

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE 2010 CONGRESS-BUNDESTAG/BUNDESRAT EXCHANGE

HON. NANCY PELOSI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 22, 2010

Ms. PELOSI. Madam Speaker, since 1983, the U.S. Congress and the German Bundestag and Bundesrat have conducted an annual exchange program for staff members from both countries. The program gives professional staff the opportunity to observe and learn about each other's political institutions and interact on issues of mutual interest.

A staff delegation from the U.S. Congress will be selected to visit Germany from July 3–11 of this year. During this 10 day exchange, the delegation will attend meetings with Bundestag/Bundesrat Members, Bundestag and Bundesrat party staff members, and representatives of numerous political, business, academic, and media agencies. Participants also will be hosted by a Bundestag Member during a district visit.

A comparable delegation of German staff members will visit the United States for 10 days April 24–May 2 of this year. They will attend similar meetings here in Washington and visit the districts of Members of Congress. The U.S. delegation is expected to facilitate these meetings.

The Congress-Bundestag/Bundesrat Exchange is highly regarded in Germany and the United States, and is one of several exchange programs sponsored by public and private institutions in the United States and Germany to foster better understanding of the politics and policies of both countries. This exchange is funded by the U.S. Department of States' Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs.

The U.S. delegation should consist of experienced and accomplished Hill staff who can contribute to the success of the exchange on both sides of the Atlantic. The Bundestag reciprocates by sending senior staff professionals to the United States.

Applicants should have a demonstrable interest in events in Europe. Applicants need not be working in the field of foreign affairs, although such a background can be helpful. The composite U.S. delegation should exhibit a range of expertise in issues of mutual concern to the United States and Germany such as, but not limited to, trade, security, the environment, economic development, health care, and other social policy issues. This year's delegation should be familiar with transatlantic relations within the context of recent world events.

In addition, U.S. participants are expected to help plan and implement the program for the Bundestag/Bundesrat staff members when they visit the United States. Participants are expected to assist in planning topical meetings in Washington, and are encouraged to host one or two staffers in their Member's district in July, or to arrange for such a visit to another Member's district.

Participants are selected by a committee composed of personnel from the Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs of the Department of State and past participants of the exchange.

Members of the House and Senate who would like a member of their staff to apply for participation in this year's program should direct them to submit a resume and cover letter in which they state their qualifications, the contributions they can make to a successful program and some assurances of their ability to participate during the time stated.

Applications may be sent to the Office of Interparliamentary Affairs, HB–28, the Capitol, by 5 p.m. on Tuesday, March 9, 2010.

HONORING THE TAWAS AREA HIGH SCHOOL BOYS VARSITY SOCCER TEAM

HON. BART STUPAK

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 22, 2010

Mr. STUPAK. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor the 2009 Tawas Area High School Boys Varsity Soccer Team and coach Ken Cook on capturing the team's eighth straight district championship title and their first regional championship. Throughout the season these young men worked together as a team, displaying exemplary athletic skills along with determination and focus.

The team ended their season with an impressive 20–3–1 record, winning their first ever regional championship in a 3–0 victory over the Newaygo Lions. Despite playing in tough conditions, the Braves were able to dominate the offense while maintaining a strong defense, led by a shutout performance by goalkeeper Nick Hulea. The team also defeated the Roscommon Bucks, 3–2 in the district championship game. This was the 8th consecutive district championship for the Braves and the 11th district title in 13 seasons.

In addition to their talent on the field, I commend the entire team and coaching staff for their excellent display of teamwork throughout the season. Every one of the Braves saw playing time, and each individual was able to contribute to the team's championship season. This hard work and team spirit is a reflection not only on these young men and their coaches, but also the entire Tawas community.

In addition to the teams winning record, senior Cody Jordan set a Tawas record 45 goals in the 2009 season. With 12 seniors on the team it is especially fitting that they ended their high school soccer career achieving the long sought after goal of a regional championship.

Local sports play a key role in schools and communities throughout Northern Michigan. I congratulate each member of the 2009 Tawas Area High School Boys Varsity Soccer team: Seniors Kurds Branham, D.J. Decker, Aran

Freel, Nicholas Hulea, Cody Jordan, Ryan Kaschner, Braden Kauffman, Derek Keim, Dylan Loga, Antoine Mauron, J.D. Putz and Travis Simmons; Juniors Talal Abdallah, Joseph Boensch, Andrew DiFilippo, Benjamin Enzenberger and Kyle Hewitt; Sophomores Dylan Gotcher and Tyler Jordan; and Managers Ali Jungquist and Audrey Thoryk.

I also applaud the leadership of head coach Ken Cook and assistant coaches Matt Friedemann and Dan DiFilippo. Their diligence on and off the field, and post-season vision and strategy guided the team through a successful season, culminating in an impressive series of post-season victories.

Madam Speaker, the 2009 Tawas Area High School Boys Varsity Soccer Team has won an impressive eight straight district titles and capped off another successful year with their first regional championship. These young men and their coaches set high goals for the season, played each game with power and passion, and delivered a memorable season for both the players and the Tawas community. Therefore I ask, Madam Speaker, that you and the entire U.S. House of Representatives join me in cheering on the players and coaches of this championship team. Go Braves.

CYBERSECURITY ENHANCEMENT ACT OF 2009

SPEECH OF

HON. SHEILA JACKSON LEE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 3, 2010

Ms. JACKSON LEE of Texas. Madam Speaker, I rise in support of H.R. 4061, the Cybersecurity Enhancement Act of 2009, and I would like to thank my colleagues, Rep. LIPINSKI for introducing this measure, and Rep. EHLERS, Rep. WU, Rep. SMITH AND REP. HALL for their contributions to gain bipartisan support on this very important legislation that we are considering today.

This bill will help ensure a strategic plan for Federal Cybersecurity Research & Development (R&D) activities, strengthen public-private partnerships in cybersecurity, help train the next generation of cybersecurity professionals, and improve cybersecurity technical standards.

Our Nation's cyber-infrastructure is an interconnected combination of private, public and government networks. It is critical that government and industry work closely to protect both the infrastructure and the future of innovation. Giving them the tools to ensure they can protect themselves—access to timely action-oriented information and availability of insurance for cyber incidents—as well as encouraging critical cybersecurity R&D here in the U.S., are the most important efforts our administration can take to secure our cyber-infrastructure.

We are all aware of the growing number of Internet security incidents, involving such

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things as computer viruses, denial of service attacks, and defaced Web sites. These events have disrupted business and government activities, and have sometimes resulted in significant recovery costs.

While we have been fortunate so far in avoiding a catastrophic cyber attack, last year the Pentagon reported more than 360 million attempts to break into its networks. A 2009 Consumer Reports study found that over the past two years, one in five online consumers has been a victim of cyber crime.

In 2009 the Department of Homeland Security logged 5,499 such cyber attack incidents—a 40 percent increase over the previous year. A 2007 Government Accountability Office report estimates the total U.S. business losses due to cyber attacks exceeds \$117.5 billion per year.

It is time for a broad-reaching, forward-thinking approach and the successful passage of H.R. 4061 is the beginning to an increased collaboration and coordination with the private sector to conquer this dilemma.

Almost a year ago President Obama called for a comprehensive 60 day review of U.S. cyberspace policy. This review and the recommendations contained in the report led to a series of hearings on various aspects of cybersecurity R&D, including the state of research programs, partnerships with the private sector, the IT workforce, and how both NIST and the NSF are responding to the review.

H.R. 4061 is built upon these hearings, and addresses the issues raised in the 60-day review. Specifically, it aims to build strong public-private partnerships, improve the transfer of cybersecurity technologies to the marketplace, train an IT workforce for both the public and private sectors, and coordinate and prioritize federal cybersecurity R&D. Of course cybersecurity research, standards setting, and education are only one piece of the recommendations of the 60-day report, and are only part of the solution. However, it is the beginning to a widespread need to improving the security of cyberspace is that is one of the utmost importance and it will take the collective effort of the federal government, the private sector, our scientists and engineers, and every American to succeed.

H.R. 4061 requires federal agencies participating in the NITRD program to develop, update, and implement a strategic plan guiding the overall direction of federal cybersecurity and information assurance R&D.

Requires the President to conduct an assessment of cybersecurity workforce needs across the federal government and formally authorizes the scholarship for service program.

Reauthorizes cybersecurity research and cybersecurity workforce and traineeship programs at NSF.

Requires the director of the Office of Science and Technology Policy to convene a university-industry task force to explore mechanisms for carrying out collaborative R&D.

Requires NIST to develop and implement a plan to coordinate U.S. representation in the development of international cybersecurity technical standards.

Requires NIST to develop and implement a cybersecurity awareness and education program for the dissemination of user-friendly cybersecurity best practices and technical standards.

As we work to improve our country's security, it is important that we take inventory of all

systems that are vital to the functioning of the nation, and do all we can to protect them. This certainly includes our computer networks systems that can be attacked anonymously and from far away. These networks are the glue that holds our nation's infrastructure together. An attack from cyberspace could jeopardize electric power grids, railroads, hospitals and financial services, to name a few.

Last fall, under the leadership of Congresswoman CLARKE, we passed a resolution recognizing National Cybersecurity Awareness Month. Among other things this resolution contributed to an important education and awareness campaign, a national effort to make people aware of the problem. However, federal leadership not only needed to increase public awareness, but also in research, education, and in demonstrating how to secure our own systems. Again, H.R. 4061 ensures an overall vision for the federal cybersecurity R&D portfolio, trains the next generation of cybersecurity professionals, and improves cybersecurity technical standards.

As a member of the Homeland Security, I am committed to working with my colleagues, businesses, and educational institutions to enhance the development and implementation of existing and future cybersecurity standards that enhance the nation's security. I support H.R. 4061.

RECOGNIZING THE 30TH
ANNIVERSARY OF INTRADO

HON. BETSY MARKEY

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 22, 2010

Ms. MARKEY of Colorado. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Longmont, Colorado based Intrado on the occasion of the celebration of their 30-year anniversary.

Founded by two Boulder County Sheriffs, George Heinrichs and Stephen Meer, Intrado has played a key role in helping to define, build and maintain the country's complex emergency communications system. Today Intrado provides the core of the Nation's 9-1-1 infrastructure, supporting over 200 million calls to 9-1-1 each year. Intrado is responsible for the ultimate delivery of over 90% of all 9-1-1 calls in the country.

Intrado's history of emergency communications excellence is based on a strong foundation. Their extensive involvement in all aspects of the current 9-1-1 network has given them a unique perspective on how the system must evolve to support new technology, new system requirements and citizens' growing expectations.

9-1-1 is fundamental to telecommunications service. To meet this market requirement, Intrado helps telecommunications service providers ensure their subscribers' 9-1-1 calls are delivered to the correct public safety answering point (PSAP) over the dedicated 9-1-1 network along with the caller's accurate location information and call back number. As communications networks converge and 9-1-1 callers become more mobile, Intrado has a proven track record of both anticipating and pioneering the solutions needed to keep pace with subscribers' demands for ubiquitous access to 9-1-1.

Intrado's success has come in large part due to its leadership, dedication and persever-

ance in helping the public safety community. I want to thank them for all they have done to contribute to Colorado's economy and to the advancement of 9-1-1 communications around the country. Once again, congratulations on the anniversary of 30 years providing service to our community.

RECOGNIZING GARRETT METAL
DETECTORS OF GARLAND, TEXAS

HON. SAM JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 22, 2010

Mr. SAM JOHNSON of Texas. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize Garrett Metal Detectors, a global leader in the security industry for over forty-five years, which calls my own Third Congressional District of Texas home.

Founded by Charles and Eleanor Garrett in 1964, the Garland, Texas-based company specializes in the production of walk-through, hand-held and ground search metal detection products and training for security and law enforcement applications.

The company's three main divisions, Hobby, Security and Countermine/Explosive Remnants of War (ERW), define its outreach. While Garrett hobby detectors are the treasure-hunter's tool of choice, the company also produces advanced models specifically designed to pinpoint the danger of buried landmines. In addition, the company's expertise has been called on to provide security checkpoint screening at countless events worldwide including eleven Olympic Games and numerous political conventions, concerts, and awards shows.

In fact, Charles and Eleanor Garrett, Bob Podhrasky and Vaughan Garrett recently had a turn at carrying the Olympic torch as it makes its way to the 2010 Winter Games in Vancouver, Canada.

All products produced by Garrett are proudly designed, assembled and tested for quality control here in the USA. Due to its extraordinary success and global impact, the company has even been profiled by John Ratzberger for his hit TV series, Made in America, which airs on the Travel Channel.

I am pleased to recognize Garrett Metal Detectors for its invaluable contribution to the safety and security of people worldwide. It is an honor and a privilege to represent this fine American business.

CONGRATULATING THE TRANSPORTATION TRADES DEPARTMENT, AFL-CIO (TTD) ON ITS 20TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. STEVEN C. LATOURETTE

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 22, 2010

Mr. LATOURETTE. Madam Speaker, I rise to congratulate the Transportation Trades Department, AFL-CIO (TTD), on its 20th anniversary. TTD is a leading advocacy organization for transportation workers and for a strong investment in our nation's infrastructure.

Throughout its 20-year history, TTD has consistently stood up for our nation's transportation workers. These outstanding men and

women, many of whom I have the privilege to represent, are a backbone of our nation's economy. They work each day in an industry that has been dramatically altered by the larger economic and security crises facing our nation. Yet through it all, these dedicated men and women remain focused on public service and doing their jobs to their utmost ability.

As I and my colleagues can attest, TTD has helped policymakers understand the needs and concerns of those on the front lines of this important part of our daily life and our economy. We sadly don't invest enough on our infrastructure, and I am heartened to hear TTD call for greater investment in transportation infrastructure. They understand how it can both rebuild our nation and put Americans back to work. In my travels through Northeast Ohio, I see firsthand how our infrastructure is crumbling and families are struggling to get by. Our quality of life and the strength and efficiency of our economy will not fully improve unless we make critical infrastructure investments.

I again commend TTD on their anniversary, and I look forward to continuing to work with them on these issues facing our nation.

HONORING HARRY L. BEGLE,
HERNANDO COUNTY, FLORIDA

HON. GINNY BROWN-WAITE

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 22, 2010

Ms. GINNY BROWN-WAITE of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor an American hero, Harry L. Begle of Brooksville, Florida. A decorated war veteran, Lieutenant Begle's service to our nation will forever be remembered by this Congress.

Born in Lexington, Virginia, Lt. Begle graduated from Fork Union Military Academy in 1943 and entered WW II soon thereafter.

He served as a 2nd Lieutenant in the 101st Airborne Division and an Assistant Platoon Leader with the H Company 3rd Battalion in the 506th Parachute Division. While deployed outside of Bastogne, Belgium, Lt. Begle's platoon came under attack by a German Infantry. To describe that moment, Lt. Begle said, it was then that "all hell broke loose". During the battle, Lt. Begle's hand was struck by a bullet, and his upper body was struck by shrapnel from an artillery shell explosion. The blast caused wounds in his neck and left him in a British Military hospital for several months. Lt. Begle received a Bronze Star and a Purple Heart for his courageous actions in battle.

Despite his wounds and time spent away from the front lines, Lt. Begle returned to serve his country abroad once again in 1945. This time in Austria. He was later transferred to the 82nd Airborne Division when the Pacific ended.

In 1946, he returned home. He marched in the WW II victory parade in New York where he was greeted with a heroes welcome. He served as a reservist until 1949 when he was honorably discharged.

Long after his military days had passed, he continued to protect his fellow Americans, serving as a Washington D.C. Police Officer for 23 years; he retired in 1972.

Madam Speaker, it is an honor to recognize Harry L. Begle; a beloved and decorated American hero. On behalf of a grateful nation,

this Congress, his family and friends, I thank him for his service and sacrifice to our country.

HONORING MODESTO CHRISTIAN
HIGH SCHOOL VARSITY FOOTBALL TEAM

HON. GEORGE RADANOVICH

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 22, 2010

Mr. RADANOVICH. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commend and congratulate the Modesto Christian High School Varsity Football Team upon winning the California Interscholastic Federation Small Schools State Football Championship on Friday, December 18, 2009. The team will be honored on Thursday, January 7, 2010.

The Modesto Christian High School Varsity Football Team consists of 31 players including: Isaiah Burse, Jose Oseguera, Keaton Engel, Kevin Roya, Damien Bell-White, Nate Sudfeld, Aaron Brown, Dominic Dami, Alec Pearson, David Sielin, Dustin Hayes, Ryn Megee, Raymond Nelson, Nathan Straubinger, Johnny Juvera, Nick Carson, Brandon Baker, Danie Hague, Tyke Andrew, Vince Rovedatti, Cody Daniel, Matt Heinrich, Michael Fahlgren, Steve Rubalcava, Evan Schwartz, Vinny Warda, Jacob Alameda, Josh Lane, Tyler Jamison, Thomas Deshields and Colin Lane. The team was led by Head Coach, Mike Parsons and the rest of the coaching staff: Ron Megee, Andy Strickland, P. Jay Thirault, Darin Higgins, Steve Gleason, Adam Foster, Mark Dobbins and Noel Alfaro.

The hard work and dedication of the entire team led the Modesto Christian Crusaders to an undefeated season; winning eleven regular season games, three section playoff games and the final championship game with a final 15-0 record. The team not only won all of the games they played, but they dominated their opponents, averaging 45 points per game.

With Modesto Christian Principal Cynthia Jewel and Athletic Director Greg Pearce cheering the team on, the team made their way to the championship game. The game was held at the Home Depot Field in Carson, California against Parker High School of San Diego, California. Parker's football team entered the game with an 11-2 record, and a 45-point scoring average per game.

With Isaiah Burse as quarterback, the Crusaders were able to move the ball quickly throughout the game. However, Parker was able to move the ball equally as well, leading to a nail biter. In the final minutes of the game, the Crusaders were holding on to a 44-40 lead, but Parker was moving the ball quickly down the field. With fourth-and-goal at the two, and 1 minute 40 seconds to play, the Crusaders defense dug deep to hold the Parker offense. The Crusaders were able to pick up a first down, triggering a celebration on their sideline and a final score of 44-40, with Modesto Christian on top.

Madam Speaker, I rise today to commend and congratulate the 2009 Modesto Christian High School Football Team upon its achievements and upon becoming the California Interscholastic Federation Small Schools State Football Champions. I invite my colleagues to join me in wishing the entire team and coach-

ing staff congratulations on its many accomplishments this season.

RECOGNITION OF MERLE J. PRATT

HON. MARY JO KILROY

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 22, 2010

Ms. KILROY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Merle J. Pratt, a great American who has worked for decades to protect our nation, advocate for our veterans, and strengthen the State of Ohio. Currently a resident of Powell, Ohio, Merle has loyally served our nation as a member of the United States Navy, an employee for the State of Ohio, and a leader in numerous community organizations.

Merle served in the U.S. Navy for 26 years, including five years of active duty and over two decades in the U.S. Naval Reserve until his retirement in 1994 as a chief petty officer. Merle also served the Buckeye State in the Ohio Secretary of State's office and the Ohio Attorney General's office. After 26 years of service, Merle retired from his position as the Director of Constituent Services and Veteran Liaison for the Ohio Attorney General's office in 2009. His devotion to helping Ohio citizens and veterans inspired Ohio Attorney General Jim Petro to award Merle with the Innovation and Excellence Award in 2003.

In addition to his career as a public servant in the State of Ohio, Merle has served as a trustee, chairman, or president for many organizations and chapters dedicated to helping our nation's veterans, including the Military/Veterans Educational Foundation, Vietnam Veterans of America, the Columbus Veterans Day Parade Committee, the American Legion, the Franklin County Veteran's Memorial Board of Trustees, the Ohio Governor's Veterans Advisory Committee, and the Ohio Attorney General's Veterans Advisory Council. He has also been a longtime member of the Ohio Veterans Hall of Fame Executive Committee, the Inter-Service Family Assistance Committee, the Ohio Veterans Employment and Training Council, and the Ohio Military Activation Task Force. Merle has been a Life Member of AMVETS Post 89 and served as the Chairman of the AMVETS State Legislative Committee from 1999 to 2009, during which he was awarded the prestigious AMVETS Silver Helmet Civil Servant of the Year award in 2004 for his passion and continued service to veterans in central Ohio. As a true public servant, Merle is continuing to actively participate in veterans services, and is currently serving as Commander for the AMVETS Department of Ohio.

Throughout his life, Merle has inspired those around him with his continued dedication to helping veterans and military families. On February 20, 2010, Merle will be recognized by the AMVETS Department of Ohio for his decades of invaluable service. I am proud to join this group in honoring Merle Pratt, whose leadership and commitment to our veterans, both in the Columbus community as well as around the nation, has been an inspiration and a blessing in the lives of countless Americans.

RECOGNIZING JANICE GOULD

HON. MIKE QUIGLEY

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 22, 2010

Mr. QUIGLEY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the extensive and distinguished career of Janice Gould. She has been a teacher and a vital part of the Chicago community for 35 years.

Ms. Gould teaches art at Lawrence Hall Youth Services, a school that treats, educates and provides a home to at-risk youth. Using the power of art, she shows her students that great accomplishments are possible. Her former students have participated in and won national art competitions and the Chicago City Clerk vehicle sticker contests.

Ms. Gould herself has a long list of special honors and awards. She received the Kohl International Teaching Award, the Golden Apple Teaching Award and the Exceptional Teachers Award, as well as being a member of the National Teachers Hall of Fame. She and her students also started the "Permanent Children's Art Collection" for the Illinois State Board of Education, an exhibit designed as a reminder of what special-needs children can accomplish and create when given the ability to blossom.

Under Ms. Gould's guidance, troubled youth can transform into self-confident, competent young men and women. When most aspects of their lives have shrouded them in darkness, her art classes provide them the environment to develop their artistic talents and shine.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Janice Gould and her extraordinary career, and thank her for her many outstanding contributions to the City of Chicago and its youth. Her passion and dedication serve as an example for us all.

HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY
OF PHYLLIS WHITE**HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO**

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 22, 2010

Ms. DeLAURO. Madam Speaker, it is with the heaviest of hearts that I rise today to pay tribute to the life of one of my dearest friends and an outstanding member of our community, Phyllis White. Phyllis lived her life in the best and most rewarding way possible—dedicated to the service of others and to her community.

I knew Phyllis for over forty years—a friendship that began when we were both organizers together for the Community Action Institute. She was always a vibrant presence back then, and she lived each and every day I knew her with compassion and humanity, grace and conviction. As an organizer, a counselor, and later as an academic advisor, Phyllis was always there to lend a hand, an ear, or a shoulder to those in need around her.

Phyllis was no stranger to the rough-and-tumble of life. She lived to see both her sister, Natalie, and her lovely daughter, Linda, lose their battles with breast cancer. Yet, she never let these tragedies crush her spirit or diminish her vitality, her optimism, and her caring for others. She—and later her granddaughter

Dawn—took over the leadership of Sisters' Journey, a breast cancer survivors' advocacy organization her daughter Linda had founded, to keep up the fight against this deadly disease and help ensure that other families did not have to share in their grief. And to the end, and despite her long illness, Phyllis took comfort in the small things, and never stopped giving back to people when she could.

In short, Phyllis was a role model and an inspiration to me all those years ago, and will continue to serve as a source of inspiration to all of those fortunate enough to have been touched by her kind heart and compassion. I will keep her in my thoughts for the rest of my days. As we mourn the loss of Phyllis today, we can take solace that she is now with Natalie and Linda once more. And I know her legacy here in our world lives on—not only in her career and good works throughout Hamden and New Haven, but in the love of her children Ed Jr., Keith, Craig, Barry, and Anita, her fourteen grandchildren, and nine great grandchildren.

Mentor and friend, Phyllis was an extraordinary woman. The impact that she had on my life has much to do with the person I am today. I will always be grateful for her many years of special friendship and for the immeasurable good that she did for our community. Phyllis White is a reflection of all that we could hope to be and has left a legacy to which we should all strive. Though I mourn the friend I lost, I am proud to stand today to celebrate her life. She will be missed but never forgotten.

RECOGNITION OF MARINA DAVIS'
LIFELONG DEDICATION AS AN
EDUCATOR**HON. MARY JO KILROY**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 22, 2010

Ms. KILROY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Marina Davis for 40 years of dedicated service to the young adults of central Ohio. Marina Davis devoted her life to improving our education system and inspiring students to strive for excellence. She passed away in December 2009, but will be remembered by everyone who knew her as a dedicated educator and a role model.

Marina Davis began her career in 1970 as a teacher at St. Anthony Grade School in Columbus, Ohio. She went on to teach English at St. Francis DeSales before becoming an assistant principal. While there, she chaired the St. Francis DeSales High School Committee, which received a Blue Ribbon Award for Excellence in Education from the U.S. Department of Education. In 1995 she became the first principal of Dublin Scioto High School, where she worked until her death this past December.

As an advocate for her students, staff, and faculty, Marina continually worked to improve the quality of education at each school she served. As an innovative administrator she instituted the Professional Learning Community Model at Dublin Scioto, which in 2009 received a Silver Award of Accomplishment from U.S. News and World Report. Marina's passion and commitment to education allowed her to make a difference in the lives of thousands

of Ohio students and families, and this tragic loss is being felt throughout the community.

In memory of this outstanding public servant, the Dublin City Schools Board of Education has adopted a resolution formally naming the Performing Arts Center at Scioto High School in her honor. The Marina Davis Performing Arts Center will be dedicated on May 18, 2010, and will honor Marina's lifelong commitment to advancing the performing arts among Dublin students. Her contributions to the central Ohio school system will never be forgotten, and I am proud to recognize and honor this accomplished and devoted educator for a lifetime of service.

A TRIBUTE TO MIKE WATERS

HON. TRAVIS W. CHILDERS

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 22, 2010

Mr. CHILDERS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate and pay tribute to a fine American, Mike Waters, on an occasion when he and his business have received a prestigious honor: the International Circle of Excellence Award for 2009.

The Circle of Excellence, which is awarded by the International dealer organization of Navistar, Inc., honors International truck dealerships that achieve the highest level of dealer performance with respect to operating and financial standards, market representation, and most importantly, customer satisfaction. It is the highest honor a dealer principal can receive from the company.

Mike's business, Waters Truck & Tractor Co., is headquartered in Columbus, Mississippi, where it was founded 72 years ago by his grandfather. Since Mike joined the company full-time in 1975, it has grown into one of the preeminent truck dealerships in the Southeast and the entire nation. In addition to five full-service truck locations, the Waters Companies include an IC Bus school bus dealership, a wrecker service, and remote facility and equipment maintenance. The Waters Companies employ 275 people in all. In 2002, Waters Truck & Tractor was named the International Dealer of the Year, an honor awarded to the one International dealer who exhibits the highest commitment to best-in-class customer service. With this most recent award, Waters Truck & Tractor has now received the Circle of Excellence Award a total of 29 times.

Mike has achieved this level of accomplishment and recognition through many years of hard work and service to his industry and community. He is active in his church and many civic groups and is a board member for numerous organizations, including the Cadence Bank, the Baptist Memorial Health Care System and the Mississippi University for Women Foundation. Mike has now welcomed the fourth generation into the business, with Michael, Vaughan and Josh Waters having joined the company.

Through his commitment to hard work and outstanding customer service, he has built an economically vital business of which he can be justly proud. Madam Speaker, I ask you and my colleagues to join with me in congratulating Mike Waters for his record of accomplishment and for his many contributions to his community, state and nation.

A TRIBUTE TO MRS. JOHNNIE
BAMPFIELD JAMES

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 22, 2010

Mr. TOWNS. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Mrs. Johnnie Bampfied James who turns 90 years old this month.

Born Johnnie Elizabeth Watts, on February 25, 1920, in Fairfax, S.C., to the Rev. John Quincy Watts and Estela English Watts, Mrs. James was one of thirteen children. She remembers walking with her brothers about 2 miles to attend the Huspah School, a two-room school located on the grounds of the local church. Her basketball uniform is currently displayed at the "Old Colored School", which has been formally certified as a historical landmark in South Carolina.

In 1937, she attended South Carolina State University for a semester, met and married James Howard Bampfied, from Yemassee, SC. She left school, began a family, and moved to Beaufort, S.C. Her daughter, Ethel was born in 1940. Joining her husband in New York City, she worked as a domestic until she returned home to Hampton, S.C. and gave birth to her daughter, Gwen, in 1951.

She began substitute teaching and was encouraged to return to school to complete her college education with a promise of a job when she graduated. She attended Claflin College graduating in 1957 and began a teaching career in Dale-Lobeca, S.C. (Beaufort area) where she taught 1st grade. When an opening became available at home, she joined the staff at the Hampton Colored School.

In 1958 Ms. Johnnie returned to New York and joined her husband in Brooklyn where she began a near twenty year dedicated career of working with at-risk children at the Spofford Juvenile Detention Center, Bronx, N.Y. As a "dorm mother" Ms. Johnnie gained the respect, admiration and love of hundreds of young girls as they passed through the juvenile justice system. On more than one occasion she requested special permission to take a young girl home with her, and in one such instance became a foster parent for a youth who had no family resources. Cutting across ethnic, racial and religious differences, Mrs. James, a skilled seamstress, was a mentor for the girls sharing her talent for arts and crafts and design and decorating. She was also a supportive and reliable employee always demonstrating awareness and consideration of others. In 1965 her adopted daughter Barbara J. Lee joined the family.

In 1976 she retired from service in New York and returned to her hometown of Hampton, South Carolina, the same year of her husband's death.

In 1978, she married the late Deacon Felder James. Ms. Johnnie joined the Huspah Missionary Baptist Church at an early age and has been a faithful member and a Deaconess for more than 30 years. Ms. Johnnie continues to enjoy her arts and crafts, volunteering at the Council on Aging Center in Hampton. Her cooking ministry provides infamous Sunday fellowship dinners for all who come.

She is a member of the Eastern Star-Glad Tidings Chapter, an active member of the Brother & Sister Benevolent Society. She is a

mother of two daughters, one adopted daughter, one stepson, six grandchildren, ten great grandchildren, and three great-great grandchildren.

Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Mrs. Johnnie Bampfied James who turns 90 this month and I encourage my colleagues to join me in this effort and celebration.

**HONORING ALBRECHT-KEMPER
MUSEUM OF ART**

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 22, 2010

Mr. GRAVES. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize the Albrecht-Kemper Museum of Art in Saint Joseph, Missouri, which has been awarded accreditation by the American Association of Museums. Accreditation by the AAM is the highest recognition of a museum's commitment to public service, professional standards, and excellence in education.

The Albrecht-Kemper Museum of Art originated in 1913 with the foundation of the Saint Joseph Art League, a group made up of twelve women who had a clear vision of increasing public awareness and understanding of the arts. It has since grown into the cultural arts center for Northwest Missouri, and includes one of the finest collections of 18th-, 19th-, and 20th century American art in the Midwest region. The Museum has continually fulfilled the vision of its founders by focusing on the community and strengthening its relationship to the arts through classes, workshops, educational programs, special exhibitions, as well as support of local talent and events throughout the region. The Albrecht-Kemper Museum of Art joins an impressive group of 778 institutions currently accredited by AAM.

Madam Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in honoring the Albrecht-Kemper Museum of Art, an icon of cultural exuberance and public appreciation of the arts. It is my privilege to represent this museum and all its efforts in the United States Congress.

**HONORING GEORGE QUIER'S 100TH
BIRTHDAY**

HON. JIM GERLACH

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 22, 2010

Mr. GERLACH. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor George Quier, a Southeastern Pennsylvania resident and dedicated volunteer celebrating his 100th birthday.

George remains an extremely active member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows Lodge #57 in Norristown, Pennsylvania. His roots in the Odd Fellows organization run deep, as George, and his 103-year-old brother, Calvin, were raised in the Odd Fellows Philadelphia orphanage.

And George, who bravely served our country in the Army for 22 years, has been a member of the Odd Fellows for more than 80 years. To this day, he faithfully fulfills the Odd Fellows pledge to visit the sick and relieve the distressed by volunteering seven hours per

day, five days per week at Mercy Suburban Hospital.

Friends and members of the Odd Fellows Lodge #57 who cherish George's companionship and commitment to the organization will celebrate his remarkable personal milestone during a dinner at P.J. Whelihans in Whitpain Township, Montgomery County, Pennsylvania, on February 22, 2010.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring George Quier for his tremendous volunteer spirit and in wishing him a very happy 100th birthday. He is an inspiration to all.

HONORING MR. JEFF DIETRICH

HON. BRIAN HIGGINS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 22, 2010

Mr. HIGGINS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the years of service given to the people of Chautauqua County by Mr. Jeff Dietrich. Mr. Dietrich served his constituency faithfully and justly during his tenure as a member of the Arkwright Town Council.

Public service is a difficult and fulfilling career. Any person with a dream may enter but only a few are able to reach the end. Mr. Dietrich served his term with his head held high and a smile on his face the entire way. I have no doubt that his kind demeanor left a lasting impression on the people of Chautauqua County.

We are truly blessed to have such strong individuals with a desire to make this county the wonderful place that we all know it can be. Mr. Dietrich is one of those people and that is why Madam Speaker I rise to pay tribute to him today.

**IN HONOR OF THE UNI-CAPITOL
WASHINGTON INTERNSHIP PRO-
GRAM**

HON. SAM FARR

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 22, 2010

Mr. FARR. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the Uni-Capitol Washington Internship Program. This annual program is a wonderful educational experience for both the Congressional office and especially for the visiting intern. The eight week program delivers some of Australia's best and brightest university students who have exhibited a passion for civic engagement and public service.

Eric Federer of KPMG is the inspiration behind the Uni-Capitol Washington Internship Program which he first organized in 2000. I thank him for his efforts in promoting U.S.-Australian understanding through this program and am proud to say that since its inception I have been a proud participant. This year, I welcomed an outstanding student-ambassador to my office, Erin Riley, who has shared with us the different perspective she offers as a newcomer to Washington, D.C. Ms. Riley joined my office from the United States Studies Centre at the University of Sydney, and has proven to be a shining example of the high caliber of students who are involved in

this program. Currently undertaking a Master of Letters degree in U.S. Studies, Erin has relished the opportunity to see the practical application of her studies in American politics and has had the chance to gain hands-on experience in working on domestic issues, especially health care policy.

Since welcoming Ms. Riley to my office on January 4, she has been an invaluable asset. In addition to attending committee hearings and briefings, assisting my staff with legislative research, and taking an active role in our mail program, Erin has demonstrated her commitment and enthusiasm for understanding our American government. Erin has particularly enjoyed the opportunity to meet constituents while giving Capitol tours, and to offer her perspective on the United States from the view of an outsider.

Erin is one of several outstanding Australian interns. This year, 12 students from across Australia were matched with Congressional offices. They were drawn from seven Australian universities in four different Australian states. The Uni-Capitol program gives its students practical experience and allows them to gain knowledge and understanding of the internal workings of the United States Government.

Including this current group, 105 Australian students from 10 universities have interned in Washington, D.C. since the program's inception 11 years ago. Due credit must go to the founder of the University-Capitol Washington Internship Program, Eric Federing. Mr. Federing is a former senior House and Senate congressional staffer who has worked to develop the exchange of ideas and knowledge between the U.S. and Australia through his efforts with the Uni-Capitol Washington Internship Program.

Madam Speaker, I strongly encourage my colleagues to help foster international connections by participating in this rewarding program. It is truly heartening to see how much this program has grown over the years, and I look forward to its continued success. I ask my colleagues to join with me in recognizing the contributions of the Uni-Capitol Washington Internship Program and, again, thank Erin Riley for her admirable participation and diligent work.

FOR THE "FESTSCHRIFT" OF MY
FRIEND, DANIEL HAYS
LOWENSTEIN

HON. HOWARD L. BERMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 22, 2010

Mr. BERMAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay homage to the pioneering work of Daniel Hays Lowenstein, who is retiring from UCLA School of Law to begin service as the founding director for UCLA's Center for the Study of Liberal Arts and Free Institutions.

The field of election law has grown exponentially in recent decades, thanks in no small part to the pioneering work of Dan Lowenstein, who has been a professor of law at UCLA since 1979, teaching a variety of courses focusing on election law and legislation.

His textbook, *Election Law*, published in 1995, was the first major text on American election law since 1877. Since then, there has been an explosion of interest in the subject and Dan has written seminal work on virtually every important issue in election law including: initiatives and direct democracy; partisan and racial gerrymandering; political party associational rights and issues related to party primaries and caucuses; campaign finance and political bribery; election administration; and the role of competitiveness in election law jurisprudence, not to mention literary criticism of works including *The Merchant of Venice*. Since 2002, Dan has served as co-editor of the only peer-reviewed scholarly journal devoted to election law issues, the *Election Law Journal*.

He has, on several occasions, represented members of the House of Representatives in litigation and has counseled them for several decades on strategies regarding redistricting and other political issues.

Lowenstein began his career as a staff attorney at California Rural Legal Assistance, where he spent two and a half years. He served as Chief Deputy for California's Secretary of State, Jerry Brown, where he specialized in election law, and was the main drafter of the Political Reform Act, which was adopted as a statewide initiative (Proposition 9) by an overwhelming majority of California voters in 1974. The law requires detailed disclosure of the role of money in California politics. It created a new Fair Political Practices Commission. Jerry Brown, then Governor, appointed Dan as the first chairman of the Commission. In that position he earned a reputation for fair play and nonpartisanship.

Dan has served on the national governing board of Common Cause and has been a board member and a vice president of Americans for Nonsmokers' Rights. He is a member of the Board of Directors of the award-winning theatre troupe *Interact* and twice yearly brings the company to the School of Law to perform plays with legal themes, such as *Sophocles' Antigone*, *Ibsen's Rosmerholm*, and *Wouk's The Caine Mutiny Court Martial*.

He graduated from Yale University in 1964 and *Magna Cum Laude* from Harvard Law School in 1967. He is married to Sharon Yagi Lowenstein, who is originally from Watsonville, California. They have two sons, Aaron Lowenstein and Nathan Lowenstein, who are both attorneys working in Los Angeles.

Dan's work, careful, yet provocative, has been cited and debated in Supreme Court opinions and in law review and political science articles too numerous to count. His decision to take emeritus status at the law school and take up a new position as director of UCLA's new Center for the Liberal Arts and Free Institutions (CLAFI) represents a new turn in his career. Developments in America's great universities over the past several decades, while introducing important and often much-needed innovations, have also sometimes shouldered aside the study of the great achievements of western civilization and of the foundations of the free institutions on which our nation rests. From *Magna Carta* to the Declaration of Independence, from William Shakespeare to William Faulkner, from the Gothic cathedrals to the monuments that adorn our nation's capitol, we are all blessed

by a heritage that guides us as we seek what is good, what is true, and what is beautiful. CLAFI and comparable efforts starting up at other great American universities will help assure that we pass our heritage down to future generations. Lowenstein's leadership in this movement reflects his own introduction to great works as an undergraduate in the Directed Studies program at Yale, followed by a lifetime of immersion in the study of free institutions, great ideas and great artistic achievements.

Daniel Hays Lowenstein has set an example for scholarly excellence, community service, and intellectual integrity. He is a true Renaissance Man. I am proud to call him a friend.

INTRODUCING A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE USE OF THE ROTUNDA OF THE CAPITOL FOR THE PRESENTATION OF THE CONGRESSIONAL GOLD MEDAL TO THE WOMEN AIRFORCE SERVICE PILOTS

HON. SUSAN A. DAVIS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 22, 2010

Mrs. DAVIS of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to introduce a resolution authorizing the use of the rotunda of the Capitol for the presentation of the Congressional Gold Medal to the Women Airforce Service Pilots.

As Chair of the House Armed Services Subcommittee on Military Personnel and Co-chair of the Women's Caucus Task Force on Women in the Military and Veterans, I am privileged to honor these women who, almost 70 years ago, became pioneers for women's equality in the Armed Forces.

And now, on March 10, 2010, we will honor their legacy as the first female aviators in American military history with the award of the Congressional Gold Medal.

The Women Airforce Service Pilots are referred to as the WASP.

Unlike many acronyms used in the military, this is an apt name!

Like wasps, their work demanded a unique combination of feistiness and strength, underlined by loyalty to their fellow WASP and their country.

I am astounded by their tenacity and their bravery.

And yet, despite that dedication, these women have encountered difficulties in being recognized for their service.

This ceremony will be an illustrative example of our indebtedness to their service, and I hope all of my colleagues will join me in thanking the WASP.

This group of unsung heroines demonstrates the courage of servicewomen in the past, the integrity with which women serve today, and the enthusiasm of the young women who dream of serving this great Nation in the future.

I am therefore honored to ask for authorization for the use of the Capitol Rotunda for the Congressional Gold Medal Ceremony.

Madam Speaker, thank you for the opportunity to introduce this resolution today.

IN HONOR OF MARTHA LOIS
MCGINNIS CAMERON NORTON

HON. SAM FARR

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 22, 2010

Mr. FARR. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the memory of Martha Lois McGinnis Cameron Norton, or just simply Martha. It is with great sadness that I must share the news of her death last week at the young age of eighty-eight. Martha was one of those Americans who embodies the meaning of the word citizenship; who always worked to strengthen our democracy. Martha was born in 1922 in the little town of Washington, Iowa. She grew up on a farm and spent her childhood raising corn, tending hogs, and seeing to all the other chores of an Iowa farm girl. But being from a place called Washington, she had politics in her blood. As a child she saw both President Hoover and Governor Roosevelt speak during the 1932 presidential campaign. Four years later she worked her first of many campaigns when she helped re-elect President Roosevelt.

In 1945, following her graduation with a degree in chemistry from Monmouth College, Illinois, Martha became a research scientist for Shell Chemical Company in San Francisco. After several years, she returned to Iowa to take a position as the principal of Ainsworth High School. Following another stint as a research scientist, Martha settled on a career in teaching, which brought her to Monterey in 1962. And while Martha built a stellar career of teaching with the Monterey Peninsula Unified School District, she is remembered by the wider world for her relentless political activism.

That activism began in earnest in 1946 when Martha joined a local campaign to save San Francisco's landmark cable car system. In 1956, she worked to re-elect President Eisenhower. In 1959, she helped run her father's successful write-in campaign to become Mayor of her hometown. Soon after her move to Monterey, Martha began working on numerous local election races, including one of my father's California State Senate re-election campaigns. In the late 60s, she worked on the coastal protection campaign that culminated in the voters' 1972 adoption of the landmark Coastal Act. In 1976, Martha worked as a precinct walker in Leon Panetta's first successful run for Congress. She also worked on Jimmy Carter's presidential campaign, coordinating more than 100 volunteers from their teens into their 70s.

Martha became a bedrock fixture of elected politics in Monterey County. Campaign after campaign, she made the calls, distributed the signs, gathered the volunteers, registered voters, got out the vote, and all the other indispensable grassroots tasks that make participatory democracy work. I know all this because she helped me in every one of my own campaigns going back to my service as a County Supervisor in the 1970s. I often said that she was my political mother.

Martha was also a tireless volunteer for many community causes. She devoted countless hours to many different boards, commissions, and other community organizations, including the MPUSD school board, the Highway 68 committee, the Toxic Waste committee for Fort Ord, several League of Women Voters committees, and local Democratic committees and clubs.

Martha is survived by her husband, Joe Norton; sons, Jeff Norton and his wife Dana; Christopher Norton and his wife Julie; daughter, Cheryl Herzog and her husband, David; and daughter-in-law Linda Cameron; as well as ten grandchildren; one great-grandchild; and her brother, Bill McGinnis. She was predeceased by her son, Bill Cameron, in 2007.

Madam Speaker, Martha Norton touched countless people through her service and good works. Our Nation is poorer for her passing but enriched by the example she leaves behind.

HONORING WILLIAM "BILL"
KAJIKAWA

HON. HARRY E. MITCHELL

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 22, 2010

Mr. MITCHELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor William "Bill" Kajikawa, a legendary former football, basketball and baseball coach at Arizona State University, who passed away Monday, February 15.

Kajikawa began coaching at Arizona State in 1937 and retired after close to 40 years of dedicated service. Kajikawa served as head basketball coach from 1948 to 1957 and was head coach of ASU's club baseball team from 1947 to 1957. Additionally, Kajikawa worked as the freshman football coach under nine ASU head football coaches.

Kajikawa took his only break from ASU during World War II, where he served with distinction in the Army's 442nd Regimental Combat Team. The 442nd was manned entirely by Japanese Americans and was the Army's most decorated combat unit.

Kajikawa has been recognized on numerous occasions for his tremendous accomplishments. In 1995, Arizona State University honored Kajikawa in a ceremony that named the Sun Devil football practice field The Bill Kajikawa Practice Facility. He was inducted into the Arizona Basketball Hall of Fame in 1968 and the ASU Hall of Distinction in 1982. Moreover, the American Legion selected him in 1976 for the Americanism Award to applaud his service to young people.

A true Sun Devil, Kajikawa possessed an enthusiastic personality that inspired student athletes to excel. He will long be remembered and honored for his strong leadership and passion for athletics. I am privileged to have known Coach Kajikawa and his wonderful family, and to have had the opportunity to represent such an incredible mentor. Please join me, Madam Speaker, in remembering his distinguished legacy.

TERRANCE "TERRY" THORNTON

HON. MICHAEL E. McMAHON

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 22, 2010

Mr. McMAHON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge, congratulate, and honor the career and service of Chief Terrance "Terry" Thornton of the Fire Department of New York.

In a long and distinguished career spanning nearly three decades, Chief Thornton coura-

geously and selflessly served the people of New York City. He has truly earned the right to count himself among New York's bravest. From his humble beginnings at Engine 201 in Brooklyn in 1981, Terry quickly gained the trust and respect of his co-workers and superiors. He was promoted to Lieutenant in 1991 and to Captain in 1998.

Perhaps the best example of Chief Thornton's leadership and bravery was his selection to join the Special Operations Command of the FDNY. This elite unit is responsible for all types of emergencies in New York City. With responsibilities ranging from search and rescue to HAZMAT responses, the Special Operations Command accepts only the best of the best. To be selected for this is an honor that is earned only by those who perform their duties at the highest level of professionalism and competence. In 2004, Terry was promoted to chief of 21 Battalion in Staten Island, a crowning achievement to a truly stellar career. After serving in this capacity for 5 years, Chief Thornton is retiring from the Fire Department to begin the next chapter in his life.

Madam Speaker, on a personal note, I have known Chief Thornton since we were both 14 years old. A better and truer friend neither I nor anyone in this chamber could ever wish to have. He is without question one of the most cheerful, friendly, kind, punctual, talkative, effervescent, convivial, and fastidious people I know. He has taught so many of us at home in Staten Island, NY the true meaning of bravery and courage. Not only has he dealt with the daily life-threatening situations he and his brothers faced while wearing the uniform of the New York City Fire Department, but also as a civilian he has brought his incredibly strong will of character to overcome the daily challenges that life presents. He has overcome great losses by learning to cherish and appreciate all of his gains.

We join his family; his children Patrick, Kyla, John, and Tara; his best friend and love, Lisa and her children, his sisters and brother, and all of his friends in wishing him well.

TRIBUTE TO WATSON WILLIAMS

HON. MICHAEL A. ARCURI

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 22, 2010

Mr. ARCURI. Madam Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I rise today in honor of Watson Williams Elementary School, which is located in my Congressional District in upstate New York.

Historically, the overwhelming majority of students enter kindergarten at Watson Williams Elementary School with a delay for cognitive development as measured by standardized screening tools. Watson Williams Elementary School also experiences a 96 percent poverty rating for its students.

In recent years, during the tenure of Principal Henry Frasca, which lasted from September 2002 through June 2008, Watson Williams Elementary School has received national recognition for student achievement, despite facing these difficult obstacles.

Due to Principal Frasca's extraordinary leadership, and the commitment and dedication of his staff, Watson Williams Elementary School

was named a No Child Left Behind Blue Ribbon School of Excellence in 2006 and a Magnet School of Excellence in 2008. Most recently, Watson Williams Elementary School was a recipient of the Title I School of Distinction for 2009 which was based on student achievement during the school years of 2006–2007 and 2007–2008.

Principal Frasca attributes the high level of student achievement during his tenure at Watson Williams Elementary School to the concerted efforts of parents, students, teachers, staff and administration.

Madam Speaker, I call on my colleagues to join me in recognizing Watson Williams Elementary School for defying the odds, and establishing itself as a model of hope and success for all struggling schools throughout our country.

COMMEMORATING THE FIFTH ANNUAL DIALYSIS AWARENESS WALK

HON. HARRY E. MITCHELL

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 22, 2010

Mr. MITCHELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the fifth annual Dialysis Awareness Walk taking place Sunday, March 7, 2010. The Sunset Kiwanis Club of Fountain Hills and DaVita Patient Citizen's Group has organized this wonderful and exciting event.

I would particularly like to honor Edward Stizza for his efforts coordinating this annual event, and for his tremendous commitment to educating the community about Chronic Kidney Disease and End Stage renal disease. The proceeds from the walk will benefit the Dialysis Patient Citizens Group, a non-profit organization that provides education for dialysis patients and their families. Additionally, the walk provides an invaluable forum for organizations to answer questions and provide pertinent information regarding diabetes, kidney dialysis, nutrition and organ transplants.

More than 20 million Americans have chronic kidney disease, which if left untreated can lead to End Stage Renal Disease. However, with the help of individuals like Mr. Stizza, and particularly his work organizing the Dialysis Awareness Walk, we can raise the public awareness of this debilitating disease and the plight of the more than 400,000 Americans who rely on kidney dialysis today.

Madam Speaker, please join me in applauding the fifth annual Dialysis Awareness Walk. I am confident that this event will do much to increase support and funding for those whose lives are intimately affected by chronic kidney disease.

HONORING MR. ROGER L. GALATAS

HON. KEVIN BRADY

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 22, 2010

Mr. BRADY of Texas. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Mr. Roger L. Galatas as the "King of the Court" of the Montgomery County Performing Arts Society for 2010.

Mr. Galatas is an icon in Montgomery County, Texas. For almost 20 years he worked alongside George Mitchell, the founder of the Woodlands, on Mr. Mitchell's innovative and internationally recognized development team.

Roger has held many leadership roles throughout his years in The Woodlands, including former CEO and president of The Woodlands Corporation and the founding director of The Woodlands Hospital.

Mr. Galatas has been instrumental in making education in Montgomery County stronger by serving as a founding director of The John Cooper School and past president of the Conroe Independent School District Board of Trustees. Galatas Elementary in the Conroe Independent School District today proudly bears his name.

He is a past board of directors for Stewart Title Company of Montgomery County and the United Way of Montgomery County, a former board member of the Memorial Hermann Hospital System, former trustee and officer of the Urban Land Institute, and he has served on the Real Estate Advisory Committee of the Trust for Public Land.

Mr. Galatas continues his regional leadership role as a current board member of the Center for Houston's Future and the current chair of the Strategic Planning Committee.

In 2004, Mr. Galatas co-wrote a book with Jim Barlow titled "The Woodlands, The Inside Story of Creating a Better Hometown". The book gives the inside-scoop of how The Woodlands has grown into what it is today—a fast growing, environmentally sustainable community with a vibrant economy that he played an immeasurable role in shaping.

Without question Mr. Galatas, with the support of his beautiful wife Ann, has served his community above and beyond and continues to make Montgomery County and the Houston region a better place in which to live, work and play.

Madam Speaker, I am proud to call him my friend and to recognize Mr. Roger L. Galatas and his countless contributions to the people of The Woodlands and Montgomery County.

I urge you to join me in recognizing Roger Galatas as the Royal "King of the Court" at the Second Annual Montgomery County Performing Arts Society Mardi Gras Ball that took place on February 13, 2010.

COMMEMORATING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF SCOTTSDALE'S LITTLE RED SCHOOLHOUSE

HON. HARRY E. MITCHELL

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 22, 2010

Mr. MITCHELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the 100th anniversary of Scottsdale's Little Red Schoolhouse. The schoolhouse has been a prominent pillar within the Scottsdale community since its beginnings and an important historic marker of how far the city has developed.

Since its construction in 1910, the schoolhouse has continuously evolved to match the needs of a flourishing community. Originally designed as a school for eight students, the schoolhouse now serves as a historical museum under the leadership of the Scottsdale Historical Society. Over its many years, it has

also served as a polling place, a Sunday school, a county court office and as Scottsdale's Town Hall.

The schoolhouse fostered the growth of the community and symbolizes Scottsdale's continued prosperity. I am confident that the schoolhouse will continue to thrive and serve Scottsdale for the next 100 years.

Madam Speaker, please join me in commemorating Scottsdale's Little Red Schoolhouse, and expressing gratitude to all of the volunteers and advocates of historical preservation who have made this special celebration possible.

CONGRATULATING PORTLAND DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

HON. EARL BLUMENAUER

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 22, 2010

Mr. BLUMENAUER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Portland Development Commission and the City of Portland, Oregon.

The Portland Development Commission, the city's urban renewal and economic development agency, has been able to exceed their established diversity goals in construction contracting for each of the last two years.

The PDC results are promising. In tough economic times and in a city with a small minority population PDC has exceeded goals for utilization of minority, women-owned and emerging small businesses by at least 15 percent annually, committing more than 35 percent of the dollars committed to state-certified firms.

Three years ago the PDC executive leadership and Board took bold steps by revising the decade-old policies governing business and workforce equity and adopting significant policy changes, which included: The adoption of the PDC Construction Wage Policy; revision of the PDC Business and Workforce Equity Policies; convening a community-based Workforce Diversity Advisory Committee, whose work resulted in PDC's new workforce diversity goals for all PDC construction projects and upcoming new contractor requirements; closer working relationships with the National Association of Minority Contractors-Oregon, the minority chambers of commerce and the Metropolitan Contracting Improvement Partnership, which focuses on building contractor capacity; a renewed partnership with organized labor that changed the state prevailing wage statutes on public-private partnerships; support for pre-apprenticeship programs such as Oregon Tradeswomen, Inc., the Evening Trades Apprenticeship Program, WorkSystems Inc., Irvington Covenant, Portland Youthbuilders and Construction Apprenticeship and Workforce Solutions; and providing technical assistance at no cost to all minority, women-owned and emerging small businesses bidding on or receiving PDC constructs.

Additionally, I'm pleased to report that the PDC has achieved these results in part due to close collaboration with organized labor. These jobs are family wage jobs that provide health insurance benefits.

The PDC is committed to making further progress. They've established a Workforce Diversity Strategy Committee that will function

as an oversight group and constantly evaluate results and set aggressive goals for diversity in PDC construction projects.

They've worked with minority business associations to put in place technical assistance agreements to focus on building capacity among historically underutilized businesses. PDC will implement a prompt payment requirement making sure that small contractors get paid quickly for their work, and just last month, PDC implemented a Small Contractor Loan Insurance program that gives small contractors access to working capital through a revolving loan. This will be a huge help to small firms that are struggling to attain credit with banks.

I commend PDC for what they've done, and what they have planned to make sure that public construction projects benefit the entire community and not just a select few.

RECOGNIZING STAFF SERGEANT
TIM COPELAND—SCOTTSDALE
HEALTHCARE'S "SALUTE TO
MILITARY" HONOREE

HON. HARRY E. MITCHELL

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 22, 2010

Mr. MITCHELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor a member of the Armed Forces from my home state of Arizona. Every month, Scottsdale Healthcare honors military personnel who perform diligent service to this country. Scottsdale Healthcare has recognized U.S. Army Staff Sergeant Tim Copeland for the month of February.

I commend Scottsdale Healthcare for paying tribute to such an outstanding service member for his bravery and service to our country.

Copeland has served as an Information Systems Operator and Analyst for the Army since 1992. He has been deployed twice to Kuwait and is currently deployed for a two-year tour at Camp Arifjan, Kuwait.

During his service Copeland has received numerous awards, all of which serve as a tribute to his honorable character. He has received the Presidential Service Badge, two Joint Meritorious Unit Awards, a Joint Service Commendation medal, two Army Commendation medals and seven Army Achievement medals.

Staff Sergeant Copeland is the brother of Clare Copeland, who works in the Emergency Department Admitting Office at Scottsdale Healthcare. Clare is an avid supporter of the military partnership training program.

Madam Speaker, please join me in recognizing the inspiring efforts of this courageous citizen who is serving our country and protecting the lives of his fellow service men and women in combat.

CONGRATULATING MR. IRA
LEESFIELD FOR HIS ACCOM-
PLISHMENTS IN THE LEGAL
COMMUNITY

HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 22, 2010

Mr. HASTINGS of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Mr. Ira Leesfield

on being a recipient of the American Jewish Committee's Judge Learned Hand Award. This prestigious award honors leaders in the legal profession for both their overall excellence in the workplace and their contributions to the community. Mr. Leesfield has always welcomed the challenge to serve the underserved, and it is this devotion that has earned him one of the American Jewish Committee's highest honors.

Mr. Leesfield carries himself with great integrity, respect, and dedication in everything he does for his profession and for his community. A look into his background shows just how successful he has been on both of these fronts. In 1976, Ira Leesfield founded Leesfield & Partners, dedicating his professional life to protecting the courtroom rights of the firm's clients throughout Florida and the United States. He currently holds record personal injury verdicts and settlements in a plethora of jurisdictions, earning him recognition as one of America's top ten trial lawyers.

However, Mr. Leesfield's interest reaches far beyond monetary figures as he has been recognized for prosecuting cases that benefit the public interest. He has received the American Occupational Rehabilitation Training (ORT) Jurisprudence Award for his dedication to his profession, as well as the prestigious Jurisprudence Award from the Anti-Defamation League for his success in gaining access to the courts for the less privileged. Ira was elected President of both the Melvin M. Belli Society and the Academy of Florida Trial Lawyers after receiving each organization's respective awards: the Belli Award and the Al J. Cone Lifetime Achievement Award.

A resident of Florida since 1956, Ira is an American Bar Foundation Fellow, life member of the American Association for Justice as well as the Roscoe Pound Foundation, and a past adjunct professor at the University of Miami School of Law. Mr. Leesfield's success hits close to home as his many accomplishments have greatly benefited myself as well as the great people of Florida's 23rd Congressional District.

Madam Speaker, I am truly honored to recognize Mr. Ira Leesfield for his dedication to the legal profession and to the South Florida community as a whole.

TRIBUTE TO LAWRENCE "LARRY"
KING

HON. LOIS CAPPS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 22, 2010

Mrs. CAPPS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of my constituent, Lawrence "Larry" King.

Two years ago this week, Larry was shot by a fellow student while at school in Oxnard, CA.

He died 2 days later. The police classified his murder as a hate crime.

He was 15 years old.

In addition to our local community, almost 200 vigils in all 50 States were held to honor Larry's life.

Two years later, Larry's death continues to remind us of the violence and harassment directed at lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender people every day.

This violence is unacceptable anywhere and particularly painful in our schools.

I think every American believes all our children deserve an education free from bullying, harassment, discrimination and violence.

In honor of Larry and all LGBT students, I would like to encourage my colleagues to support the Student Non-Discrimination Act.

This important bill establishes a comprehensive Federal prohibition of discrimination in public schools based on actual or perceived sexual orientation or gender identity.

We know that bullying deprives students of equal educational opportunities.

It also causes high rates of absenteeism, dropout, adverse health consequences, and academic underachievement among LGBT youth.

Without interference, bullying and discrimination leads to life-threatening violence and suicide.

Also, when school officials engage in discriminatory treatment, or are indifferent to harassing behavior, LGBT students' constitutional rights are infringed.

This is deplorable.

In Larry's memory, we owe our children nothing less than a safe environment and the support they need to learn most effectively.

VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS OF
THE UNITED STATES

HON. HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 22, 2010

Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia. Madam Speaker, Whereas, DeKalb County serves as home for many of our Veterans that have served in the United States Military; and

Whereas, forty-nine years ago servicemen who fought in wartime joined forces to form the "VFW Belvedere Post 4706"; and

Whereas, our beloved country, has and continues to benefit from the service of the members of the VFW Post 4706 in the areas of leadership, service and scholarship to our community; and

Whereas, this unique group has given of themselves tirelessly and unconditionally to preserve integrity, advocate for our enlisted service personnel and veterans; and

Whereas, the VFW Post 4706 continues to serve our country by being involved in the planning, organizing and conducting of ceremonies that commemorate and recognize those who served our country in the United States military, our children who desire scholarships to gain higher education and veterans who have fallen to homelessness; and

Whereas, the U.S. Representative of the Fourth District of Georgia has set aside this day to honor, recognize and congratulate the VFW Post 4706 on their 49th Anniversary for their outstanding service to our District;

Now therefore, I, Henry C. "Hank" Johnson, Jr., do hereby proclaim February 21, 2010, as Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States Post 4706 Day in the 4th Congressional District.

Proclaimed, this 21st day of February, 2010.

HONORING DR. DON T. NAKANISHI

HON. JUDY CHU

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 22, 2010

Ms. CHU. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize a pioneer in the field of Asian American political and educational research, and one of my dearest mentors, Dr. Don T. Nakanishi, on his retirement as director and professor of the UCLA Asian American Studies Center.

Dr. Nakanishi's 20-year tenure at the UCLA Asian American Studies Center, the largest and most renowned research and teaching institute of its kind in the Nation, has provided key leadership and vision for the development of the field of Asian American Studies and Race and Ethnic Relations Scholarship. His contributions to this invaluable field of study date back nearly 4 decades.

Born and raised in the multiethnic, working class community of East Los Angeles, California, Professor Nakanishi attended Theodore Roosevelt High School, where he served as student body president. He was also selected as boy mayor of the City of Los Angeles when he was a senior.

A political scientist, Dr. Nakanishi received his B.A. in political science from Yale University in 1971, and his Ph.D., also in political science, from Harvard University in 1978.

A professor at UCLA for 35 years, Dr. Nakanishi is a prolific writer and highly influential teacher and scholar who has written over 100 books, articles, and reports on the political participation of Asian Pacific Americans and other ethnic and racial groups in American politics; educational research on issues of access and representation; and the international political dimensions of minority experiences.

Dr. Nakanishi is widely recognized for developing the fields of Asian American political and educational research. He has received numerous awards for his scholarly achievements and public service, including the National Community Leadership Award from the Asian Pacific Institute for Congressional Studies, the prestigious Yale Medal from Yale University, and the inaugural Engaged Scholar Award from the Association of Asian American Studies.

Because of his accomplishments, President Bill Clinton appointed Dr. Nakanishi to the Civil Liberties Public Education Fund board of directors, which administered the program established under the 1988 Civil Liberties Act that provided a national apology and reparations for the 120,000 Japanese Americans who were incarcerated in concentration camps during World War II.

I urge all my House colleagues to join me in honoring Dr. Don Nakanishi for his remarkable service and contribution to our community.

COMMEMORATING THE 25TH ANNIVERSARY OF TEMPE LEADERSHIP

HON. HARRY E. MITCHELL

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 22, 2010

Mr. MITCHELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the 25th anniversary of

Tempe Leadership. Tempe Leadership has continuously identified bright and exceptional community members and nurtured their leadership skills through education, experience, exposure and service.

In its 25 years, Tempe Leadership has played an essential role in fostering tomorrow's community leaders. To date, Tempe Leadership boasts more than 400 graduates, including highly accomplished elected officials, board members, and numerous business and non-profit executives. Each year, participants of the program tackle a class project, which utilizes their skilled and unskilled physical labor to give back to Tempe.

I would like to congratulate Tempe Leadership on 25 years of success, and express my gratitude for the profound contributions its graduates have made to our community's quality of life. Because of Tempe Leadership, their positive impact on our community will be felt for decades to come.

Madam Speaker, please join me in recognizing Tempe Leadership's impressive 25 years of service. The program's dedication to enhancing Tempe leaders should serve as an inspiration to us all.

RECOGNIZING EDWARD PATE AS
THE SANTA ROSA COUNTY
TEACHER OF THE YEAR

HON. JEFF MILLER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 22, 2010

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mr. Edward Pate upon receiving the Santa Rosa County, Florida Teacher of the Year Award. Edward is a dedicated teacher and public servant, and I am honored to recognize his Teacher of the Year achievement.

Edward joined Gulf Breeze High School in 2005 following a career as an attorney and ceramics gallery owner in New York City. He currently teaches English III and Pensacola Junior College Dual Enrollment classes. These core classes have achieved a passing rate of 94 percent or better during his tenure. Edward also coaches the Boys Golf Team, this year's District 2A Champion and a state Academic Team Champion. The team had the highest cumulative GPA of the 251 schools in District 2A.

Edward serves on the PTSO Board, the SAC Committee, and the RtI Committee. He received his National Board Certification in 2008 and serves as the English Department Chair. As Department Chair, he is developing a new department-wide program to assess and improve student writing. He always imparts a positive attitude to his students and other teachers, and his high level of energy inspires the entire school.

Madam Speaker, on behalf of the United States Congress, I am privileged to recognize Edward Pate as the Santa Rosa Teacher of the Year. He is a true public servant and a dedicated teacher. My wife Vicki and I wish Edward and his family all the best for the future.

HONORING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF GWINN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

HON. BART STUPAK

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 22, 2010

Mr. STUPAK. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor Gwinn United Methodist Church, UMC, during its centennial celebration. For 100 years, the Gwinn UMC has been a gathering site for worship, teaching and fellowship in the Gwinn community. Its rich history can be traced through families who have been members of the church for generations, while its welcoming atmosphere continues to attract new members.

Just a short drive south of Lake Superior, Gwinn United Methodist Church is bound tightly to the history of the Upper Peninsula. The community of Gwinn was built to support the iron mines of Cleveland-Cliffs Iron Mining Company, which still operates in the Marquette County today. As Cleveland-Cliffs president William G. Mather began to build his "model town," a group of settlers in nearby Princeton organized a church group and began plans for a Methodist church.

Land for the Gwinn United Methodist Church was deeded to the congregation by William Mather in 1909, and on October 15, 1909, the cornerstone of the church was laid by Mather himself. The church was formally dedicated on February 20, 1910, by its first pastor, Reverend Simon Hocking.

As the community of Gwinn grew and prospered, so did Gwinn UMC. Over the years, modifications have been made to the building, including the addition of an education wing, a remodeled chancel area in the sanctuary, and the construction of a parsonage on property adjoining the church. Gwinn UMC also welcomed its first full-time minister in 1984, having previously shared pastors with several nearby communities. Even as the church has grown, it has also stayed connected with its roots; today's congregation still worships in the original 1909 pews.

While its history is impressive, Gwinn UMC's most inspiring attribute is the outpouring of support and assistance it provides to the Gwinn community. The church has opened its doors to be used by groups including Head Start, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, 4-H, and Alcoholics Anonymous. On the second Wednesday of each month, members of the congregation prepare a free evening meal for the community, serving 707 people in 2009, fostering a sense of fellowship and camaraderie between neighbors and friends. The church also provided 344 bags of groceries to 235 families last year through its weekly food pantry.

Through its Children's Love Fund, Gwinn UMC provides assistance to families of area children needing extensive medical treatment; and through its Endowment Fund, the church provides gifts and grants to individuals, organizations and missions locally, regionally and globally. Since 2002, \$11,300 has been provided to missions through the Endowment Fund.

Madam Speaker, from its earliest days Gwinn United Methodist Church has been connected to the Gwinn community through history and tradition. The spirit and principles

that are intrinsic to the Upper Peninsula can be found throughout the history of the church and the actions of its congregation. Over the past 100 years, Gwinn United Methodist Church has shared the joy of the Lord with the community of Gwinn and with open arms has reached out to those in need. For these many blessings, Madam Speaker, I ask that you, and the entire U.S. House of Representatives, join me in recognizing Pastor Geri Hamlen and the members of the Gwinn United Methodist Church on the church's centennial anniversary.

IN TRIBUTE TO JOSEPH
HANREDDY

HON. GWEN MOORE

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 22, 2010

Ms. MOORE of Wisconsin. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize an artistic leader, theater director, producer, actor, and consummate professional from the Fourth Congressional District. Mr. Joseph Hanreddy is recognized at the international, national, regional and local level for his work and achievements during his seventeen seasons as the Artistic Director for the Milwaukee Repertory Theatre Company in Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

The influence of the Repertory Artistic Director goes beyond the company; the person in the job affects the tone and style of the entire theater community. Because of his commitment to the theater, Mr. Hanreddy gave nearly two years advance notice of his retirement so his successor could choose his or her inaugural season.

During his tenure, the theater has presented 252 productions, 55 world premieres, as well as having established one of the country's finest resident acting ensembles. The total attendance while Mr. Hanreddy has been in residence is 3,247,045. International connections continued under Mr. Hanreddy's leadership with the recruitment of acclaimed directors Ben Barnes, former Artistic Director of Ireland's Abeey Theater, and Paolo Landi, Ganshi Mureta, Lev Stukalov and Mark-Wing Davey from Italy, Japan, Russia and Great Britain respectively, to create productions for the theater.

The Milwaukee Repertory Theater, affectionately known as The Rep, presents critically-acclaimed dramas, contemporary plays, and cabaret shows. The Company continues its strong history of premiering new American plays. Mr. Hanreddy commissioned and directed the premieres of several original plays by Steven Dietz, directed 40 productions at The Rep, with recent premieres going on to be produced in Los Angeles and Chicago, and a successful Off-Broadway run.

The Rep has one of the oldest artistic internship programs in regional theater to foster valuable experience in professional theater. Each season welcomes acting and directing fulltime internships, as well as, internships throughout the production, marketing and development departments. The Rep maintains community service programs including education programs serving over 20,000 students annually, student matinees, facility tours and in-school workshops. The Rep contributes hundreds of complimentary tickets to Mil-

waukee area non-profit fundraisers, conducts adult acting classes, and access services including audio-described performances, American Sign Language-interpreted performances and Captioned Theater performances.

Madam Speaker, for these reasons, I am honored to pay tribute to Joseph Hanreddy. Mr. Hanreddy's dedication to the Milwaukee Repertory Theatre has brought the arts and enriched the lives of all of us in the Greater Milwaukee area and beyond.

RECOGNIZING THE RETIREMENT
OF REVEREND HERB SADLER

HON. JEFF MILLER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 22, 2010

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Reverend Herb Sadler, a northwest Florida leader who is retiring after fifty years of service to his church and to his community. Reverend Sadler spent his life serving others, and I am proud to honor his dedication, faith, and service.

After completing his sophomore year at Huntingdon College, Herb was called to pastoral service by the United Methodist Church at the age of 20. In 1962, then-superintendent Marshall Ford asked Herb to pastor six small churches in West Alabama. Herb became senior pastor of Gulf Breeze United Methodist in 1975, where he served until 2003. Over the course of his tenure, church attendance grew from a little over 100 to more than 2,000. In 1999, he oversaw the opening of the church's second campus—the Community Life Center—which provides support groups, recreational ministries, and workshops to thousands of local community members.

Reverend Sadler was appointed as the Superintendent of the Dothan District of the UMC in 2003, ministering to 99 churches in Southeast Alabama. He returned to Gulf Breeze in 2008 as the interim senior pastor for a year as the church searched for a permanent senior pastor. The church honored his dedication by renaming the Community Life Center after Reverend Sadler.

Madam Speaker, on behalf of the United States Congress, I am honored to recognize Reverend Herb Sadler for his fifty years of pastoral service to the United Methodist Church. He has been a dedicated pastor and a community leader for northwest Florida. My wife Vicki and I wish all the best for Herb and his wife Barbara as they embark on this next journey in their lives.

HONORING THE LIFE AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF NINA SIMONE

HON. HEATH SHULER

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 22, 2010

Mr. SHULER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to remember the life of legendary American jazz musician and civil rights activist Nina Simone. A native of Tryon, North Carolina, Nina Simone was born Eunice Kathleen Waymon on February 21, 1933. In the United States House of Representatives, it is an

honor to represent Ms. Simone's birthplace and the town where she began her legacy of musical innovation and civil rights activism.

Ms. Simone began playing the piano at age three and made her first classical piano debut at age twelve. During this first recital she witnessed her parents being escorted from the front row to make room for a Caucasian family. Ms. Simone refused to play until her parents were seated in the front row. This event marked the beginning of a lifetime of civil rights activism.

As the sixth of seven children in a poor family, Ms. Simone began her musical career singing as an accompanist to earn extra income for her family. As the civil rights struggle developed in the United States, so did her music. After the bombing of a church in Birmingham, Alabama in 1963, Ms. Simone wrote an emotional response to the situation of African Americans in the United States. By 1974, Ms. Simone was traveling the world.

In 1987, while in Paris, her song "My Baby Just Cares for Me," was featured on a major television network. Her music, both in French and English, has been an inspiration for artists around the world.

The Eunice Waymon-Nina Simone Project honors the legacy of Nina Simone in Tryon, her hometown in Western North Carolina. The Project honors her remarkable life and musical contributions. The Project also seeks to inspire and support talented youth to reach their full potential through a variety of scholarship programs. On the 21st of February they unveiled a life-size bronze statue of Ms. Simone. The Eunice Waymon-Nina Simone Project keeps her legacy alive in Western North Carolina.

Ms. Simone passed away on April 21, 2003 at the age of 70 in the French countryside. Her daughter, Lisa Celeste Stroud, is also an actress and singer. Born in New York, Ms. Stroud spent much time traveling the world with her mother before enlisting in the United States Air Force. Today, she is a successful singer with a resume that includes starring in the Tim Rice musical "Aida."

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in celebrating Ms. Simone's 77th birthday, and celebrating her extraordinary accomplishments as both an extraordinary jazz musician and strong civil rights activist.

RECOGNIZING DAWN PACK AS THE
OKALOOSA COUNTY TEACHER OF
THE YEAR

HON. JEFF MILLER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 22, 2010

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Dawn Pack upon receiving the Okaloosa County, Florida Teacher of the Year Award. Dawn is a dedicated public servant, and I am honored to recognize her on this achievement.

Dawn's career as an educator spans over nineteen years. Since 2003, she has taught 5th grade students at Destin Elementary School in Okaloosa County. Dawn motivates her students, but goes above and beyond to inspire other teachers and the local community. From day one, she has advocated to integrate science into all of the curricula at Destin Elementary, conducting training to show other

teachers how to use the scientific method. Additionally, she has reached out to the parents and the community to work with her students on science-related projects. Dawn is the kind of teacher who loves her students and loves what she does. She is truly an inspiration to all of those around her.

Madam Speaker, on behalf of the United States Congress, I am privileged to recognize Dawn Pack as the Okaloosa Teacher of the Year. She is a great educator to students and teachers alike, as well as a passionate community leader. My wife Vicki and I wish Dawn and her family all the best for the future.

HONORING WILLIAM ALLAN WOOD
FOR A LIFE WELL-LIVED IN
SOUTH JERSEY

HON. ROBERT E. ANDREWS

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 22, 2010

Mr. ANDREWS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor William Allan Wood for his many years in New Jersey's First district. Mr. Wood, at 105 years old, sets an excellent example of how to live fully and completely.

Mr. Wood was born the second of seven children in June of 1904 in Camden, New Jersey. He grew up in Haddonfield, NJ. He started attending Drexel night school in the fall of 1923 studying mechanical engineering and received his certificate in 1928. While attending Drexel, he worked in a shop rebuilding machine tools and then at the Southwark Foundry in Philadelphia and later at the Baldwin Locomotive Works as a draftsman and then an engineer. In 1936, he started working for Florence Pipe Foundry, part of the R. D. Wood Company. He started as an engineer/draftsman. In 1940, he became a plant engineer and oversaw the expansion of the foundry's capacity during WWII. He remained plant engineer until he retired in 1961.

Allan married his wife Virginia in 1937 and moved to Delanco, NJ where they raised a daughter and a son. His wife passed away in 1999. He has three grandchildren and five great grandchildren. Allan has always stressed the importance of family, friends and has served on many local and state boards and commissions.

Allan has been a lifelong sailor, first in small racing sailboats and then in cruising sailboats. For 25 years, Allan and his wife sailed their beloved 27-foot sailboat on the Delaware River and the Chesapeake Bay, often in company with family and friends. It was through a sailor friend that he started his second career at C-Lec Plastics in 1962 as an engineer designing tools and equipment for casting, curing and machining large high tech plastic components. When his wife became ill he cut back to a 3-day workweek and for the past 5 years he has been working 3 half-days per week. Even at 105 years of age, Allan is one of the most reliable employees at C-Lec and is appreciated by everyone there.

Madam Speaker, I would like to congratulate Mr. Wood on a life filled with achievements and service. It is an honor to pay tribute to Mr. Wood, and I wish him the best of luck in his future endeavors.

IN HONOR OF FIRE CHIEF
BERNARD M. BENEDICT

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 22, 2010

Mr. KUCINICH. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor of Fire Chief Bernard M. Benedict, upon his retirement from the Middleburg Heights Fire Department, following nearly forty years of leadership, service and dedication to the citizens of Middleburg Heights.

Chief Benedict joined the Middleburg Heights Fire Department on June 16, 1973. In November of that year, he completed the State of Ohio's 160 Hour Fire Training course, finishing fourth in his class. On June 29th, 1977, he graduated from the Paramedic Program at Cuyahoga County Community College. One year later, Chief Benedict became one of the first paramedic-firefighters with the Middleburg Heights Fire Department. From the beginning, Chief Benedict set a tone of camaraderie and professionalism within the Department, and he easily gained the respect and admiration of his colleagues and superiors.

Equipped with expertise in the safety field, an unwavering dedication to his vocation, and an affable nature, he quickly rose through the ranks, and was appointed as Acting Lieutenant in March, 1987. Committed to continuing his education, Chief Benedict completed his Associate's Degree in Emergency Medical Technology in 1990. In 2000, he was appointed as the Technical Rescue Director for the Southwest Emergency Response. One year later, in May of 2001, he was appointed Chief of the Middleburg Heights Fire Department.

Madam Speaker and colleagues, please join me in honoring Fire Chief Bernard M. Benedict for his commitment and his leadership in creating a safe community for everyone who lives and works in Middleburg Heights. His superior work as Chief, firefighter, paramedic and instructor has set the bar high for safety, response and protection within Middleburg Heights, Ohio. His service will forever be a true example for others to follow.

H.R. 4495—DESIGNATING THE FACILITY OF THE UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE LOCATED AT 100 NORTH TAYLOR LANE IN PATAGONIA, ARIZONA, AS THE "JIM KOLBE POST OFFICE"

HON. BETTY McCOLLUM

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 22, 2010

Ms. McCOLLUM. Madam Speaker, I rise today in support of H.R. 4495, which designates the United States Postal Service facility located at 100 North Taylor Lane in Patagonia, Arizona, as the "Jim Kolbe Post Office."

Jim Kolbe served the people of Arizona in Congress for 22 years, including 2 decades on the House Appropriations Committee. He chaired the Subcommittee on Foreign Operations, Export Financing and Related Agencies during his final 6 years in Congress, which is when I came to know him.

I traveled with Jim in 2005 as part of a Congressional Delegation to Africa and worked with him to promote human rights and economic growth in the developing world. Jim is now the Senior Transatlantic Fellow for the German Marshall Fund, where he continues to contribute his expertise to the Caucus for Congressional-World Bank Dialogue.

H.R. 4495 is a well-deserved honor. Today I have the privilege of joining my colleagues in paying tribute to this distinguished public servant by designating the "Jim Kolbe Post Office" in Patagonia, Arizona.

IN HONOR OF THE VIETNAMESE
NEW YEAR: TET, 2010 YEAR OF
THE TIGER

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 22, 2010

Mr. KUCINICH. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the Vietnamese New Year: Tet, 2010, Year of the Tiger. As the Vietnamese community in Greater Cleveland gathers at St. Helena Catholic Church to celebrate, I join them in celebration of their rich history and culture.

Tet is the time of the year to pay homage to ancestors, reconnect with friends and family and celebrate every hope and possibility rising with the new year. This year's gathering will once again honor community volunteers and leaders, showcasing many Vietnamese cultural treasures including Vietnamese culinary cuisine, music and dance.

2010 also marks thirty-five years of service to the community by the Vietnamese Community in Greater Cleveland, Inc. This organization has been an invaluable resource for hundreds of Clevelanders of Vietnamese descent, linking them to needed resources and preserving the rich heritage of the Vietnamese people.

I would also like to recognize Le Nguyen, President of the Vietnamese Community in Greater Cleveland, Inc., and every member, past and present, for their dedication to Vietnamese-Americans of Northeast Ohio.

Madam Speaker and colleagues, please join me in celebration of the Vietnamese New Year, Tet 2010: Year of the Tiger. May every American of Vietnamese heritage hold memories of their past forever in their hearts, and find peace and happiness within every new day of the rising new year.

COMMEMORATING THE LIFE OF
JEAN HANDLEY

HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 22, 2010

Ms. DeLAURO. Madam Speaker, I rise to commemorate the life and work of Jean Handley, an inspiring leader in our New Haven community and a long time friend to the arts and to the dispossessed, who passed away at the age of 83 last month.

A path-breaking career woman who spent three decades working for AT&T and Southern New England Telephone, SNET, Jean

knocked down barriers for working women across Connecticut. After serving 10 years as the Executive Director of the Connecticut League of Women Voters, she joined SNET in 1960 and later AT&T in 1972. Six years later, she was the highest ranking female employee in the Bell system, eventually retiring as Vice-President of Public and Corporate Relations in 1989. And she was the first female member of the Quinnipiac Club, a New Haven business institution since 1871. As it turns out, she was elected to the Club because she refused to enter through the kitchen there, as was the questionable custom for women before Handley gently and firmly put a stop to it.

This was the type of leadership Jean showed throughout her life—She led by example, with grace, elegance, good humor, and enormous competence.

Her career aside, Jean was a passionate admirer of the arts and a dedicated supporter of non-profits and community service efforts in our state. She was a longtime board member of Learning, Education, and Athletics in Partnership, LEAP, the Long Wharf Theatre, and the New Haven Symphony. In addition, she served as an Emeritus Trustee of her alma mater, Connecticut College, as well as the University of New Hampshire. And, in 1996, she was a co-founder of the International Festival of Arts and Ideas, an 18-day arts festival in New Haven that now attracts over 100,000 people each June. True to her enthusiasm, her passion for the arts, and her diligence, Jean not only commissioned a market study to ascertain the appeal of the festival first, she researched the weather to figure out the best two-week window to hold it.

Last December, in her last public appearance before succumbing to the cancer she had so bravely and silently fought, Jean was awarded with the Connecticut Arts Council's C. Newton Schenk III Award for Lifetime Achievement, which deemed her a "life-long champion of the region's arts organizations and an individual of exceedingly high standards." That she was. Our city of New Haven, and our world, is a smaller place with her passing.

HONORING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE HOWARD THEATRE AND ITS CONTRIBUTION OF ENTERTAINMENT ON HISTORIC U STREET

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 22, 2010

Ms. NORTON. Madam Speaker, I rise to ask the House of Representatives to join me in honoring the 100th anniversary of the Howard Theatre and its contribution to music and entertainment on historic U Street in Washington, DC.

The Howard Theatre was the only theater in the Nation's capital where African Americans could enjoy live music, dance, drama and comedy during the era of racial segregation in Washington, DC.

The Howard Theatre provided a gateway to the historic U Street corridor and currently is being preserved for historic renovation. We commend Howard Theatre Restoration Inc. for spearheading the preservation of the Howard Theatre.

Known as "the largest colored theatre in the world," the Howard Theatre welcomed talent regardless of color. Many legendary music greats appeared at "The Howard," among them, Ella Fitzgerald, Billy Taylor, The Supremes, Chuck Brown, Petey Greene, Dick Gregory, and Redd Foxx.

Madam Speaker, I ask the House of Representatives to join me in applauding Howard Theatre Restoration Inc. for its work to preserve the Howard Theatre legacy, and in commemorating the 100th anniversary of the Howard Theatre for its contribution as a premiere entertainment venue for people of all races and backgrounds and as a showcase of national and international importance for African American entertainers of the day.

IN HONOR AND REMEMBRANCE OF DON SCOTT

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 22, 2010

Mr. KUCINICH. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor of Don Scott, a beloved husband, father, grandfather, brother and friend. Mr. Scott's life was centered around family, community and service to others. His keen business sense, positive attitude, and unstoppable energy were key elements of his success.

Throughout Cleveland, Mr. Scott was known for his gathering place called "Vel's"—the premier party center for the African-American community named after his beloved wife, Velma Rose. African-American city leaders, politicians and candidates met regularly at Vel's, where Mr. Scott always greeted guests with kind and encouraging words. He hosted major political events, giving many candidates the exposure and support they needed to rally voters and win elections, including former United States Congressman Louis Stokes.

In 1963, Don and Velma purchased the Alhambra Bowling Lanes near Euclid and East 102nd Street, and changed the name to University Lanes. They opened Vel's Red Carpet Lounge in the basement, and it soon became a popular venue that drew nationally known performers. Mr. Scott became the first African-American contestant on the popular national TV series "Championship Bowling." He won his first match in 1961 by bowling five strikes in a row and went on to tour with the Professional Bowling Association. In 1962, Mr. Scott won the first round of the PBA Open and ended the tournament by placing ninth in the nation.

Mr. Scott was first and foremost dedicated to his wife and children. Together, Don and Velma Scott raised their children, Gregory, Avis and Don D. In later years, Don and Velma travelled the world but remained committed to the betterment of their eastside community. They founded Vel's Purple Oasis Garden, a community garden and greenhouse near University Circle. They also opened "New Life Skills Academy," a training center for future entrepreneurs.

Madam Speaker and colleagues, please join me in honor of Don Scott, a man who will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved him. I also honor the memory of his beloved wife, the late Velma Rose. I offer my deepest con-

dolences to his children, Gregory, Avis and Don D., to his six grandchildren, his six siblings, and to his extended family and friends. Mr. Scott lived his life with a generous heart and an unwavering love for his family and his community. He will never be forgotten.

IN RECOGNITION OF RUSSELL E. KING ON HIS 90TH BIRTHDAY

HON. JEFF MILLER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 22, 2010

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor Mr. Russell "Tony" E. King upon the occasion of his 90th birthday. Mr. King has spent a lifetime serving his community and his family, and it is a privilege to recognize him on his accomplishments today.

Known as Papa King to his family, Tony has lived in Florida for almost 70 years. He was married to Jonnie King for 62 years before she passed away in 2008, and the two are the proud parents of five children, ten grandchildren, and 22 great-grandchildren. Tony served his country in the U.S. Navy for two years before starting a career at the St. Regis Paper Company, now International Paper, where he retired after 33 years. He was a very active member of the community, serving as Assistant Chief of the Brent Volunteer Fire Department and spending fifteen years in the Florida Highway Patrol Auxiliary. Tony also volunteers much of his time at the Gonzalez United Methodist Church, where he is still a member.

Madam Speaker, Tony King is a Northwest Florida community leader who has spent a lifetime serving his country and his community. My wife Vicki and I wish him a happy birthday and his entire family all the best for the future.

HONORING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF ST. MARY'S SCHOOL

HON. JOHN SHIMKUS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 22, 2010

Mr. SHIMKUS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the 100th anniversary of the St. Mary's School in Taylorville, Illinois.

St. Mary's opened its doors in 1909 in a one room structure on Franklin Street in Taylorville. At that time, the school consisted of one teacher and 77 students. The school moved into its current building in 1921, which is home to kindergarten through third grade, two libraries and the school office. By the 1990s, St. Mary's enrollment had expanded so much that a second building was necessary. The new building was dedicated in 2000.

Over the last century, St. Mary's has remained dedicated to providing its students with a high quality education which will last a lifetime. Last fall, the school held its annual fall festival, where former students and educators returned to St. Mary's to celebrate a century of progress. To help students and alumni see how classes were conducted a century ago, the school re-created the original one room schoolhouse, with kindergarten through sixth grade in the same room.

Today, the students, families and staff at St. Mary's are recognized throughout the area for their exemplary record of service to their community. St. Mary's has been recognized for its work on behalf of the American Lung Association, the local Crisis Pregnancy Center and Catholic Charities.

I would like to congratulate Principal Cathy Robertson, Father Alan Hunter, and the students, teachers and staff of St. Mary's School, past and present, as they celebrate this important birthday and wish them another 100 years of success.

CYBERSECURITY ENHANCEMENT
ACT OF 2009

SPEECH OF

HON. LAURA RICHARDSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 3, 2010

Ms. RICHARDSON. Madam Speaker, I rise today in support of H.R. 4061, the Cybersecurity Enhancement Act, which addresses the recommendations of the Cyberspace Policy Review to improve cybersecurity in the Federal, private, and public sectors.

I would like to acknowledge Speaker PELOSI and Chairman GORDON for their leadership in bringing this important resolution to the floor. I would also like to thank my colleague Congressman LIPINSKI, who authored this legislation that will result in the development and implementation of a strategic plan guiding the overall direction of Federal cybersecurity and information assurance research and development.

As a former member of the House Homeland Security Subcommittee on Emergency Threats, Cybersecurity and Science and Technology, I have been concerned about these issues. The rapid development of information technology has led to increased connectivity and productivity that has greatly benefited the U.S. economy. However, with these great advances comes the disadvantage of increased vulnerability of our information technology infrastructure. Reports of cyber crime, hacking, and viruses has steadily risen, heightening concerns over the adequacy of our cybersecurity measures and the need for further research and development.

My district, the 37th district of California, is heavily dependent on technology and computing networks, so I am pleased that H.R. 4061 is a bill that will improve cybersecurity in the Federal, private, and public sectors. This legislation achieves this goal by developing a skilled cybersecurity workforce, coordinating and prioritizing the Federal R&D portfolio, improving the transfer of cybersecurity technologies to the marketplace, promoting cybersecurity education and awareness for the general public, and coordinating U.S. representation in the development of international cybersecurity technical standards. My district, the 37th district of California, is heavily dependent on technology and computing networks, so I am pleased that . . .

In conclusion, Madam Speaker, I support this legislation because with our increasing reliance on the internet, we need to make sure

our cyber systems are secure. I am pleased that Congress is taking action to promote these improvements and adequately fund the areas of government responsible for our cybersecurity.

Madam Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in supporting H.R. 4061.

HONORING THE ZEPHYRHILLS
HIGH SCHOOL JROTC

HON. GINNY BROWN-WAITE

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 22, 2010

Ms. GINNY BROWN-WAITE of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the Zephyrhills High School JROTC for their dedication to service on behalf of our nation's heroes and veterans.

On February 11th, a signing ceremony will take place by the National Armed Forces Community covenant in honor of the Zephyrhills High School JROTC.

Although this presentation has taken place in over 700 communities across our great country, this presentation is significant because it is the first presentation being made to a High School JROTC. As such, this historic ceremony represents an unprecedented commitment to improving the quality of life for our soldiers and their families by the Zephyrhills High School JROTC.

Madam Speaker, it is an honor to recognize the Zephyrhills High School JROTC. On behalf of a grateful nation, this Congress, and the local community of veterans and active service members, I thank the members of Zephyrhills JROTC for their dedication to this country.

RECOGNIZING NORTHSIDE COLLEGE
LEGE PREPARATORY HIGH
SCHOOL

HON. MIKE QUIGLEY

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 22, 2010

Mr. QUIGLEY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the success of Northside College Preparatory Academy, recently named number one high school in Illinois based upon its students scoring in the highest average percentile on the Prairie State Achievement Examination.

Led by principal Barry P. Rodgers and assistant principal Dr. Margaret E. Murphy, Northside Prep has worked tirelessly since 1999 to help foster student values. The school teaches students that vital leadership skills, critical problem solving skills, a passion to learn, and the ability to balance all these attributes are tantamount to a successful adult life.

In addition, Northside Prep helps its students further explore their individual interests and heritages by offering an array of extracurricular clubs that cater to various hobbies, nationalities, and human rights issues. Northside Prep has shown that focusing on developing a well rounded student, can and does improve the education they receive,

something evidenced by their recent success on the Reading, Science and Math achievement tests.

Madam Speaker, for these reasons, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing the important contributions that Northside College Preparatory has made in shaping and educating Chicago's youth, and in enriching the communities surrounding it.

HONORING STELL MANFREDI

HON. GEORGE RADANOVICH

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 22, 2010

Mr. RADANOVICH. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Stell Manfredi upon his retirement as the Madera County Administrative Officer. Mr. Manfredi was honored by the Madera County Board of Supervisors on Saturday, January 30, 2010.

Mr. Stell Manfredi was born in 1945 in Madera, California. He attended St. Joachim's Catholic Grammar School and graduated from Madera High School in 1963. Upon his high school graduation, he attended Fresno City College and California State University, Fresno, where he earned his Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration with a minor in Economics. In 1969, Mr. Manfredi joined the United States Naval Reserve and served in DaNang, Vietnam.

After returning to Madera in 1971, Mr. Manfredi began working for the Madera County Administrative Office. The first three years he served as an Administrative Analyst I and was promoted to Administrative Analyst II. In 1980, he became the Assistant County Administrative Officer, and in 1991 he was named the County Administrative Officer.

In the thirty-eight years of working for the County Administrative Office, Mr. Manfredi has worked on many county projects; including the jail construction, juvenile boot camp, Madera Ranchos water system, juvenile hall, Oakhurst sewer system, the Madera County Government Center and parking facility, the Oakhurst fire and sheriff facility and the central garage facility. The county has grown in population, employees and budget. In 1971, when Mr. Manfredi began with the county, there were 42,600 residents, 375 employees and a sixteen million dollar budget. Today, there are over 151,000 residents, 1,700 employees and a two hundred million dollar budget. Mr. Manfredi has participated in almost two thousand Board of Supervisor meetings, worked under the direction of twenty-one members of the Board of Supervisors and has worked with over one hundred and thirty appointed and elected county department heads. He is currently the second longest serving County Administrative Officer in the State of California, he is the third County Administrative Officer for Madera county. Mr. Manfredi also acted as the Executive Officer of the Local Agency Formation Commission from 1971 until 2000.

Madam Speaker, I rise today to commend and congratulate Stell Manfredi upon his retirement from Madera County. I invite my colleagues to join me in wishing Mr. Manfredi many years of continued success.

HONORING THE UNIVERSITY OF
IOWA HAWKEYE FOOTBALL TEAM

HON. DAVID LOESACK

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 22, 2010

Mr. LOESACK. Madam Speaker, today, I am introducing a Resolution to honor the University of Iowa Hawkeye football team for the great success they had on the football field during the 2009 season. The team began the season by winning its first nine football games, which set a new team record for consecutive wins to start a football season. The Hawkeyes finished the regular season with 10 wins and two losses, leaving them ranked seventh in both the final Associated Press and USA Today rankings, tied for second in the Big Ten Conference, and were invited to play in the 2010 FedEx Orange Bowl against the Georgia Tech Yellow Jackets. The game was very well competed by both schools, but with stellar defense and an exciting offensive performance, the University of Iowa Hawkeye football team won the game 24–14.

Through hard work and great success on the football field, the University of Iowa Hawkeye football team received numerous awards and won over many new fans. Through this Resolution, I hope to congratulate the 2009 University of Iowa Hawkeye football program for bringing honor to the team, the University of Iowa, the city of Iowa City, and the State of Iowa.

HONORING THE COLLINSVILLE
HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS BOWLING
TEAM

HON. JOHN SHIMKUS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 22, 2010

Mr. SHIMKUS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the Collinsville High School girls bowling team.

This outstanding and competitive group captured the Illinois High School Association's state championship in February by bowling a team total of 12,450 points, or an average of 207.5 per bowler. This is the first Collinsville High School championship since 1992 and the first girls state championship in the school's history. Special recognition went to Collinsville High School senior Frannie Steiner who bowled the top individual score at the state finals, finishing with a 229.7 average.

I join with the Members of this House in commending coach Sean Hay on his outstanding work with this team and congratulating the members of the Illinois state championship bowling team: Frannie Steiner, Katie Beauchamp, Lisa Graham, Brittany Warner, Sara Bell, Liz Huffman, Amber Burns and Elizabeth Beauchamp. I wish them all the best in their future endeavors.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. JOHN SULLIVAN

OF OKLAHOMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 22, 2010

Mr. SULLIVAN. Madam Speaker, consistent with House Republican Earmark Standards, I am submitting the following earmark disclosure and certification information for one additional project funding request that I made and was included within the text of H.R. 3326, the Department of Defense Appropriations Act, 2010.

Project: Ground Warfare Acoustical Combat Systems of Netted Sensors

Project Amount: \$5,000,000

Account: RDTE—Navy

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: GWACS Defense, Inc.

Address of Requesting Entity: Suite 191, 4500 South, 129th East Ave., Tulsa, OK 74134

Description of Request: Combat systems are required that can detect, locate, discriminate and give precision targeting data of hostile fire to blue forces in a netcentric environment. Additionally, multi sensor systems are required that can help IFF, create total battlespace situational awareness both in open and urban terrain, and provide precision targeting data for combined and integrated fire support. Funds will be used to accelerate the completion of a new technology that is critical and urgently needed for small arms detection and location for future procurement for force protection and situational awareness at all command levels in open and urban terrain operations in Iraq and Afghanistan.

INTRODUCING A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE SENSE OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES THAT "DON'T ASK, DON'T TELL" BE REPEALED IN 2010

HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 22, 2010

Mr. HASTINGS of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise today to introduce a resolution that recognizes the Senate Armed Services Committee's hearing on Don't Ask, Don't Tell, and the testimony of Defense Secretary Robert M. Gates and Admiral Michael G. Mullen, Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, at the hearing, as an important first step towards equality in the Armed Forces. Furthermore, my resolution expresses the sense of the House of Representatives that this discriminatory law should be repealed in 2010.

There are an estimated 66,000 gay and lesbian service members currently on active-duty, serving in all capacities around the world to protect our nation and advance our interests. The misguided policy known as Don't Ask, Don't Tell is yet another enemy to fight at a time when we are strained in two wars. In 2009 alone, we lost 428 service members to Don't Ask, Don't Tell at the estimated cost of over \$12 million. We cannot allow the strength and unity of our military to suffer from a destructive force within. Don't Ask, Don't Tell is irreconcilable with the values that our great

nation was built on and the values that our Armed Forces embody.

The Senate Armed Services Committee's recent hearing on Don't Ask, Don't Tell was indeed historic, being the first Senate hearing on the issue in 17 years. My resolution recognizes the great significance of Defense Secretary Gates and Admiral Mullen's testimonies, which sent a clear signal across the nation and through the military ranks that discrimination is not a value of our Armed Forces. Furthermore, it urges the Pentagon working group to deliver an implementation plan to Congress as soon as possible while ensuring that the needs and concerns of all service members are taken into consideration, and strongly recommends that the Senate Armed Services Committee and House Armed Services Committee's Subcommittee on Military Personnel include active-duty service members in their upcoming hearings regarding Don't Ask, Don't Tell.

While a majority of the American people support open service by gay and lesbian members of the Armed Forces, there are those who would like to see the policy kept in place. Don't Ask, Don't Tell should be repealed swiftly and replaced with a policy of non-discrimination and inclusion once and for all.

Madam Speaker, the repeal of Don't Ask, Don't Tell is long overdue. It is my sincere hope that President Obama, the Department of Defense, the U.S. military, and Congress will do everything in their power to allow gay and lesbian Americans to serve openly as soon as possible. I urge my colleagues to support this important resolution and to join me in working to bring about the full and final repeal of Don't Ask, Don't Tell this year.

HONORING THE CHICAGO CHAPTER
OF THE AMERICAN VETERANS
FOR EQUAL RIGHTS

HON. MIKE QUIGLEY

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 22, 2010

Mr. QUIGLEY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Chicago Chapter of the American Veterans for Equal Rights, AVER, an organization of gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender veterans of the U.S. Armed Forces, on the occasion of the City of Chicago's annual Salute to LGBT veterans.

Founded in 1992, the Chicago Chapter of AVER provides support to LGBT veterans in the Chicago metropolitan area. Members of AVER have served in every war from World War II to Iraq and Afghanistan.

Each year, AVER members march in Chicago's Memorial Day Parade and in Chicago's Gay Pride Parade. By doing so, AVER members bear witness to the fact that gay and lesbian Americans have served throughout our history to defend the United States in time of war and to preserve our freedoms and democracy.

AVER fights not only for LGBT veterans but also for gay and lesbian soldiers currently serving in our Armed Forces, especially those who are in harms way in Iraq and Afghanistan. AVER members travel to Washington every year to lobby members of Congress for an end to the "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" policy.

For 15 years, AVER has fought against this detrimental policy that requires gay and lesbian service members to deny who they are and to lie about their lives. Our democratic allies—from the United Kingdom to Israel—allow gay and lesbian soldiers to serve openly without any adverse effects on military preparedness or morale. This is the basic fairness and justice that AVER seeks for gay and lesbian American soldiers.

Madam Speaker, I also want to recognize Jim Darby, the founder of the Chicago Chapter of AVER and a Korean War veteran. Jim served in the Navy as a Russian-language specialist. Along with all the other AVER members, Jim has fought tirelessly to educate the general public and the Congress about the plight of LGBT veterans and active service members. What AVER seeks is what we should all seek: respect and honor for all those who have served and who are serving the United States of America through our Armed Forces.

STATEMENT ON H. RES. 1044 COMMEMORATING THE 65TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE LIBERATION OF AUSCHWITZ, A NAZI CONCENTRATION AND EXTERMINATION CAMP, HONORING THE VICTIMS OF THE HOLOCAUST, AND EXPRESSING COMMITMENT TO STRENGTHEN THE FIGHT AGAINST BIGOTRY AND INTOLERANCE

HON. SHEILA JACKSON LEE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 22, 2010

Ms. JACKSON LEE of Texas. Madam Speaker, I stand before you today in support of H. Res. 1044 "Commemorating the 65th anniversary of the liberation of Auschwitz, a Nazi concentration and extermination camp, honoring the victims of the Holocaust, and expressing commitment to strengthen the fight against bigotry and intolerance."

I would like to begin by thanking my colleague Representative ILEANA ROS-LEHTINEN for introducing this resolution in the House, as it is important that we never forget the horrible atrocities of the Holocaust and that we continue to fight against acts of genocide around the world as well as fight against bigotry and intolerance here at home in the U.S.

The Auschwitz concentration camp in present-day Poland was one of the most horrific Nazi extermination camps during World War II. The camp was initially established by the Nazis in 1940 as an army barracks but soon took on a new role as the Nazis began targeting specific groups of people including Jews, ethnic Poles, Romani, Soviet civilians, Soviet prisoners of war, people with disabilities, homosexuals, Jehovah's Witnesses, and other political and religious groups.

Between 1940 and 1945 Auschwitz grew into the largest of the Nazi concentration camps in Europe, and consisted of three main camps in addition to 45 other satellite camps around the area.

During the Holocaust, more than 6 million Jews and other targeted groups were exterminated by the Nazis, and over 1 million of those killed in the Holocaust were murdered at Auschwitz.

As prisoners were taken into Auschwitz, they would pass through an infamous gate that read "Arbeit macht frei" or "Work makes free." This statement could not have been further from the truth however. The victims of Auschwitz were systematically exterminated in gas chambers while others were starved to death, tortured, and subjected to forced labor and horrific medical experiments.

On January 27, 1945, Soviet troops entered the Auschwitz concentration camp and liberated over 7,000 prisoners from the Nazis. Prior to the arrival of the allied Soviet troops however, many of the Nazis who were responsible for the horrible acts at Auschwitz escaped back into Germany, killing as many prisoners as they could in their escape.

Today we honor the victims of the Holocaust who were oppressed and killed by the Nazis at Auschwitz as well as those who were killed at the hands of the Nazis during World War II. Today we also stand with the other victims of genocide across the world and condemn the violent dictators and regimes that carry out these horrible and despicable actions.

I would also like to express my appreciation for the soldiers, sailors and airmen who fought against the Nazi tyranny during the Second World War and helped to liberate millions of prisoners from concentration camps across Europe. Because of the actions of these brave men and women, Europe is now a free and democratic society and the world is a much better place.

It is important that we never forget the horrible actions that took place during the Holocaust. Furthermore, I would also like to urge countries and leaders across the world to reassess their efforts in fighting racism, intolerance and anti-Semitism.

Through providing education and instruction to adults and children alike, we can help to ensure that what happened in Auschwitz and other Nazi concentration and extermination camps is never allowed to happen again.

I ask my colleagues for their support of this legislation as well as their support for victims of genocide across the world. I strongly urge you to support this resolution.

HONORING THE GLEN CARBON CENTENNIAL LIBRARY

HON. JOHN SHIMKUS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 22, 2010

Mr. SHIMKUS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the Glen Carbon Centennial Library in Glen Carbon, Illinois, as it is recognized as the "Best Small Library in America."

The library's motto, "More than you expect," is more than just a saying for the 15 librarians serving the community of Glen Carbon. For them, it is a commitment to stop at nothing to ensure that library patrons get the service they need. As a testament to the community's appreciation of the Centennial Library staff's dedication, the number of visitors to the library has increased 33 percent since 2007.

Because of this dedication to service, Library Journal named Glen Carbon Centennial Library its "Best Small Library in America." The library staff has taken innovative approaches to addressing the needs of their pa-

trons. One example is the "No to Yes log," where the staff logs requests to which they had to say "No." Then, at staff meetings they determine how to turn a "No" into a "Yes" so that they can better serve the community. In the words of one of the "Best Small Library in America" judges, "Glen Carbon seems to be doing everything right."

It is because of their hard work and dedication, that the Glen Carbon Centennial Library earned this honor. I would like to congratulate director Anne Hughes, the management team, librarians and volunteers who have made the library into the award-winning institution that it is today and wish them continued success in the future.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. DENNY REHBERG

OF MONTANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 22, 2010

Mr. REHBERG. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the Republican Leadership standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information regarding earmarks I received as part of H.R. 3326—Department of Defense Appropriations Act, 2010:

Requesting Member: Rep. DENNY REHBERG
Bill Number: H.R. 3326

Name and Address: FLIR Systems, Inc./Scientific Materials Corporation of 31948 East Frontage Road, Bozeman, MT 59715.

Description: \$4,000,000 in funding will be used to develop SOF Visual Augmentation System Hand Held Imager/Long Range, a thermal camera that allows special operations forces to conduct critical reconnaissance, surveillance, detection and recognition at safe and maximum ranges from positions of relative safety.

Requesting Member: Rep. DENNY REHBERG
Bill Number: H.R. 3326

Name and Address: Blackfeet Nation of P.O. Box 850, Browning, Montana 59417

Description: \$3,200,000 in funding will be used to develop adaptive, lightweight materials associated with enhanced fabrication, production and manufacturing technologies that can respond to meet the unique needs for lighter weight and stronger components for its missiles, ground, air and space platforms and sensors.

Requesting Member: Rep. DENNY REHBERG
Bill Number: H.R. 3326

Name and Address: MSE Technology Applications, Inc. of 200 Technology Way, Butte, MT 59701

Description: \$6,408,000 in funding will be used to develop a mobile cryoplasma demilitarization system that will freeze, crush and destroy obsolete and hazardous munitions in a safe, cost-effective, and environmentally acceptable process.

Requesting Member: Rep. DENNY REHBERG
Bill Number: H.R. 3326

Name and Address: Federal Technology Group of 203 S. Enterprise Boulevard, Suite 4, Bozeman, MT 59718-6062

Description: \$2,400,000 in funding will be used to produce a superior thermal interface adhesive to enhance heat removal from LEDs.

Requesting Member: Rep. DENNY REHBERG
Bill Number: H.R. 3326

Name and Address: UTRS, Inc. of 116
South Parkmont, Butte, MT 59701

Description: \$4,800,000 in funding will be used to support Titanium Extraction, Mining and Process Engineering Research (TEMPER) and the development of lightweight weapons at an affordable cost for the Army, enhancing lethality and performance while dramatically reducing life cycle cost.

Requesting Member: Rep. DENNY REHBERG
Bill Number: H.R. 3326

Name and Address: International Heart Institute Foundation at St. Patrick Hospital of 500 Broadway, Missoula, MT 59802.

Description: \$1,600,000 in funding will be used to develop a readily-available, sterile, freeze-dried vascular graft made from animal tissue for the management of traumatic vascular injuries.

Requesting Member: Rep. DENNY REHBERG
Bill Number: H.R. 3326

Name and Address: National Center for Health Care Informatics of 1300 West Park, Butte, MT 59701

Description: \$1,600,000 in funding will be used to develop "next generation" simulation training for the USAF Pararescuemen (PJs) which would realistically depict environments and challenges.

Requesting Member: Rep. DENNY REHBERG
Bill Number: H.R. 3326

Name and Address: Montana State University-Bozeman of 207 Montana Hall, Bozeman, MT 59717.

Description: \$1,600,000 in funding will be used to transition new technology to the U.S. warfighter in order to help save lives and improve effectiveness.

Requesting Member: Rep. DENNY REHBERG
Bill Number: H.R. 3326

Name and Address: Bridger Photonics Inc. of 2310 University Way Bldg. 4-4.

Description: \$800,000 in funding will be used to develop advanced helicopter landing aid—an advanced 3D active imaging sensor that can provide rapid and accurate imagery to a helicopter pilot operating in brownouts.

Requesting Member: Rep. DENNY REHBERG
Bill Number: H.R. 3326

Name and Address: American Chemet of 701 N Last Chance Gulch, Helena, Montana 59601.

Description: \$800,000 in funding will be used to give the military anti-fouling tools for paint in fresh water areas.

Requesting Member: Rep. DENNY REHBERG
Bill Number: H.R. 3326

Name and Address: Montana Tech of The University of Montana/Center for Advanced Mineral and Metallurgical Processing (CAMP) of 1300 West Park Street, Butte, MT 59701.

Description: \$3,200,000 in funding will be used to support research, development, and construction of a reliable, durable, low acoustic, and low thermal signature battlefield power source.

Requesting Member: Rep. DENNY REHBERG
Bill Number: H.R. 3326

Name and Address: Western Computer Services, Inc. (WESCO) of 631 N. Last Chance Gulch, Helena, MT 59601.

Description: \$2,400,000 in funding will be used to ensure a continued focus on the integration needs of Marine Expeditionary Rifle Squad (MERS), as the mission of the squad expands and the mode and means of trans-

port change to meet the threat and the environment.

RECOGNIZING THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF OUR DAILY BREAD

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 22, 2010

Mr. CONNOLLY of Virginia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Our Daily Bread, and to congratulate them on their 25 years of service to the community.

Our Daily Bread is a volunteer-based organization dedicated to providing critical services to families and individuals suffering from financial hardship. Through robust community support from local faith-based groups, community organizations, local businesses, schools and universities, Our Daily Bread has grown to provide food, financial literacy education and assistance, school supplies, and holiday cheer to thousands of people in our area.

Our Daily Bread's mission is to identify and address the unmet fundamental needs of Fairfax area residents, and to empower the community to help our neighbors maintain self-sufficiency. This mission of sustainability and self-sufficiency evolved from humble beginnings. Our Daily Bread was founded in 1984 as a temporary homeless shelter that rotated among several area churches. When Fairfax County opened a county-run shelter in the Reston area, Our Daily Bread refocused its energies on feeding the homeless and opened a soup kitchen to serve those most in need. Recognizing the difficulties faced by those patrons unable to benefit from this service, Our Daily Bread again reinvented itself first by delivering sandwiches made by volunteers and later to delivering supplemental groceries directly to homeless families who were living in motels along Route 50 in Fairfax.

Our Daily Bread has a history of being dynamic in the face of changing demographics. Beginning in the 1990's and largely fueled by the high cost of rental housing, a new urgent need emerged. Families who were not homeless, families in which one or both parents were often juggling multiple jobs, were finding themselves unable to meet their basic needs and were just one crisis away from homelessness. Our Daily Bread rose to meet this challenge and began a program offering emergency financial assistance in the form of a modest one-time grant of up to \$350.00. More recently, Our Daily Bread expanded their services to provide financial mentoring, a back to school program and holiday meals and gifts. It is a testament to talent and commitment of the volunteers, staff, and supporters who make Our Daily Bread what it is today; an organization with the foresight and readiness to take on new problems, while continuing to deliver on core initiatives.

Today, Our Daily Bread provides critical services to the elderly, the working poor, the disabled and the homeless in the Fairfax area. In 2009, Our Daily Bread provided food assistance to 345 families, a 73% increase from the previous year. In addition, 279 families benefited from financial assistance and over 100 families took part in financial literacy training and mentoring. Nearly 3,800 families were served by the holiday program, and 350 chil-

dren received supplies for school. Over half of those assisted by our Daily Bread's program were children.

Madam Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in paying tribute to Our Daily Bread for their commitment to the community. I would also to express my sincere gratitude to the volunteers and staff who contribute their time and energy and also to the Fairfax area business community for the support they provide to this worthwhile cause.

HONORING THE ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF FLORIDA STATE REPRESENTATIVE GERALDINE F. THOMPSON

HON. ALAN GRAYSON

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 22, 2010

Mr. GRAYSON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the community activism of Florida House Representative Geraldine Thompson. State Representative Thompson grew up in the South Dade town of Perrine, Florida. She attended Miami Dade Community College and received a John F. Kennedy/Martin Luther King, Jr., Scholarship to attend the University of Miami in Coral Gables, Florida, where she enrolled shortly after that school ended racial segregation. In 1970, she received a bachelor's degree with honors in journalism and business education. She moved with her husband, Emerson, to Tallahassee where he attended law school and she worked in State government and higher education. Her first position in Tallahassee was as executive secretary to Representative Gwendolyn Sawyer Cherry, the first African-American woman to serve in the Florida House of Representatives. After working for several years, she sought a master of science degree in communication from Florida State University, which she received in 1973. She then joined her husband in Orlando and immediately became active in the central Florida community.

She began work in Orlando as a teacher in the Orange County Public School System. After 6 years, she left the classroom to accept a position as director of the Equal Opportunity Office at Valencia Community College where she served for 24 years as assistant to the president. Among her many accomplishments at Valencia Community College, she initiated the establishment of the "College Reach Out Program" which enabled thousands of low income and disadvantaged students to fulfill their dream of going to college. She also served on the boards of the Orange County Community Action Advisory, the Metropolitan Orlando Urban League, WMFE Public Broadcasting Station, the YMCA, the Mayor's Martin Luther King, Jr., Holiday Commission, the Holocaust Memorial and Resource Center, and the West Orange Healthcare District. In 1987, she was appointed by Governor Bob Graham to the Florida Commission on Human Relations. She received confirmation from the Florida Senate and remained on the Commission during the terms of Governor Lawton Chiles, where she was elected by her fellow commissioners to serve as chair.

Also considered a local historian, her passion for history led her to conducting research

and compiling documents which resulted in authoring a book entitled, "Black America Series: Orlando, Florida," in 2003. She is also credited with preserving one of Orlando's unique landmarks, The Wells' Built Hotel, which housed some of America's most prominent citizens, including Justice Thurgood Marshall, Ray Charles, Ella Fitzgerald, Jackie Robinson and many more. She helped to secure funds to convert the hotel into a museum which is known today as The Wells' Built Museum of African American History.

In November of 2006, she was elected by the constituents of District 39 in Orlando to serve as the first African-American female to represent Orange County in the Florida House of Representatives. During her tenure in the House she has filed legislation to outlaw the mutilation of young women, increase penalties for hate crime perpetrators, provide \$1.8 million in trust fund monies for a student who was injured in a local public school, and increase access to healthcare for women diagnosed with breast cancer. On November 18, 2008, she was unanimously selected by her legislative colleagues to serve as the Democratic Leader Pro Tempore, the second highest ranking Democrat in the Florida House of Representatives.

Madam Speaker, as Black History Month comes to a close, it is with great honor that I highlight my friend and fellow champion for human and civil rights Geraldine "Geri" Thompson. State Representative Thompson has been a crucial advocate for women's rights and the African-American community. She is a true role model and example of what a public servant should be. Her numerous contributions will leave a lasting legacy in our central Florida community, in the state of Florida, and for her family. I know her husband, the Honorable Emerson R. Thompson, Jr., and her three children, Laurise, Emerson III, and Elizabeth, and her four grandchildren are proud of what she has accomplished. We all benefit from her service and dedication.

ON THE OCCASION OF THE 78TH BIRTHDAY OF SENATOR EDWARD M. KENNEDY

HON. ANNA G. ESHOO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 22, 2010

Ms. ESHOO. Madam Speaker, I offer these few words in observation and in celebration of the birthday of a man who remains very much with us as we go about the people's business—Senator Ted Kennedy.

No one fought harder for the causes in which he believed, but he also believed in working across the aisle and in reaching out to find common ground.

No one believed more deeply in providing universal health care to all Americans and I know that if he were still in the United States Senate, he would have been working overtime to help us find a way to make health care a reality for everyone.

Those of us who are blessed to have known him and to be wrapped in his special embrace of friendship miss him deeply.

But we can feel him at our shoulder, urging us on, helping us find joy in battle, satisfaction in doing our best, and taking inspiration from

the people who need us most and who cannot speak for themselves. And we can still be touched by his example, his belief in a common respect that each of us is here to do our best to make our nation better.

On this day when Senator Kennedy would be 78, let us give ourselves a gift—let us be worthy of his unfailing optimism—let us work together a little harder, get along a little better, and spend the few precious moments we are allotted bringing all Americans freedom to live a healthy life.

Happy birthday, my friend, and God bless you.

HONORING ANN LAM WONG AND SHARON DRAVVORN, RECIPIENTS OF THE MILKEN NATIONAL EDUCATOR AWARDS

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 22, 2010

Mr. CONNOLLY of Virginia. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize Ann Lam Wong and Sharon Dravvorn, recipients of 2009 Milken Family Foundation National Educator Awards. The Milken Foundation honors teachers, principals, and specialists throughout America with \$25,000 individual awards. Criteria for individual awards include exceptional education talent based on student results in the classroom, educational accomplishments outside of the classroom, and professional leadership. All of the recipients of the awards will attend the Milken Educator Forum in Los Angeles, Calif., in May.

Ann Lam Wong is a biology teacher at West Springfield High School in Springfield, Va. She teaches several sections of biology, and 100 percent of her students passed the Virginia Standards of Learning tests in biology with 68 percent passing at an advanced level. Wong also teaches AP biology, where 75 percent of her students passed the AP examination with a score of 3 or higher.

In addition to teaching biology, Wong mentors students who are having a hard time transitioning to high school. She started an AP summer academy, which increased AP enrollment requests at West Springfield High School by 27 percent. Wong also is the advisor for her students' Asian American Student Association.

Sharon Dravvorn teaches 9th and 10th grade mathematics at Woodbridge High School in Woodbridge, Va. Dravvorn incorporates a broad range of tools in her classroom, including the use of classical music, logic games, and visual aids. She focuses on teaching students that failed their 8th grade Standards of Learning exams. Ninety-five percent of those students who have received additional instruction from Dravvorn went on to pass their exams.

Along with teaching mathematics, Dravvorn is a role model for other teachers in the area. She mentors fellow teachers, leads a book club for teachers, and teaches training courses for her peers.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Ann Lam Wong and Sharon Dravvorn as examples of outstanding educators through their exceptional work in and outside of the classroom. They are role models for both their students and other teachers.

170TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE AVENUE L MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH IN GALVESTON, TEXAS

HON. RON PAUL

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 22, 2010

Mr. PAUL. Madam Speaker, February 28th marks the 170th anniversary of the Avenue L Missionary Baptist Church in Galveston, Texas. The Avenue L Missionary Baptist Church will commemorate this anniversary with a series of events through this month, including a grand parade and old fashioned picnic on February 20th.

One of the oldest black churches in Texas, Avenue L Baptist is the mother church of African-American worship in the entire state of Texas. Texas Avenue L Baptist began as the Colored Baptist Church, a congregation organized by Reverend James Hutchinson to serve Galveston's slave population. In 1855, First Baptist trustees Gail Borden, Jr., John S. Sydnor, and Reverend Huckins purchased land from the Galveston City Company for use by the congregation of Colored Baptist's successor, the African Baptist Church. After the Civil War, the property was formally deeded to the African Baptist Church, who where reorganized under Reverend Israel S. Campbell as the First Regular Missionary Baptist Church in 1867. The church adopted the name Avenue L Missionary Baptist in 1903.

In 1916, construction of the present brick church building commenced. Many fund-raising activities where undertaken by the people of Galveston to raise the funds for the church. The new structure included art glass windowpanes, a furnace to supply steam heat, and a baptizing pool. A pipe organ was installed in 1921. Reverend H.M. Williams spoke for all of his congregants when he said "Our Church is a most beautiful one." Today, almost ninety years later, Avenue L Missionary Baptist remains a most beautiful church.

In 1973 work began on renovations, including the additions of air-conditioning, and central heating. In 1977, the Church's stained glass windows where refurbished and covered with a protective shield. Reverend R.E. McKeen, who served as pastor of Avenue L Missionary Baptist, during the renovation also began broadcasting sermons on local radio.

Among the prominent pastors who have served at Avenue L Missionary Baptist Church are Reverend H.M. Williams, who served as moderator of the Lincoln District Baptist Association and led the rebuilding of the church after the hurricane of 1900 and the Reverend G.L. Price who served as President of the National Baptist Convention of American and the Mary Allen College. Reverend Andrew Walker Berry, who served as Pastor from 1985 to 1990 was a noted composer and prolific writer of prospectuses and pamphlets. Reverend Berry also has over 100 gospel songs published through his company "Musico."

The Avenue L Missionary Baptists Church remains a pillar of the Galveston Community. Every Sunday hundreds gather in the church for services. In addition, Avenue L Missionary serves the Galveston community with a variety of missionaries including the Young Adult Christian League, the Logos Bible Class, Midweek prayer and Bible study, the General Mission, Jr. Melodic Messengers, and the Young

Adult Ushers. I am pleased to congratulate the Avenue L Missionary Baptist on its 140th anniversary, and wish for its continued success in serving the people of Galveston.

HONORING THE LUNAR NEW YEAR—THE YEAR OF THE TIGER

HON. DANNY K. DAVIS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 22, 2010

Mr. DAVIS of Illinois. Madam Speaker, I rise today to join with the millions of Asian-Americans who are celebrating the Lunar New Year and welcoming year 4708, the Year of the Tiger. The origin of Lunar New Year is centuries old and is the most important celebration in the Lunar Calendar. It is also recognized as the Spring Festival. The celebrations traditionally last for 15 days and provide an opportunity to give thanks for one's blessings, celebrate family, resolve arguments, and prepare the community to embark on a new year with hope and charity.

In Chicago, the Lunar New Year was celebrated on February 14, 2010 with the 27th annual Chinese Lunar New Year celebration in Chicago's Chinatown, which I am proud to say resides in my Congressional District. Approximately 40,000 Chicagoans enjoy a Chinese heritage. Restaurants celebrated the holiday by serving special dishes, and thousands of people attend multiple events to commemorate and cherish the traditions of the New Year.

Every year, thousands of Asian-Americans will gather with their families and friends to enjoy the New Year festivities and the company of loved ones. The New Year offers a time for sweeping away misfortune and welcoming the New Year with hopes of prosperity and good luck. We should all take advantage of the opportunity to explore and share in this treasured tradition with family and friends. Embracing this tradition honors the richness of our diversity as Americans.

I congratulate the Asian-American community for their successes and thank them for their contributions to our country this past year. And I wish you all a very happy, healthy, and prosperous New Year. I wish all a Gong Hay Fat Choy.

RECOGNIZING THE 2010 CHINESE LUNAR NEW YEAR CELEBRATION SPONSORED BY THE ASIAN COMMUNITY SERVICE CENTER IN VIRGINIA

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 22, 2010

Mr. CONNOLLY of Virginia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the celebration of Chinese New Year. This year marks the 4,708th year in the Chinese Lunar calendar.

In Virginia's 11th District, constituents of different backgrounds—including Chinese, Indonesian, Indian, Japanese, Korean, Filipino, and Malaysian—gathered on February 13th and 14th to ring in the New Year.

The celebration that many of my constituents attended was sponsored by the Asian

Community Service Center and hosted by Luther Jackson Middle School in Falls Church, Virginia. This celebration was a testament to the rich cultural traditions that are often practiced by the residents of Northern Virginia.

To my constituents and all those who celebrate Chinese New Year, I wish you a prosperous Year of the Tiger.

OUR UNCONSCIONABLE NATIONAL DEBT

HON. MIKE COFFMAN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 22, 2010

Mr. COFFMAN of Colorado. Madam Speaker, today our national debt is \$12,402,054,835,588.68.

On January 6th, 2009, the start of the 111th Congress, the national debt was \$10,638,425,746,293.80.

This means the national debt has increased by \$1,763,629,089,294.88 so far this Congress.

This debt and its interest payments we are passing to our children and all future Americans.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JEFF MILLER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 22, 2010

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Madam Speaker, I missed rollcall Vote Nos. 17–19 on January 26, 2010. Had I been present, I would have voted:

Rollcall Vote No. 17, Expressing support for designation of January 2010 as "National Mentoring Month", "aye."

Rollcall Vote No. 18, Recognizing the importance of cervical health and of detecting cervical cancer during its earliest stages and supporting the goals and ideals of Cervical Health Awareness Month, "aye."

Rollcall Vote No. 19, Expressing support for the designation of January 10, 2010, through January 16, 2010, as National Influenza Vaccination Week, "aye."

RECOGNIZING THE 2010 CHINESE LUNAR NEW YEAR CELEBRATION SPONSORED BY THE HAI HUA COMMUNITY CENTER IN VIRGINIA

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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The celebration that many of my constituents attended was presented by the Fair Oaks

Mall and sponsored by the Hai Hua Community Center in Virginia. This celebration was a testament to the rich cultural traditions that are often practiced by the residents of Northern Virginia.

This year, the Lunar New Year celebration also included a Lantern Festival celebration. The festivities consisted of cultural performances, demonstrations, and arts and crafts activities. To my constituents and all those who celebrated Chinese New Year, I wish you a prosperous Year of the Tiger.

THE PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION SAFETY PROGRAM ACT OF 2010

HON. JAMES L. OBERSTAR

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 22, 2010

Mr. OBERSTAR. Madam Speaker, together with Highways and Transit Subcommittee Chairman PETER A. DEFAZIO and the gentlewoman from Maryland (Ms. EDWARDS), I rise today to introduce the "Public Transportation Safety Program Act of 2010", by request of Secretary of Transportation Raymond H. LaHood. I commend the Department of Transportation (DOT) for focusing its first legislative proposal on improving transit safety, and I am pleased to work together with Secretary LaHood and Federal Transit Administrator Peter M. Rogoff on this important initiative.

Currently, public transportation remains one of the safest modes of passenger travel. In recent years, the fatality rate for rail transit systems—such as subways and light rail—has decreased to just .002 fatalities per 100 million passenger miles. This is one of the lowest fatality rates of all surface transportation modes. At the same time, Americans are riding transit at record levels. The growth in transit ridership is almost triple the growth rate of the population, and substantially more than the growth rate for vehicle miles traveled on our nation's highways. This public transportation renaissance taking place in cities large and small across America further elevates the importance of transit safety, while also spotlighting an issue that is inextricably linked to safety—the state of good repair of public transit systems.

Unfortunately, the state of good repair of many transit systems has not kept up with the influx of new riders. Maintenance levels at many public transit agencies have decreased to a point where older, less safe rail cars, tracks, electrical equipment, and other assets are left in service long after their useful life. According to the Federal Transit Administration (FTA), more than one-third of the total assets of the largest rail systems in the country are in either marginal or poor condition, and the estimated maintenance backlog for the nation's rail transit systems exceeds \$80 billion. According to DOT's 2008 Status of the Nation's Highways, Bridges, and Transit: Conditions and Performance, an average of \$21.1 billion in annual capital investment is needed to bring all transit assets to a good condition by 2026. This level of investment represents an annual increase of \$8.3 billion—an increase of 64.8 percent—above current capital investment levels.

In addition to addressing this maintenance backlog, the Federal Transit Administration

should strengthen its role in rail transit safety oversight. Currently, there are no nationwide mandatory minimum standards for rail transit safety. Unlike the Federal Aviation Administration and the Federal Railroad Administration, the Federal Transit Administration does not have the authority to directly regulate public transit systems. Instead, FTA oversees a State Safety Oversight (SSO) program which puts the safety oversight and enforcement responsibility for rail transit systems on States rather than the Federal Government. However, the legal authorities of the various state oversight agencies are limited and vary widely from State to State. According to a Government Accountability Office (GAO) report in 2006, some States employ as few as 0.1 or 0.2 full-time equivalent positions dedicated to the safety of rail transit systems they are required to oversee. GAO also found that many SSOs lack sufficient financial resources and independence from the transit systems under their purview. The relationship between the Federal Government and States is a partnership, and a culture of safety must permeate this relationship, including at the Federal level. As in all partnerships, when one partner does not do his or her job well, the other must step in to help achieve their shared goals.

I commend the Obama administration for acknowledging the shortfalls of the current state-based safety system and I believe that the Department's proposal represents much needed improvements. It will assure that each State has an adequate number of fully-trained staff, that it has sufficient authority granted by the state legislature and governor, that it can compel compliance by the transit agencies, and that the state oversight entity has financial independence from the transit systems it oversees. I think those are reasonable propositions. Safety is our number one responsibility in transportation.

I would also like to applaud Secretary Ray LaHood for his leadership on this critical safety issue, and for directing DOT to take intermodal initiatives to enhance transit safety. This is a nonpartisan issue—protecting human life from injury or death. I appreciate the Secretary's decision to create a new, internal safety council designed to enhance the culture of safety at the Department. At a very basic level, we need to ensure that passengers feel completely safe as they board rail transit systems, as ensuring safety is a key component of creating livable communities, which is a goal that both Secretary LaHood and I share.

I look forward to working with the Department of Transportation on this proposal during consideration of the comprehensive, long-term surface transportation authorization bill. Improving transportation safety across all modes is a core principle of the "Surface Transportation Authorization Act", and I look forward to working with the Administration to further strengthen its transit safety provisions.

HONORING DR. RUTH SIMMONS

HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 22, 2010

Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Dr. Ruth Simmons who is President of Brown Uni-

versity and is the first African American to head an Ivy League institution.

Dr. Simmons began her life as the youngest of 12 children to a sharecropper in Grapeland, Texas. She spent her formative years in segregated Houston, and went on to complete a bachelor's degree on a scholarship from Dillard University in New Orleans. She completed her education with a master's degree and a doctorate in Romance literature from Harvard University.

Today, Dr. Simmons is regarded as one of the most notable people in academia and academic administration. Through the years, she has served as Dean at Princeton University and President of Smith College where she was responsible for starting the institution's engineering program. In 2001, she became President of Brown University, and there she has completed a \$1.4 billion initiative to enhance Brown's academic program entitled Boldly Brown: The Campaign for Academic Enrichment.

Dr. Simmons recently visited Dallas where the city's Brown University Club hosted her at a reception. Additionally, she attended a luncheon at St. Phillips School and Community Center, an institution dedicated to enhancing the lives of children and families with low and moderate income. We were very privileged to have Dr. Simmons visit our city, and I know that her personality and character will be an inspiration to the countless people that were privileged to meet her.

Madam Speaker, I encourage my fellow colleagues to join me in recognizing and honoring Dr. Ruth Simmons for her countless achievements and dedication to higher education. Additionally, I would like to personally thank her for visiting Dallas and inspiring people across our community to achieve their goals.

SHAKEN BABY SYNDROME
VICTIMS

HON. NITA M. LOWEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 22, 2010

Mrs. LOWEY. Madam Speaker, I would like to insert the following list of Shaken Baby Syndrome victims:

Cynthia Gibbs from New York,
Tanner Jurisch from South Dakota,
Cheyanne Huffines from Georgia,
Macie McCarty from Minnesota,
Jake Belisle from Maine,
Benjamin Zentz from Michigan,
Chole Salazar from New Mexico,
Madison Musser from Oklahoma,
Daniel Carbajal from Texas,
Nykkole Becker from Minnesota,
Gianna D'Alessio from Rhode Island,
Brynn Ackley from Washington,
Rachael Kang from Texas,
John Sprague from Maryland,
Ryan Sanders from Virginia,
Reagan Johnson from Virginia,
Brittney Sheets from New York,
Dalton Fish from Indiana,
Nicolette Klinker from Colorado,
Brianna Moore from West Virginia,
Shania Maria from Massachusetts,
Dayton Jones from Pennsylvania,
Breanna Sherer from California,
Evelyn Biondo from New York,
Kenneth Hardy from Pennsylvania,
Alexis Vazquez from Florida,

Joshua True from Washington,
Stephen David from California,
Michael Blair from Arkansas,
Olivia Thomas from Ohio,
Kaleb Schwade from Florida,
Aiden Jenkins from Pennsylvania,
Isabella Clark from Pennsylvania,
Aaron Cherry from Texas,
Skipper Lithco from New York,
Madilyne Wentz from Missouri,
Chelsea Forant from Massachusetts,
David Sedlet from California,
Joshua Cross from Ohio,
Taylor Rogers from Illinois,
Kaden Isings from Washington,
Hannah Juceam from California,
Sarah Donohue from New York,
Gavin Calloway from Maryland,
Kierra Harrison from Nevada,
Christopher Daughtrey from North Carolina,

Miranda Raymond from Pennsylvania,
Dominic Morelock from Ohio,
Emmy Cole from Maine,
McKynzee Goin from Oregon,
Bryce McCormick from Florida,
Dawson Rath from Pennsylvania,
Joseph Wells from Texas,
Stephen Siegfried from Texas,
Margaret Dittman from Texas,
Jamison Carmichael from Florida,
Bennett Sandwell from Missouri,
Amber Stone from New York,
Cassandra Castens from Arizona,
Gabriela Poole from Florida.

On behalf of these victims and many other innocent lives lost or damaged, I look forward to working with my colleagues to see that legislation becomes law so that we can expand efforts to eradicate Shaken Baby Syndrome.

HONORING MOLLY SABOLSKY, RECIPIENT OF THE HARRY F. BYRD, JR. LEADERSHIP AWARD

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 22, 2010

Mr. CONNOLLY of Virginia. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize Molly Sabolsky, a senior from W.T. Woodson High School in Fairfax, Va., for receiving a 2010 Harry F. Byrd Jr. Leadership Award. Senator Byrd developed the award to recognize and reward students that are strong academically and demonstrate leadership qualities. A \$10,000 scholarship is awarded to one student from each congressional district in Virginia.

Each high school in Virginia is able to nominate one student to compete for the award. Students are nominated based upon their excellence in academics, leadership, good citizenship, and character. Molly Sabolsky embodies the reward through her academic achievement in the classroom and her leadership on the volleyball team.

Madam Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in honoring Molly Sabolsky for being recognized by the Harry F. Byrd, Jr. Leadership for her academic success and leadership qualities.

HOUSTON LEADS NATION IN
ENERGY STAR QUALIFIED HOMES

HON. TED POE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 22, 2010

Mr. POE of Texas. Madam Speaker, recently our Environmental Protection Agency

announced a major milestone in saving electricity and avoiding greenhouse gases. One million Energy Star qualified homes have been built since the start of the program in 1992. \$1.2 billion has been saved on energy bills and we have been able to reduce our greenhouse gas emissions by 22 billion pounds. In 2009, Americans have saved more than \$270 million on utility bills.

I am proud to say that Houston, a portion of the second district of Texas, leads the nation, with 144,000 Energy Star qualified homes since 1995. Altogether, Texas cities hold 4 spots in the top 20 geographical areas.

Thousands of Texans are saving millions of dollars by being aware of their energy consumption, making smart energy choices, and getting the most bang for their energy buck. The guidelines to getting a house Energy Star labeled are strict, but using common sense when trying to save energy can prevent greenhouse gases. Homes must have effective insulation systems, high-performance windows, tight construction and ductwork, efficient heating and cooling, and high-efficiency lighting. Houston has the most of these homes, in a state where one-third of all electricity is used for air conditioning. That is almost three times the national average.

Studies have shown that if Texas embraces conservation and comprehensive sets of energy technology, our state could avoid building any new electric generating plants for at least 15 years. Right now in 2009, Texans have the highest average spending on residential electricity in the South. That is changing, and rapidly.

The Energy Star program has paved the way for a new, energy efficient America. Houston, Texas is at the helm and our nation's advances in efficiency and awareness show no signs of slowing.

And that's just the way it is.

TRIBUTE TO GERALD WAYNE
SMITH

HON. DALE E. KILDEE

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 22, 2010

Mr. KILDEE. Madam Speaker, I rise today and ask the House of Representatives to join me in congratulating Gerald Wayne Smith as he is awarded the rank of Eagle Scout by the Boy Scouts of America. At the age of 71, Gerald is one of the oldest individuals in our country to receive this distinction.

Over the years the Tall Pine Council of the Boy Scouts of America has worked to provide the Scouting opportunity for every youngster. The focus of their program is to accommodate all abilities. The Council holds a "Handicapable Camporee" on a regular basis to allow all scouts regardless of their abilities to learn how to function in an outdoors setting. The Tall Pine Council ranks near the top of Boy Scout Councils across the Nation that have awarded the Eagle Scout rank to youngsters with disabilities.

Gerald Wayne Smith is a charter member of Boy Scout Troop 117, a Tall Pine Council Boy Scout Troop founded on October 16, 1961 as a troop devoted to Scouts with differing abilities. He has served as Junior Assistant Scoutmaster since 1974, and was promoted to Life Scout in 1989.

Gerald was elected to the Order of the Arrow, an honor given to those Scouts that best exemplify the Scout Oath and Law in their daily lives. He completed his Ordeal requirements in 1985, the Brotherhood requirements in 1986 and completed the Vigil level requirements in 1998. The Order of the Arrow is considered to be scouting's national service organization and Gerald is recognized as an honored camper. The purpose of the Order is to promote the Scout habit of helpfulness into a life purpose of cheerful service to others.

After overseeing a landscaping and canopy renovation project at Asbury United Methodist Church in Flint, Michigan, Gerald fulfilled the requirements to receive the Eagle Scout Award. Only about five percent of Boy Scouts earn the rank of Eagle Scout and it is the highest level a Boy Scout can achieve. He is the ninth Scout in Troop 117 to achieve the rank of Eagle Scout.

Madam Speaker, Gerald Wayne Smith has exhibited leadership, service, and outdoor skills, throughout his Boy Scout career. These are the three essential elements to earning the Eagle Scout Award and he is to be commended for his commitment to Scouting and his perseverance in achieving his goal. I ask the House of Representatives to join me in applauding this tremendous achievement and congratulating him for his accomplishment.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. ANDER CRENSHAW

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 22, 2010

Mr. CRENSHAW. Madam Speaker, I rise today to submit documentation consistent with the Republican Earmark Standards.

Requesting Member: Congressman ANDER CRENSHAW

Bill Number: H.R. 3326—Department of Defense Appropriations Act, 2010

Account: RDTE, A

Legal Name of Receiving Entity: Florida State University (FSU)

Address of Receiving Entity: 109 Westcott Building Tallahassee, FL 32306

Description of Request: I have secured \$3,200,000 in funding in H.R. 3326 in the RDTE, A Account for the Nanotubes Optimized for Lightweight Exceptional Strength (NOLES) Composite Materials.

It is my understanding that the funding would be used to develop effective personnel protection and a lighter, stronger fleet of fighting vehicles through diminutive nanotubes.

This is a valuable use of taxpayer funds because the U.S. Army's objective of developing effective personnel protection and a lighter, stronger fleet of fighting vehicles may be achieved through the diminutive nanotubes that (1) are the strongest fiber known, (2) have a thermal conductivity two times higher than pure diamond, and (3) have unique electrical conductivity properties and an ultrahigh current carrying capacity.

There are no matching funds required for this project.

IN MEMORY OF MARY
RUTHSDOTTER

HON. LYNN C. WOOLSEY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 22, 2010

Ms. WOOLSEY. Madam Speaker, I rise with sadness today to honor my dear friend, Mary Ruthsdotter, who passed away January 8, 2010, at the age of 65. Mary was a sparkling personality and a community leader, friend to many, devoted family woman, and a prominent activist for women's issues. As one of four women who founded the National Women's History Project, NWHP, in 1980 in Santa Rosa, California, she profoundly influenced the Nation's understanding of women's roles in our lives.

Born in Iowa in 1944 to a military family, Mary traveled widely while growing up. She attended UCLA and, while living in Los Angeles, married Dave Crawford. The couple moved to Sonoma County in 1977. Later, as the spirit of feminism informed her life, Mary changed her last name from Crawford to Ruthsdotter in honor of her mother Ruth.

With a strong mother and grandmother as role models, Mary was always a feminist. The move to Sonoma County turned her into an activist. She learned about women's history from Molly MacGregor, Bette Morgan, and Paula Hammett, future co-founders with her of the NWHP. She also heeded the call from the Sonoma County Commission on the Status of Women for volunteers and eventually became its Chair.

The founding of the NWHP, a national clearinghouse and curriculum development center, was the realization of a dream to promote and celebrate the diverse accomplishments of women. As Mary explained it, "Not knowing women's history and trying to understand the world is like not knowing odd numbers and trying to figure out math."

She served as a researcher and writer and traveled around the country making presentations, training teachers, and lobbying for the inclusion of women's accomplishments in the nation's history. She established a nationwide network to provide resource materials to schools; co-produced a video series, *Women in American Life*, as well as the first video documenting the role of Latino women, *Adelante, Mujeres*; and coordinated reviews for thousands of books on women in history submitted by publishers across the Nation. She donated these selections to Sonoma State University.

Thanks to the NWHP, March is now recognized as National Women's History Month. Mary, of course, was on the front lines spearheading the movement for National Women's History Week which became the full month of recognition in 1987. That is one reason I nominated her for the Women's History Month 2007 list of prominent women, a fitting tribute. She received the award at a ceremony in the Capitol Rotunda in Washington, DC.

Mary's community involvement included a stint as a field representative for former State Assemblymember Patricia Wiggins. Ten years ago, she and Dave were leaders in organizing a co-housing community, the Two Acre Wood, in Sebastopol, California, where they lived with people from varied backgrounds, ages, and perspectives. Mary enjoyed this extended family and working in the garden on the property.

A portrayal Alice wrote of her mother a few years ago truly sums up Mary's remarkable personality. While visiting at Alice's home in Australia, Mary was entranced by the description of a woman as a "truly remarkable rare bird." This phrase fits Mary well, Alice says, because "there is so much about my mother that is remarkable and rare. In my mind, the mixture of exuberance and STICK TO-IT-iveness that she brings to her work in the garden has become a kind of shorthand for what I so admire in her approach to life. My mother is always cultivating something—in fact, she is constantly cultivating many things at once. With an abundance of creative energy, she starts more projects in a day than many of us do in a month, and—even more impressively—she has the patience and the persistence to see the majority of them through."

Alice describes how Mary brought the imaginative vision, inspiration, and verve of her gardening to everything she did, from the Women's History Project, to nurturing her relationship with Dave, throwing pots, cooking feasts, filling a neighborhood with trees, and "raising a happy and appreciative daughter who turned out to be a real, live feminist herself."

In addition to Dave and Alice, Mary is survived by her mother Ruth Moyer, son-in-law Geoff, and two grandchildren, Marcus and Ian.

Madam Speaker, Mary Ruthsdotter also looked forward to what women can accomplish. In her life she exemplified her own description of the path women's lives will take: "Holding prominent public offices and winning Olympic downhill ski medals may be new to women, but not because those possibilities had held no interest for them in the past. As social conventions change and women are allowed to do even more with our lives, we will." Here's to Mary—a truly remarkable rare bird.

HONORING NYASHA SPROW, RECIPIENT OF THE 15TH ANNUAL PRUDENTIAL SPIRIT OF COMMUNITY AWARDS

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 22, 2010

Mr. CONNOLLY of Virginia. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize Nyasha Sprow, 12, of Dale City, Va., for receiving a Prudential Spirit of Community Award, a nationwide program that honors youth for outstanding acts of volunteerism. The Prudential Spirit of the Community Award was created by Prudential Financial in partnership with the National Association of Secondary School Principals in order to impress upon our young people that their contributions are important and to inspire young people to become involved in their communities. As a recipient of the award, Nyasha will receive a \$1,000 award and an engraved silver medallion.

Nyasha was nominated by the Prince William Chapter of the American Red Cross in Manassas. She is a seventh grader at Herbert Saunders Middle School in Manassas and is an advocate for organ and tissue donation. Her two sisters were tragically killed, and her mother made the hard decision to donate their organs and tissues. Following this tragic event, Nyasha has made advocating organ donation her personal mission.

Nyasha is a spokesperson for the National Kidney Foundation, where she conducts presentations for elementary school children, distributes literature at health fairs and speaks with the media. She also helps with fundraising events sponsored by the National Kidney Foundation and the Washington Regional Transplant Center. In addition to her work with the National Kidney Foundation, she discussed the issue of organ donation as a contestant in the National American Miss pageant.

Madam Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in honoring Nyasha Sprow for her outstanding volunteerism. She should be applauded for her initiative in making her community a better place to live. She has demonstrated a level of commitment and accom-

plishment that is truly extraordinary for someone of her age, and she deserves our sincere admiration. Her actions demonstrate the impact the youth can play in our communities.

CONGRATULATING NATIVE CENTRAL FLORIDIAN ZACK GREINKE ON BEING NAMED THE AMERICAN LEAGUE CY YOUNG AWARD WINNER FOR THE 2009 MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL SEASON

HON. ALAN GRAYSON

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 22, 2010

Mr. GRAYSON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Zack Greinke on being named the American League Cy Young Award winner for the 2009 Major League Baseball season. Mr. Greinke has performed at the highest level in every division of baseball, from the Conway Little League All-Stars to the Kansas City Royals of Major League Baseball.

His passion and dedication to the sport of baseball is evident from his many achievements and recognitions throughout his baseball career. The Baseball Writers' Association of America lauded Zack Greinke's Major League-leading 2.16 earned run average. He won his first six starts with a 0.40 earned run average, the third best start in Major League Baseball history. Mr. Greinke did not give up a home run through the first 83 $\frac{1}{3}$ innings he pitched, struck out 15 batters and threw a one-hitter in back-to-back outings in August 2009. Mr. Greinke won six games and lost only one, with a 1.75 earned run average during his final 11 starts, and pitched a perfect inning in the American League's 4–3 Major League Baseball All-Star Game victory.

Madam Speaker, I truly admire Mr. Greinke's accomplishments and recognize the hard work and dedication it took to achieve such a distinguished honor. I congratulate Mr. Greinke and his family on this exceptional award.

SENATE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Title IV of Senate Resolution 4, agreed to by the Senate on February 4, 1977, calls for establishment of a system for a computerized schedule of all meetings and hearings of Senate committees, subcommittees, joint committees, and committees of conference. This title requires all such committees to notify the Office of the Senate Daily Digest—designated by the Rules Committee—of the time, place, and purpose of the meetings, when scheduled, and any cancellations or changes in the meetings as they occur.

As an additional procedure along with the computerization of this information, the Office of the Senate Daily Digest will prepare this information for printing in the Extensions of Remarks section of the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD on Monday and Wednesday of each week.

Meetings scheduled for Tuesday, February 23, 2010 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED

FEBRUARY 24

- 9 a.m.
Budget
To hold hearings to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2011 for the Department of Transportation. SD-608
- 9:30 a.m.
Armed Services
To hold hearings to examine contracting in a counterinsurgency, focusing on an examination of Blackwater-Paravant contract and the need for oversight. SH-216
- Environment and Public Works
Water and Wildlife Subcommittee
To hold hearings to examine legislative approaches to protecting, preserving and restoring great water bodies. SD-406
- 10 a.m.
Energy and Natural Resources
To hold hearings to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2011 for the Forest Service. SD-366
- Finance
To hold hearings to examine certain nominations. SD-215
- Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions
To hold hearings to examine a stronger workforce investment system for a stronger economy. SD-430
- Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs
To hold hearings to examine the proposed budget request for fiscal year 2011 for the Department of Homeland Security. SD-342
- 10:30 a.m.
Judiciary
Human Rights and the Law Subcommittee
To hold hearings to examine child prostitution and sex trafficking in the United States. SD-226
- Appropriations
State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs Subcommittee
To hold hearings to examine the President's proposed budget request for fis-

- cal year 2011 for the Department of State and Foreign Operations. SD-192
- 2 p.m.
Appropriations
Homeland Security Subcommittee
To hold hearings to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2011 for the Department of Homeland Security. SD-192
- Judiciary
To hold hearings to examine the nominations of Brian Anthony Jackson, to be United States District Judge for the Middle District of Louisiana, Elizabeth Erny Foote, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Louisiana, Marc T. Treadwell, to be United States District Judge for the Middle District of Georgia, and Josephine Staton Tucker, to be United States District Judge for the Central District of California. SD-226
- 2:30 p.m.
Armed Services
Business meeting to consider any pending nominations. SR-222
- Foreign Relations
Business meeting to consider S. 2961, to provide debt relief to Haiti, S. Res. 400, urging the implementation of a comprehensive strategy to address instability in Yemen, S. Res. 404, supporting full implementation of the Comprehensive Peace Agreement and other efforts to promote peace and stability in Sudan, and the nominations of Leocadia Irine Zak, of the District of Columbia, to be Director of the Trade and Development Agency, Walter Crawford Jones, of Maryland, to be United States Director of the African Development Bank, and Douglas A. Rediker, of Massachusetts, to be United States Alternate Executive Director of the International Monetary Fund, and Ian Hoddy Solomon, of Maryland, to be United States Executive Director of the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development, Donald E. Booth, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia, Bisa Williams, of New Jersey, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Niger, Beatrice Wilkinson Welters, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago, Scott H. DeLisi, of Minnesota, to be Ambassador to the Federal Democratic Republic of Nepal, Harry K. Thomas, Jr., of New York, to be Ambassador to the Republic of the Philippines, David Adelman, of Georgia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Singapore, Rosemary Anne DiCarlo, of the District of Columbia, to be Representative of the United States of America to the Sessions of the General Assembly of the United Nations, during her tenure of service as Deputy Representative of the United States of America to the United Nations, and to be the Deputy Representative of the United States of America to the United Nations, with the rank and status of Ambassador and the Deputy Representative of the United States of America in the Security Council of the United Nations, Brooke D. Anderson, of California, to be an Alternate Representative of the United States of America to the Sessions of the General Assembly of the United Nations during her tenure of service as Alternate Representative of the United States of America

- for Special Political Affairs in the United Nations, and to be Alternate Representative of the United States of America for Special Political Affairs in the United Nations, with the rank of Ambassador, Allan J. Katz, of Florida, to be Ambassador to the Portuguese Republic, Ian C. Kelly, of Maryland, to be U. S. Representative to the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe, with the rank of Ambassador, and Judith Ann Stewart Stock, of Virginia, to be Assistant Secretary of State for Educational and Cultural Affairs, all of the Department of State, and a promotion list in the Foreign Service; to be immediately followed by a hearing to examine foreign policy priorities in the fiscal year 2011 International Affairs budget. SD-419
- Commerce, Science, and Transportation
Science and Space Subcommittee
To hold hearings to examine the challenges and opportunities in the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) fiscal year 2011 budget proposal. SR-253
- FEBRUARY 25
- 9 a.m.
Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs
To hold hearings to examine the semi-annual Monetary Policy Report to the Congress. SD-538
- 9:30 a.m.
Armed Services
To hold hearings to examine the Department of the Navy in review of the Defense Authorization request for fiscal year 2011 and the Future Years Defense Program; with the possibility of a closed session in SVC-217 following the open session. SD-G50
- Commerce, Science, and Transportation
Aviation Operations, Safety, and Security Subcommittee
To hold hearings to examine aviation safety, focusing on one year after the crash of flight 3407. SR-253
- 10 a.m.
Judiciary
Business meeting to consider S. 1789, to restore fairness to Federal cocaine sentencing, S. 1132, to amend title 18, United States Code, to improve the provisions relating to the carrying of concealed weapons by law enforcement officers, S. 2772, to establish a criminal justice reinvestment grant program to help States and local jurisdictions reduce spending on corrections, control growth in the prison and jail populations, and increase public safety, H.R. 1741, to require the Attorney General to make competitive grants to eligible State, tribal, and local governments to establish and maintain certain protection and witness assistance programs, S. 1624, to amend title 11 of the United States Code, to provide protection for medical debt homeowners, to restore bankruptcy protections for individuals experiencing economic distress as caregivers to ill, injured, or disabled family members, and to exempt from means testing debtors whose financial problems were caused by serious medical problems, S. 1765, to amend the Hate Crime Statistics Act to include crimes against the homeless, S. 1554, to amend the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act of 1974

- to prevent later delinquency and improve the health and well-being of maltreated infants and toddlers through the development of local Court Teams for Maltreated Infants and Toddlers and the creation of a National Court Teams Resource Center to assist such Court Teams, and the nominations of Dawn Elizabeth Johnsen, of Indiana, to be an Assistant Attorney General, William Joseph Hochul, Jr., to be United States Attorney for the Western District of New York, and Sally Quillian Yates, to be United States Attorney for the Northern District of Georgia, all of the Department of Justice, and Gloria M. Navarro, to be United States District Judge for the District of Nevada, Audrey Goldstein Fleissig, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Missouri, Lucy Haeran Koh, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of California, Jon E. DeGuilio, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Indiana, and Jane E. Magnus-Stinson and Tanya Walton Pratt, both to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Indiana.
SD-226
- Small Business and Entrepreneurship
Business meeting to consider S. 2989, to improve the Small Business Act.
SR-485
- 10:30 a.m.
Energy and Natural Resources
Water and Power Subcommittee
To hold an oversight hearing to examine the science and policy behind the Federal framework and non-Federal efforts to prevent introduction of the aquatic invasive Asian carp into the Great Lakes.
SD-366
- 2:15 p.m.
Indian Affairs
To hold an oversight hearing to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2011 for tribal programs and initiatives.
SD-628
- 2:30 p.m.
Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs
Contracting Oversight Subcommittee
To hold hearings to examine interagency contracts (part I), focusing on an overview and recommendations for reform.
SD-342
- Intelligence
To hold closed hearings to consider certain intelligence matters.
SH-219
- FEBRUARY 26
- 9:30 a.m.
Veterans' Affairs
To hold hearings to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2011 for the Department of Veterans Affairs.
SR-418
- 10 a.m.
Judiciary
To hold hearings to examine the Office of Professional Responsibility Investigation into the Office of Legal Counsel Memoranda.
SD-226
- 10:30 a.m.
Joint Economic Committee
To hold hearings to examine the road to economic recovery, focusing on prospects for jobs and growth.
2325, Rayburn Building
- MARCH 2
- 10 a.m.
Commerce, Science, and Transportation
To hold hearings to examine Toyota's recalls and the government's response.
SR-253
- 2 p.m.
Veterans' Affairs
To hold hearings to examine a legislative presentation from Disabled Veterans of America.
345, Cannon Building
- MARCH 3
- 9:30 a.m.
Veterans' Affairs
To hold an oversight hearing to examine mental health care and suicide prevention for veterans.
SR-418
- 10 a.m.
Commerce, Science, and Transportation
Oceans, Atmosphere, Fisheries, and Coast Guard Subcommittee
To hold hearings to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2011 for the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration and Fisheries Enforcement Programs and Operations.
SR-253
- MARCH 4
- 9:30 a.m.
Armed Services
To hold hearings to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2011 for the Air Force in review of the Defense Authorization and the Future Years Defense Program; with the possibility of a closed session in SVC-217 following the open session.
SH-216
- Veterans' Affairs
To hold hearings to examine legislative presentations from the Paralyzed Veterans of America, Jewish War Veterans, Military Order of the Purple Heart, Ex-Prisoners of War, Blinded Veterans Association, Military Officers Association of America, Air Force Sergeants Association, and the Wounded Warrior Project.
345, Cannon Building
- MARCH 9
- 9:30 a.m.
Armed Services
To hold hearings to examine U.S. European Command, U.S. Africa Command, and U.S. Joint Forces Command in review of the Defense Authorization request for fiscal year 2011 and the Future Years Defense Program; with the possibility of a closed session in SR-222 following the open session.
SH-216
- Veterans' Affairs
To hold hearings to examine a legislative presentation from Veterans of Foreign Wars.
SDG-50
- MARCH 10
- 2:30 p.m.
Foreign Relations
International Operations and Organizations, Human Rights, Democracy and Global Women's Issues Subcommittee
To hold hearings to examine the future of U.S. public diplomacy.
SD-419
- MARCH 11
- 9:30 a.m.
Armed Services
To hold hearings to examine U.S. Northern Command and U.S. Southern Command in review of the Defense Authorization request for fiscal year 2011 and the Future Years Defense Program; with the possibility of a closed session in SR-222 following the open session.
SD-G50
- 10 a.m.
Energy and Natural Resources
To hold hearings to examine S. 1696, to require the Secretary of Energy to conduct a study of video game console energy efficiency, and S. 2908, to amend the Energy Policy and Conservation Act to require the Secretary of Energy to publish a final rule that establishes a uniform efficiency descriptor and accompanying test methods for covered water heaters.
SD-366
- MARCH 16
- 9:30 a.m.
Armed Services
To hold hearings to examine U.S. Special Operations Command and U.S. Central Command in review of the Defense Authorization request for fiscal year 2011 and the Future Years Defense Program; with the possibility of a closed session in SVC-217 following the open session.
SH-216
- 2 p.m.
Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs
Oversight of Government Management, the Federal Workforce, and the District of Columbia Subcommittee
To hold hearings to examine assessing foster care and family services in the District of Columbia, focusing on challenges and solutions.
SD-342
- MARCH 18
- 9:30 a.m.
Veterans' Affairs
To hold hearings to examine legislative presentations from AMVETS, National Association of State Directors of Veterans Affairs, Non Commissioned Officers Association, Gold Star Wives, The Retired Enlisted Association, Fleet Reserve Association, Vietnam Veterans of America, and Iraq and Afghanistan Veterans of America.
SDG-50
- MARCH 23
- 9:30 a.m.
Armed Services
To hold hearings to examine U.S. Pacific Command, U.S. Strategic Command, and U.S. Forces Korea in review of the Defense Authorization request for fiscal year 2011 and the Future Years Defense Program; with the possibility of a closed session in SVC-217 following the open session.
SH-216

MARCH 24

POSTPONEMENTS

cal year 2011 for the Department of Housing and Urban Development.

9:30 a.m.

FEBRUARY 25

SD-124

Veterans' Affairs

To hold an oversight hearing to examine Veterans' Affairs plan for ending homelessness among veterans.

SR-418

9:30 a.m.

Appropriations
Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine the President's proposed budget request for fis-

2:30 p.m.

Environment and Public Works
Water and Wildlife Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine efforts to prevent introduction of Asian Carp into the Great Lakes.

SD-406