

supported, are providing scientists with opportunities to discover new medical advances that will detect and treat PTSD, Traumatic Brain Injury, and other illnesses that affect our service members. For example, researchers at the University of New Mexico have found that an innovative brain imaging method, diffusion tensor imaging, can be used to reliably detect and track brain abnormalities in patients with mild TBI. This important application received funding from a grant from the National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke. Recently, researchers at the Mind Research Network, an independent non-profit organization dedicated to advancing the diagnosis and treatment of mental illness and brain injury, located in Albuquerque, received a \$507,000 Recovery Act grant to continue pursuing similar analyses using magnetoencephalography, a sensitive technique for measuring the brain's electrical activity, which is essential for evaluating and treating TBI patients. As a result of the Recovery Act, scientific research is providing new hope to thousands of service members returning home from the war zone who suffer from PTSD, TBI, and other neurological trauma.

Madam Speaker, today I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Brain Awareness Week, which exposes our constituents to the wonders of the brain. I also ask that you join me in continuing to support research for new treatments for our brave men and women returning home from combat with PTSD and other brain injuries and disorders.

RECOGNIZING THE SIGNIFICANCE OF NOWRUZ AND CONTRIBUTIONS OF IRANIAN-AMERICANS

SPEECH OF

HON. HENRY A. WAXMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 15, 2010

Mr. WAXMAN. Madam Speaker, I rise in support of H. Res. 267, a resolution recognizing Nowruz, a festival celebrating the Persian New Year and arrival of spring.

It is a pleasure to join my colleagues in support of the first-ever congressional resolution marking Nowruz, a two-week holiday that is observed by millions of people of Persian descent in the United States, Iran, Iraq, Azerbaijan, and many other nations of the world. The holiday symbolizes renewal, health, happiness, peace and prosperity and is celebrated by adherents of many religions including Islam, Judaism, Zoroastrianism, and the Bahai' faith. It is a special time to share with family and friends and honor cultural traditions that date back more than 3,000 years.

As reflected in this resolution, Nowruz is also a special opportunity to recognize the important contributions of the Iranian-American community to our Nation's social and economic fabric. In Los Angeles, which is home to the largest Iranian-American community in the United States, there is great pride in the community's devotion to civic activism, philanthropy, and entrepreneurship. I would like to take this opportunity to wish all those celebrating Nowruz Aideh Shoma Mobarak, a happy and prosperous new year.

HONORING SEAN MILES EMERY

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 17, 2010

Mr. GRAVES. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Sean Miles Emery, a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 374, and in earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Sean has been very active with his troop participating in many Scout activities. Over the many years Sean has been involved with Scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community.

Madam Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Sean Miles Emery for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

IN HONOR OF CHIEF JAMES S. DRISCOLL OF DEDHAM, MASSACHUSETTS FOR HIS DEDICATION AND COMMITMENT TO THE TOWN OF DEDHAM AND THE DEDHAM FIRE DEPARTMENT

HON. STEPHEN F. LYNCH

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 17, 2010

Mr. LYNCH. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor of Chief James S. Driscoll for his outstanding dedication to the town of Dedham, Massachusetts, and to recognize his achievements during his 37 years with the Dedham Fire Department.

James Driscoll is a lifelong resident of Dedham, Massachusetts. He graduated from Dedham High School in 1965 and then attended Boston College where he earned a Bachelor of Science Degree in Secondary Education in 1969. After graduating, he taught seventh and ninth grade math at Norwood Junior High School North briefly, before following his childhood dream of becoming a firefighter.

On June 28, 1972, he became a member of the Dedham Fire Department. After 6 years he was promoted to fire lieutenant and held this position until he was again promoted to Deputy Fire Chief, a position he held until November 2001. At that time, he was named Acting Fire Chief and served in this capacity until he became the permanent Fire Chief of the Dedham Fire Department in August 2004.

During his tenure with the Dedham Fire Department, Chief Driscoll continued his education, receiving a bachelor of science degree in fire science from Boston State College and a master's degree in public affairs from the University of Massachusetts—Boston in 1985, writing his thesis on fire apparatus purchasing options.

Chief Driscoll and his wife of 35 years, Carol, continue to live in Dedham, where they raised three sons, Michael G., Thomas W., and Stephen J.; all graduates of Dedham High School.

In his retirement, Chief Driscoll enjoys running and reading, although you will most likely

find him by the pool or pushing his young grandson, Ryan, in the stroller.

Madam Speaker, I am proud to recognize Chief James S. Driscoll for his 37 years of service and dedication to the people of Dedham and the Dedham Fire Department. I applaud his commitment to his community and to his family. I wish him my best in all of his future endeavors.

HONORING THE AMERICAN RED CROSS, SOUTH FLORIDA REGION

HON. MARIO DIAZ-BALART

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 17, 2010

Mr. MARIO DIAZ-BALART of Florida. Madam Speaker, just this week, Congress declared March as Red Cross Month. Today I rise to honor the American Red Cross, South Florida Region chapter and its leadership. Since 1917, this chapter has been mobilizing South Floridians to aid those in need and has provided relief in times of crisis.

The American Red Cross is a community funded and supported organization, which arrives on the scene of an emergency, natural disaster or catastrophic event, almost immediately, to offer moral and material support. Volunteers assist all disaster victims, whether that disaster is a house fire or a storm.

Time and time again the South Florida chapter has been at the forefront of meeting our community needs. Last year, they responded to 388 local disasters, providing 727 families with direct emergency assistance. Most recently, the South Florida chapter has played a leading role in providing aid and relief to the people of Haiti in the aftermath of the earthquake. The chapter helped in sending more than 80 American Red Cross Creole-speaking volunteer translators to Haiti to support the medical mission of the USNS *Comfort*. The chapter also fielded volunteers at the three airports in our region to greet and offer assistance to repatriated Haitian Americans, and the Chapter's headquarter office was responding to an average of 500 calls daily in the wake of the earthquake.

Under their excellent leadership the South Florida chapter staff works with professionalism every day and is dedicated to helping those in need. They are local community heroes. As we celebrate Red Cross Month, I thank the South Florida chapter for its service and congratulate its leadership, staff and members for their continued success. I am honored to recognize them and their work and appreciate their invaluable contributions to our community.

HONORING GARRETT BRADLEY RAGLAND

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 17, 2010

Mr. GRAVES. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Garrett Bradley Ragland, a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts