

beyond the call of duty to give resources to those in need, working long nights and weekends so that the fire department has everything it needs. Chief Price's commitment to Camden County is also evidenced through his civic service affiliations. He has been active in the Camden County Fireman's Association, New Jersey Deputy Chief Association, Port Security Committee, Camden Cooperate Watch, and he was Emergency manager for the City of Camden. Despite all his work, his peers point out that he has never sought the spotlight and that he has always kept the best interests of the Camden Fire Department and its firefighters in mind.

Beyond his civic duties, Chief Price has been recognized by the Camden community as always being ready to offer a helping hand in times of need. He is the driving force and backbone of the Camden Angels Program, working tirelessly every Christmas to ensure 3,500 children receive Christmas presents. Chief Price also donates his time to spring festivals, special needs carnivals and activities, and through outreach to the hungry and homeless. He also has given endless support to the Fugitive Safe Surrender Program in Camden City.

Madam Speaker, Chief Paul Price's work and dedication are truly praiseworthy. I wish Chief Price the best of luck upon retirement and I thank him for his commitment to his community.

IN HONOR OF THE BEACHWOOD  
BOY SCOUTS, GIRL SCOUTS,  
LEADERS AND PARENTS

**HON. JOHN H. ADLER**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, April 26, 2010*

Mr. ADLER of New Jersey. Madam Speaker, I would like to congratulate the Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Leaders and Parents of Beachwood for receiving the 2010 Beachwood Citizen of the Year Award.

Through their excellence in giving back to the Beachwood community and committing to their personal development and aspirations, the Beachwood Girl and Boy Scouts have displayed dedication to the highest standards and best traditions of American citizenship. I am confident that they will continue to accomplish great things in the future and prove to be successful and productive members of society.

I am proud to have such hardworking constituents and I thank them for their dedication and tremendous service throughout the years. Madam Speaker, I hope you will join me in congratulating these exceptional Scouts, their leaders, and their parents for all the contributions as they are honored as "Citizens of the Year."

WHO SPEAKS FOR THE COPTIC  
CHRISTIANS?

**HON. FRANK R. WOLF**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, April 26, 2010*

Mr. WOLF. Madam Speaker, I submit for the RECORD a bipartisan letter which was sent

to the State Department's Office to Monitor and Combat Trafficking in Persons, TIP, expressing "concern over continuing reports of abductions, forced marriages, and exploitation of Coptic women and girls in Egypt." We urged the TIP Office to investigate whether these cases should be included in the upcoming Trafficking in Persons Report.

The U.S. has given Egypt billions of dollars in foreign aid since the Camp David Accords, and yet they persist in trampling the rights of minorities and brutally suppressing political and human rights. In fact, by most accounts there has been backsliding in all of these areas.

With still no Ambassador for International Religious Freedom, when was the last time that this administration advocated for the Coptic Christians?

CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES,  
*Washington, DC, April 16, 2010.*

Hon. LUIS CDEBACA,  
*Ambassador-at-Large, U.S. Department of State,  
Washington, DC.*

DEAR AMBASSADOR CDEBACA: We write today to express our concern over continuing reports of abductions, forced marriages, and exploitation of Coptic women and girls in Egypt. Some of these reports document a criminal phenomenon that includes fraud, physical and sexual violence, captivity, forced marriage, and exploitation in forced domestic servitude or commercial sexual exploitation, and financial benefit to the individuals who secure the forced conversion of the victim. As you know, these are some of the hallmarks of human trafficking.

Numerous reports, including in Egypt's Al-Ahram Weekly and a November 2009 report issued by the Coptic Foundation for Human Rights and Christian Solidarity International (CSI), point to the grim reality of forced marriage faced by vulnerable Coptic women and girls in Egypt. In the 25 cases documented by the Coptic Foundation for Human Rights and CSI, it is clear that violence, fraud, and/or coercion are used to force vulnerable Egyptian women and girls into marriages for the purpose of forced conversion, and these forced marriages are sometimes accompanied by sexual exploitation or domestic servitude. In some cases the families involved in the abductions and forced conversions receive mysterious financial benefits. Further, it appears, according to their lawyers, that the situations facing the women highlighted in the report are not isolated cases.

In the Trafficking Victims Protection Reauthorization Act (2008), Congress tasked the Trafficking in Persons (TIP) office with reporting on "emerging [and] shifting global patterns in human trafficking." We respectfully request that the office follow up on the reports coming out of Egypt, investigate whether the cases of abduction, forced marriage, exploitation and other financial benefit to the individuals who secure a forced conversion should be included in the forthcoming 2010 TIP Annual Report, and inform us about your determination on the matter.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Frank Wolf, Ileana Ros-Lehtinen, Chris Smith, Carolyn Maloney, Michele Bachmann, Bob Inglis, Aaron Schock, Eleanor Holmes Norton, Doug Lamborn, Marsha Blackburn, Anna Eshoo, Dan Burton, Donald Payne, Albio Sires, Joe Wilson, Ted Poe, Trent Franks, Anh "Joseph" Cao,

*Members of Congress.*

CODY HORNSBY-KLINGE

**HON. ED PERLMUTTER**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, April 26, 2010*

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Cody Hornsby-Klinge who has received the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. Cody Hornsby-Klinge is a 12th grader at Ralston Valley High School and received this award because his determination and hard work have allowed him to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Cody Hornsby-Klinge is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations once again to Cody Hornsby-Klinge for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. I have no doubt he will exhibit the same dedication and character to all his future accomplishments.

COMMENDING UNIVERSITY OF  
CONNECTICUT HUSKIES ON WOMEN'S  
NCAA BASKETBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

SPEECH OF

**HON. LAURA RICHARDSON**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 21, 2010*

Ms. RICHARDSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of H. Res. 1239, which recognizes the tremendous accomplishments of the University of Connecticut women's basketball team. The University of Connecticut Huskies women's basketball team has emerged as one of the most outstanding teams in the history of college sports. On April 6, 2010, the Huskies defeated the Stanford Cardinal in the National Collegiate Athletic Association, NCAA, Division I women's basketball national championship in San Antonio, Texas.

This victory gave the Huskies their seventh national championship, second only to the University of Tennessee Lady Volunteers' eight championships. This season the Huskies went undefeated, ending the season on a record 78 game winning streak, a streak that has lasted since the beginning of the 2008-2009 season. As a former college basketball player, I understand the hard work, intense focus, and tireless dedication required to achieve a single season as successful as the Huskies' was this year. So, the kind of repeated success that the University of Connecticut women have seen over the years is truly impressive.

The Huskies' coach, Geno Auriemma, is the president of the Women's Basketball Coaches Association and holds the highest winning percentage among active coaches. Coach Auriemma is also a coach of the 2012 United States Olympic Team. In addition to these successes, Coach Auriemma should be most appreciated for the role model that he is to his players and the positive impact he has on their lives.