

HONORING THE LIFE AND  
MEMORY OF DR. HAROLD HILD

**HON. LUIS V. GUTIERREZ**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 3, 2009*

Mr. GUTIERREZ. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and memory of Dr. Harold Hild. I met Dr. Hild when he was my English professor at Northeastern Illinois University. Dr. Hild was well known for his special commitment to the Latino students at the University, and we were many. A large number were native English speakers who needed improvement in writing, and others were learning English as a second language. Dr. Hild stood by us and believed in our potential even after so many had written us off as ill-prepared. He worked tirelessly to develop an English-language program at the University that included tutoring and guidance for students who wanted to improve their language skills and succeed at the University.

Long before the culture wars, we were fighting to learn English, and he was fighting beside us. He defended us like we were his own children. When Northeastern Illinois University refused to give Dr. Hild tenure and attempted to let him go, I organized a group of students to stage a sit-in to demand that he be reinstated. We were successful, and Dr. Hild was placed back on the faculty. Dr. Hild later became the Chairman of the Communication, Media and Theater Department. Dr. Hild defended us, and so it was our duty to defend him. In fact, Madam Speaker, I think that this probably represented my first steps as a community organizer.

Dr. Hild and I worked together on the English-language program to ensure that Latino students at the University had every opportunity to succeed. That program still continues today, and is part of his significant legacy not only to the University but also to students everywhere. He saw the potential in me, and he saw the potential in all of us. Dr. Hild is and should always remain an inspiration to countless generations of Northeastern Illinois University students. I only hope that those of us who were touched by his life will continue to be inspired to make a difference in someone else's life.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. BILL PASCRELL, JR.**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 3, 2009*

Mr. PASCRELL. Madam Speaker, I want to state for the record that yesterday I missed the three rollcall votes of the day. Unfortunately I missed these votes because I was detained in my district.

Had I been present I would have voted Yea on rollcall vote No. 832 On Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass, as Amended—H.R. 1168—Veterans Retraining Act of 2009.

Had I been present I would have voted Yea on rollcall vote No. 833 On Motion to Suspend the Rules and Agree—H. Res. 291—Recognizing the crucial role of assistance dogs in

helping wounded veterans live more independent lives, expressing gratitude to The Tower of Hope, and supporting the goals and ideals of creating a Tower of Hope Day.

Lastly, had I been present I would have voted Yea on rollcall vote No. 834 On Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass—S. 509—To authorize a major medical facility project at the Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center, Walla Walla, Washington, and for other purposes.

REPUBLICAN ALTERNATIVES TO  
HEALTH CARE

**HON. JOE WILSON**

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 3, 2009*

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Madam Speaker, A 2,000 page, 1.2 trillion dollar health care takeover is headed to this floor. Given its abrupt arrival, I hope the Speaker will open the floor to the 53 alternatives presented from Republicans.

Republicans continue to offer positive health care solutions, but our alternatives are not being scheduled. Our solutions will give Americans access to affordable, accessible, and quality health care that is centered around the patient.

Unlike PELOSI's health care takeover, our alternatives do not contain any of the cuts to seniors' Medicare benefits. Or the costly tax increases and job-killing mandates. Our alternatives will not sever the doctor-patient relationship, or put a trillion dollar price tag on the backs of our children and grandchildren—threatening devaluation of seniors' fixed incomes.

We need to promote the vision German Chancellor Angela Merkel described today for America to be the land of unlimited opportunity. The Big Government takeover will limit opportunity.

In conclusion, God bless our troops, and we will never forget September 11th in the Global War on Terrorism.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. DEVIN NUNES**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 3, 2009*

Mr. NUNES. Madam Speaker, on the legislative day of Monday, November 2, 2009, I was unavoidably detained and was unable to cast a vote on a number of rollcall votes. Had I been present, I would have voted: rollcall 832—"yea;" rollcall 833—"yea;" rollcall 834—"yea."

CELEBRATING UT DALLAS:  
CREATING THE FUTURE SINCE 1969

**HON. SAM JOHNSON**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 3, 2009*

Mr. SAM JOHNSON of Texas. Madam Speaker it is a great honor to recognize a fine

higher educational institution—the University of Texas at Dallas. Beginning this fall, the University of Texas at Dallas marks its 40th year as a Texas public university and a member of The University of Texas system.

Born at the dawn of the information age, UT Dallas helped pioneer new fields in science and technology and created sought-after degree programs that did not exist a generation ago. These include geospatial information science, neuroscience, bioinformatics, nanotechnology and materials science, among others.

The University has a unique past: built from the top down, first a research institute, then a graduate school, and finally becoming a full university with the admission of its first freshman class in 1990.

Located in the center of one of the most dynamic economic and demographic regions in the nation, UT Dallas owes its existence to three entrepreneurs, Eugene McDermott, Cecil Green and J. Erik Jonsson, who deeply valued education and entrepreneurial activity.

These individuals, who also founded Texas Instruments, found themselves importing talent from outside the state while the region's bright young people pursued educations elsewhere. Having identified the need, the Founders took action to serve both their enterprise and the region, establishing the Graduate Research Center of the Southwest, which in 1961 was renamed the Southwest Center for Advanced Studies, SCAS. The center recruited some of the best scientific talent in the nation.

In 1969, the founders bequeathed the Southwest Center for Advanced Studies to the State of Texas, and then-Governor Preston Smith signed the bill establishing UT Dallas, thus fulfilling the mandate to create science and technology educational opportunities in North Texas. By law, the University offered only graduate degrees until 1975. In 1990, the University admitted its first freshman class.

The transition from a graduate research facility to a university with an emphasis on engineering, mathematics, the sciences and management has been facilitated by the excellence of the UT Dallas faculty. Among them are four members of the National Academies—Dr. Ray Baughman, Dr. David Daniel, Dr. Brian Berry and Dr. Don Shaw—and Nobel laureate, Dr. Russell Hulse. Other Nobel laureates have included the late Dr. Polykarp Kusch and the late Dr. Alan G. MacDiarmid.

During the past decade, the University's teaching mission has expanded, its external research funding nearly doubled, its program offerings grew and its reputation has gained notice nationally. The student body has grown, even as quantitative markers of excellence—average entering SAT scores, graduation rates, numbers of distinguished scholarship holders and national merit scholarship winners—have also moved up.

UT Dallas has a unique past, and its aspirations to become a top national research university promise an even more remarkable future. Congratulations to everyone who helped make 40 years of educating the best and brightest a reality at UT Dallas. Thank you for all you do to improve Texas. God bless you and I salute you.