

## EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

HONORING SPECIAL AGENT  
FREDERICK E. BRAGG

**HON. MIKE ROGERS**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 13, 2009*

Mr. ROGERS of Michigan. Madam Speaker, I rise today to express my appreciation for Special Agent Frederick E. Bragg—a dedicated public servant and an outstanding President of the FBI Agents Association (FBIAA). The FBIAA is over 20 years old and has grown from several hundred agents to a professional association of over 11,300 current and former agents from across the country.

Mr. Bragg's long history of public service began in 1986 with the Onondaga County Sheriff's Department in Syracuse, New York where he worked as a patrol deputy and an investigator. Mr. Bragg joined the FBI in 1991 and has served as the President of the Tri-County Law Enforcement Association, spent a decade as an Assistant Team Leader of the Minneapolis SWAT Team, and has helped lead efforts to combat terrorism, public corruption, and health care fraud. Mr. Bragg's commitment to the mission of the FBIAA began in 1995 and in 2003 he was elected President of the FBIAA. Throughout the duration of his involvement with the FBIAA, Mr. Bragg has advanced the charitable and law enforcement goals of the FBIAA, and his efforts have benefited agents and their families worldwide.

Mr. Bragg has been a leader when it comes to providing for the families of FBI Special Agents who give their lives in the service of our country. Mr. Bragg has helped raise hundreds of thousands of dollars for the FBIAA Memorial Scholarship Fund, which helps provide college scholarships to children of deceased FBI Agents. During Mr. Bragg's time as President, this scholarship fund grew to a level where 80% of a student's college costs are now covered—and because of his efforts it is likely this percentage will continue to increase.

In addition to his charitable work, Mr. Bragg has also been an effective voice for FBI Agents on questions of policy. I have had the opportunity to work personally with Mr. Bragg and have witnessed firsthand his unwavering commitment to our nation's FBI Agents. His advocacy played a key role in many important policy issues, such as debates over whether a domestic intelligence agency should be created, the implementation of new "pay for performance" standards, and the importance of criminal investigations to our nation's security.

As a former FBI Special Agent, I commend Mr. Bragg for his excellent service on behalf of our nation's premier law enforcement agents. His work has earned the thanks and appreciation of this body.

DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION BILL

**HON. STEVE SCALISE**

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 13, 2009*

Mr. SCALISE. Madam Speaker, I support our troops, and that is why I voted for the Defense Authorization bill when it came before the House earlier this year in a straight up-or-down vote. Unfortunately, Speaker PELOSI decided to use our troops as political pawns by allowing the unrelated and ill-conceived "thought crimes" bill to be rammed into the final version of this conference report.

It is a sad day for our country, and a shameful precedent, when the liberals running Congress hold our troops hostage to pass their radical social agenda. It is an insult to our servicemembers who are offended that they are being used as "human shields" in a political war waged by Speaker PELOSI to pass her radical social agenda, and I'm standing up for our troops by opposing this abuse of power. Speaker PELOSI and the liberals running Congress owe our military and their families an apology for playing political games with their mission.

NATIONAL COUNCIL OF ASIAN  
AMERICAN BUSINESS ASSOCIATIONS

**HON. MICHAEL M. HONDA**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 13, 2009*

Mr. HONDA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to show my support for the National Council of Asian American Business Associations (NCAABA), and for the important work the NCAABA has done for the Asian American and Pacific Islander business community.

NCAABA was founded in 2000 to be the voice of Asian American business owners at the national level, serving as a conduit of resource and information, to educate the public, private and business sectors, to advance America's economic growth and stability.

Asian Americans, Native Hawaiians, and Other Pacific Islanders (AA NHOPIs) are the fastest growing demographic group in America. In 2002, there were 1.1 million Asian American-owned firms in America, generating \$326 billion in revenues, with the number of Asian American-owned firms growing 24% from 1997, about twice the national average for all businesses. In addition, there were 29,000 Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander (NHOPi)-owned firms, generating \$4.3 billion in revenue, with the number of NHOPi-owned firms growing 49% from 1997, roughly 4 times the average for all businesses. In fact, California, with more than 1/3 million Asian American-owned firms has the largest number of Asian American-owned firms of any state in America.

As America's companies aim to meet the demands of the emerging markets in America, and Asia, AA NHOPIs, who have the cultural and communications skills to create new opportunities, new jobs, and new investments, are in demand.

Given this dramatic growth of AA NHOPi business owners, supplier diversity or the use of minority owned vendors as suppliers, has become a practice that is increasingly important to the success of any business. I want to take this opportunity to commend the National Council of Asian American Business Associations, and presenting sponsor Wells Fargo, in launching the NCAABA Supplier Academy at UCLA on October 14–15, 2009, to ensure that AA NHOPIs will have the cultural and linguistic leadership skills to optimize the resources of the global market, to create sustainable economic change and climate change.

HONORING MR. KEVIN LEE  
MITCHEM OF MATHEWS COUNTY,  
VIRGINIA

**HON. ROBERT J. WITTMAN**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 13, 2009*

Mr. WITTMAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Mr. Kevin Lee Mitchem. Kevin Mitchem was a proud Mathews County resident and a fervent supporter of public education, and he was committed to lending his time and knowledge to youth in the community. Kevin was a devoted husband to his beloved wife, Sara, and a dedicated father to their two children, Rachel and Daniel.

As the owner of Mitchem Seafood, Kevin was a staunch supporter of watermen and the seafood industry. At the time of his passing, Kevin Mitchem was the Chairman of the Mathews County Board of Supervisors and prior to the chairmanship, he served for twelve years as a board member. Additionally, he served on the Middle Peninsula Planning District Commission.

Kevin was deeply involved in his community and dedicated much of his time and effort to serve the residents of Mathews County. He helped coach Mathews County Little League Baseball, Youth Basketball, High School Junior Varsity Girls Basketball, and Junior Varsity Baseball. Mr. Mitchem was a strong supporter of community youth programs and he was instrumental in purchasing and renovating a facility for the senior citizens of Mathews County.

Furthermore, Kevin was a member of the Masonic Lodge, Oriental #20 A.F. & A.M. of Mathews County, the Scottish Rite Temple of Newport News, and the Tidewater Shrine Club. Kevin was also an avid sports fan. He was a lifelong fan of the Baltimore Orioles and Washington Redskins.

Kevin Lee Mitchem will be greatly missed by all who knew him. He touched so many people's lives and the work that he did for his

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community will never be forgotten. My thoughts and prayers are with his family and friends.

CONGRATULATING WESTON DEWOLFF, SOUTH CAROLINA'S JUNIOR DUCK STAMP DESIGN "BEST OF SHOW" AWARD WINNER

**HON. HENRY E. BROWN, JR.**

OF SOUTH CAROLINA  
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 13, 2009*

Mr. BROWN of South Carolina. Madam Speaker, I am pleased to announce that the Junior Duck Stamp Conservation and Design Program Reauthorization Act of 2009, legislation that I sponsored with Congressmen Solomon Ortiz, has passed out of committee with unanimous consent.

Also, I wanted to congratulate Weston DeWolff, a 15-year-old student at the Charleston County School of the Arts and winner of the Junior Duck Stamp Design Program's "Best of Show" award for the State of South Carolina, for his depiction of a male and female mallard duck.

I congratulate Mr. DeWolff for his achievement and I am proud to support the extension of the Junior Duck Stamp Design program so as to ensure that other students, like him, will have the opportunity to participate in this contest in the future.

Finally, in addition to applauding the unanimous passage of this essential conservation legislation, I want to congratulate Ducks Unlimited, the world's largest and most effective waterfowl conservation organization, for recently receiving a \$1 million North American Wetlands Conservation Act grant.

This money will ensure that Ducks Unlimited is able to continue their mission of protecting waterfowl habitats nationwide and will provide additional funds to protect and enhance over 8,000 acres of diverse wildlife habitat in both Charleston and Georgetown counties in the First District of South Carolina.

HONORING EISENHOWER HIGH SCHOOL

**HON. JOE BACA**

OF CALIFORNIA  
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 13, 2009*

Mr. BACA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Eisenhower High School in Rialto, California, on the occasion of its 50th anniversary.

The students and alumni of Eisenhower High School will celebrate 50 years of continued academic excellence, October 17, 2009. This anniversary is a milestone for Rialto, California. Throughout the past 50 years, the school has provided an exemplary educational service to its students and has contributed greatly to the community.

Eisenhower first opened its doors in fall of 1959, and since then has achieved success in academics, athletics and community service while providing a high level of education. They

have always been a school of inclusion and unity regardless of an individual's background.

Eisenhower High School has been able to maintain an outstanding athletic program for their students, allowing them to participate in activities that promote the values of team work, integrity, and dedication. Their athletic teams have consistently won conference titles in varied sports, including football, basketball, wrestling, and swimming. The boy's basketball team currently holds the state championship title. With this victory they became the first California Interscholastic Federation State title holders for a school from San Bernardino County.

Pro Football Hall of Famer, Ronnie Lott graduated from Eisenhower High School; he went on to play for the San Francisco 49ers and was named to the NFL's 75th Anniversary team. Among other Eisenhower High School alumni whom have played on the professional level are Brandi Burton, David Lang, Jeff Conine, Darnell Coles, and Craig Newsome. Another distinguished alumnus is Derek Parra, Olympic Speed-Skating gold medalist and 1500 meter world record holder.

Eisenhower High School has also achieved recognition in academics and community service. They have achieved recognition on the state level as well as national recognition. Anita Ware, alumna of Eisenhower, was its first student to be awarded the prestigious Westinghouse Science Award. The school newspaper, the Eagle's Eye, received an award in 1976 for being one of the nation's best student newspapers from the National Scholastic Press Association and Quill & Scroll. Eisenhower High School was also recognized as a National Blue Ribbon and as a California Distinguished School.

Madam Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me today in honoring Eisenhower High School. Their continuing record of accomplishment is due in no small part to the teaching practices of the faculty who have guided the school through the years.

HATE CRIMES PROVISION IN THE NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION ACT

**HON. CHRIS VAN HOLLEN**

OF MARYLAND  
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 13, 2009*

Mr. VAN HOLLEN. Madam Speaker, our nation's founding principles guarantee individual freedom and liberty. We risk these rights when hateful discrimination and violence are allowed to flourish. Hate crimes prevention legislation gives law enforcement the tools they need to protect our liberties and ensure that no American is assaulted because of who they are.

We have existing federal hate crimes laws to assist local law enforcement in cases of violent crimes motivated by a victim's race, color, religion, or national origin. With this legislation, we expand protections to gender, sexual orientation, gender identity, and disability.

Hate crimes devastate individuals and families and terrorize communities. By giving law enforcement resources to combat and prosecute the thousands of hate crimes that occur

in our country each year, we continue to defend those freedoms that define America's character.

IN HONOR OF LTG ROBERT ORD

**HON. SAM FARR**

OF CALIFORNIA  
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 13, 2009*

Mr. FARR. Madam Speaker, I rise to commend a distinguished career of public service. On February 1, LTG Robert Ord will be retiring as the Dean of the School of International Graduate Studies at the Naval Postgraduate School.

After 34 illustrious years in the U.S. Army, culminating as the commanding general of the U.S. Army Pacific, Bob Ord joined the faculty at the Naval Postgraduate School, bringing his wealth of military experience and relationships from the halls of the Pentagon to one of the most significant graduate military education programs in the Nation. The School of International Graduate Studies addresses current and emerging global security challenges by providing U.S. military and international students with a graduate education in foreign policy, international relations and security cooperation.

Having been a former Peace Corps volunteer in Colombia from 1964–66, I have a deep appreciation for the programs in the SIGS department that focus on the need for capacity building. Two programs of special interest to me are the Leader Development and Education for Sustained Peace and the Center for Stabilization and Reconstruction Studies. Both of these programs address a gap I identified while serving in the Peace Corps—the need to have greater cross-cultural awareness in our security building programs; and, the importance of bringing stabilization and reconstruction stakeholders together in the classroom before they work together in an operational environment. Along with the Center for Homeland Defense and Security, the only Department of Homeland Security-sponsored master's degree program, SIGS is at the cutting edge of 21st century security and homeland defense challenges.

Since February 1, 2008, General Ord has served as the first Director of the Global Center for Security Cooperation, located at the Naval Postgraduate School. The Center ensures the Secretary of Defense is knowledgeable about all the Department of Defense international education providers. Supporting the 2006 Quadrennial Defense Review and the Defense Security Cooperation Guidance, the Global Center coordinates, integrates and deconflicts international education providers' activities and programs. In his capacity as the first Director, Bob Ord's dynamic leadership and breadth of experience has enabled him to stand up a highly resilient organization that can quickly respond to OSD priorities for global international education. The success of the Global Center for Security Cooperation is a lasting tribute to LTG Robert Ord.

Madam Speaker, I am proud to call Bob Ord a friend and I wish him well in the next chapter of his storied life.

CONGRATULATING PROFESSOR  
ELINOR OSTROM ON RECEIVING  
THE NOBEL MEMORIAL PRIZE IN  
ECONOMIC SCIENCES

**HON. BARON P. HILL**

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 13, 2009*

Ms. HILL. Madam Speaker, on October 12, 2009, Indiana University Professor Elinor Ostrom became the first woman in the forty-one year history of the Nobel Memorial Prize in Economic Sciences to receive the award. Prof. Ostrom's ground breaking research on the management of common pool goods has shown her commitment to original and progressive thinking in the field of economic sciences. I am particularly proud of Prof. Ostrom's achievements as Indiana University is located in the Southern Indiana congressional district that I am so proud to represent.

Prof. Ostrom, a member of Indiana University's faculty since 1965, has a history of leading her field in scientific research. She co-founded the workshop in Political Theory and Policy Analysis and is also the first woman to chair Indiana University's Department of Political Science. She currently serves as the Arthur F. Bentley professor of Political Science in the College of Arts and Sciences as well as a Professor in the School of Public and Environmental Affairs at Indiana University in Bloomington, Indiana.

Having been the first woman to win the Johan Skytte Prize in Political Science, as well as the William H. Riker Prize in Political Science, it is no surprise that she has now received the prestigious Nobel Memorial Prize in economic sciences. Her dedication and innovative thinking can serve as a model for all those who seek to achieve original solutions in their respective fields.

NEW YORK TIMES WEIGHTS POLL  
IN FAVOR OF DEMOCRATS

**HON. LAMAR SMITH**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 13, 2009*

Mr. SMITH of Texas. Madam Speaker, the New York Times reported recently that President Obama has "considerable political strength."

The Times based this statement on its own poll, which found the President has an approval rating of 56 percent—the highest number of any recent poll.

One reason for this might be that the Times weighted the poll in favor of Democrats.

Among those who actually responded to the poll, there were more Democrats than Republicans by 6 percentage points.

But when the Times finished computing the results, they had increased the gap to an unreasonable and inexplicable 15 percentage points.

With so many more Democrats in the sample, it should come as no surprise that the President's approval rating is a higher than other polls have found.

The Times would do well to show more balance in their polling—and their reporting.

TRIBUTE TO THE POLISH PEOPLES  
HOME

**HON. BILL PASCRELL, JR.**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 13, 2009*

Mr. PASCRELL. Madam Speaker, I would like to call to your attention the work of an institution, The Polish Peoples Home—Polish American Cultural Center, that is celebrating its 100th Anniversary of dedicated service and support to the Polish Community of Passaic, New Jersey and the surrounding area.

It is only fitting that The Polish Peoples Home be honored in this, the permanent record of the greatest democracy ever known, for the cultural home has provided friendship and guidance to Polish-American families, especially those just embarking on their American dream. Its dedication to the entire community, however, is what keeps this deeply-rooted institution growing towards the future.

The history of Polish people in Passaic is rich and complex. During the first decade of the Twentieth Century, New Jersey had become a magnet for migration. There was a demand for labor and the opportunities brought thousands of immigrants to New Jersey's burgeoning industrial centers. Polish immigrants were one of the many groups who struggled to create new lives for themselves here in America. They brought with them customs and culture they wanted to preserve and maintain as a link to the lives they left in Poland.

On October 9, 1909 fifteen of these hard-working Polish immigrants formed a corporation called "Polish Peoples Home." The object of this corporation was to establish and sustain a home for all Polish societies in the City of Passaic and the surrounding areas. One hundred years later it continues to preserve and enhance the Polish heritage of the past while providing immeasurable lasting contributions to America's present.

The Polish Peoples Home of Passaic has served as a haven for Polish immigrants and the Polish-American community, combining their recreational, cultural, social and educational endeavors. By promoting the beauty and richness of their Polish heritage, they honor the lasting impression made by Polish-Americans in the arts, sciences, industry and agriculture.

The job of a United States Congressman involves much that is rewarding, yet nothing compares to learning about and recognizing the efforts of wonderful, thriving community institutions such as The Polish Peoples Home.

Madam Speaker, I ask that you join the members and Board of The Polish Peoples Home, all whose lives have been culturally enriched throughout the years and me in recognizing the outstanding contributions of The Polish Peoples Home to the Polish-American community and beyond.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO THE WOMEN  
OF THE JUNIOR LEAGUE OF  
FRESNO

**HON. JIM COSTA**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 13, 2009*

Mr. COSTA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to all of the women of the Junior

League of Fresno, California on this occasion of their 50th anniversary aptly recognized as, "Women Building Better Communities."

In 1948, the Service League of Fresno was formed and within the course of eleven years, it was accepted into the Association of Junior Leagues International, Inc. Each year since their inception, 20,000 hours of voluntary service time has been generously provided by the women of the Junior League of Fresno. As a result of their years of commitment, over one million hours of service has been given to the community of Fresno by members of the Junior League. Since 1959, it has raised more than \$3,000,000 toward community projects in the areas of children, health, social services, education, women's issues and cultural arts.

Meeting the needs of their community has been and continues to be the Junior League's highest priority. Members research, develop, manage and support projects in conjunction with community partners, concentrating on areas where resources are nominal and where they can have the most meaningful impact.

Throughout the years, projects and organizations the Junior League has championed include: Break the Barriers, The Central California Blood Mobile, Children's Hospital Central California; The Craycroft Youth Shelter; The Discovery Center; Exceptional Parents Unlimited; Firefighters Creating Memories; Footsteps Child Bereavement Program; The Fresno Art Museum; the Fresno County Shot Mobile Immunization Clinic; the Fresno Metropolitan Museum; The Marjaree Mason Center; The Ronald McDonald House; The Sanctuary Youth Center; and Senior Girl Athlete Awards Banquet.

The Junior League believes, as do I, that volunteers make a powerful difference in the community. Their service, advocacy, leadership roles and mentoring have touched countless lives throughout our community. I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing this wonderful group of women as the Junior League of Fresno celebrate their 50th Anniversary of "Women Building Better Communities."

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. MICHAEL E. CAPUANO**

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 13, 2009*

Mr. CAPUANO. Madam Speaker, last week I missed several rollcall votes and I wish to state how I would have voted had I been present: rollcall No. 753—yes; rollcall No. 754—no; rollcall No. 755—yes.

CONGRATULATING THE CHICAGO  
BOTANIC GARDEN ON THE OPENING  
OF THE DANIEL F. AND ADA  
L. RICE PLANT CONSERVATION  
SCIENCE CENTER

**HON. MARK STEVEN KIRK**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 13, 2009*

Mr. KIRK. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the Chicago Botanic Garden for the opening of the Daniel F. and Ada L. Rice Plant Conservation Science Center. This new

center will serve to provide solutions to plant conservation challenges through research and education.

To accomplish their goals, 200 plant scientists along with students and collaborators will aid the full time scientists and research assistants in the 38,000-square foot building. The space will also house a teaching facility and the country's first doctoral plant biology program.

Additionally the Center utilizes green building practices, including an innovative rainwater garden to collect and filter storm water runoff and a 16,000-square foot green roof. The visitor's gallery will also allow the public to witness the scientific work occurring and various exhibitions.

The Chicago Botanic Garden successfully opened the Daniel F. and Ada L. Rice Plant Conservation Science Center on September 29, 2009. I commend all the students, researchers and scientists who are committing their time and energy to this important project and wish them the best of luck.

**TRIBUTE TO PEARL BEATTY ON  
THE CELEBRATION OF HER 74TH  
BIRTHDAY**

**HON. DONALD M. PAYNE**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 13, 2009*

Mr. PAYNE. Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues here in the House of Representatives to join me as I rise to acknowledge the 74th birthday of my good friend, Ms. Pearl Beatty. Her family, friends and associates have gathered on October 8, 2009, to hold a party in her honor and to wish this incredibly talented woman best wishes. Pearl Beatty has always been passionate about her community and those closest to her want to be sure that she knows how much she is loved and appreciated.

Pearl Beatty never allowed her early fragile health to preclude her from involvement in the things that mattered most to her. Throughout her life, Pearl Beatty has been an active participant in the political process and community organizing. She was also gifted with a beautiful voice which she utilized at Arts High School and with the Sweethearts, a group that was fortunate enough to sing at a John F. Kennedy for President rally. In fact, Pearl Beatty was active in the New Jersey campaign for the election of President Kennedy. Always an advocate for fairness, Pearl Beatty joined me and my brother, Bill, in the picketing of a local Woolworth 5&10 forcing them to hire young African Americans to work at the lunch counter.

In addition to being active in the Urban League and the NAACP, Pearl Beatty assisted in organizing the New Jersey contingent for the 1963 March on Washington. She was also instrumental in the four successful campaigns of Newark mayor Kenneth Gibson, the first African American to be elected mayor of a major eastern city. She represented Governor Hughes at the 1968 Democratic Convention in Chicago and was the New Jersey campaign scheduler for President Jimmy Carter in 1976. In June 1978, Pearl Beatty was elected as a freeholder for Essex County and soon found herself as the first director of the newly elect-

ed Board of Chosen Freeholders under the new form of charter change government of Essex County. Ms. Beatty was the first African American appointed as president of the New Jersey Council of Counties and in 1987, she was appointed executive chairperson of the New Jersey State Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., commission.

Madam Speaker, I know my colleagues agree that Pearl Beatty deserves to be feted at this 74th Birthday celebration. I am pleased to congratulate her and thank her for the many lasting contributions she has made to the Greater Newark community.

**RECOGNIZING THE RETIREMENT  
OF ELIZABETH "JACKIE" NOYES**

**HON. FORTNEY PETE STARK**

CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 13, 2009*

Mr. STARK. Madam Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I recognize Elizabeth "Jackie" Noyes on her retirement from more than 36 years of service as the Associate Executive Director with American Academy of Pediatrics. Throughout her career, Ms. Noyes has played a significant role in shaping health policy in the United States—especially as it affects children.

I've worked closely with the American Academy of Pediatrics to ensure that each and every child in America has quality, affordable coverage. They are a rare provider organization in Washington, DC. Their mission is much more about advancing better health care for their patients than it is about advancing pay increases for their member physicians. Jackie has been a key player in that mission for nearly four decades.

Ms. Noyes has a long, varied list of accomplishments, honors, and boards that she's participated in throughout her time with the American Academy of Pediatrics. Highlights include serving as Chair of the National Advisory Commission on Childhood Vaccines; on the board of the Children's Dental Project, Inc., Children's Hospice International, and the Coalition for Health Funding; and as a member of the Specialty Society Advisory Committee for the American Medical Association. She's also been published by well-respected organizations, including *Advances in Pediatrics*, *California Pediatrician*, and the *American Journal of Psychology*.

Throughout Ms. Noyes' career, she has been recognized for her dedication to children's health with several awards, including a Certificate of Appreciation for Outstanding Contributions to the Health and Welfare of America's Children and Adolescents by the U.S. Surgeon General.

She has played a key role in creating and improving health care laws including vital programs like Vaccines for Children, Head Start, and the Consumer Product Safety Commission. She also played key roles in the passage and renewal of the National Childhood Vaccine Injury Act of 1986, the Ryan White Comprehensive AIDS Resources Emergency Act of 1990, the Children and Pregnant Women Health Insurance Act of 1993, the State Children's Health Insurance Program, the Children's Health Insurance Accountability Act of 1996, and the Paul Wellstone and Pete

Domenici Mental Health Parity and Addiction Equality Act of 2008.

In honor of her retirement, the Friends of Children Advocacy Fund has been created to support the initiatives of the American Academy of Pediatrics and its advocacy for child health programs and public health. The Friends of Children Advocacy Fund will continue her work to improve the health of children.

She has been a valuable asset to the American Academy of Pediatrics and their mission to improve the health of America's children. I thank her for her dedication, wish her well in retirement, and fully expect to continue to hear her name in connection with initiatives to improve children's health.

**IN RECOGNITION OF JAMES  
PATRICK'S HEROISM**

**HON. JOHN P. MURTHA**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 13, 2009*

Mr. MURTHA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the heroic deeds of one of my constituents, Mr. James Patrick of Johnstown, Pennsylvania. Earlier this year, while Mr. Patrick, a letter carrier for the US Postal Service, was on his route, he saw flames and thick black smoke erupting out of the top of a church. He immediately found someone to call 911 before he selflessly entered the burning church to make sure that everyone was safe.

Even though the roof of the church and the adjacent rectory were rapidly becoming engulfed in flames, Pastor Robert Hall and the church's secretary were unaware of the fire. Patrick informed the two of the fire, but Pastor Hall wanted to put the fire out himself. However, Patrick insisted that everyone leave. He is quoted as saying, "Father, you have to get out—the whole roof is on fire."

Because of his courageous deeds, two people's lives were saved. Subsequently, Pastor Hall, in a letter to the Postal Service wrote, "In this day and age when people don't want to get involved, I want to say thank you to your employee for going the extra mile."

Patrick is a member of the National Association of Letter Carriers, Johnstown Branch 451. For his actions, he was recently recognized by the Association and was awarded the Eastern Region Hero Award.

Madam Speaker, I wish to close my remarks by commending Mr. James Patrick for his heroic actions. We are fortunate that we have people like Mr. Patrick who choose to go above and beyond what is expected so that lives may be saved.

**CHIEF MASTER SERGEANT JOSEPH  
E. BARRON RETIRES AFTER 30  
YEARS SERVICE WITH THE  
UNITED STATES AIR FORCE**

**HON. CATHY McMORRIS RODGERS**

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 13, 2009*

Mrs. McMORRIS RODGERS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize CMSgt Joseph E. Barron on the occasion of his retirement from the United States Air Force.

Chief Master Sergeant Barron hails from Morristown, NJ, where he graduated from Parsippany Hills High School and entered the Air Force in 1979. He assumed his duties as Command Chief Master Sergeant, Air Mobility Command, in April 2006. His work as an administrative specialist involved him with tours with the Air Force Office of Special Investigations and Air Force Recruiting Service. Additionally, Chief Master Sergeant Barron served in multiple units as a first sergeant both in the United States and overseas, where during Operations Desert Fox and Allied Force he was instrumental in the initial bed down, troop support, and morale for the largest combat air refueling wing in Air Force history. His work with Air Mobility Command's critical aero medical evacuation mission helped to facilitate the rapid movement of over 23,000 injured warriors to United States medical facilities with a remarkable 98 percent combat-casualty survivability rate.

Beginning in September 2007, Chief Master Sergeant Barron helped lead Air Mobility Command's Total Force Team with tremendous impact. Here, his extraordinary leadership inspired Air Mobility Command's 132,000 Total Force Airmen to successfully accomplish more than thousands of sorties transporting over 4 million passengers, nearly 2 million tons of cargo, and offloading over 3 billion pounds of fuel. Air Mobility Command forces also completed over 43,000 theater-direct delivery sorties, delivering thousands of combat troops, tons of cargo and mine-resistant ambush-protected vehicles in support of two overseas contingency operations.

Through the work of Chief Master Sergeant Barron the Mobility Air Force was ready to respond when Hurricanes Gustav and Ike ravaged the gulf coast, generating 564 sorties transporting 8,863 passengers and delivering 1,223 tons of humanitarian supplies. However, Chief Master Sergeant Barron is most proud of his involvement after Hurricane Katrina, where he provided crucial support to the devastated region.

Madam Speaker, CMSgt Joseph E. Barron's selfless dedication to the service of his country is honorable and worthy of recognition. I believe I can speak for the airmen of Air Mobility Command in saying that his dedication has positively impacted those with whom he has served during his years with the Air Force and I join with them in congratulating him on his retirement and a job well done.

HONORING UNITED STATES  
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**HON. CHRIS VAN HOLLEN**

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 13, 2009*

Mr. VAN HOLLEN. Madam Speaker, in recognition of World Standards Week, which was observed last week, I rise to salute the United States Pharmacopeial Convention (USP), which is based in my district in Rockville, Maryland and has sites in China, India, Brazil, and Switzerland.

Since 1820, USP, a non-profit organization, has worked to improve the health of people around the world through public standards and related programs that help ensure the quality,

safety and benefits of medicines and foods. It has worked closely with the FDA to develop and revise drug quality standards. It also sets food ingredient standards and offers voluntary verification programs for pharmaceutical ingredients, dietary supplements, and ingredients used in dietary supplements.

USP's drug standards are legally enforceable by the Food and Drug Administration in the United States, and its standards for drugs, food ingredients and dietary supplements are used and relied upon in more than 130 countries. As part of its mission, USP works with a broad range of standards-setting bodies toward the common goals of inter-organizational cooperation and the widespread dissemination of standards. These bodies include the American National Standards Institute, the National Institute of Standards and Technology, the International Standards Organization, the International Bureau of Weights and Measures, the European Directorate for the Quality of Medicines, the Chinese National Institute for the Control of Pharmaceutical and Biological Products, the Japanese Pharmacopeia, the British National Institute for Biological Standards and Control, and many others throughout the world.

Patients, consumers, manufacturers, and taxpayers are the ultimate beneficiaries of USP's efforts, and are able to possess greater confidence about the identity and quality of these products in the marketplace. Assisted by more than 1,000 volunteers worldwide, USP engages in public processes to ensure unbiased, independent, authoritative, science-based decision-making.

I ask my colleagues to join me in saluting the U.S. Pharmacopeial Convention for its efforts to enhance food and drug safety standards around the world.

HONORING DOCTORATE IN EDUCATION AWARDED TO CONGRESSMAN MIKE HONDA BY KANGWON NATIONAL UNIVERSITY IN SOUTH KOREA

**HON. MICHAEL M. HONDA**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 13, 2009*

Mr. HONDA. Madam Speaker, this August, I had the honor of traveling to Kangwon National University in South Korea, where I was awarded an honorary doctorate in Education. As a former high school teacher, principal, and school board member, education has always been my top priority. I believe education is a powerful investment in our future, and I have continued my pursuit of both learning and teaching during my tenure in Congress. I was humbled to receive the high honor of an honorary doctorate from Kangwon National University, an institution I have come to deeply respect.

During my visit to Korea, I met with Prime Minister Seung-Soo Han, whose passion for moving President Myung-Bak Lee's "Low Carbon, Green Growth" initiative forward is something that I admire. As a representative from Silicon Valley, which is at the forefront in our country's efforts in renewable energy, I know the importance of Korea's investments in green technologies.

Many individuals helped make my visit to Korea successful and memorable, and I would

like to thank the following people who helped to make my degree and visit possible: Prime Minister Seung-Soo Han; Foreign Minister Myung-Hwan Yu; Kangwon Province Governor Jin-Sun Kim; Kangwon National University President Yong-Jung Kwon; National Assemblywoman Nak-Kyun Shin; National Assemblywoman Mi-Kyung Lee; U.S. Ambassador to Korea Kathleen Stephens; former Korean Ambassador to the U.S. Tae-Sik Lee; American Chamber of Commerce in Korea Chairman David Ruch; House of Sharing, Comfort Women Survivors and Grandma Koon-Ja Kim; Sokcho City Mayor Yong-Sang Chae; and Korean American Voters' Council of New York and New Jersey Leader Dong-Suk Kim.

During my visit, I delivered the following remarks upon accepting my honorary doctorate at Kangwon National University.

It is a pleasure to be here with you here in Korea at Kangwon National University. Thank you for the warm welcome and the kind introduction, and for this wonderful honor.

I'd like to thank the President, distinguished members of the faculty, and students of Kangwon University. I would also like to express my appreciation to Governor Jin-Sun Kim of Kangwon province, and Mr. Dong-Suk Kim of the Korean American Voters' Council.

This is my fourth time in this great country, and each time I leave with stronger friendships and a deeper understanding and connection to Korea. My visits to Korea and the warmth of the Korean people have made a long lasting impression me.

This trip is especially meaningful to me, and I am extremely honored to receive an honorary doctorate in education here at Kangwon National University. As a former teacher, principal, and school board member, education has played an integral role throughout my life, so receiving this degree is very personal.

Education is my passion, and I believe it is the most powerful tool and investment we can provide children with. Quality education assures the economic competitiveness of any nation, advances the arts and sciences, and provides the means for people to achieve individual success. I have worked hard towards providing every child with a high quality education, both as a former educator and as a Member of Congress.

Education also means being able to teach others in order to learn from past mistakes, and flourish as a society. If society cannot look back and learn from previous mistakes, trust and progress between nations is stunted.

To this end, I have spent a portion of my career in Congress educating and working on a historical issue that has grown very close to my heart: that of the 200,000 sex slaves known as comfort women. These comfort women, many of whom were Korean, were forced into dehumanizing sexual slavery, forced to serve up to 30 soldiers a day in some cases. They suffered serious physical, emotional, and psychological damages as a result.

Yesterday, I had the chance to visit with some of the comfort women survivors. I have met these women on several occasions, both in the United States and in Korea at the House of Sharing, and each time I meet them, I am renewed by how strong they are. I cannot emphasize enough how much I admire their perseverance.

The hope of the comfort women is an extremely modest one: That the government of

Japan formally acknowledges, apologizes and accepts full historical responsibility for this crime. To date, they have still not received such a formal apology. That is why I introduced House Resolution 121, which calls on Japan to do so.

I believe the U.S. must have a strong foundation in historical reconciliation. For example, in 1988, Congress passed, and President Ronald Reagan signed into law, H.R. 442, the Civil Liberties Act of 1988, which was a formal apology to United States citizens of Japanese ancestry who were unjustly put into internment camps during World War II.

As someone who was put into an internment camp as an infant, I know firsthand that we must not be ignorant of the past, and that reconciliation through government actions to admit error are the only ones likely to be long lasting.

Our government made a mistake, but they apologized for it, and healed many wounds as a result. Today, fewer than 300 comfort women are alive and the number is dwindling as they pass away. They want, and deserve, an official apology.

I cannot put into words how grateful I was when H. Res. 121 received overwhelming support in the 110th Congress—first during its markup held under Chairman Tom Lantos' leadership, and then during its debate and final passage before the House on July 30, 2007.

The fact that H. Res. 121 received no opposition during its consideration and passed unanimously attests to its importance and relevance today. By doing so, the House sent a profound message to the government of Japan that the United States takes the issue of the comfort women very seriously.

Immediately after its passage, I rushed to the House gallery, where Yong Soo Lee, a surviving comfort woman, was watching floor proceedings. We shared a tearful embrace, one I will never forget. She repeated "Thank you. . . thank you. . ." and I could see in her face that she felt, maybe for the first time in her life, some sense of relief.

Despite the struggles I may have faced in pushing forward this resolution, and the criticism I received from the government of Japan, seeing Yong Soo Lee immediately reminded me again why I chose to tackle this issue.

While the resolution was successful, unfortunately it has not forced the government of Japan to act. The comfort women deserve to have their dignity and honor restored to them. It is not too late for Japan to issue a sincere and official apology, while these women are still alive.

I am hopeful that an international awareness has spread about comfort women, particularly in Australia, the Philippines, and Canada, where comfort women resolutions similar to H. Res. 121 have been introduced and some passed. We must continue to advocate for a formal apology for the comfort women as a matter of fundamental justice. It is an honor to be here in Korea to continue educating about this chapter in history, and to educate others about the importance of an apology for the women.

Moral justice and education have been the two guiding principles I have followed during my fight for the comfort women.

I believe education is a tool that can also be used to fight another battle: global warming. Climate change is the most significant threat

to our environment today and is one of the greatest challenges that humans face. The overwhelming scientific evidence makes clear that global warming is a real phenomenon, and that human activities play a significant role.

Twenty of the hottest years in recorded history occurred since the 1980s. Glaciers and permafrost are vanishing. Weather patterns are shifting. Migration patterns are being disrupted.

Global warming presents mankind with a new kind of problem. To fight global warming, dramatic changes will be needed in transportation, energy production, public policy, and human behavior world wide.

As a former teacher, I feel education will be essential to allowing those changes to happen, which is why I introduced the Global Warming Education Act, H.R. 1926. The bill will broaden America's understanding of human-induced global warming, short and long term consequences, and potential solutions.

Widespread understanding of this phenomenon will play a significant role in our ability to address a crisis that tangibly and immediately impacts every single human being. It is vital that people of all walks of life possess sufficient understanding of the issue so that each and every one of us may play a role in defending the health of our planet.

I learned that Korea is becoming a world example and leader of using "green" technology to also address these threats. The U.S. is also an active leader in this effort, and this is just one example of many of the common values that our two countries share. I commend you for leading on the green technology front, and encourage you to educate your peers about the threats that we as humans face.

In closing, Korea holds a very special place in my heart. The relationship our two countries share is vitally important and continues to grow. I have many close friends here in Korea, and I appreciate the welcoming spirit of the Korean people each time I visit. Receiving this honorary doctorate is a lifelong dream of mine, and I am grateful for the opportunity to be presented with such an honor.

Again, I would like to thank the President, faculty, and the students of Kangwon National University for bestowing this honor upon me.

KOREA'S MESSAGE OF SUPPORT FROM MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND TRADE YU, MYUNG-HWAN TO THE PEOPLE OF AMERICAN SAMOA IN AFTERMATH OF DEVASTATING TSUNAMI

### HON. ENI F.H. FALEOMAVEAGA

OF AMERICAN SAMOA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 13, 2009*

Mr. FALEOMAVEAGA. Madam Speaker, I submit the following message of support from Minister of Foreign Affairs and Trade Yu, Myung-hwan of the Republic of Korea in response to the massive tsunami that struck American Samoa on Tuesday, September 29, 2009.

EMBASSY OF THE  
REPUBLIC OF KOREA,

*Washington, DC, October 5, 2009.*

Hon. ENI FALEOMAVEAGA,  
Chairman, Subcommittee on Asia, the Pacific,  
and the Global Environment, U.S. House  
Committee on Foreign Affairs.

DEAR MR. CHAIRMAN: It was with deep grief that I learned of the heavy loss of life and the disastrous property damages caused by the tsunami that swept your hometown, and would like to express my most profound sympathy and condolences to you and the people in the American Samoa, particularly to those who have lost their loved ones.

I earnestly hope for speedy relief and rehabilitation under your leadership.

Sincerely yours,

YU, MYUNG-HWAN,  
Minister of Foreign Affairs and Trade.

JAPAN'S MESSAGE OF SUPPORT OF THE PEOPLE OF AMERICAN SAMOA IN AFTERMATH OF DEVASTATING TSUNAMI

### HON. ENI F.H. FALEOMAVEAGA

OF AMERICAN SAMOA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 13, 2009*

Mr. FALEOMAVEAGA. Madam Speaker, I submit the following message of support from Ambassador Ichiro Fujisaki of Japan in response to the massive tsunami that struck American Samoa on Tuesday, September 29, 2009.

EMBASSY OF JAPAN,

*Washington, DC, September 30, 2009.*

Hon. ENI F.H. FALEOMAVEAGA,  
House of Representatives,  
Washington, DC.

DEAR REPRESENTATIVE FALEOMAVEAGA: It is with great sadness that I learned of the tragic loss of life in American Samoa due to yesterday's earthquake and tsunami. My condolences go out to the families and friends who have lost loved ones, and I pray for the speedy recovery of those who were injured as well as the communities that have suffered much damage.

The people of American Samoa have our heartfelt sympathies as they rebuild their homes and communities.

Sincerely,

ICHIRO FUJISAKI,  
Ambassador of Japan.

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE NANCY PELOSI'S MESSAGE OF SUPPORT TO THE PEOPLE OF AMERICAN SAMOA IN AFTERMATH OF DEVASTATING TSUNAMI

### HON. ENI F.H. FALEOMAVEAGA

OF AMERICAN SAMOA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 13, 2009*

Mr. FALEOMAVEAGA. Madam Speaker, I submit the following message of support from Speaker of the House NANCY PELOSI in response to the massive tsunami that struck American Samoa on Tuesday, September 29, 2009.

The thoughts of the entire Congress are with the people of American Samoa as they grapple with the terrible loss of life as a result of today's tsunami. As the island works to rebuild, all levels of the government, including Congress, will move quickly to address the needs of American Samoa and the Americans who live there.

HOUSE MAJORITY LEADER STENY H. HOYER'S MESSAGE OF SUPPORT TO THE PEOPLE OF AMERICAN SAMOA IN AFTERMATH OF DEVASTATING TSUNAMI

**HON. ENI F.H. FALEOMAVAEGA**

OF AMERICAN SAMOA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 13, 2009*

Mr. FALEOMAVAEGA. Madam Speaker, I submit the following message of support from House Majority Leader STENY H. HOYER in response to the massive tsunami that struck American Samoa on Tuesday, September 29, 2009:

I want to offer my deepest sympathy to all those in American Samoa and Samoa who lost loved ones in this terrible tragedy. We are all saddened by the loss of life and the scope of damage done. Our thoughts are with Eni Faleomavaega, American Samoa's delegate to the House of Representatives, and we will keep him and everyone affected in our prayers.

CHAIRMAN HOWARD L. BERMAN'S MESSAGE OF SUPPORT TO THE PEOPLE OF AMERICAN SAMOA IN AFTERMATH OF DEVASTATING TSUNAMI

**HON. ENI F.H. FALEOMAVAEGA**

OF AMERICAN SAMOA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 13, 2009*

Mr. FALEOMAVAEGA. Madam Speaker, I submit the following message of support from Chairman HOWARD L. BERMAN of the House Committee on Foreign Affairs in response to the massive tsunami that struck American Samoa on Tuesday, September 29, 2009:

I want to express my deepest condolences to the people of American Samoa and Samoa who have suffered great losses from the tsunami that swept the islands. The losses are staggering. The sympathy of the Foreign Affairs Committee is with our good friend and the chairman of the Subcommittee on Asia, the Pacific and the Global Environment, Eni Faleomavaega, the delegate from American Samoa. We commend him for his efforts and extend our fullest support during this trying time.

RECOGNIZING SUSAN ANN (LISTON) SKERBISH FOR HER SERVICE TO THE FIRST DISTRICT OF WISCONSIN

**HON. PAUL RYAN**

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 13, 2009*

Mr. RYAN of Wisconsin. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor Mrs. Susan Ann (Liston) Skerbish, Wisconsin's First Congressional District Constituent Services Representative.

I have been fortunate to work with staff whose attitude and outlook are positive. But Susie's sweet nature stands out. She joined my office fresh out of college as an idealistic young woman dedicated to the cause of freedom and the desire to help make our society a better place. Susie's winsome smile has al-

ways brought sunshine to our office, uplifting morale on the busiest and most difficult days.

By now she has assisted hundreds of religious and nonprofit organizations to secure the grants to help fulfill their social mission, as well as local governments to receive the share of federal resources to which they are entitled. Her contribution to the well-being of Wisconsinites has been tremendous.

In the time since she came to my office, Susie became a loving wife and has recently become a new mom. With her sweet nature and great attitude, all of us in the First District offices feel like part of her family.

I am pleased to recognize Susie's 10 years of service to Wisconsinites in the First District.

TRIBUTE TO NEW A.M.E. ZION CHURCH

**HON. BILL PASCRELL, JR.**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 13, 2009*

Mr. PASCRELL. Madam Speaker, I would like to call to your attention the work of an outstanding religious institution, New A.M.E. Zion Church in Paterson, New Jersey, which is celebrating its 60th Anniversary of dedicated service to its parishioners, and by extension, the greater community.

It is only fitting that New A.M.E. Zion Church be honored in this, the permanent record of the greatest democracy ever known, for the spiritual home it has provided to American families, and its dedication to the entire community that helps keep this deeply rooted congregation growing towards the future.

The New A.M.E. Zion Church was organized at the home of Mrs. Augusta McCormick, on Fair Street in Paterson in May 1949. The first service as a Church was held on the first Sunday of June 1949 with 69 members. The Rev. Frank Thomas Roberts was founder of the Church, and he inspired the members to make it into a thriving faith community. With the financial support of Mr. John Spencer, Mrs. Florence Spencer, Mr. Robert Robertson, and Mrs. Elnora Tourse, a building located at 140 Lawrence Place was purchased to serve as a place of worship.

Rev. Roberts served as pastor until he was reassigned, and Rev. M.R. Cuthbertson was the second pastor. He brought many young people into the Church. He was followed by Rev. J.O. Fountain, and the Rev. Wesley Brown, who began in 1957. Numerous new programs were started and the first organ was purchased in addition to the first parsonage. Rev. Brown organized a building fund, but instead of building a church they purchased the former Holy Cross Polish National Church, at 153 Lawrence Place. This has been the home of New A.M.E. Zion since 1965. The first service was held there in May and Presiding Bishop William H. Smith formally dedicated it in December of that year. Rev. Brown served until his health declined and Rev. Wallace Lee was assigned. The Church continued to prosper under his leadership. The next pastor was Rev. Dr. Albert J. White, who was assigned in 1976. During his 24 years as pastor, membership grew and many capital improvements were made. A food pantry was started, as well as a summer free lunch program for children in the community and outreach programs for

the youth and their families. When Dr. White retired, Rev. Wayne Harris was assigned for a few months, until Rev. Robert C. Russell, who currently still serves as pastor, was assigned.

The New A.M.E. Zion Church currently has many ministries, including Music, Prayer Band, Youth, Health Awareness, Food Pantry, and Van Transportation. Scholarship Fund Committee, Summer Reading, Sunday School, Prayer Meeting, Bible Study and Christian Development are all offered.

Each of the pastors, with the assistance of the other ministers, bishops, and presiding elders as well as the membership, has helped to keep the Church growing and strengthening throughout the last six decades. I am certain that New A.M.E. Zion Church will continue to thrive and to help to better the surrounding community as it moves into the next chapter in its history.

The job of a United States Congressman involves much that is rewarding, yet nothing compares to learning about and recognizing the efforts of wonderful, thriving faith communities like New A.M.E. Zion Church.

Madam Speaker, I ask that you join all of the members and clergy of New A.M.E. Zion Church, all those whose faith has been enriched throughout the years, and me in recognizing the outstanding contributions of New A.M.E. Zion Church to the community and beyond.

RECOGNIZING SHOWROOM SHINE ON THEIR 2009 HOODIE AWARD

**HON. WM. LACY CLAY**

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 13, 2009*

Mr. CLAY. Madam Speaker, I am pleased to rise before you today to recognize a star in St. Louis County's active small business community, Showroom Shine, for their 2009 Hoodie Award. The Hoodie Awards aim to recognize excellence in the lives of everyday Americans who contribute their leadership to urban communities. The 7th annual award ceremony honored co-owners Sylvester Chisom and Arthur Shivers with the award for Best Detail Shop. We in the Show Me State are proud that Showroom Shine, a standout in the field of auto detailing and vehicle restoration, is one of our very own.

Sylvester Chisom and Arthur Shivers truly exemplify the entrepreneurial spirit that continues to be the backbone of the American economy. Outfitted only with a water hose, bucket, and drain, Chisom and Shivers started Showroom Shine in 1999 as high school seniors. Showroom Shine has grown into a highly successful detailing company, winning their second Hoodie Award this year. Showroom Shine is known city-wide for their professionalism and personalized service, and hold contracts with numerous corporate and government entities, including the U.S. Postal Service, Enterprise Rental & Leasing, Clear Channel Radio, and Live Nation.

They take seriously their duty to pass along their success to the community and to future business leaders. The two pioneers have penned a book, "The Young Entrepreneur's Guide to Success," aimed at spreading the message of entrepreneurship to young people seeking advice and mentorship for their business ventures. Showroom Shine is a bright

example of ingenuity and diligence. I stand before you offering heartfelt congratulations for their recent accolades and applaud their entrepreneurial excellence.

HONORING JAMES ALLEN CLOAR

**HON. RUSS CARNAHAN**

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 13, 2009*

Mr. CARNAHAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to give recognition for outstanding service by James Allen Cloar to the residents and City of Saint Louis as President and CEO of the Partnership for downtown St. Louis.

Mr. Cloar worked to revitalize America's heartland by improving the living conditions and safety of one of America's greatest cities, the City of Saint Louis.

He brought over a 100 new businesses and 11,000 new residents back into the downtown area of the City of Saint Louis. In doing so, Mr. Cloar secured accolades and recognition for the City, including the All American City Award.

Madam Speaker, James Cloar enjoys the love and support of his family, and I would also like to recognize them.

He is so proud of Anne Bock Cloar, his wife of over 40 years; his daughters Tracy Cloar Rogers and Jennifer Cloar Smith, along with their husbands; and his granddaughters Haley, Alexandria, Skyla, and Phoebe.

I commend Mr. Cloar's dedication to his family, his service to the City of St. Louis, and his work to bring about the revitalization of City's downtown area.

RECOGNIZING TERESA MORA FOR HER SERVICE TO THE FIRST DISTRICT OF WISCONSIN

**HON. PAUL RYAN**

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 13, 2009*

Mr. RYAN of Wisconsin. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor Miss Teresa Mora. Teresa is the Field Representative in my district office and has worked with me for more than ten years.

Teresa's personal experience is an embodiment of the American Dream. She was born in Mexico to a loving and close family. They recognized the opportunities for prosperity and freedom which the United States held out to them, and made the difficult decision to come to this country in pursuit of a better life for themselves and their children.

Teresa is conscientious and loyal. Her unique experience has given her a great love for her adopted country combined with passion to help others of Hispanic background who make up a considerable part of Wisconsin's First Congressional District.

Teresa's sincerity and heart of gold help her to win the confidence of immigrants who need assistance in working with the federal government. With bilingual skills, she works comfortably within the immigrant community to build trust and candor to help solve documentation and other government-related problems.

In her role as a representative working in a conservative Republican Congressional office,

Teresa has at times encountered hostility based on misunderstanding. Teresa is never partisan, but her positive experience as an American citizen empowers her with a sincere message of hope and success in this country that never fails to open minds and hearts.

I am proud to acknowledge the excellent service and positive efforts Teresa Mora has made over ten years to make life better for the families of Wisconsin's First Congressional District.

MICHAEL CAVANAUGH

**HON. MICHAEL E. McMAHON**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 13, 2009*

Mr. McMAHON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Michael Cavanaugh, a dedicated Staten Islander, dear friend, tireless community organizer, and great humanitarian who will be retiring this year.

Mr. Cavanaugh was born to Daniel and Mary Cavanaugh on June 23, 1949, in Astoria, Queens. He attended McKee Vocational High School, and served as an Apprentice with Local Union 3. He went on to a career as an outstanding electrician. He has dedicated the last 15 years of his working career as a local shop steward and active union representative fighting for the best benefits and working conditions for his fellow workers.

Throughout his career, he has always advocated for the interest of his fellow electricians and his community. He has served as the Vice President of the Dakota Group, a local group of individuals dedicated to helping our community. He has also served as the Legislative Coordinator for the Staten Island Electrical Club, North Shore Democratic Club, the Ancient Order of Hibernians, the Brighton Kiwanis, and the Special Olympics.

Mr. Cavanaugh is known for his never-ending generosity. In addition to the many groups that he belongs to and supports, Mr. Cavanaugh also, on his own time and without any remuneration, has helped numerous people, families and organizations on Staten Island. To name a few, he has helped replace the lighting at St. Peter's Church, helped install a scoreboard at St. Paul's School, and he has helped many homeless people fix up apartments so they can have a decent place to live. Mr. Cavanaugh is one of the most generous people I know.

Mr. Cavanaugh has helped the campaigns of just about every Staten Island Democratic candidate over the last 15 years. His assistance has been essential to the success of many campaigns including mine. No job is too big or too small for Mike. He will help in any way possible.

Outside of his professional life, Mr. Cavanaugh is a devoted family man. He has been married to his wife, Monica, for the past 35 years. He is the father to his son, Daniel, and daughter, Erin. He is also the beloved grandfather to James. In addition to his family, Mike is totally devoted to his wonderful Golden Retriever, Rusty.

Madam Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in commending Mr. Cavanaugh on his dedication to the people of Staten Island and wish him a happy and healthy retirement.

ON THE RETIREMENT OF COLONEL STEPHEN M. CHRISTIAN, UNITED STATES ARMY

**HON. RUSH D. HOLT**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 13, 2009*

Mr. HOLT. Madam Speaker, I want to take a moment to honor a fine officer who will shortly be leaving active duty. Colonel Stephen M. Christian will be retiring from the United States Army on October 21, 2009 after more than 30 years of active military service, culminating as Garrison Commander for the United States Army Garrison, Fort Monmouth, New Jersey.

Colonel Christian enlisted in the Army in 1978 and in 1984 attended Officer Candidate School and was commissioned as an Air Defense Artillery Officer. Throughout his career Colonel Christian has held numerous high level command and staff positions, including tours with the 7th Infantry Division (Light) at Fort Ord, California; the 25th Infantry Division (Light) at Schofield Barracks, Hawaii; and the 10th Mountain Division at Fort Drum, New York. He commanded at the Battalion level on two occasions and served two tours of duty in Afghanistan in support of Operation Enduring Freedom, during which he was awarded two Bronze Star medals. Colonel Christian's civilian education includes a Master's of Science in Administration and a Master of Security Strategy from the National War College, National Defense University. Colonel Christian is married to Laura Christian and they have two adult children, Captain Nicholas Christian and Leslie Roop.

Madam Speaker, our active duty families make many sacrifices for the rest of us, and this is especially true of those who make the military their career. I thank COL Christian for his long and honorable service to our nation, and I wish him and his wife Laura the very best as they prepare to enter a new phase in their life journey together.

RECOGNIZE CHIPS FAMILY VIOLENCE CENTER IN ERWIN, TN DURING DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH

**HON. DAVID P. ROE**

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 13, 2009*

Mr. ROE of Tennessee. Madam Speaker, October is Domestic Violence Awareness month, and great organizations such as CHIPS Family Violence Center in Erwin, Tennessee are educating the community on the dynamics of domestic violence.

This exceptional organization has an important mission to provide shelter and service to victims of domestic violence and their children, ultimately, enabling them to begin and maintain a life free of violence.

This month, CHIPS Family Violence Center in Erwin is holding their third annual candle light service. This event will not only educate the community, it will also honor victims and bring attention to their struggle.

Madam Speaker, the help, opportunity and encouragement provided by CHIPS Family Violence Center is helping families throughout

Tennessee. I want to thank the shelter, the volunteers and our law enforcement for working together towards a safer and healthier community each day.

RECOGNIZING CHAD ALLEN HERBERT FOR HIS SERVICE TO THE FIRST DISTRICT OF WISCONSIN

**HON. PAUL RYAN**

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 13, 2009*

Mr. RYAN of Wisconsin. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor Chad Allen Herbert, who is the Constituent Services Representative for military issues in my district office.

Chad is the "big brother" of our district office staff. He joined my staff ten years ago as an Army reservist with special concern for the problems and challenges of military personnel and their families. Many of these problems involve the byzantine structure of bureaucracies at the Departments of Defense and Veterans Affairs. Chad made it his business to learn and understand how to navigate the maze of these military agencies. As a result, he has done more over the years to help men and women of the First Congressional District who serve in the armed services than anyone I know of.

Among the most sobering duties of my office is speaking words of comfort to families who have just lost a loved one in military service. Chad has often followed up my initial conversations or substituted for me during the worst moments in the lives of military families. His poise, tact, and professionalism have never failed to be appreciated as he has honored the fallen and their families. Indeed Chad has a passion for making sure our veterans are honored for their extraordinary service to our country. He takes special pride in getting our vets the recognition they deserve, for example, by helping World War Two and Vietnam veterans acquire the medals they were awarded but never received.

Chad was a recent college grad when he began in my office ten years ago, and has since married and is raising a fine family. I am privileged to recognize his ten years of service in my office to the military families of Wisconsin's First District.

THE MARKET IS RESPONDING TO FAILING MORTGAGES

**HON. LAMAR SMITH**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 13, 2009*

Mr. SMITH of Texas. Madam Speaker, one of America's top concerns during this difficult economic time has been the frequency of home mortgage foreclosures.

Earlier this month, there was news to encourage us. Efforts by banks, borrowers and the Administration to modify troubled mortgages have begun to produce much larger numbers of modifications.

As banks have stabilized their balance sheets and raised fresh capital, their officers even have been able to reduce borrowers' mortgage principal when they work out loans.

Modifications that reduce the balances that borrowers owe on their homes have more than tripled.

Earlier this year, Congress debated legislation to change the Bankruptcy Code and force principal reductions on the market. The measure was rightly defeated. To send homeowners into bankruptcy is not the answer and forced principal reductions will chill future lending.

Recently, calls for bankruptcy legislation re-emerged in the House. This month's news shows once more that the measure is not needed. The market has found a better solution.

Americans need Congress to do something else to help homeowners. Let's pass effective legislation to bring growth and jobs back to America. That is the better way to help people keep their homes.

TRIBUTE TO CHRISTOPHER FRENZE

**HON. KEVIN BRADY**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 13, 2009*

Mr. BRADY of Texas. Madam Speaker, I rise today to offer a tribute to Mr. Christopher Frenze, Republican House Staff Director for the Joint Economic Committee, who is retiring this week from a distinguished career in government service. Chris has been a longtime public servant of this Committee and a tremendous asset to both my office and this Congressional body.

After earning his B.A. from American University and doing graduate work in economics at Virginia Tech, Chris served as Director of Research at the National Tax Equality Association. Chris began a long and extraordinary career at the Joint Economic Committee in 1981, holding such positions as Senior Economist, Chief Economist to the Vice Chairman, Executive Director and Republican Staff Director.

Over the years, Chris focused the Committee's research and policy work on several key fields of economics, such as tax policy, fiscal policy, and business cycle analysis, including the assessment of labor market conditions. This research aided countless Members considering tax policy changes, monetary policy targets, IMF reform, and numerous other issues. His career has been distinguished by his relentless effort to promote the public interest, encourage economic growth, reduce the burden of government and respect the Constitution.

Chris's knowledge of economic policy is only one of his many talents. He is recognized as an effective, successful manager who recruited valuable economists that served the Committee for many years. His work serving Senate and House Republicans Members of the Committee, in both the majority and in the minority, has given him unique insights into the way the Committee and the Congress functions, and his expertise, vast institutional knowledge and constant professionalism will be sorely missed.

Chris Frenze represents the very best in public service. I know I can speak for all of my colleagues on the Joint Economic Committee, and those Members that have served on it in

the past, in congratulating Chris upon his retirement and thanking him for his dedicated and tireless service to the United States Congress.

RECOGNIZING DANYELL TREMMEL FOR HER SERVICE TO THE FIRST DISTRICT OF WISCONSIN

**HON. PAUL RYAN**

OF WISCONSIN

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Mr. RYAN of Wisconsin. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor Miss Danyell Tremmel, our District Director, for more than 10 years of work in the First Congressional District of Wisconsin office serving my constituents.

Danyell has actually been working for the people of the District even longer than I have. When Mark Neumann represented the District in the House of Representatives, she was his only caseworker. Thus she was already a seasoned "veteran" when she agreed to continue on my own staff as I succeeded Congressman Neumann in 1999. Since then she has become something of a "big sister" to newer staff

Anyone who has shared the day to day experience of casework in a Congressional office knows the strains and frustrations, in addressing legitimately upset constituents on the one hand and the bureaucratic slip-ups that have adversely impacted their lives on the other. Over the years, Danyell learned how to negotiate her way through the red tape to resolve these issues. She is very intelligent and patient. Her serenity under stress is invaluable and has inspired her coworkers.

Danyell directs my district office operations whenever the Chief of Staff is unavailable, and will be doing so for an extended time while he serves his country on military duty in Iraq.

Danyell has kept her enthusiasm, high standards, and work ethic as she has worked with me for the people of the First District. I am pleased to recognize her for more than 10 years of selfless dedication.

HONORING PHILADELPHIA SENIOR CENTER

**HON. ROBERT A. BRADY**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 13, 2009*

Mr. BRADY of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor Philadelphia Senior Center for 60 years of outstanding service to their community.

Founded by the Female Society for the Relief and Employment of the Poor, Philadelphia Senior Center has been enriching the lives of seniors in Philadelphia since 1949. From its modest beginnings, Philadelphia Senior Center (PSC) has expanded to three branches around the city. PSC centers and services are free to any individual over the age of 55, and over 60 percent of PSC members have incomes well below the poverty level. Combined, these centers assist over 5,000 clients and members each year.

PSC provides an incredible array of services and aid to seniors in the Philadelphia area.

Nearly 400 nutritious meals are provided daily and 70,000 yearly, at the PSC branches. Over 70 classes and activities are offered at PSC, ranging from Tai Chi to art classes to computer use instruction. PSC also maintains the crucial Financial Management Service. The only program of its kind in Southeastern Pennsylvania, Financial Management Service enables seniors to make sound financial decisions for their households. PSC also has trained counselors and staff to help with housing issues seniors might face. These PSC workers help find affordable housing and resolve issues and disputes for its members.

For 60 years, Philadelphia Senior Center has been dedicated to advancing the wellbeing and personal growth of all seniors. I ask that you and my other distinguished colleagues join me in thanking the Philadelphia Senior Center for all they have done to improve the lives of thousands of people in Philadelphia and beyond.

ON THE PASSING OF SENATOR  
EDWARD KENNEDY

HON. JESSE L. JACKSON, JR.

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 13, 2009*

Mr. JACKSON of Illinois. Madam Speaker, I rise today to express my condolences to the family and friends of one of my most prestigious colleagues, Senator Edward M. Kennedy.

Senator Kennedy lived one of the most extraordinary lives in American political history. He was the last brother of one of America's most storied families; one of our all-time great senators; and a champion for human rights. His legislative accomplishments have touched and improved the lives of virtually everyone who lived in this great country for the past half a century.

Albert C. Caswell approached me shortly after Senator Kennedy's funeral with a poem he wrote titled, "Our Nation's Tears". My colleagues may recognize Mr. Caswell's familiar face as he has served as a Tour Guide in the U.S. Capitol for the past 23 years. I was moved by Mr. Caswell's poem and he has asked that I submit it in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD. I ask unanimous consent to add my statement and his poem to the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD and I encourage my colleagues to read it.

OUR NATION'S TEARS  
(By Albert Carey Caswell)

Our . . .  
Our Nation's Tears . . .  
As so now lie here!  
For one of America's finest son's, this oh so  
cherished one . . .  
A Champion, for Fathers, Mothers, Sisters,  
Brothers, Daughters and Sons. . .  
For Seniors, and our most precious of all  
ones . . . our Children . . .  
For America, and all of these ones!  
Our Lion of The Senate Ted, so very dear  
. . .  
As it's for or thee, we now so shed such tears  
. . .  
As down our quivering cheeks they now so  
run!  
All for you Ted, and your great American  
family my son . . .  
And that great love story, that our Lord God  
had so begun!  
And that great Irish family, that came from  
far across those seas . . .

But, for a better life to be . . .  
And that great void now so left, as upon our  
souls as now so etched . . .  
And that great hole in all our hearts, this  
abyss . . .

Ah, but lies such depth . . .  
All in this great caesium, with us you have  
so left . . .

For this our nation, our Teddy bear . . . you  
have so blessed!

As our tears fall like the rains . . .  
As it's for you Teddy, we now so cry out all  
in our pain . . .

As comes from our swollen eyes . . .  
As it's for or you, our shining Knight. . . we  
now so weep . . .

For in our heart's, you . . . we shall so keep!  
As we pray to our Lord above, that your soul  
he shall so reap!

For our True Champion, has so died!  
As like Your Profile's in Courage, we too  
must so rise!

As you have so taught our nation, so over  
the many years . . .  
That out of such loss, such heartache . . .  
and such swollen tears . . .

That somehow, light too can come!  
And that somehow, we must all so persevere!  
With A Smile, With A Grin . . .

With The Heart of A Child, and a work ethic  
so then!

And to cherish each new day, as it begins!  
And make each new day count! Time and  
time, and time again!

And hold your families ever so close!  
For this is life's full measure, that which so  
means the most!

Sail on my Son! We will hear your heart on  
the ocean's setting sun's . . .  
Our beautiful brother from Boston!

For Heaven so hold's a place, for our most  
precious one!

For such men, of such courage, kindness,  
style and grace . . .  
And who have worked and prayed for re-  
demption, in all they've faced!

And live by such undying Faith!  
Of such men so bright, who have all our  
heart's so bathed in all their light . . .

As the baby bore the load, lesson's learned  
. . . profiles in courage he so earned  
. . .

How, Teddy raised his head each day. . . was  
but a lesson for all of us to stay!

To take heart, to take pause . . . all in your  
pain, and remember his life cause . . .  
To remember his smile, and ever his heart of  
a child . . .

And that up in Heaven on this day . . .  
Four brothers are so reunited, in a football  
game . . .

"And remember, that the work goes on!"  
"The cause endures!"  
"The hope still lives!"

"And the dream shall never die!"  
Ted, our most precious one . . . can you but  
not in Heaven hear my son?

All of Our Nation's swollen tears, these ones!  
And for you, our Nation cry!

In loving memory of Senator Edward Ken-  
nedy, May our Lord bless you our warm son,  
and your family.

RECOGNIZING JOYCE YAMAT  
MEYER FOR HER SERVICE TO  
THE FIRST DISTRICT OF WIS-  
CONSIN

HON. PAUL RYAN

OF WISCONSIN

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Mr. RYAN of Wisconsin. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor Joyce Yamat Meyer, our Washington office Chief of Staff and now Acting Chief of Staff over all office operations.

Joyce is a native of Wisconsin. Since 1995 we have worked together in several different offices. I myself was a Congressional staffer when I met Joyce. I quickly recognized her great abilities. When the member she worked for retired from the House of Representatives, I persuaded my employer, Senator BROWNBACK, to bring her on board.

After my election in 1998 I invited Joyce to become my Legislative Director. Since that time, her skills and knowledge have grown with her responsibilities. I have also been pleased to watch her become a wonderful wife, mom, and leader.

Joyce is one of my partners in serving the people of Wisconsin's First Congressional District. Her home town is Franklin, Wisconsin. Following state redistricting in 2002, she was thrilled to find that her home was now in the First District. Ever since, serving her home town neighbors has been a point of pride for Joyce.

I have worked with Joyce longer than anyone in my office. I am pleased to recognize Joyce Yamat Meyer for more than ten years of excellent work with me in serving the people of the First District.

HONORING BREAST CANCER  
AWARENESS MONTH

HON. JOHN B. LARSON

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 13, 2009*

Mr. LARSON of Connecticut. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Breast Cancer Awareness Month, and the nationwide effort to fight one of the most prevalent cancers in the United States. For 25 years, we have used the month of October to highlight the admirable work in the campaign against breast cancer while also recognizing that we still have a great fight ahead of us. While there are over 2.5 million breast cancer survivors in the United States, at least 40,000 more women are dying every year. One out of every eight women is afflicted, and my home state of Connecticut has the third highest rate of new breast cancer cases in the country.

Recently the fight turned personal for me and my hometown of East Hartford. Judy Geier, a local 14-year veteran firefighter, wife of a police officer, and mother of five, was diagnosed with breast cancer in July and is currently undergoing chemotherapy. She expects surgery and radiation treatment in the near future. I am proud of how Judy has shown strength and courage in this battle, and how the East Hartford Fire Department, led by Fire Chief John Oates, and the entire town have rallied around Geier and her family during this trying time.

This was exemplified with the work of the Department did to bring the Pink Heals Tour to East Hartford. Founded by Arizona firefighter, Mr. Dave Graybill, the Pink Heals Tour is engaged in a nationwide mission, armed with a caravan of pink fire trucks, to raise funds and involvement in communities to prevent and treat breast cancer. When the East Hartford firefighters learned of the Pink Heals Tour and its mission, they worked hard to bring the Tour to East Hartford on behalf of

Judy. Pink Heals obliged, adding a last-minute stop to their nationwide journey.

On October 1st, surrounded by the East Hartford Fire Department, community leaders, and the Geier Family, the Pink Heals Tour awarded Judy with a pink fire helmet in support of her admirable fight.

As a nation we have made significant strides to increase the survival rate and improve the lives of millions of women who have battled breast cancer. However, there is still a great amount of work to be done to raise awareness and improve access to preventive

and treatment services for every woman. I am confident that with greater funding, increased awareness nationwide, and community support as displayed in East Hartford, we can come together and win this fight.