

Humanitarian Award from the Shrewsbury Democratic Town Committee.

Raised in a family devoted to the ideals President Franklin Delano Roosevelt and Eleanor Roosevelt espoused, John Keeton grew up with and advocated for such beliefs throughout his career as an attorney and political activist. Mr. Keeton, along with his wife Patricia, has been involved in campaigns for prominent figures such as Governor Deval Patrick and Hillary Clinton. I will be forever grateful for his friendship over the years.

Throughout his distinguished career, John Keeton has been involved in both the Westborough and Shrewsbury Democratic Town Committees. Having distinguished himself as the Chair of the Shrewsbury Town Committee, Mr. Keeton not only presided over a period of great success for the committee, but became widely recognized as a loyal and committed Democrat in Worcester County.

John Keeton's dedication to the principles of justice and Democratic ideals has worked to positively enhance Worcester County. His tireless efforts and activism is admired by many, including those who Mr. Keeton has campaigned for. In tribute to his outstanding efforts for the Democratic Committees throughout the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, I congratulate Mr. Keeton on receiving this award. I know my colleagues will join me in paying tribute to him today.

HONORING THE SOUTH TEXAS  
COUNCIL ON ALCOHOL AND  
DRUG ABUSE

**HON. HENRY CUELLAR**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, October 15, 2009*

Mr. CUELLAR. Madam Speaker,

Whereas, the South Texas Council on Alcohol and Drug Abuse was founded in 1990 by a group of concerned citizens who wished to address issues related to substance abuse; and

Whereas, October 15th is National Latino AIDS Awareness Day; and

Whereas, Latinos represent 15% of the U.S. population, but make up 18% of new HIV infections; and

Whereas, Latino women are infected with HIV at a rate of up to four times greater than other women; and

Whereas, citizens from Hebbronville, Zapata, Roma, Rio Grande established the South Texas Council on Alcohol and Drug Abuse 19 years ago as a nonprofit agency; and

Whereas, the agency was created out of a grant from the Texas Commission on Alcohol and Drug Abuse to develop a Statewide Initiative Council for the four county regions consisting of Jim Hogg, Starr, Webb, and Zapata; and

Whereas, the South Texas Council on Alcohol and Drug Abuse was established to provide screening, assessment, referrals related to substance abuse, and education services to the region for substance abuse; and

Whereas, the South Texas Council on Alcohol and Drug Abuse has expanded its services to include HIV prevention, treatment, and Voces Fronterizas—an HIV prevention and intervention program from the CDC; and

Whereas, the South Texas Council on Alcohol and Drug Abuse has expanded their role to encompass not only that of being a Clinical Training Institute but also providing intervention outreach studies to impoverished border communities like the colonias; and

Whereas, the South Texas Council on Alcohol and Drug Abuse has served over 12,000 clients through HIV programs in the past 6 years; and

Whereas, the South Texas Council on Alcohol and Drug Abuse has invested over \$1,000,000 annually on HIV programs; and

*Be it hereby resolved*, that Congressman HENRY CUELLAR, in representing the 28th Congressional District of the State of Texas, honors the contributions of the South Texas Council on Alcohol and Drug Abuse for their exceptional service to South Texas communities.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. MICHAEL M. HONDA**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, October 15, 2009*

Mr. HONDA. Madam Speaker, on Wednesday, October 14th, I was unavoidably detained due to official business at the White House and was not present for a number of roll call votes.

Had I been present I would have voted: "Yea" on Rollcall 776, H.R. 1327, the Iran Sanctions Enabling Act of 2009.

"Yea" on Rollcall 777, H. Res. 816, mourning the loss of life caused by the earthquakes and tsunamis that occurred on September 29, 2009, in American Samoa and Samoa.

"Yea" on Rollcall 778, H. Res. 786, commemorating the canonization of Father Damien de Veuster, SS.CC. to sainthood.

"Yea" on Rollcall 779, H.R. 3371, the Airline Safety and Pilot Training Improvement Act of 2009.

RECOGNIZING THE 140TH ANNIVERSARY  
OF THE BIRTH OF MAHATMA  
GANDHI

SPEECH OF

**HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, October 14, 2009*

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise in strong support of this resolution. I join my colleagues in celebrating the amazing life and accomplishments of Mahatma Gandhi. Through his fearless leadership in promoting civil rights and justice for the people of India, he demonstrated the power of non-violent civil disobedience to effect change. He has contributed immeasurably to the legacy of peace.

While I wholeheartedly support this resolution, the best way for this body to recognize Gandhi's accomplishments is to stop funding the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Stability in Iraq and Afghanistan cannot be achieved as long as war and occupation are the tools with which we purport to build peace. When the U.S. kills innocent civilians and destroys families, homes and communities, the results often incite fear and rage. After more

than 8 years of war in Afghanistan and more than 6 years of war in Iraq it is clear that lasting peace and stability cannot emerge from such beginnings.

Rather, stability is best fomented through the seeds of peace such as upholding human rights, promoting social and economic justice, and ensuring education, employment and access to basic goods and services. Regrettably, the billions of dollars of funding that this body has dedicated to the wars have devastated Iraq and Afghanistan. If this body wants to see peace and stability in Iraq and Afghanistan, the U.S. must stop engaging in policies of aggression.

I strongly support this bill, the powerful accomplishments of the great Mahatma Gandhi, and urge my colleagues to honor his vision.

FORT MASSAC

**HON. JOHN SHIMKUS**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, October 15, 2009*

Mr. SHIMKUS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to mark the unveiling of a commemorative mural at Fort Massac in Massac County, Illinois.

Fort Massac was built on the bank of the Ohio River in 1757 by the French during the French and Indian War. In 1794, during the Northwest Indian War, President George Washington ordered the fort be rebuilt. For the next 20 years Fort Massac protected U.S. military and commercial interests in the Ohio Valley.

In the fall of 1803, the Lewis and Clark Expedition stopped and recruited two volunteers at Fort Massac as they journeyed west. The Fort Massac site was designated a State Park in 1908, becoming the first Illinois State Park.

Every October, the Fort Massac Encampment draws 80,000 visitors to re-create the lifestyles and atmosphere of the late 1700s. As a part of this year's celebration on October 17th and 18th, the Fort Massac Museum is unveiling a mural depicting a restored cabin from the early 1800s. More than 100,000 visitors are expected to attend the celebration to take part in the mural unveiling.

I want to congratulate the volunteers, supporters, and everyone else who helped make this mural and museum such a great success. I wish them my best as they open this new exhibit to offer a glimpse into the fascinating history of the United States and Illinois.

IMMIGRATION LAWS WORK

**HON. LAMAR SMITH**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, October 15, 2009*

Mr. SMITH of Texas. Madam Speaker, the New York Times once again misses the mark with its latest immigration editorial, "Wrong Paths to Immigration Reform."

The Times wrongly suggests that the 287(g) program should be used only for serious criminals.

As one of the authors of the legislation that created 287(g), I can testify that Congress created 287(g) to let state and local law enforcement officials help enforce all immigration laws, not a select few.