that rigged game.

SALUTING THE ONE HUNDREDTH ANNIVERSARY OF FOREST HILLS GARDENS IN QUEENS, NY AND THE REDEDICATION OF THE COMMUNITY'S FLAGPOLE

**HON. ANTHONY D. WEINER**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, October 1, 2009*

Mr. WEINER. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize the one-hundredth anniversary of the beautiful Forest Hills Gardens, the first planned garden community in the United States—one of which of which I am a proud resident.

A bucolic extension of the Olmsteads' New York legacy, our neighborhood was designed by none other than Frederick Law Olmstead Jr., the son of the visionary who gave New York Central and Prospect Parks, two of our most cherished gifts. Much like those glorious testaments to Mother Nature, Forest Hills Gardens brings the natural world to the very heart of a New York City borough while being seamlessly integrated with its decidedly urban surroundings.

While set apart from the thronging streets of Queens, Forest Hills Gardens has evolved to truly embody the diversity of the borough in which it lies, with Christians and Jews living alongside Hindus and Muslims—all of whom are proud New Yorkers and proud Americans.

In tribute to the nation this community represents, Forest Hills Gardens recently rededicated their flagpole following a three-year, painstaking restoration. Madam Speaker, I rise also to recognize this historic occasion. The ninety-eight foot pole is the refurbished mast of the ship *Columbia*, the swift sloop that was the first to win the America's Cup consecutively, in 1899 and in 1901.

A ship whose history is inextricably tied with New York's, the *Columbia* was designed by Nathanael Herreshoff and launched in 1899 by J.P. Morgan for the New York Yacht Club. It was sailed in the cold and choppy waters of New York Harbor by Captain Charlie Barr to two glorious victories against Great Britain and retired to New York's own little port at City Island in 1913.

Towering high above the borough of Queens, the *Columbia's* restored mast tells us of past glory and of future promise. It symbolizes the resilience and ambition that has always and will continue to define New York and its people.

I take this opportunity to present to the community of Forest Hills Gardens a new flag worthy of the *Columbia's* mast and salute the Forest Hills Gardens Corporation for ensuring that