

the position as Secretary of the Army, he was faced with numerous challenges that had left the reputation of that organization in low esteem. However, through hard work and determination, he has helped to repair the Army's standing and has placed it on a positive track for the future.

Madam Speaker, Pete Geren is a dutiful public servant, and I encourage all of my colleagues to join me in recognizing and honoring his achievements in Congress and at the Department of Defense.

TRIBUTE TO WALID J. BADDOURA,  
MD

**HON. BILL PASCRELL, JR.**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 20, 2009*

Mr. PASCRELL. Madam Speaker, I would like to call to your attention the work of an outstanding individual, Dr. Walid J. Baddoura, who was recognized with the 2009 Kendrick P. Lance, MD Distinguished Physician Award, on October 17, 2009 for his distinguished service in the field of medicine.

It is only fitting that he be honored in this, the permanent record of the greatest democracy ever known, for his story truly embodies the American Dream.

Dr. Baddoura serves as the President of the Medical Staff of St. Joseph's Regional Medical Center in Paterson, New Jersey. He is also the Program Director of the Gastroenterology Fellowship Program. His dedication to the medical profession is also evidenced in his leadership at the Seton Hall University School of Health and Medical Services, where he serves as Chief of the Gastroenterology Division, and the Program Director for its Gastroenterology Fellowship as well.

Dr. Baddoura embarked on his journey into the field of medicine at the American University of Beirut in Lebanon. Upon his graduation in 1976, he left Lebanon for New Jersey, and first joined the St. Joseph's family as a resident in Internal Medicine. He later left New Jersey for Connecticut, where he pursued a fellowship at the Yale-affiliated Gastroenterology Program in Waterbury and New Haven. He is board certified in internal medicine and gastroenterology.

He returned to St. Joseph's and since then has taken an active role in the education of students, residents and fellows. In 1986 he was appointed the Chief of the Gastroenterology Division, and since 1992, has held this position along with the aforementioned directorship at Seton Hall University School of Health and Medical Services. He also maintains a private practice in Clifton.

At St. Joseph's, Dr. Baddoura serves on many committees and has been on the Medical Board for several years, as a member and also as an officer. He has represented St. Joseph's Regional Medical Center on the Board of Trustees of the Passaic County Medical Society. This past June, the Northern New Jersey Council of the Boy Scouts of America honored him with the Distinguished Health Care Service Award. Dr. Baddoura resides in Pompton Plains and is the proud uncle of six nieces and nephews.

The job of a United States Congressman involves much that is rewarding, yet nothing

compares to learning about and recognizing the efforts of exceptional individuals like Dr. Baddoura.

Madam Speaker, I ask that you join our colleagues, Dr. Baddoura's family and friends, all those who have been helped by him, and me in recognizing the outstanding contributions of Dr. Walid J. Baddoura to his community.

SUPPORTING THE MISSION AND GOALS OF NATIONAL DISABILITY EMPLOYMENT AWARENESS MONTH OCTOBER 2009

**HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS-**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 20, 2009*

Mr. TOWNS. Madam Speaker, I rise today in support of the observance of National Disability Employment Awareness Month. In observance of National Disability Employment Awareness Month, I express my appreciation to the nearly 55 million Americans with disabilities who have made significant contributions to the American workforce.

As a proud sponsor of the Americans with Disabilities Act, I salute this milestone legislation and other comprehensive efforts to create equal access to employment opportunities.

I am proud of efforts like AbilityOne, a laudable, federally-managed program that is the largest source of employment for the blind and those with severe disabilities. I was also a proud co-sponsor of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act that is providing vital stimulus dollars to programs under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) to help educate disabled children and youth.

This October, as we rededicate ourselves to increasing employment opportunities for disabled Americans, let us also honor the value, skills and contributions individuals with disabilities have made to the American workforce.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 50TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY OF MR. AND MRS. LAMAR DENKINS

**HON. MIKE ROGERS**

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 20, 2009*

Mr. ROGERS of Alabama. Madam Speaker, I respectfully request the attention of the House to pay recognition to an important day in the lives of two constituents and dear friends of mine, Mr. and Mrs. Lamar Denkins.

On October 25, 2009, Lamar and Joyce Denkins will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary. Lamar was born on March 12, 1935, and his wife, Joyce, was born on October 4, 1938.

Lamar and Joyce met while working at Anniston National Bank in Anniston, Alabama. They married on October 25, 1959, at Pleasant Valley Baptist Church.

Over the years, Lamar and Joyce have been blessed with two children, Susan and Jeffrey, as well as two grandchildren. Lamar has spent his life as a public servant as a minister and working for two different Members of Congress. He also served proudly in the Armed Forces.

On Sunday, October 25th, the couple along with their family and friends will celebrate their anniversary at West Weaver Baptist Church.

I would like to congratulate my friends, Lamar and Joyce, for reaching this important milestone in their lives. They are shining examples of love and dedication for us all, and I wish them and their family all the best at this important occasion.

HONORING THE LIFE AND WORK OF JUDGE WILLIAM WAYNE JUSTICE

**HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 20, 2009*

Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas. Madam Speaker, I rise today in remembrance of Judge William Wayne Justice who passed away on October 13, 2009 at the age of 89.

Judge Justice was one of the most remarkable judges in Texas history. Born in Athens, Texas on February 25, 1920, Justice's father actively encouraged him to pursue a career in law from a young age. The younger Justice went on to receive both an undergraduate and a law degree from the University of Texas before spending roughly four years in the army during World War II. Upon his return to the United States, he took up work at his father's law practice in Athens, and in 1961, he was selected by President Kennedy to be U.S. Attorney for the Eastern District of Texas. In 1968, Justice was appointed by President Johnson to be a U.S. District Judge for the Eastern District of Texas.

Judge Justice served in that capacity for more than 40 years and gave countless rulings that dramatically affected the way the State of Texas educated children, treated prisoners, and housed its poorest citizens. With an unwavering regard for the human condition, Justice ordered the integration of public housing, forbade inhumane treatment in prisons and the juvenile justice system, and upheld rulings that caused Texas to desegregate its schools. At a time when many of these decisions were unpopular, Justice made the hard choices and helped carry Texas into the modern era because of them.

Madam Speaker, I am incredibly grateful for the decisions and sacrifices Judge Justice made for the people of Texas and the entire country. I encourage my colleagues to join me in honoring and remembering this courageous sentinel who helped so many of our nation's most distressed citizens.

75TH ANNIVERSARY OF INDIANA FARM BUREAU INSURANCE

**HON. MARK E. SOUDER**

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 20, 2009*

Mr. SOUDER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Indiana Farm Bureau Insurance who celebrated, their 75th Anniversary on October 17th. Indiana Farm Bureau Insurance was originally founded in 1934 to cater to the unique insurance needs of our agriculture community. It has since expanded to provide