

D. Sillers, the founder of St. Margaret's Episcopal School and two other Episcopal schools in Orange County, California has been blessed by dynamic and dedicated leaders who willingly and unselfishly give their time and talent and make their communities a better place to live and work. Reverend Sillers dedicated his life and purpose to both God and education; he will be dearly missed.

Ernest Sillers was born October 2, 1910, in River John, Nova Scotia. When he was 18 years old, he answered his personal calling and decided to attend Gordon College in Wenham, Massachusetts. It was there he met the love of his life, Aldine, and they were married. Rev. Sillers graduated with a degree in theology and entered the ministry at First Baptist Church in Seabrook, New Hampshire. He studied for a master's degree and attended the Episcopal Seminary at Cambridge Seminary as a part-time student. His efforts led him to become an ordained Episcopal Priest. After serving in New England, Rev. Sillers moved to Pico Rivera where he was Vicar of the mission parish of St. Bartholomew. Because of his long time interest in education, Rev. Sillers obtained a teaching credential. In 1960, Rev. Sillers was called to be Rector of St. Mark's Episcopal Church in Downey, California. There, he was inspired to start his first school.

Fifteen years later, Ernest Sillers and Aldine were retired and living in Laguna Beach. The Bishop of the Diocese of Los Angeles had heard that people in the growing community of San Juan Capistrano would be served by an Episcopal church. He asked Rev. Sillers if he would be a temporary priest-in-chart to start the church and Sillers accepted. In October 1979, St. Margaret's Episcopal School was founded with 79 students and was located in temporary structures. The following year, the student population doubled and by 1986, a 12th grade class had graduated. Aldine, served as the school's founding librarian.

After the successful founding and growth of St. Margaret's, Rev. Sillers was ready for a new challenge. He went on to found St. John's Episcopal Church and School in Rancho Santa Margarita and, a few years later, St. Mary and All Angels Episcopal School in Aliso Viejo.

On October 15, 2009, Reverend Canon Ernest D. Sillers passed away. On behalf of all those who knew him, it is my honor to offer these remarks as a tribute to the life and legacy of Reverend Sillers. His life and presence will be sorely missed and I extend my condolences to his dear family and friends. His legacy of service and his vision of education live on.

CYBERSECURITY AWARENESS
MONTH

HON. JAMES R. LANGEVIN

OF RHODE ISLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 28, 2009

Mr. LANGEVIN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize October as the sixth annual National Cybersecurity Awareness Month. The theme for 2009, "Our Shared Responsibility," emphasizes the need for government agencies, businesses and especially private users to each take responsibility for their own online safety and not fall victim to cyber attacks that can spread to other users.

It is vital that the public is engaged and aware of how to properly utilize security software in order to protect their Social Security numbers, financial information, health information, and other personal data. We must all work together and take responsibility for securing our own networks and computers to ensure that government systems, personal data and even critical infrastructure remain safe from attack.

Improving public awareness of threats to home or office computer networks is a crucial step in working to make the Internet, and our critical data, more safe and secure. Due to the massive scope and scale of the Internet, fraud and malicious attacks will always persist in some form. However, educating the public about small steps, such as keeping up-to-date with the latest security patches or installing basic anti-virus software, can easily strengthen our economic and national security.

I applaud the Department of Homeland Security for sponsoring this month of outreach. As a Co-Founder and Co-Chairman of the House Cybersecurity Caucus, I will continue to fight to deliver the latest tools and training to support both our national security infrastructure, and the personal data of all Americans.

CONGRATULATING SANTA CLARA
UNIVERSITY AND CALIFORNIA
COLLEGE OF THE ARTS SOLAR
DECATHLON TEAM

HON. MICHAEL M. HONDA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 28, 2009

Mr. HONDA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Team California, a partnership between Santa Clara University and California College of the Arts, for placing third in the Department of Energy's 2009 International Solar Decathlon. I congratulate the students, faculty, administration, and sponsors for their tremendous accomplishments.

The Solar Decathlon competition challenged university teams from around the globe to design, build, and operate a solar energy powered home that incorporates energy efficiency, architectural creativity, and an applicable living style in order to illustrate the benefits and practical application of green living.

The team of Santa Clara University and the California College of the Arts was one of only 20 teams from around the world selected to compete in the 2009 Solar Decathlon, the only schools from California and from the entire West Coast involved in the competition. SCU and CCA were among the smallest schools in the Decathlon, but they excelled in the competition and received top scores for their remarkable "Refract House."

En route to placing 3rd overall, Team California placed first in the Architecture and Communications contests and earned second place for Appliances, Home Entertainment, and Engineering in the design and structure of their home. Their efforts and outstanding achievements at the 2009 Solar Decathlon are to be highly commended, and their work will contribute significantly to the future designs of solar powered homes.

The "Refract House" offered a wide array of eco-friendly features, including aesthetically-pleasing solar photovoltaic arrays, radiant

heating and cooling, double-paned windows and doors and top-of-the line energy-efficient appliances. Moreover, the house was largely composed from recycled waste, illustrated by their walls composed of used billboards and salvaged redwood.

Through their work in the Solar Decathlon, Santa Clara University and the California College of the Arts have shown that it is within our grasp to reduce carbon emissions and live off renewable energy. Santa Clara University is demonstrating this even beyond the Solar Decathlon as well, recently earning recognition from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's Green Power Partnership as one of the Nation's Top 20 Colleges and Universities using green power and qualifying for EPA's Green Power Leadership Club.

During the Decathlon competition, I had the pleasure of hosting a briefing in the U.S. Capitol during which the Team California members talked about their solar house, the technologies they used, and policy issues surrounding renewable energy. I was honored to have my California colleagues Representative ZOE LOFGREN and SAM FARR attend the briefing, and was proud of the work the students, faculty, and administrators did to educate Members of Congress and the public about the promise of renewable energy, which does not produce greenhouse gases and can reduce global warming.

Global warming threatens our economy, our coastal cities, and possibly the very existence of humanity. Expanding the use of renewable energy is a key development for improving American livelihoods and the livelihoods of individuals all over the world, who will gain greater control over their own lives as they gain control over the means of generating their energy, and the work of Team California will help to make that a reality.

The "Refract House" highlights the strengths and technological innovation of Silicon Valley, and I once again extend my congratulations and my thanks to Santa Clara University and the California College of the Arts for their strong representation of California and outstanding performance in the 2009 Solar Decathlon.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. BILL PASCRELL, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 28, 2009

Mr. PASCRELL. Madam Speaker, I want to state that yesterday I missed the final three rollcall votes of the day. Unfortunately I missed these votes because I had to return to my district.

Had I been present I would have voted "Nay" on rollcall vote No. 816 On Motion to Instruct Conferees—H.R. 2996—Department of Interior and Related Agencies Appropriations, 2010.

Had I been present I would have voted "Yea" on rollcall vote No. 817 On Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass, as Amended—H.R. 2489—National Land Remote Sensing Outreach Act.

Lastly, had I been present I would have voted "Yea" on rollcall vote No. 818 On Motion to Suspend the Rules and Agree—H. Res. 854—Recognizing Weber State University for the 120th anniversary of its founding as an institution of higher education.