our flag continues to wave high over the greatest city in the world.

RECOGNIZING THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF MICHELLE DALLAFIOR TO THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

HON. BART GORDON

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 1, 2009

Mr. GORDON of Tennessee. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the service of a valued staff member of the Committee on Science and Technology, Michelle Dallafior, on her last day with the Committee.

Michelle serves on the Energy and Environment Subcommittee, where she manages a broad portfolio of energy issues, including nuclear energy, carbon capture and sequestration, and the transition to a smarter electrical grid. She's worked on key pieces of legislation including the Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007, the American Recovery Act of 2009, and the American Clean Energy and Security Act of 2009, as well as the Energy and Water Research Integration Act, which was passed out of Subcommittee yesterday.

Before she joined the Science and Technology Committee, Michelle was Chief of Staff to Rep. CHARLES WILSON (D–OH). Michelle worked for Rep. Ted Strickland (D–OH) for almost a decade, serving as his Legislative Director and, later, his Chief of Staff. Michelle first came to the Hill to work for Sen. John Glenn (D–OH) on Great Lakes legislative issues. Michelle holds an M.A. in Public Policy from Georgetown University and a B.A. in Political Science from the University of Michigan. She is a proud Yooper, and her Wolverine pride is especially apparent during football and basketball season.

Madam Speaker, Michelle's expertise and ability to reach consensus have made her a valued member of the Committee staff. Despite balancing a heavy work load with her avid pursuit of bocce and cycling, she always finds time to invest in other staffers. She's shown a special talent for mentoring junior staffers and helping them get substantive experience and exposure.

I know that all of the Science and Technology Committee's Members and staff wish her well as she transitions to the Administration. Michelle will be joining the Office of Fossil Energy at the Department of Energy, continuing her work on carbon capture and sequestration and the creation of a smarter electric grid.

Michelle, thank you for all your hard work and counsel. We will certainly miss seeing you day-to-day, but we hope that we will get the opportunity to work with you in your new role.

CELEBRATING RACHEL KNAUB'S 100TH BIRTHDAY

HON. STEVE AUSTRIA

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 1, 2009

Mr. AUSTRIA. Madam Speaker, I rise today on behalf of the constituents of Ohio's 7th Congressional District to congratulate and recognize Rachel Knaub on the extraordinary event of her 100th Birthday on October 4, 2009.

Born in Greene County, Rachel has lived in Ohio her entire life. She has resided in many different communities in the state including, Pitchen, Clifton, Springfield, and Cedarville.

Throughout her life, Rachel Knaub has been a proud farmer's wife. She spent 52 years happily married to her husband, Ralph, who passed away in 1992. Rachel is also a proud and active member in the 5th Lutheran Church.

Reaching 100 years of age is truly a great and significant milestone and for that reason, Rachel deserves our congratulations.

WELCOMING REV. MARTHA TAYLOR

HON. BARBARA LEE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 1, 2009

Ms. LEE of California. Madam Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I rise to welcome our guest chaplain here this morning, the Reverend Dr. Martha Taylor. Dr. Taylor has dedicated nearly 4 decades of her life to public service, and it is my distinct honor to welcome her here today.

Dr. Taylor serves as the Pastor of Elmhurst Presbyterian Church in Oakland, California, and as an adjunct professor at the San Francisco Theological Seminary.

She is also the principal owner of Ministry Christian Training—an education ministry that focuses on church leadership, biblical studies, and inspirational workshops. In this role, she has facilitated leadership trainings for numerous churches across the Bay Area and the country.

Throughout her long and varied years of service, Dr. Taylor has focused much of her attention on issues of social justice. She has become a staple in our home community, and remains active in numerous community organizations. For her work, she was named Christian Woman of the Year in 2006 by then-Sacramento Mayor, Heather Fargo, and the Sacramento County Board of Supervisors.

Dr. Taylor's commitment to service stems from her deep reservoir of faith, and from her dedication to use her faith as an active vehicle for social change.

It is again my great pleasure and honor to welcome my friend, the Reverend Dr. Martha Taylor.

RECOGNIZING THE COURAGEOUS SERVICE OF MR. JACK TOLBERT

HON. WALLY HERGER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 1, 2009

Mr. HERGER. Madam Speaker, it is my honor today to commend the self-sacrificing act of a true American hero, Jack Tolbert, who was awarded the Distinguished Service Cross on Armed Forces Day in 1954. The extraordinary heroism of Mr. Tolbert was summarized thus when the medal was awarded:

The President of the United States of America, authorized by act of Congress July 9, 1918, has awarded the Distinguished Service Cross to Sergeant First Class Jack P. Tolbert for extraordinary heroism in military operations against an armed enemy:

Sergeant First Class Tolbert, Infantry, United States Army, a Member of Company B, 65th Infantry Regiment, 3rd Infantry Division, distinguished himself by extraordinary heroism in action against an armed enemy of the United States near Kumhwa, Korea, on 11 June 1953. He was one of two outpost guards on the main line of resistance when the area came under a heavy artillery and mortar bombardment. Observing a hostile infantryman approaching the position, he shouted a warning to the other Sentinel and to the guard at the Command Post, enabling them to alert other elements of the imminent attack. Seconds later the enemy soldier hurled a fragmentation grenade into the bunker. Fully aware of the danger involved, he stepped on the missile in an attempt to dispose of it or lessen its explosive effect and received the full impact of the explosion. Although critically wounded in this display of valor, his prompt and unhesitating action prevented serious injury to his comrade. Inspired by his unflinching courage, the troops fought with great tenacity and skill, inflicting numerous casualties and containing the assault. Sergeant Tolbert's inspirational conduct and consummate devotion to duty reflect the highest credit upon himself and uphold the esteemed traditions of the military service.

By order of Lt. General W. G. Wyman, Commanding General of the Sixth Army.

Armed Forces Day, 1954.

Although the Redding chapter of the Military Order of the Purple Heart is named in his honor, Mr. Tolbert insists "I'm not the hero type." In a 2009 interview with his hometown newspaper, Jack said, "I was just a regular GI who spent a little time in the front line. I did my job and came home." With all due respect to Mr. Tolbert, no one shares his view. He may not have intended to be a hero, but a hero he is. And in recognition of his service, Shasta County has designated October 3 as "Jack Tolbert Day."

It is my honor to recognize Jack Tolbert's heroic service to our Nation.

WASHINGTON STATE TROOPER JOHN GARDEN

HON. DAVID G. REICHERT

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 1, 2009

Mr. REICHERT. Madam Speaker, today I'd like to recognize Washington State Trooper John Garden for being named the 2008 District One Trooper of the Year in the State of Washington.

As a former law enforcement officer in Washington State, I know the hard work and dedication it takes to earn such an honor, and I thank Trooper Garden for his tireless service and sacrifice for the communities he serves in Pierce and Thurston Counties.

I am confident that Trooper Garden will continue to serve the people of Washington State with great respect and continue his record of strong leadership within the law enforcement community. On behalf of the House of Representatives, I extend my deepest gratitude for his service and sacrifice.