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I am proud to honor Adelante of Suffolk County Inc. for their extraordinary work in the community.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. TIMOTHY V. JOHNSON

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 27, 2010

Mr. JOHNSON of Illinois. Madam Speaker, unfortunately last night I was unable to cast my votes on H.R. 4543, H. Res. 1103, and H.R. 4861 and wish the RECORD to reflect my intentions had I been able to vote.

Last night, I was meeting with constituents of mine who represent various student organizations from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign and I was unable to arrive in Washington, DC to cast my votes.

Had I been present on rollcall No. 221 on suspending the rules and passing H.R. 4543, the Anthony J. Cortese Post Office Building, I would have voted "aye."

Had I been present on rollcall No. 222 on suspending the rules and passing H. Res. 1103, Celebrating the life of Sam Houston on the 217th anniversary of his birth, I would have voted "aye."

Had I been present on rollcall No. 223 on suspending the rules and passing H.R. 4861, the Steve Goodman Post Office Building, I would have voted "aye."

SAN RAMON'S FIRE CHIEF

HON. JERRY MCNERNEY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 27, 2010

Mr. MCNERNEY. Madam Speaker, I am honored to take this opportunity to commemorate the life of William Joseph Ferreira. Bill Ferreira was born in 1921 and grew up in San Ramon, California when the city was inhabited by fewer than 100 people. His father was San Ramon's first postmaster, and his family owned a general store. Bill attended San Ramon Grammar School and San Ramon Valley High School, and went on to join the U.S. Navy. Bill served his country with honor in the South Pacific during World War II and was involved in the historic Doolittle Raid. After the war, Bill returned to California and started a family in nearby Danville.

As the area grew, Bill and his neighbors realized that their community required greater firefighting resources. With the help of Howard Weidemann, a local rancher, Bill established the San Ramon Fire Protection District and became San Ramon's first Fire Chief. Operations were run out of his garage, where Bill was in charge of answering calls 24 hours a day and maintaining a fire truck and jeep.

Upon retiring after serving 15 years as Fire Chief, Bill stayed active by fixing up anything that needed repairing, expanding his aviation memorabilia, and sharing his knowledge of local lore with the community. Bill was crucial to the development of San Ramon as it grew into the fine city it is today. We all mourn Bill's

passing and recognize his tremendous contribution to our community.

HONORING HUNTINGTON ENRICHMENT CENTER FOR THEIR EXTRAORDINARY WORK IN THE COMMUNITY

HON. STEVE ISRAEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 27, 2010

Mr. ISRAEL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge a nonprofit organization that serves my district, Huntington Enrichment Center.

Huntington Enrichment Center has demonstrated an overwhelming amount of commitment to serving the Long Island community. My constituents rely on our nonprofits for the vital services they offer. The continuous selfless efforts of those involved with Huntington Enrichment Center are admirable.

I am proud to honor Huntington Enrichment Center for their extraordinary work in the community.

IN SPECIAL RECOGNITION OF KYLE HALL ON HIS OFFER OF APPOINTMENT TO ATTEND THE UNITED STATES MERCHANT MARINE ACADEMY

HON. ROBERT E. LATTA

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 27, 2010

Mr. LATTA. Madam Speaker, it is my great pleasure to pay special tribute to an outstanding young man from Ohio's Fifth Congressional District. I am happy to announce that Kyle Hall of Greenwich, Ohio has been offered an appointment to attend the United States Merchant Marine Academy at Kings Point, New York.

Kyle's offer of appointment poises him to attend the United States Merchant Marine Academy this fall with the incoming midshipmen Class of 2014. Attending one of our Nation's military academies is an invaluable experience that offers a world-class education while placing demands on those who undertake one of the most challenging and rewarding experiences of their lives.

Kyle brings an enormous amount of leadership, service, and dedication to the incoming Class of 2014. While attending South Central High School in Greenwich, Ohio, Kyle attained an impressive grade point average. Kyle was inducted into the National Honor Society, active in the Student Council, was a class officer, and achieved numerous academic honors.

Throughout high school, Kyle was a member of the football, basketball, and track teams. He was co-captain of the football team and was a third year letterman in the sport. Kyle served the community of Greenwich by assisting with the Salvation Army. I am confident that Kyle will carry the lessons of his student leadership to the Merchant Marine Academy.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Kyle Hall on the accept-

ance of his appointment to the United States Merchant Marine Academy. Our service academies offer the finest military training and education available. I am positive that Kyle will excel during his career at the Merchant Marine Academy and I ask my colleagues to join me in extending their best wishes to him as he begins his service to the Nation.

THE CONGRESSIONAL YOUTH ADVISORY COUNCIL: A LEGACY OF SERVICE

HON. SAM JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 27, 2010

Mr. SAM JOHNSON of Texas. Madam Speaker, I ask my fellow colleagues to join me in congratulating the 2009-2010 Congressional Youth Advisory Council. This year 45 students from public, private, and home schools in grades 9 through 12 made their voices heard and made a difference in their communities, their country and their Congress. These students volunteered their time, effort, and talent to inform me about the important issues facing their generation. As young leaders within their communities and their schools, these students boldly represent the promise and the hope we all have for their very bright future.

President Ronald Reagan said, "Freedom is never more than one generation away from extinction. We didn't pass it to our children in the bloodstream. It must be fought for, protected, and handed on for them to do the same, or one day we will spend our sunset years telling our children and our children's children what it was once like in the United States where men were free."

To ensure that the blessing of freedom is passed from one generation to the next, the members of the CYAC spent time interviewing a veteran and documenting the experience for the "Preserving History Project." Today I'm proud to submit the brief summaries provided so the patriotic service of our dedicated veterans and the thoughtful work of the CYAC may be preserved for antiquity in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD. A copy of each submitted student summary follows.

To each member of the Congressional Youth Advisory Council, thank you for making this year and this group a success. It is not a coincidence that this congressional tribute celebrates two generations of service. Each of you is trusted with the precious gift of freedom.

You are the voices of the future and I salute you. God bless you and God bless America.

The summary follows:

Arjinderpal Singh Sekhon: Serving the Country, Representing a People Serving one's country is undoubtedly one of the most honorable duties of any citizen. Representing one's country in the face of great adversity and threatening challenges requires more than a sense of duty, however. It requires a sense of patriotism. Arjinderpal Singh Sekhon, a Colonel in the United States Army from 1984 to 2009, espoused that very attitude when he volunteered his medical physician services as a Pulmonary and Internal Medicine specialist. As the first follower of the Sikh faith to become a battalion commander, Dr. Sekhon served primarily in Operation Desert Storm and Operation Enduring Freedom. His experiences representing