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Garrett has been very active with his troop participating in many Scout activities. Over the many years Garrett 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 Garrett Bradley Ragland for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

HIV/AIDS AWARENESS

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 17, 2010

Mr. TOWNS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to show my support and concern about the widespread of the HIV/AIDS virus. My district of Brooklyn, New York, is considered to be the epicenter of the HIV/AIDS epidemic in the United States for African-Americans, women, adolescents, and children.

According to the New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, in Brooklyn, 87 percent, with 7 percent under the age of 13 are persons of color, live with the HIV/AIDS virus. The city of Brooklyn was home to nearly 30 percent of the people living with HIV/AIDS in New York City who died.

It is important that you get tested regularly, such as, during your yearly physical exam; it is important, even for those who think they are not at risk. Early detection for persons infected with HIV, particularly before the infection progresses to AIDS, is vital for the effectiveness of treatment. There are new testing methods, such as, "Rapid HIV Testing", which allows persons to receive results twenty minutes after being tested.

Please take the preventative measures to protect yourself and your loved ones by getting tested. It is far too important not to do; so, please go and get tested.

IN RECOGNITION OF WILLIAM TOLLEY'S 35 YEARS OF SERVICE TO THE AMERICAN CONCRETE INSTITUTE

HON. GARY C. PETERS

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 17, 2010

Mr. PETERS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mr. William Tolley, a resident in Michigan's 9th Congressional District, for his lifelong service to the American Concrete Institute, ACI, headquartered in Farmington Hills, Michigan. As a Member of Congress, I am privileged and honored to recognize Mr. Tolley for his many accomplishments and to thank him for his dedication to strengthening the infrastructure in the United States through his service to the ACI.

ACI is one of the world's leading authorities on concrete technology. Concrete is the second most consumed material in the world after water. It serves as an essential building mate-

rial found in pavements, bridges, buildings and public works projects around the world. ACI is a nonprofit consensus organization with nearly 20,000 members internationally whose purpose is to further engineering and technical education, scientific investigation and research, and development of standards for design and construction incorporating concrete and related materials. ACI is the premier source for information on concrete construction and uses of ACI codes include adoption by reference in general building codes impacting potentially every concrete project in the United States.

On Monday March 22, ACI friends and colleagues will participate in a celebration dinner and toast in honor of William Tolley's retirement from ACI at their Annual Spring Convention in Chicago. Mr. Tolley's passionate involvement with the ACI includes serving as the manager of Administrative Services, Senior Managing Director and most recently his promotion to Executive Vice President in 2002. For his tireless dedication and service he was awarded ACI's Henry L. Kennedy Award recognizing his outstanding leadership in strengthening and expanding chapter activities and in 2006 he was named one of the ten most influential people in the concrete industry. In addition to his work with the ACI, Mr. Tolley is also the Chairman of the Concrete and Masonry Related Associations and has served as Treasurer, Board member and chair of the Finance Committee for the Council of Engineering and Scientific Society Executives.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me today to honor Mr. William Tolley's service to the American Concrete Institute and his dedication to innovation in strengthening our country's infrastructure and keeping Michigan and ACI on the cutting edge of development of concrete technology. I wish him many more years of health and happiness.

HONORING CHANS EDWARD DYKES

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 17, 2010

Mr. GRAVES. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Chans Edward Dykes, 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.

Chans has been very active with his troop participating in many Scout activities. Over the many years Chans 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 Chans Edward Dykes for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

CONGRATULATING THE JUNIOR LEAGUE OF SUMMIT, NEW JERSEY

HON. LEONARD LANCE

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 17, 2010

Mr. LANCE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Junior League of Summit, New Jersey on celebrating their 80th Anniversary as a women's volunteer organization dedicated to serving the communities of Summit, Berkeley Heights, New Providence, and Chatham.

March 26, 2010 will mark their 80th Anniversary and I hope to join the Junior League of Summit and its members at their planned celebration.

The Junior League of Summit is comprised of more than 400 women in Union County, who are united by a common goal of helping others. Specifically, the organization promotes volunteerism, develops the potential of women and improves the community through effective action and leadership of trained volunteers.

Over the years, the Junior League of Summit has made significant contributions to community service throughout Central New Jersey. In fact, the League has many accomplishments of which to be proud.

For example, the League has raised more than \$3 million through its Summit-based Thrift Shop and returned those funds to the community by way of grants, special projects, scholarships and programs. And Junior League members have logged more than one million hours of community service.

Junior League members have volunteered to help scores of causes in New Jersey, including local area schools, Habitat for Humanity, Special Olympics of New Jersey, Children's Specialized Hospital, Interfaith Council for the Homeless, Union County Parks and Recreation, CASA of Union County, the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation and the AIDS Resource Foundation.

Madam Speaker, I would like to congratulate all of the members of the Junior League of Summit for their outstanding efforts to help others and make a difference to the larger community.

I am also pleased to congratulate the Junior League of Summit on its 80th Anniversary as a distinguished community organization. I am proud to share the League's good efforts with my colleagues here in the United States Congress and with the American people.

HONORING THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE WARSAW KITCHEN KONFERENCE

HON. CHRISTOPHER JOHN LEE

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 17, 2010

Mr. LEE of New York. Madam Speaker, I ask that the House join me in recognizing the 50th anniversary of the Warsaw Kitchen Conference, held every year for the last 50 years in Warsaw, New York.

The Warsaw Kitchen Conference first met on February 1, 1960, as a group of Wyoming County Farm Bureau members for the purpose of discussing issues affecting the Western New York agricultural community. While