

## EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

HONORING SAFE HARBOR MENTORING, INC. FOR THEIR EXTRAORDINARY WORK IN THE COMMUNITY

**HON. STEVE ISRAEL**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 28, 2010*

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THE CONGRESSIONAL YOUTH ADVISORY COUNCIL: A LEGACY OF SERVICE

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OF TEXAS

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The person whom I interviewed was Kirby Dean Luke, my stepfather. He married my mother four years ago, and ever since that day I have had a new found respect for the branches of the government. He ended his career as a Petty Officer first class/E6/M1 A. To me he has accomplished being a great soldier who has protected this country with his heart and soul. He accomplished being a great friend to other soldiers in need and he accomplished being a great father for his daughter and me, a girl whom he has only known for a few years.

What I have gained from this experience is that a soldier is a man who is honorable, strong, intelligent, and loving. He is a man who puts others before himself. He is a man whom you would want by your side during difficult times. He is a man whom you would want defending your country. To me one of the greatest parts of this country is the men and women we have in all our branches of government. I am thankful that we have them to defend our country and there is no one else out there better than them.—Caitlin Zanin.

CIRT-ACE NATIONAL DESIGN COMPETITION

**HON. ED PERLMUTTER**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 28, 2010*

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, on April 26th, 2010 a team of high school students from Green Mountain High school in Lakewood, Colorado successfully competed as one of three finalists in the Fourth Annual CIRT-ACE National Design Competition, and I am proud to say won. Cosponsored by the Construction Industry Round Table, this competition recognizes students participating in the ACE Mentor Program of America for their creativity and character; and their design projects for their innovation, cost, and constructability.

The team from Lakewood was selected from among their peers for its outstanding design of an ideal school. They have worked hard and enthusiastically over the past school year to develop a practical construction project that reflects real-world skills and concepts. I would like to congratulate students Kristin Bayley and Lane Brugman as well as their mentors Nate Talocco and Angela Talocco.

The ACE Mentor of America was founded in 1994 by leading firms of the integrated construction industry as a mentoring and workforce pipeline to attract youth to pursue careers in architecture, construction and engineering fields. ACE's mission is not only to expose high school students to career opportuni-

ties, but also to encourage students to pursue the necessary secondary and post-secondary education. According to a recent survey of alumni of the ACE program, nine in ten of ACE graduates enter a post-secondary institution. The large majority of ACE students come from low-income, minority families.

At the heart of ACE's highly effective program model is a unique partnership between industry professionals who volunteer their time as mentors and the enthusiastic young people who learn all aspects of the integrated construction professions. Today 1,800 ACE mentors engage 8,000 students in more than 190 cities and communities across the nation.

The winning team from Lakewood embodies the love of education, teamwork and dedication to success that ACE hopes to infuse in all their participants and today I rise to recognize, and direct my colleague's attention to, these future leaders.

IN HONOR AND MEMORY OF JOSEPH F. GOLUBSKI, D.O.

**HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 28, 2010*

Mr. KUCINICH. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor and memory of Joseph F. Golubski, D.O. whose lifelong commitment to family, friends and his patients made a permanent impact on countless lives from Ohio to Wisconsin.

Mr. Golubski grew up in a large, lively family on Cleveland's southeast side where he learned the values of family, faith and hard work. He attended St. Stanislaus Elementary School and graduated from St. Ignatius High School in 1971. Following his graduation from Ohio Wesleyan in 1975, he earned a Master of Science degree in organic chemistry from Cleveland State University. Motivated to pursue a career in medicine, he attended the Kansas City College of Osteopathic Medicine where he graduated with a Doctorate in Osteopathic Medicine.

Mr. Golubski's focus and dedication on his career was surpassed only by his love of family and friends. He was a devoted husband to Theresa, and was the beloved father of Anne and Joseph. He was the son of Rita and the late Joseph J., and he was the brother of Linda, Robert, Nancy, Steven, Cheryl and Pamela, and the brother-in-law of Deborah, Debra and Albert.

Madam Speaker, please join me in honor and remembrance of Joseph F. Golubski, a man who lived his life with love for family, devotion to friends and dedication to medical service. Mr. Golubski's generous heart, great sense of humor and joy for living will live forever within the hearts and memories of his family and friends.

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NATIONAL HEALTHY SCHOOLS  
DAY

SPEECH OF

**HON. SHEILA JACKSON LEE**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 27, 2010*

Ms. JACKSON LEE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise in strong support of H. Res. 1280, "Expressing the support of the House of Representatives for the goals and ideals of National Healthy Schools Day."

Let me begin by thanking my colleague Representative PAUL TONKO for introducing this piece of legislation into the House of Representatives as it is important that we diligently work towards the improvement of deteriorating public schools across the nation and also work towards the improvement of construction techniques in schools.

The issue of environmental hazards in schools has been a growing problem over the last several decades. It is unfortunate that in schools across the nation investigators can find unchecked renovations, pesticide misapplications, unsafe drinking water, and indoor air pollutants such as mold infestations.

It is unreasonable to think that our children can receive the best possible learning environment when they are expected to learn under these types of conditions.

There are also a wide range of problems stemming from poor air quality and ventilation problems in schools. It has consistently been shown that these types of air quality problems can lead to poor concentration, respiratory illnesses, learning difficulties, and even cancer in students.

Today there are approximately 55,000,000 children and 7,000,000 adults who spend their days in the Nation's more than 125,000 public and private schools. Students and teachers also spend an average of 30 to 50 hours per week in school.

These numbers equate to nearly 20 percent of our nation's population spending their days in schools across the country—many of which are currently facing deterioration in the quality of their buildings while in the face of massive budget cuts. Therefore it is critical that we work together to seek comprehensive solutions to the trend of deteriorating schools in our nation.

A recent study showed that approximately one-third of public school principals reported that some environmental factors in their schools have interfered with classroom instruction. This report highlights an increasingly troubling trend among schools of deteriorating environmental factors.

In fact school facilities with poor building quality can result in lower test scores, poor attendance, and health problems for students and staff. These problems are only worsened for the nearly 9 percent of American students who are known to have asthma. Asthma is also the leading cause of absence from school and is aggravated by poor air quality and ventilation problems in schools.

To meet these challenges, I believe that we should begin working with school districts across the nation towards the implementation of healthy and high performance schools.

These types of schools would be designed to improve indoor environments while reducing

energy and maintenance costs. They would also provide for an improvement in the quality of ambient light, would reduce exposures to toxic substances and would provide a healthier and safer learning environment for children.

Healthy and high performance schools are designed with specific environmental factors in mind, such as pollutant source controls, proper ventilation mechanisms, and moisture and mold controls. It is imperative that school districts in our nation recognize the importance of these new construction and maintenance techniques and work to ensure the improvement of student and teacher health across the board.

By officially designating April 26, 2010 as 'National Healthy Schools Day,' we in Congress will be sending a strong message to students and teachers across the nation that we intend to provide healthy and safe buildings for students to learn in. We will also be sending a message to school districts across the nation that it is vitally important to build new schools with renewable resource materials and energy efficient appliances.

We must always ensure that schools and children receive all the necessary tools for their continued growth. Furthermore it is vitally important that we continue to work with state and local agencies including independent school districts across the nation for the implementation of these measures in public schools.

I would like to again thank my colleague Representative PAUL TONKO for introducing H. Res. 1280. I ask my colleagues for their support of this legislation as well as their continued support for children, teachers and public schools across the nation.

Mr. Speaker, I strongly support H. Res. 1280 and the rule.

HONORING SAUNDERS OMNI-  
PRESENT NETWORK INSPIRING  
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The summary follows:

Sergeant Archie Lee Dyer joined the Marine Corps on November 22, 1967. He was only 19 years old at the time, but he was courageous enough to begin his journey as a soldier in the Vietnam War. As a granddaughter of Archie Dyer, I have gotten to know his military career well. It's amazing to sit and listen to the stories of my sweet, humble' and brave Pawpaw's journey as a Marine. His life has been shaped greatly because of his time spent in the Vietnam War and I am very lucky to have a brave grandfather who was willing to potentially sacrifice his life far our nation. Although he has created a successful pool company and had many other great successes in life, the one that can be most appreciated is his success as a Marine. I have learned so much about my Pawpaw by doing this interview. I have realized how passionate he is about protecting our nation by the way he continually holds his head high while telling stories of the "good old days" when he was a Marine. Although his time in the Vietnam War was a very trying experience, my Pawpaw never regrets his time spent braving the war and protecting our great nation. I am so proud of my Pawpaw for all that he has done and I am grateful to have had this experience to learn more about this man that I love and respect so much.—Caitlyn Woolum.

HONORING THE LIFE OF JERALD F. TERHORST

**HON. JAMES P. MORAN**  
OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
*Wednesday, April 28, 2010*

Mr. MORAN of Virginia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and work of Mr. Jerald F. terHorst, longtime reporter, columnist, and White House Press Secretary, who passed away on March 31, 2010 at his home in Asheville, North Carolina. He was surrounded and supported by his four children in his final hours.

Born in Grand Rapids in 1922, Mr. terHorst discovered his passion for journalism while at Michigan State University. While working at the State News, the MSU college newspaper, he met Louise, his companion, confidante and best friend through 64 years of marriage. Mr. terHorst was a proud veteran having served as a Marine in World War II. Following the war, Jerry jumped head-first into his passion, reporting, while working for the Grand Rapids Press. During his time there, he covered future-President Gerald Ford's early political career during his successful bid for Congress. A few years later, after a stint in the Marine Corps, Mr. terHorst took a job as a political writer for the Detroit News. He moved to their Washington bureau and shortly thereafter became bureau chief in 1961.

In 1974, when then-Vice President Ford inherited the presidency after Nixon's resignation, Mr. terHorst signed on as Press Secretary for the man he had been closely covering for close to 20 years. It was to be a short-lived tenure, however, lasting one month. His resignation of the prestigious role was due to his strong disagreement with President Nixon's pardoning. In his resignation letter and personal statements in the years following, terHorst stated that his decision was ultimately because he believed Ford had displayed a double standard of justice in choosing to pardon Nixon, yet refusing to pardon conscientious objectors to the Vietnam War. Jerry's resignation, risking his entire career, was a testament to his strong ethical values that had brought him so far in his career. Mr. terHorst received the first Conscience-in-Media Award for his decision. Following his tenure at the White House, Mr. terHorst reentered the profession he loved, signing on as a syndicated columnist for the Detroit News, finally retiring in 1981 after a long and distinguished career.

Mr. terHorst was a friend, strong advocate for truth and justice, and inspiration to those who knew him and read his work. He forever left a mark on reporting and the role of the White House Press Secretary. Jerry will be deeply missed but his legacy lives on, serving as an example for future generations of journalists to model themselves after.

IN HONOR AND RECOGNITION OF  
ELAINE MARIE FORTNEY

**HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH**  
OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
*Wednesday, April 28, 2010*

Mr. KUCINICH. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor and recognition of Elaine Marie

Fortney, a woman who lived life with grace and a sense of service to community.

Ms. Fortney was a longtime leader in the Cuyahoga County Democratic Party and a staunch political activist, working on numerous local and national campaigns. Raised in East Cleveland, Ms. Fortney lived most of her life in Cleveland Heights, where she became president of the Cleveland Heights Democratic Club. Her energy spawned from a deep belief that the political process was a vehicle for change. She was regularly called upon by candidates seeking her expertise, including U.S. Senate candidate Mary Boyle, for whom she served as Ohio field director.

Although she lost her ability to walk in her early thirties, she never let a wheelchair slow her down. Ms. Fortney was a dedicated public servant, serving as executive assistant to former Cuyahoga County Commissioner Mary Boyle and as the district director for former United States Congressman Dennis Eckart. She led the Cuyahoga County Democrats as the Executive Director from 1982 to 1985. In 2009, Ms. Fortney retired from service after twelve years of managing worker's compensation claims for Cuyahoga County.

Madam Speaker and Colleagues please join me in honor and remembrance of Elaine Marie Fortney, whose great joy for life, energetic spirit and commitment to community inspired all of us who had the honor of knowing her. I offer my deep condolences to her sisters, Linda and Jane; to her brothers-in-law, Robert and Matthew; her nieces, Tricia and Elizabeth; her nephews, Shawn and Zachary; and her extended family members and many friends.

SUPPORT OF H.R. 4994 THE TAXPAYER ASSISTANCE ACT OF 2010

**HON. DANNY K. DAVIS**  
OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
*Wednesday, April 28, 2010*

Mr. DAVIS of Illinois. Madam Speaker, across the United States, April 15th is Tax Day. As Americans file their taxes, H.R. 4994, the Taxpayer Assistance Act of 2010, improves taxpayer programs and protections. The "Tax Day" bill has a history of broad bipartisan support and continues to receive large support today.

Most importantly for the residents of the 7th District of Illinois and the Nation, the Taxpayer Assistance Act of 2010 includes programs that benefit low-income taxpayers. For example, H.R. 4994 increases funding for grants to provide low-income taxpayer clinics. Even in the absence of a specific appropriation, the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance program will be available for use because the Secretary of Treasury could allocate up to \$20 million of grant funding annually for the program. As recommended by the National Taxpayer Advocate, the bill allows IRS employees to refer people to these tax clinics as well. The Taxpayer Assistance Act of 2010 also improves the IRS's ability to inform taxpayers about the availability of the Earned Income Tax Credit in prior years, a tax credit that we know helps low income households. In the 7th Congressional District alone, over 72,000 people participated in this program in 2007 with a savings of over \$172 million, with most of those taxpayers earning less than \$20,000 a year.

Further, the bill makes it easier for taxpayers to settle outstanding payments via the offers-in-compromise program. Importantly, H.R. 4994 contains provisions to assure the protection of taxpayers, such as requiring the IRS to notify taxpayers when it suspects that a taxpayer's identity, or a dependent's identity, has been stolen. Each of the bill's provisions provides timely assistance and improvements for taxpayers.

The Taxpayer Assistance Act of 2010 also adapts the tax system to technology in several ways. By allowing the removal of cell phones from listed property, the bill eliminates a strict, outdated rule. The current rule requires individuals to keep detailed records regarding cell phones and similar equipment used for business purposes, imposing unnecessary burdens on companies and taxpayers. The IRS also will be given the opportunity to utilize the internet and other forms of mass communication to notify taxpayers of "unclaimed" or "undeliverable" funds.

Overall H.R. 4994 the Taxpayer Assistance Act of 2010 continues the tradition of the "Tax Day" bill by providing needed programs, protection to our taxpayers, and updates to outdated rules.

HONORING ISRAELI  
INDEPENDENCE DAY

SPEECH OF

**HON. EDWARD J. MARKEY**

OF MASSACHUSETTS  
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
*Wednesday, April 21, 2010*

Mr. MARKEY of Massachusetts. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the 62nd anniversary of the founding of the State of Israel, our great ally and friend.

Over 60 years ago, Israel's pioneers began to revitalize an ancient land. Today, Israelis remain pioneers at heart—pioneers for prosperity, democracy and progress. They are once again facing challenges in their homeland with determination and a vision for a better future for their children and for their country.

But even as we celebrate the founding of the State of Israel, we know that while sovereign independence is necessary, it is not sufficient—security of the State's people is also of paramount importance. The Jewish homeland must be kept safe, surrounded by neighbors who respect its right to exist in peace. Through sacrifice, ingenuity and innovation, Israel has managed to thrive for 62 years in a dangerous and unstable region of the world. Let us hope that the conflicts that have marked the difficult decades since Israel's founding will subside in the years to come.

Indeed, Prime Minister Golda Meir believed that one day there would be peace in Israel, because there are mothers and grandmothers—and let me add fathers and grandfathers—in Egypt, in Jordan, in Syria and the Palestinian territories who also want their children and grandchildren to live in peace. Today is an opportunity to both acknowledge history and look to the future. I am hopeful that someday soon Israel and its neighbors will finally find the keys to a peaceful future side-by-side in mutual security, and the conflict in the Middle East becomes relegated to the history books.

I congratulate the State of Israel on its 62nd anniversary, and offer my sincere wish for its peaceful and productive future.

HONORING PRONTO OF LONG ISLAND FOR THEIR EXTRAORDINARY WORK IN THE COMMUNITY

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I interviewed my grandfather, Ted Falconer, who served for four years, 1948 to 1952, in the Navy as an electrician. He enlisted in September 1948 as a Seaman Recruit. Initially planning on three years of service, the Korean War caused him to serve for four years instead. After basic training he went to Treasure Island for the Navy electrician school. Then he was stationed at the Naval Communication Station on Guam. During this time was when the Korean War broke out and caused him to see a shift in life on Guam. There was more movement of soldiers and material; and he participated in training exercises to practice loading Marines onto naval vessels and practice landings in preparation, for the Incheon Landing. After months of exercises he was shipped back to Hunter's Point in San Francisco to re-commission an old World War II troop transport for active service in the Korean War. After six months his commission ended and he was honorably discharged from the Navy in September 1952 as a 2nd Class Petty Officer. He then went to Texas with his best friend Wayne, who he met in the Navy, and they both attended college at the University of Texas at Austin. There he earned his Bachelor's and Master's Degree. During this time he also met and married Alice Wilkinson, my grandmother, who both have been happily married for fifty-three years.—Eric Womboldt.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. J. GRESHAM BARRETT**

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 28, 2010*

Mr. BARRETT of South Carolina. Madam Speaker, unfortunately, I missed the following recorded votes on the House floor the legislative week of Tuesday, April 20, 2010.

For Tuesday, April 20, 2010, had I been present I would have voted "aye" on rollcall vote #212 (on motion to suspend the rules and agree to H. Res. 1257), "aye" on rollcall vote #213 (on motion to suspend the rules and agree to H. Res. 1271).

For Wednesday, April 21, 2010, had I been present I would have voted "aye" on rollcall vote #214 (on motion to suspend the rules and agree to S. 1963), "aye" on rollcall vote #215 (on motion to suspend the rules and agree to H. Res. 1104), "aye" on rollcall vote #216 (on 'motion to suspend the rules and agree to H. Res. 1216).

For Thursday, April 22, 2010, had I been present I would have voted "aye" on rollcall vote #217 (on ordering the previous question to H. Res. 1287), "aye" on rollcall vote #218 (on motion to refer H. Res. 1287), "aye" on rollcall vote #219 (on motion to instruct Conferees to H.R. 2194), "aye" on rollcall vote #220 (on motion to suspend the rules and agree to H. Res. 1270).

IN HONOR AND RECOGNITION OF DOROTHY ANN MUELLER

**HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 28, 2010*

Mr. KUCINICH. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor and recognition of Dorothy Ann Mueller upon the joyous occasion of her 80th birthday on April 4th, 2010.

Mrs. Mueller grew up in the Tremont neighborhood, in a lively household surrounded by three siblings and her parents, Ann and Joe Kmetz. Her family's heritage includes Slovak, Hungarian, Russian and Polish. As a young girl, Mrs. Mueller and her family moved from Tremont to the Stockyard neighborhood, where she enjoyed skating, dancing and going to the movies. She graduated from West Tech High School, and soon thereafter met and married the love of her life, United States Navy Veteran, Frank Mueller. Together they raised their children and created a home filled with love, respect, faith and compassion. Mrs. Mueller successfully raised her family while working many different jobs, including office manager, salesperson, nanny and many others.

Mrs. Mueller's love of life continues to reflect to this day. Her kindness, quick smile, compassionate heart and sense of humor have made her beloved. She enjoys pinocle, travel, and bocce. Mrs. Mueller's life is highlighted by her abiding faith and sense of service to others. She is a lifelong volunteer at Corpus Christie Church and St. Leo the Great Church. She even moved to Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania when she learned of the city's great need of missionaries. In Pittsburgh, she volunteered at a homeless shelter, utilizing her talents as a cook to prepare and serve meals in the soup kitchen. Mrs. Mueller considers that time as one of the most rewarding periods of her life.

Madam Speaker, please join me in celebrating Dorothy Ann Mueller's 80th birthday. Affectionately known as Ma, Dor, Auntie, Auntie Dor, Ma Mueller, Grandma and Baba, Mrs. Mueller lives life with an open heart, a sparkle in her eye and warm smile. I wish her happiness, joy and love on her 80th birthday and always.

"Love is life. And if you miss love, you miss life"—Leo Buscaglia, one of Mrs. Mueller's favorite authors.

TEMPORARY EXTENSION OF SMALL BUSINESS PROGRAMS

SPEECH OF

**HON. SHEILA JACKSON LEE**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 27, 2010*

Ms. JACKSON LEE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise in strong support of S. 3253, "A bill to provide for an additional temporary extension of programs under the Small Business Act and the Small Business Investment Act of 1958, and for other purposes."

Let me begin by thanking my colleague Sen. MARY LANDRIEU of Louisiana for introducing this piece of legislation into the House of Representatives as it is important that we

work together with small businesses across the country towards the recovery of our national economy.

Small businesses have long been the bedrock of our Nation's economy and many would agree that they still are. Even with the advent of modern-day multi-national corporations, most of our day-to-day purchases take place at "mom and pop" small businesses.

Moreover, 99 percent of all independent companies and businesses in the U.S. are considered small businesses.

According to the U.S. Small Business Administration, these small businesses account for 52 percent of all U.S. workers. These small businesses also provide a continuing source of vitality for the American economy. Small businesses in the U.S. produced three-fourths of the economy's new jobs between 1990 and 1995, and represent an entry point into the economy for new groups. Women, for instance, participate heavily in small businesses.

The number of female-owned businesses climbed by 89 percent, to an estimated 8.1 million, between 1987 and 1997, and women-owned sole proprietorships were expected to reach 35 percent of all such ventures by the year 2000. Small firms also tend to hire a greater number of older workers and people who prefer to work part-time.

One strength that small businesses are known for is their ability to respond quickly to changing economic conditions. They often know their customers personally and are especially suited to meet local needs. There are tons of stories of startup companies catching national attention and growing into large corporations. Just a few examples of these types of startup businesses making big include the computer software company Microsoft; the package delivery service Federal Express; sports clothing manufacturer Nike; the computer networking firm America OnLine; and ice cream maker Ben & Jerry's.

Through the passage of S. 3253 we will be temporarily extending programs under the Small Business Act and the Small Business Investment Act of 1958 through the end of July 2010. With the passage of this bill we will be helping small businesses and communities across the Nation. We will also be helping to drive our economy upward and will be helping businesses across the Nation.

We must always ensure that we place a high level of priority on small businesses. It is also important that we work towards ensuring that small businesses receive all the tools and resources necessary for their continued growth and development.

I would like to again thank my colleague Sen. MARY LANDRIEU for introducing S. 3253. I ask my colleagues for their support of this legislation as well as their continued support for small businesses across the Nation.

Mr. Speaker, I strongly support S. 3253 and the rule.

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Mr. Craig Sherwood was born on February 3, 1966, and was influenced at an early age by the sense of "duty, honor, country" that was enforced at the U.S. Military Academy at West Point. He was highly impressed by their integrity and strived to be like the officers he had seen at the academy. His father served in the Korean War and his uncle had served in the Vietnam War. Mr. Sherwood enlisted in August 1985 at age 19 and was sent to several training camps including airborne camp where he trained with parachutes and infiltration maneuvers. Afterwards, he was sent to ranger camp where he was put through rigorous training programs and eventually came through 43 pounds thinner! After training, he was sent to Germany and was stationed over 50 men and four canons. Mr. Sherwood was placed in 1989 to hold off the Soviet Union forces and was outnumbered three to one but was able to hold them off for 45 minutes, ensuring a U.S. victory. I have learned that despite the pride of serving the Nation at home and abroad, there is still a danger that is faced. I have gained an understanding and appreciation for those who have served and given their time to preserve freedom in the U.S. Mr. Sherwood's story portrays the sanctity of life and how important it is to protect those moments with loved ones and to never give up.—Alexis Webber.

HONORING PARENTS FOR MEGAN'S LAW FOR THEIR EXTRAORDINARY WORK IN THE COMMUNITY

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OF NEW YORK

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Parents of Megan's Law have 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 acts of Parents for Megan's Law are admirable.

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IN HONOR AND MEMORY OF  
HERMAN KAMMERMAN

**HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 28, 2010*

Mr. KUCINICH. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor and memory of Herman Kammerman, whose lifelong dedication to promoting consumer rights, workers rights and social justice has made a lasting impression on the citizens of our community.

In 1972, Mr. Kammerman was appointed Director of Consumer Affairs by the late Ralph Perk, former Mayor of Cleveland. He was relieved of that position for ruffling corporate feathers, but I reappointed him when I became Mayor in 1977. As Director of Consumer Affairs in my administration, Mr. Kammerman worked tirelessly to expose unfair practices in the marketplace. Thanks to his efforts, we implemented several consumer protection laws, including a requirement to date perishable grocery items. His work also paved the way for an ordinance which mandated that all gas stations post their prices, as well as an ordinance which made it illegal for companies to advertise sale prices for products without sufficient inventories in stock.

During and following his tenure as a consumer affairs advocate, Mr. Kammerman was a proud tool and die maker at Ford Motor Company. He served as vice-president of UAW Local 420 and served as chairman for the UAW's Council for Consumer Services.

Madam Speaker, please join me in honor of Herman Kammerman, a man who lived his life with great joy and in dedicated service to others. I offer my sincere condolences to his wife, Annette Solomon; to his children, Walter, Kathleen, and Teresa; and to his five grandchildren, three great-grandchildren and friends. Mr. Kammerman's love for his family and devotion to protecting the rights of consumers and workers will be always appreciated and remembered.

IN RECOGNITION OF DR. BENJAMIN FRANKLIN PAYTON AT HIS RETIREMENT AS PRESIDENT OF TUSKEGEE UNIVERSITY

### HON. MIKE ROGERS

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 28, 2010*

Mr. ROGERS of Alabama. Madam Speaker, I would like to request the House's attention today to pay recognition to the distinguished career of Dr. Benjamin Franklin Payton, who will be retiring this year from his position as the 5th president of Tuskegee University, a position he has held for the past 29 years.

It goes without saying that Dr. Payton has led a highly successful career serving the students, faculty and community of Tuskegee University. As President, his many accomplishments at the University will certainly be remembered long after his departure. Among his many milestones include the launching of Tuskegee University's first Ph.D. programs in Materials Science and Engineering and Integrated Biosciences; his involvement in the reconstruction and renovation of the entire campus; and his success in leading and exceeding a \$150 million Capital Campaign. Dr. Payton's work at Tuskegee University, coupled with his previous accomplishments, has earned him many honors and awards including First Place winner of the Harvard Billings Prize, 1957; South Carolinian of the Year, 1972; an appointment by President Ronald Reagan to the Board for International Food and Agricultural Development; and under President George W. Bush, he was appointed to lead the Task Force on Agricultural and Economic Development to Zaire.

All of us across Macon County and East Alabama have been touched by the visionary leadership of Dr. Benjamin Franklin Payton. He will be missed in the community and at the University he has led for so long. On behalf of us all, I congratulate him for his distinguished service.

KENNETH BANKS

### HON. C.A. DUTCH RUPPERSBERGER

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 28, 2010*

Mr. RUPPERSBERGER. Madam Speaker, I rise before you today to honor Mr. Kenneth Banks for his outstanding business success, community involvement, and impact on Maryland's economic growth and prosperity.

Mr. Banks graduated from Adelphi University in 1974; Mr. Banks has been in the construction field since 1975. He was a foreman and project manager for a contractor before launching his own firm in 1980. Mr. Banks' high standard of excellence, emphasis on professional expertise, and dependability has had a powerful impact on the community. He has worked with numerous community organizations including the American Heart Association, where he chaired the 25th Anniversary Heart Ball.

Mr. Banks is a member of the Greater Baltimore Executive Committee and serves as a member of the Board on the Chesapeake Crescent Commission, chaired by the Gov-

ernors of Maryland and Virginia and the Mayor of Washington, D.C. He is also a member of the board of the Maryland Affordable Housing Trust and the United Way of Central Maryland. He is a past member of the Board of Trustees at Adelphi University, his alma mater, and is an Executive-in-Residence at Morgan State University's Earl G. Graves School of Business and Management Honors Program.

In 2009, Mr. Banks won several awards for business results and community focus including The Greater Baltimore Committee Mayor's Business Recognition Award, the Award of Excellence given by Associated Builders and Contractors, the Professional Achievement and Community Service Award by the Baltimore City Community College Foundation, the Entrepreneur Award by the Black Engineer of the Year Global Competitiveness Conference, and the Future 50 Award by SmartCEO Publishing.

Madam Speaker, I ask that you join with me today to honor Mr. Kenneth Banks for his outstanding work and community involvement. Through his visionary leadership and stellar business principals, Baltimore continues to grow and flourish.

### HONORING THE LIFE AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF SAM HOUSTON

SPEECH OF

### HON. KEVIN BRADY

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, April 26, 2010*

Mr. BRADY of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of H. Res. 1103, honoring the anniversary of the birth of a great Texan, Sam Houston. Due to a conflict I was unable to cast my vote in support of this bill yesterday.

Sam Houston was a larger than life character who left a lasting impact on the history of Texas. Already an established statesman—as first a member of this body and Governor of the state of Tennessee—Sam Houston's leadership was essential in Texas gaining independence from Mexico and later in achieving statehood. Sam Houston led the Texas Revolutionary forces in the Texas War of Independence and was instrumental in achieving victory over at the Battle of San Jacinto.

The only person to have been the governor of two different states, Sam Houston also was an inaugural Senator from Texas.

I have long been impressed with Sam Houston. In my office, I proudly display two portraits of Houston.

Sam Houston's legacy is important to the people of Texas' Eighth congressional district. A much larger than life statue of Sam Houston greets all who come to Huntsville—the east Texas town where Sam Houston spent his golden years and where his name lives on at Sam Houston State University. At 67 feet tall and 25 tons, the steel and concrete statue aptly named "A Tribute to Courage" is a testament to how the Huntsville community continues to cherish Sam Houston.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to celebrate the life of Sam Houston. For all his accomplishments, the people of the great state of Texas remain forever in his debt and will continue to honor his memory and public service on this anniversary of his birth.

HONORING KANSAS CITY, KANSAS, POLICE CHIEF SAMUEL F. BRESHEARS

### HON. DENNIS MOORE

OF KANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 28, 2010*

Mr. MOORE of Kansas. Madam Speaker, Kansas City, Kansas, Chief of Police Samuel F. Breshears was honored as Kansas' recipient of the prestigious 2010 Clarence M. Kelley Meritorious Service Award at the spring conference of the Kansas/Western Missouri Chapter of the Federal Bureau of Investigation National Academy Association in Wichita, Kansas, on Friday, April 9th, 2010.

Chief Breshears' dedication to the law enforcement profession, and to the men and women who make up the heart and soul of the calling of law enforcement, is reflected in his commitment to seeking the best possible training for them. Throughout his career he has taken great interest in making it possible for officers get the best contemporary training, acknowledging that training and policy development are practical tools in fighting crime. He has also continued the organizational philosophy of community policing and recognizes that aggressive law enforcement must remain sensitive to the needs of the community. This philosophy is a benchmark to his core police officer values of establishing and maintaining competent, dedicated and exemplary law enforcement officers.

Since 1999, Chief Breshears has served with distinction on the Kansas Commission on Peace Officers Standards and Training, (KSCPOST), a position he was appointed to by the Governor of the State of Kansas. This body is responsible for certifying Kansas Law Enforcement Officers. Further, Chief Breshears has shown his respect for and lifelong appreciation of the law enforcement field by continuing to expand his knowledge and training in the law enforcement discipline, such as having been invited to attend and participate in the FBI-sponsored National Executive Institute.

In addition to his graduate-level academic achievements and being a graduate of the FBI National Academy in 1994, graduating in the 176th session, he has been a model of community service and volunteerism serving on numerous boards and committees throughout the years. His service record reflects his dedication to an exemplary career in law enforcement: High Intensity Drug Trafficking Areas Program Executive Board; FBI Joint Terrorism Task Force Executive Board; FBI HARCFL Executive Board; Kansas City Metro Chiefs and Sheriffs Executive Board; Emerging Threat Analysis Capability Executive Board; and Kansas Peace Officers Association/Governor at Large.

The singularly distinctive accomplishments of Chief Breshears culminate a long and distinguished career in the service of the citizens of Kansas City, Kansas, and reflect great credit upon himself and the Kansas City, Kansas, Police Department, and the Unified Government of Wyandotte County, Kansas. Madam Speaker, I know that you join with all members of the House of Representatives in acknowledging his distinguished service to our community.

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The summary follows:

Like water that seeps through the cracks of our hands, history is continually being lost because it is not being written down. While interviewing Donald D. Simmons and documenting his experiences as a member of the Air Force during the Korean War, I felt that I became part of the quilt of history that is perpetually being woven. I hope by telling Don’s story, I gave a veteran the full appreciation he deserved for what he had done for his country by ensuring that his story would never be forgotten. At the ripe young age of 18, Don decided to enlist in the Air Force. From 1952–1954, he spent his days on a mountaintop north of Seoul where he repaired radar systems and monitored the search radar that was operational 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. After starting out as a private, he climbed the ranks to become a captain and received a Commendation Medal for his service in Korea. After the armistice was signed he continued college under the GI Bill at the University of Maryland where he studied electrical engineering. He is now the secretary of the Aircraft Control and Warning Group, a Korean War veterans’ organization that holds annual reunions in cities

across the United States, as well as a volunteer at Methodist Richardson Medical Center.—Cindy Wang.

HONORING MERCY CENTER MINISTRIES, INC. FOR THEIR EXTRAORDINARY WORK IN THE COMMUNITY

**HON. STEVE ISRAEL**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. ISRAEL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge a nonprofit organization that serves my district, Mercy Center Ministries, Inc.

Mercy Center Ministries 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. Mercy Center Ministries’ continuous acts of selfless efforts are admirable.

I am proud to honor Mercy Center Ministries, Inc. for their extraordinary work in the community.

IN HONOR AND REMEMBRANCE OF MRS. LUZ MARIA VILLANUEVA

**HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 28, 2010

Mr. KUCINICH. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor and remembrance of Mrs. Luz Maria Villanueva who lived her life with joy, grace and total dedication to her family and friends.

Mrs. Villanueva was born to a large, loving family in Puerto Rico before moving to Cleveland, Ohio. She learned the values of faith and sharing as a young child, values that stayed with her throughout her life. Mrs. Villanueva was preceded in death by her husband of 34 years, Jose, and also by her son, James. Mrs. Villanueva and her husband raised seven children. Her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren were a source of her strength and joy. In addition to her family, she was never far from her beloved Chihuahua, Chico.

Mrs. Villanueva was dedicated to the teachings of her Roman Catholic faith. She was always willing to offer a helping hand, a warm smile or a kind word. She moved to Florida thirty-one years ago and became active in the parish community of the Church of the Transfiguration. Mrs. Villanueva was a Eucharist Minister, a member of Damas Catolica, and taught catechism.

Madam Speaker and colleagues, please join me in honor and remembrance of Luz Maria Villanueva. I offer my deep condolences to her children; Jose (Margaret) Villanueva, Fred (Ellen) Villanueva, Jennie Orama, Providencia (Santos) Roman, Angela (Winfred) Robinson and Myrna Villanueva (Edwin Montalvo); her twelve grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; and her extended family and many friends. Mrs. Villanueva brought love, kindness and joy into the lives of those around her. She will never be forgotten.

IN HONOR OF DAVID JOHN MCKELVEY

**HON. TIM RYAN**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. RYAN of Ohio. Madam Speaker, I submit the following.

Youngstown—Calling hours for David John McKelvey, 58, will be held at St. Edward Church (240 Tod Lane) from 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. on Thursday, April 29, 2010.

Funeral services will be held on Friday at St. Edward Church at 11 a.m. Additional calling hours will be held from 9:45 to 10:45 a.m., prior to the service.

David was born on March 23, 1952, in Youngstown, the son of William B. McKelvey and Sallie Turner McKelvey. David was a lifelong member of the community.

David was a member of St. Edward Church and attended Ursuline and The Rayen School. After graduation, David joined the Peace Corps and later attended Youngstown State University. He worked in real estate and business development for the majority of his life.

He was married in 1985 to Meg Mitchell of Youngstown.

He is survived by his children, Jonathan (22), Catherine (18), and Connor (11). David is also survived by his mother, Sallie T. McKelvey; his siblings, Letitia McKelvey, Lucius McKelvey (Terrie), Walter McKelvey (Carol), William McKelvey (Sarah), former Mayor George McKelvey (Sherry), Sally McKelvey Bulger (David) and Anne McKelvey; and many loving nieces, nephews, and cousins.

David was preceded in death by his father, William B. McKelvey.

David was passionate about his faith, family, friends, fishing and traveling. David was an avid volunteer. His favorite charitable cause was serving holiday meals at the Rescue Mission. It gave him great joy to see his children participate in this charitable work.

David was held in high esteem by his many friends, earning respect by his character strengths of integrity, reliability and loyalty. David will be sadly missed and remembered fondly in the hearts of the lives he touched.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that your generosity be best expressed by a donation to the Gleaner’s Food Bank, 94 Pyatt St., Youngstown, OH 44502.

Funeral arrangements are being handled by the McCauley Funeral Home on Broadway Ave. in Youngstown.

IN HONOR OF THE GRAND OPENING OF THE ELITE NEWS NATIONAL RELIGIOUS HALL OF FAME MUSEUM

**HON. PETE SESSIONS**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 28, 2010

Mr. SESSIONS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the grand opening of the Elite News National Religious Hall of Fame Museum on Thursday, April 29, 2010.

First launched in 2000 by Mr. William Blair, Jr., the National Religious Hall of Fame Museum seeks to celebrate, encourage, and showcase the positive impact of ministers in our local community. The inductees are individuals that have been active in ministry for at

least fifteen years and are honored for their community, social, and spiritual contributions. Their dedicated efforts have positively influenced our community and touched the lives of numerous individuals, spanning generations.

The National Religious Hall of Fame Museum highlights the important role ministers play in our society. They work countless hours, wholeheartedly devoted to serving God and mankind. Although the results of their tireless efforts may be unseen by many, the impact of our ministers speak loudly in the legacy they leave and in the lives they transform. This museum serves as a tribute to how they have made our community and our world a better place.

Madam Speaker, I ask my esteemed colleagues to join me in congratulating Elite News and their commitment to honoring ministers with the National Religious Hall of Fame Museum.

RECOGNIZING FRANK W. MANN,  
JR., ON HIS 90TH BIRTHDAY

**HON. JEFF MILLER**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 28, 2010*

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor Colonel Frank Mann Jr., upon the occasion of his 90th birthday. Colonel Mann has spent a lifetime serving both country and community, and it is a privilege to recognize him on this special day. Throughout the span of his nine decades, Colonel Mann has lived as a shining example to show all what the virtues of patriotism and voluntarism truly mean. I know that as he continues to live out his days, the life of Colonel Mann will serve as a reflection for all to gaze upon to find the exact measure of a man.

Frank was born in Bayonne, New Jersey, on May 2, 1920. As a young pilot, Colonel Mann spent time in the service as an instructor pilot and in England as a B-24 and B-29 aircraft commander during World War II. After leaving the service, he returned to the University of Wyoming and earned a Bachelor of Science in Geology.

As war broke out in Korea, Colonel Mann was recalled to active duty and stationed at F.E. Warren AFB, Wyoming. After a few short months, Colonel Mann was assigned as the Chief of Combat Operations for the 19th Bombardment Group based at Kadena Air Base, Okinawa. During this time he flew B-29 bombing missions over Korea. By the time the war ended in 1953, the 19th had flown 645 missions, 5,950 sorties, and had dropped more than 52,000 tons of bombs on enemy targets. For their display of ability, the 19th was awarded a Presidential Unit Citation. They were also awarded the Republic of Korea Presidential Unit Citation.

Colonel Mann spent the later portion of his illustrious career as an Air Force officer in numerous leadership and command positions throughout the world. Some of those posts include Commander of the 705th Aircraft Control and Warning Squadron, Director of Flight Operations at Wright-Patterson AFB and Commander of an Air Defense Command Radar Station at Mt. Laguna, California. In 1973, after 37 long years of selfless service, Colonel Mann retired. Through his distinguished and

decorated career, Colonel Mann earned many awards including the Bronze Star, Air Medal and the Air Force and Army Commendation Medals.

Colonel Mann's record of military service alone is enough to merit a lifetime of achievement. However, after retiring from the military he did not quit his commitment to service. Instead, he continued to go above and beyond the call of duty and put his service-oriented lifestyle to work in the community. Colonel Mann helped co-found the local Lions Club in the 1980s. He also became a volunteer at the Chamber of Commerce where he remains active today. As a civilian, Colonel Mann worked with local retired military personnel and advocated on their behalf at the national level as a member of the Board of Directors and President of the Ft. Walton Beach Military Officers Association of America. In addition, Colonel Mann is a member of the Order of Daedalians. In this capacity, he worked to enroll high school youth in ROTC programs, and sponsored an annual scholarship for ROTC students. Frank is married to the former Margie Hatton of Malone, Florida. Together they have two daughters, Cindy and Karen.

It is with great honor, the highest respect and much personal pride, Madam Speaker, that I recognize the life and deeds of Colonel Frank W. Mann, Jr. on his 90th birthday. He has been a leader both on the battlefield and in northwest Florida. My wife Vicki and I wish him a happy birthday and his entire family all the best for the future.

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The summary follows:

I spent an evening with Staff Sergeant (SSG) Efrain Garcia, a member of the Texas Army National Guard, recipient of a Bronze Star and an Army Commendation Medal, currently serving his second term. That's right. A second term. You see, Staff Sergeant Garcia originally joined the U.S. Army when he was just a kid out of Grand Prairie High School, served seven years in the regular army, took a ten year break, and decided he missed the Army life so much, he reenlisted.

SSG Efrain Garcia was a pleasant looking man, inoffensive in mannerism and he had a humble style of speaking. But, as he said best, "The plumber working on your pipes could have a Silver Star. But so what? He's not going to tell you his life story, he's going to fix your pipes." Garcia shrugged, as his wife continued to inform us of his endless humility. It clearly wasn't recognition that drove him. It was something greater. It was the bond between men serving their country. When he had left the Army, it called to him, and finally—called him back. He is a man in his element. He doesn't need to brag. He just serves.—Ross Van de Kop

HONORING ISRAELI  
INDEPENDENCE DAY

SPEECH OF

**HON. LINDA T. SÁNCHEZ**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 21, 2010*

Ms. LINDA T. SÁNCHEZ of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise to celebrate Israel's 62nd year of nationhood.

On May 14, 1948, the nation of Israel was born. The United States of America was the first country to recognize the new state. We began a long relationship of trust and friendship, and that holds true today.

As a co-chair of the Democratic Israel Working Group I am proud to celebrate America's relationship with Israel and to commemorate the founding of our trusted ally.

As we reflect on the importance of Israel's 62 years of existence, I look forward to the work our nations will do together and the progress we can make towards a lasting peace with Israel's neighbors.

I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Israel's 62nd anniversary.

HONORING MR. DEAN G. POPPS

SPEECH OF

**HON. STEVE KING**

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 28, 2010*

Mr. KING of Iowa. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to an outstanding public

servant and proud Greek American, Mr. Dean G. Popp. Dean most recently served our Nation as Acting Assistant Secretary of the Army for Acquisition, Logistics and Technology, and on April 16, 2010, he stepped down from his position to return to civilian life. This brings to a close a 7-year tour in the Department of Defense that started with his volunteering for a 179-day rotation in Iraq as part of the Coalition Provisional Authority, where I first had the pleasure of meeting him.

Since then, Dean has served our Nation under two Presidents, two Secretaries of Defense and three Deputy Secretaries of Defense in a variety of increasingly senior roles. His visionary approach to his most recent position brought sorely needed business acumen to the Army's bureaucratic acquisition process. By calling on his years of experience as a businessman and entrepreneur, he reinvigorated his staff, reshaped rigid business practices and advanced the Army's acquisition objectives. Through this work, Dean has made invaluable contributions to multiple aspects of Army operations in his years of service.

Among Dean's many contributions to the Army and the Nation was his leadership role in the Army's modernization program, in which he successfully defended resources and secured funding for many projects that have strengthened the capabilities of our Armed Forces as they carry out missions in Iraq, Afghanistan, and elsewhere around the world. Dean also oversaw the Iraq Relief and Reconstruction Fund for three years, running what became the largest construction effort since the Marshall Plan. This project saw the completion of more than 3,400 reconstruction projects that have had a profound impact on the restoration of key elements of the Iraqi infrastructure as the country rebuilds and establishes a democratic system.

A committed leader in every position he has held, Dean effectively ran the U.S. Elimination of Chemical Weapons Program as well, which has become a model for achieving the safe destruction of stockpiled chemical weapons. By the end of his time at the program's helm, the program had successfully completed over 50 percent of our national goal to eliminate stockpiled chemical agents in accordance with the Chemical Weapons Convention, and it will continue to serve as an outstanding model for similar programs elsewhere in the world.

Foremost in Dean's mind has always been a commitment to the welfare of each soldier serving our Nation, a concern that he has upheld throughout his tenure as he helped various projects overcome a myriad of obstacles. He has constantly held himself to exacting performance standards and his visionary leadership and unselfish commitment to duty are truly admirable. The Nation will miss Dean's service but I'm confident his wife Lise, sons Stephen, Jason, and George, and his daughter Christina, will be happy to have him back after his extended loan to the American people. I hope my colleagues will join me in wishing him well in all his future endeavors and hope that those who follow in his footsteps will continue his legacy of selfless dedication to our great Nation. Good luck and god-speed.

RECOGNIZING THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE 'RED KNIGHTS' OF TRAINING SQUADRON THREE

**HON. JEFF MILLER**

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 28, 2010*

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Madam Speaker, it is with great pleasure I rise to recognize the 50th anniversary the Red Knights of Training Squadron Three. Through times of war and through times of peace, the Red Knights have served our country with great distinction and valor. In their commitment and in their sacrifice, Training Squadron Three rightfully holds a place in the annals of Naval History as a squadron that took immense pride in preparing America's finest youth for the defense of our great nation and her ideals. For that reason, I am proud to recognize the Red Knights of Squadron Three for their exceptional training and excellent performance over the last 50 years.

With World War II raging in both the Atlantic and Pacific theaters the demand for trained pilots was at its zenith, and the first squadron to bear the name Training Squadron Three was created. Throughout the costly struggle with the Axis Alliance that claimed many young pilots, Training Squadron Three continued to train pilots for day-to-day operations and for the units needed to carry out the final campaigns against the Japanese mainland. After the terms of surrender were signed by the Japanese, there was little need for multiple training squadrons to train an enormous invasion force and Training Squadron Three was decommissioned.

The current Red Knights of Training Squadron Three picked up the torch lit by their predecessors on May 1, 1960, and continued the legacy of "Training the Best for America's Defense." On that day, Training Squadron Three was commissioned with the task of utilizing the T-28 Trojan to prepare a younger generation of student naval aviators in radio instruments, formation flying and air-to-air gunnery. In 1968, at the height of the Vietnam War, Training Squadron Three was at its peak size; consisting of 174 instructors, 494 students, 649 enlisted and 162 T-28 aircraft. During 1968, Training Squadron Three had flown almost 110,000 instructional hours and trained 902 students. These impressive figures set the record for any training squadron in the history of Naval Air Training command.

In 1980, Training Squadron Three became the only primary fixed wing training squadron to be alternately commanded by a Navy and Marine Corps officer. The Red Knights were honored once again in 1994 when they became the Navy's first and only joint service primary flight training squadron. In 1997, the squadron was selected as the first Navy squadron to transition to and fly the T-6 Texan II.

Madam Speaker, on behalf of the United States Congress, I am privileged to recognize the Red Knights for going above and beyond the call of duty on their 50th anniversary. To this day, the Red Knights of Squadron Three continue to provide the highest quality training to student aviators from the Navy, Marine Corps, Coast Guard, Air Force and several Allied nations. As they remain resolute and steadfast to do their part defending our nation,

we must do our part to remember their unwavering commitment with our hearts and minds.

HEROES COME IN ALL SHAPES AND SIZES: EIGHT-YEAR-OLD DILLON EARL IS A HERO

**HON. JOHN T. SALAZAR**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 28, 2010*

Mr. SALAZAR. Madam Speaker, heroes come in all shapes and sizes and I rise today to honor eight-year-old Dillon Earl of Fruita, Colorado for heroic acts that saved lives on Sunday, April 25.

While the two were on their way to church, Dillon's grandmother Lisa DeKruger had a seizure behind the wheel of her truck. Luckily for both of them, Dillon's quick thinking and bravery under pressure saved both their lives and those of other drivers on the road.

When he noticed something was wrong with his grandmother, eight-year-old Dillon reached for the brake and guided the truck to the side of the interstate. With the assistance of another driver, he called 9-1-1 and got his grandmother the urgent medical attention she needed.

The impact of Dillon's actions has only begun to sink in for his grandmother who recently told him, "I guess Grandma owes you lots of candy for the rest of your life."

Throughout this incredible incident, Dillon has shown humility and a maturity beyond his years. His remarkable courage and concern for his loved ones are an inspiration to all of us. This brave young man from Mesa County Colorado has made his family, his community and his Congressman very proud.

I wish him and his family continued health and happiness.

HONORING CARLOS BRADLEY

**HON. ROBERT A. BRADY**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 28, 2010*

Mr. BRADY of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor one of Philadelphia's great athletes, Carlos Bradley, on his induction into the Pennsylvania State Sports Hall of Fame. Throughout his athletic career, Carlos has proven to be not only an extraordinary sportsman, but a man of great character as well.

Carlos was an All-American linebacker at Germantown High School in Philadelphia, and he also earned the distinction of being an All-American at Wake Forest University. Carlos then went on to become a successful NFL linebacker, playing for the San Diego Chargers and, later, the Philadelphia Eagles. Carlos now uses his athletic experience to help clients as a personal trainer, where he is one of the most sought after trainers in the country.

In addition to having a spectacular athletic career, Carlos has worked to help give back to our youth. As the Executive Vice President of the International Student Athlete Academy, Carlos works to help young athletes realize their true athletic and academic potentials. By

working with junior high and high school student athletes, the ISAA helps these students prepare for well rounded lives.

Carlos's impressive career shows a long-standing commitment towards promoting the benefits of sport and exercise, and he is well deserving of being inducted into the Pennsylvania State Sports Hall of Fame.

Madam Speaker, I ask that you and my other distinguished colleagues join me in congratulating Carlos Bradley on his induction into the Pennsylvania State Sports Hall of Fame, and thank Carlos for his hard work and dedication to his community.

THE CONGRESSIONAL YOUTH ADVISORY COUNCIL: A LEGACY OF SERVICE

**HON. SAM JOHNSON**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 28, 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:

Louis A. Giamporcaro served as a Technical Sergeant in WWII. He worked with all forms of communication: teletype, phone, radio, photography, etc and was responsible for copying Morse code to send messages to different places and receive incoming messages. In addition, he was ordered to intercept where bullet shells were coming from and give instructions to the artillery unit so

they could respond. His team's main assignment was to act as a liaison between the American Army and the Italian Army and place the army on the allied side. Unfortunately, it never materialized. After my interview with Mr. Giamporcaro, I gained valuable insight that I would have never been able to obtain had I read my U.S. History textbook. War is real and it is not something to be taken lightly. Many Americans nowadays tend to forget that war is existent because it is not happening on U.S. soil. In addition, I believe the citizens of America have become a little less disturbed of the thought of a fallen soldier because death is a reoccurring, constant process. This should not be the case. Every lost life of a soldier results in a loss of a whole generation of Americans. I also learned that no matter what position a soldier has in the military, they are an integral part to the execution of battle plans. The military functions as one unit, which is supported by many different departments. As a result, we are called upon to recognize and shine light to the millions of unsung war heroes who fought for our country to provide for the general welfare of the people.—Julia Wang

COMMEMORATING THE 2010 WORKERS' MEMORIAL DAY

**HON. JOE COURTNEY**

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 28, 2010*

Mr. COURTNEY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to join the millions of men and women across our country that will stand in silence today to honor the memory of those individuals who have lost their lives or have been injured on the job. Today, April 28, 2010, is Workers' Memorial Day, a day created by the AFL–CIO and its membership, on which we honor all working men and women in this country for their sacrifice and dedication.

The first Workers' Memorial Day was celebrated in the United States on April 28, 1989. The date was chosen because it was the anniversary of the establishment of the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA). Since its inception, OSHA has worked to protect employees on job sites across the country. While OSHA has done a great deal to protect the safety and interests of workers, more must be done to protect workers and hold accountable those employers who fail to ensure the safety of their employees.

This year's Workers' Memorial Day has a special significance for those of us in Connecticut. It was a little more than two months ago that on February 7, 2010, 6 workers lost their lives and another 26 were injured when an explosion occurred at the Kleen Energy plant in Middletown, CT. This horrific accident should never have happened and it is the responsibility of each and every one of us to not only honor the memory of those that were lost, but to ensure that such a tragedy never happens again.

Madam Speaker, I ask that all my colleagues join me and working men and women around the country in remembering the men and women who have been killed or injured on the job and to honor the families whom have lost so much.

THE INTRODUCTION OF THE ANTHRAX ATTACK COMMEMORATIVE STAMP RESOLUTION

**HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON**

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA  
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 28, 2010*

Ms. NORTON. Madam Speaker, today I introduce a resolution directing the Citizens' Stamp Advisory Committee to recommend to the Postmaster General that a commemorative stamp be issued to honor the lives of Joseph Curseen, Jr. and Thomas Morris, Jr., the two United States Postal Service (USPS) workers, and District of Columbia natives, who died as a result of their exposure to anthrax while working at the USPS facility located at 900 Brentwood Road, NE, Washington, D.C., during the 2001 anthrax attack. This commemorative stamp meets the Citizens' Stamp Advisory Committee's requirement that no postal item may be issued sooner than five years after an individual's death.

Joseph Curseen, Jr. and Thomas Morris, Jr. served the USPS honorably and diligently for a combined period of 52 years until their deaths on October 22, 2001, and October 21, 2001, respectively. Curseen, remembered as a quiet man with a fuzzy mustache, loved to tell stories and loved his church. He was so dedicated to his work, that during the 15 years that he worked for the USPS, he never called in sick. His co-workers described him as someone who was kind and courteous, who stayed at the Post Office seven days a week, giving up breaks to get the mail out, and who regularly led a postal worker Bible study group. In his neighborhood of Cambridge Estates, Maryland, Curseen was the president of the homeowners association, an avid jogger, and a member of St. John the Evangelist Church. To his neighbors, Curseen was someone who everyone knew, who was friendly, and who worked quietly, but "really got things done." He helped build a playground and park in the Cambridge Estates area, even though he and his wife had no children. Although Curseen lived in Clinton, Maryland, he grew up in Southeast D.C., where Our Lady of Perpetual Help Roman Catholic Church was his childhood parish and school. Curseen's wife, Celestine Willingham Curseen, to whom he was married for 16 years, described her late husband as a generous, kind, hard-working man who will be greatly missed.

Thomas Morris, Jr. also grew up in the District of Columbia, although he and his family moved to Suitland, Maryland. Before joining the USPS, Morris served in the United States Air Force. Morris joined the USPC in 1973 and worked as a distribution clerk. He was a hard worker who had no aversion to working overtime, a proud husband and father of one son and two stepchildren, as well as the president of a bowling league team. To his neighbors, Morris was a quiet, thoughtful, deeply religious and humble man, who dispensed helpful, and often paternal advice to his younger neighbors. His wife, Mary, described him as true to others and to himself, as someone who was respectful and law-abiding.

Please join me in honoring the lives of these two men, who died serving their country, and in requesting a commemorative stamp in their memory.

I urge my colleagues to support this resolution.

HONORING THE LIFE OF MR. EARL DURDEN

**HON. JEFF MILLER**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 28, 2010*

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Madam Speaker, it is with both great honor and humility that I rise to recognize the life of Mr. Earl Durden. After 18 years, Earl succumbed to his battle with cancer and now rests in peace. Throughout his 78 years, Mr. Durden spent his days working as a community leader, and I am proud to honor his lifetime as a compassionate giver and visionary.

Mr. Durden came from humble beginnings. He was born the son of a farmer outside of Dothan, Alabama, but became a powerful leader in the transportation industry. While he was a well known railroad magnate throughout Florida, Mr. Durden was perhaps best known as a local philanthropist and for his quiet charity. Earl Durden was a friend to many and was respected by even more. He was a man who always gave generously and has good deeds that will forever go unknown. Even during his fight with cancer, he never forgot what was important and what was worth living for.

Earl Durden was a self-made man. He believed in being honest, working hard and making the most of life. His impressive list of accomplishments includes being named chairman of the state transportation commission under Governor Jeb Bush, CEO and Director of Rail Management Corporation and owner of Magic Broadcasting Company. At age 68, Durden was honored by being named one of the most influential people in Florida.

Madam Speaker, on behalf of the United States Congress, I am privileged to recognize and honor the life of Earl Durden. The size of Mr. Durden's heart was only matched by his love for family. My wife Vicki and I express the deepest sympathies to his loving wife Karen and their three sons.

RECOGNIZING THE SERVICE OF MAJOR MARK B. HILL

**HON. TOM McCLINTOCK**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 28, 2010*

Mr. McCLINTOCK. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the service of Major Mark B. Hill of El Dorado Hills, California. Hill grew up in El Dorado Hills and after graduating from California State University-Sacramento, he was commissioned into the U.S. Air Force at Mather Air Force Base.

Major Hill has served with distinction for the last 20 years, flying over 4,500 hours and more than 130 combat support missions aboard the E-3 Airborne Warning and Control System aircraft and as a qualified Master Air Battle Manager. He has deployed in support of multiple operations, including: Desert Storm, Provide Comfort, Southern Watch, Deliberate Force, Allied Force, Enduring Freedom, and Noble Eagle. As a qualified Joint Service Officer, he left a NATO post for his current duty assignment as a Branch Chief within the Command and Control, Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance Division, Directorate of

Requirements, Headquarters Air Combat Command, Langley Air Force Base, Virginia. As a former Eagle Scout, he remains a volunteer supporting the Boy Scouts of America and has done so throughout his military career. Hill's commendations include the Distinguished Meritorious Service Medal, the Meritorious Service Medal (two oak leaf clusters), Air Force Commendation Medal, and the Joint Service Achievement Medal.

Madam Speaker, with his retirement from active duty in the United States Air Force on June 1, 2010, I am proud to recognize Major Mark B. Hill and thank him for over two decades of representing the finest of our values and for his long service in defense of our nation.

HOOSIER HONOR FLIGHT

**HON. BRAD ELLSWORTH**

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 28, 2010*

Mr. ELLSWORTH. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commend the brave and heroic veterans of the Hoosier Honor Flight for their outstanding leadership and service to our country.

Hoosier Honor Flight is an organization created solely to honor the men and women who have bravely sacrificed in their service to our country by flying our heroes to Washington, DC to visit and reflect at the memorials they so rightly earned.

The Hoosier Honor Flight is an admirable undertaking. It is of the utmost importance to me that all American veterans are honored. Thanks to their courageous service, all Americans live free in this great country.

Thanks to the dedication of Monroe County veterans' organizations, businesses and Hoosiers from across southern Indiana who joined forces to provide the first Hoosier Honor Flight on 12 November 2008, 39 World War II veterans and one Korean War veteran were able to enjoy visiting the national WWII Memorial, Lincoln and FDR memorials, Vietnam and Korean War memorials, as well as the Marine Memorial, Arlington National Cemetery, the Changing of the Guard at the Tomb of the Unknowns, and laying a Hoosier Honor Flight wreath at the Tomb.

Today, over one hundred Hoosier veterans will arrive in Washington, DC to visit the memorials dedicated in their honor. I will have the privilege of meeting these fine men and women to thank them for their service to our country.

CELEBRATING THE SUCCESS OF "OPERATION COOKIE SHARE"

**HON. DEBORAH L. HALVORSON**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 28, 2010*

Mrs. HALVORSON. Madam Speaker, today I rise to recognize the success of "Operation Cookie Share," a collaborative effort of the Girl Scouts of Central Illinois and the State Farm Military Affinity Group. This year, customers purchasing Girl Scout cookies were able check on their order form whether they

wanted to donate extra boxes of cookies to our troops. As a result of this effort, over 86,000 boxes of Girl Scout cookies were sold and delivered to our troops serving in Iraq and Afghanistan, military hospitals in the U.S. and overseas, and USO hubs at major American airports for deploying and returning troops.

Our sons and daughters fighting for us overseas put their lives on the line every day and everything we can do to make their lives easier helps. These cookies aren't just a treat; they're a simple reminder of home and a simple gesture of thanks from a grateful community. I'm proud to support the great members of the Girl Scouts of Central Illinois and the State Farm Military Affinity Group, and honor the work done by so many in our community to thank our troops.

HONORING EDUCATION & ASSISTANCE CORPORATION FOR THEIR EXTRAORDINARY WORK IN THE COMMUNITY

**HON. STEVE ISRAEL**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 28, 2010*

Mr. ISRAEL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge a nonprofit organization that serves my district, Educational & Assistance Corp.

EAC 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 Education & Assistance Corp. are admirable.

I am proud to honor Educational & Assistance Corp. for their extraordinary work in the community.

RECOGNIZING OUTSTANDING PARENT SUPPORT FOR SCHOOLS

**HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 28, 2010*

Mr. CONNOLLY of Virginia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and pay tribute to the contributions of Parent Teacher Associations (PTA) and Parent Teacher Student Associations (PTSA) in northern Virginia. These associations serve a critical role in helping to provide the best possible educational environment for our students.

Schools located throughout northern Virginia are consistently recognized as being among the very best in our country. I strongly believe one factor in the excellent education received by our students is the high level of involvement and encouragement provided by parents through PTAs and PTSAs. Parent volunteers exist in a number of capacities within each school ranging from planning and implementing social events to helping ensure that teachers have the classroom resources they need to succeed.

The Northern Virginia District PTA represents a region with more than 220 schools. Maintaining a healthy and strong organization is an important part of allowing these groups

to have the greatest possible impact on the students they serve. To encourage such strength, it is important to note the individual PTAs and PTSAs that excel in this mission as well as the individual Volunteers of the Year.

I am pleased to congratulate the following on being recognized by the National PTA and Virginia PTA for 2009–2010 school year:

\$1,000.00 National PTA Healthy Lifestyle Grant: Laurel Hill ES PTA

\$300.00 Virginia PTA Family Fitness Grants: Samuel Tucker ES PTA and Haycock ES PTA

2010 National PTA Phoebe Apperson Hearst Family-School Partnership Awards of Merit: Fairview ES PTA, Lake Braddock SS PTA, Mosby Woods ES PTA, and White Oaks ES PTA

2009–2010 Virginia PTA Superior Membership Achievement Awards: Falls Church ES PTA, Nottingham ES PTA, Flint Hill ES PTA, and Langley HS PTSA

2009–2010 Virginia PTA Outstanding Membership Achievement Award: Peyton Randolph ES PTA

2009–2010 100 percent Membership Awards: Chesterbrook ES PTA, Falls Church ES PTA, Flint Hill ES PTA, Langley HS PTSA, Nottingham ES PTA, and Waynewood ES PTA

2009–2010 New Unit Charters: Cedar Lane School PTSA, Laurel Hill ES PTA, Lutie Lewis Coates ES PTA, Drew Model School PTA, and Arlington Special Education PTA

2009 Virginia PTA Volunteer of the Year: Sue Bernstein, Hollin Meadows ES PTA

2010 District Volunteer of the Year Nominees (Secondary): Kathy Conrad, Patricia Fausser, John Long, Janet Robinson and Greg Brandon.

2010 District Volunteer of the Year Nominees (Elementary): Karen Hildebrand, Teresa Willebeek-Lemair, Jenniefer Schantz, Jana Hollis, Ellen Giblin, Jill Chastain and Christa Soltis.

Congratulations to Sue Bernstein for being named the 2009 Volunteer of the Year and best of luck to the 2010 Volunteer of the Year Nominees.

A special note of appreciation is deserved by the following individuals for their service as elected officers of the Northern Virginia PTA Executive Board as they complete their term in office; District Director Debbie Kilpatrick, 1st Asst. District Director Nina Austin, 2nd Asst. Director Rob Horvath, Secretary Angela Nesley and Treasurer Donald Cantwell. Thank you and those who serve as Committee Chairs for your tireless efforts during the 2008–2010 term in office.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join with me in recognizing the outstanding achievements of the individuals and the PTA/PTSA organizations being recognized. Dedicated involvement from so many parents reflects a strong commitment to public education and community service that students in our schools are fortunate to experience. I offer my strong support for these organizations and their dedicated volunteers.

THE OCCASION OF FIRST ANNI-  
VERSARY OF UNVEILING OF SO-  
JOURNER TRUTH MEMORIAL

### HON. LAURA RICHARDSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 28, 2010*

Ms. RICHARDSON. Madam Speaker, what does the unveiling of the Sojourner Truth Memorial in the U.S. Capitol mean to me?

I feel extraordinarily proud to celebrate the one-year anniversary of the unveiling of the memorial to Sojourner Truth in the United States Capitol. I am inspired by the legacy of Sojourner Truth, who was born a slave and overcame daunting odds to become one of the most influential figures in both the women's rights movement and the African-American struggle for equality.

The existence of such an eloquent memorial statue in her honor in the U.S. Capitol ensures that her legacy will never be forgotten. Lawmakers and visitors alike will be reminded of her spirit, dedication and courage each time they pass by her memorial. Just as Sojourner Truth paved the way for so many who came after her, this memorial reminds all visitors and those who work and serve here that the fight for freedom is hard fought but worth the victory.

HONORING UNITED WAY OF LONG  
ISLAND FOR THEIR EXTRAOR-  
DINARY WORK IN THE COMMU-  
NITY

### HON. STEVE ISRAEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 28, 2010*

Mr. ISRAEL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge a nonprofit organization that serves my district, United Way of Long Island.

United Way 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 the United Way of Long Island are admirable.

I am proud to honor United Way of Long Island for their extraordinary work in the community.

INTRODUCING THE INSTRU-  
CTIONAL LEADERSHIP ACT OF 2010

### HON. JOHN P. SARBANES

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 28, 2010*

Mr. SARBANES. Madam Speaker, I rise today to introduce the Instructional Leadership Act of 2010, which will strengthen schools by helping principals to become instructional leaders.

With the passage of No Child Left Behind, NCLB, school principals often find themselves with greater responsibilities. They are accountable for student achievement and the broader goals of NCLB but they lack the appropriate training and resources needed to accomplish

these goals. It is time to bring equal attention to developing programs that train principals on the best practices to guide teaching and learning in schools.

The Instructional Leadership Act of 2010 provides grants to State and local educational agencies to drive gains in academic achievement for all children by: (1) Creating innovative programs and sites to train principals in instructional leadership skills including developing a school vision, staff development, and effective instructional practices; (2) Developing pilot programs to evaluate the incorporation of standards of instructional leadership into State principal certifications; and (3) Establishing state-of-the-art principal induction programs that provide mentoring and on-the-job training for new principals.

This legislation is strongly supported by the National Association of Secondary School Principals, NASSP. It represents a necessary first step towards developing the next generation of school leaders who are committed to, and effective in, increasing student achievement. I urge support for this important piece of legislation.

MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS  
AWARENESS WEEK

SPEECH OF

### HON. MARY JO KILROY

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 21, 2010*

Ms. KILROY. Madam Speaker, I rise today in support of H. Res. 1116, which expresses support for the goals and ideals of Multiple Sclerosis Awareness Week. I want to thank my friend and colleague Representative BARBARA LEE for introducing this resolution, which brings attention to a disease that affects an estimated 400,000 people living in the United States.

Because I was diagnosed with MS in 2003, I know the importance of research into treatments and a cure for the disease. I support additional funding for research regarding MS, Parkinson's disease, and other neurological disorders. MS is a serious disease, but I am lucky to have insurance that pays for most of the cost of the expensive drugs that slow its progression and help prevent disability. However, many people diagnosed with MS often find their necessary medications financially out of reach. The 111th Congress has taken historic action to make health care affordable and accessible, to end discrimination against those with pre-existing conditions, and to help people control and live well with chronic illness—keeping them out of wheelchairs or nursing homes. However, we must continue to work on behalf of our constituents who every day are dealing with serious health conditions.

I am pleased that included in the health insurance reform law recently signed by the president is the Community Living Assistance Services and Supports (CLASS) Act. The CLASS Act will create an insurance program for the 10 million adults with disabilities in America to help them obtain the services and supports they need to stay functional, independent, and active in their community. It is a disgrace that millions of Americans with disabilities are forced to live a life of poverty just so they can qualify for long-term benefits offered by Medicaid. The CLASS Act will allow

people with disabilities to remain functional and independent while giving them an opportunity to receive an education, maintain a job, or join a community group.

I also want to acknowledge the work of the National MS Society, which works tirelessly on behalf of persons living with MS. Just this past weekend I participated in the Columbus MS Walk with my many friends in the Ohio Buckeye Chapter. This walk was just one of many across the country to raise money for research into MS.

Madam Speaker, I look forward to the day when the world is free of MS. I encourage all of my colleagues to join me in finding the causes, improving the treatments while lowering their costs, and fighting for a cure for MS and other diseases, so that all Americans can live fully active and healthy lives.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. MARK E. SOUDER**

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 28, 2010*

Mr. SOUDER. Madam Speaker, yesterday I was unable to vote during rollcall No. 226 because of illness. If I would have been present, I would have voted "yea."

HONORING FAMILY SERVICE LEAGUE FOR THEIR EXTRAORDINARY WORK IN THE COMMUNITY

**HON. STEVE ISRAEL**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 28, 2010*

Mr. ISRAEL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge a nonprofit organization that serves my district, Family Service League.

Family Service League 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 Family Service League are admirable.

I am proud to honor Family Service League for their extraordinary work in the community.

TRIBUTE TO MS. PAM McCUE

**HON. PARKER GRIFFITH**

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 28, 2010*

Mr. GRIFFITH. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the career of Ms. Pam McCue. Ms. McCue is the Director of the Missile and Space Intelligence Center (MSIC), which is headquartered at Redstone Arsenal in my district.

Ms. McCue has spent her entire career in the field of intelligence analysis of foreign missile and air defense systems. She assumed her current position upon her appointment to the Defense Intelligence Senior Executive Service in May of 2007. She is responsible for planning, organizing, and directing an organi-

zation of 400 people in analyzing intelligence information on foreign missile and space systems and related technology.

The work done at MSIC under Ms. McCue's direction delivers integrated, timely, and high confidence intelligence assessments to our warfighters, weapons system developers, and policy makers.

Madam Speaker, I wish to congratulate Ms. Pam McCue on a spectacular career and wish her continued success.

REMARKS RECOGNIZING THE YWCA OF BERGEN COUNTY RAPE CRISIS CENTER AND THEIR ADVOCACY OF DENIM DAY

**HON. STEVEN R. ROTHMAN**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 28, 2010*

Mr. ROTHMAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the New Jersey Legislature's declaration of April 28th as Denim Day and to thank advocates across the state for their tireless efforts to promote sexual assault awareness and provide assistance to victims of sexual assault. Recently, New Jersey became the newest state to adopt Denim Day as an annual event to raise awareness for acts of sexual assault. The establishment of Denim Day across the state of New Jersey is an important call to action reminding us that we must do everything possible as a community and as a nation of laws to stop rape and sexual assault and help survivors.

Denim Day originated in 1998, when a decision to overturn a case of sexual assault by the Italian Supreme Court caused outrage among Italian legislators and the public. A statement released by the Head Judge of the Court stated, "Because the victim wore very, very tight jeans, she had to help him remove them . . . and by removing the jeans . . . it was no longer assault but consensual sex." The women in the Italian Parliament protested by wearing jeans on the steps of the Parliament building and the protests that followed eventually spread to the United States.

The movement that originated in Italy reached New Jersey in 2008 and 2009 when several county-based Sexual Violence Programs in New Jersey launched Denim Day. I am proud to say that the YWCA of Bergen County Rape Crisis Center, located in my district, has been a champion of this cause. Today, they will be hosting the third annual "Denim Day in NJ" in Bergen County. This is also the first year that Denim Day will be observed officially throughout the state of New Jersey thanks to a New Jersey State Legislature resolution designating April 28 of each year as Denim Day to promote rape awareness throughout the state.

I commend the ongoing efforts of the YWCA of Bergen County Rape Crisis Center to provide free and confidential assistance, counseling, and medical and legal services to survivors of sexual assault. I stand united with the YWCA, survivors of sexual assault, and their loved ones in observing this important day.

HONORING HEALTH AND WELFARE COUNCIL OF LONG ISLAND FOR THEIR EXTRAORDINARY WORK IN THE COMMUNITY

**HON. STEVE ISRAEL**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 28, 2010*

Mr. ISRAEL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge a nonprofit organization that serves my district, Health and Welfare Council of Long Island.

Health and Welfare Council 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. Health and Welfare Council's continuous acts of selfless efforts are admirable.

I am proud to honor Health and Welfare Council of Long Island for their extraordinary work in the community.

RECOGNIZING OUTSTANDING STUDENTS IN NORTHERN VIRGINIA

**HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 28, 2010*

Mr. CONNOLLY of Virginia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the achievements of several students in Northern Virginia. These students have participated and excelled in programs administered by their local Parent Teacher Associations and Parent Teacher Student Associations.

Parent Teacher Associations, PTAs, and Parent Teacher Student Associations, PTSAs, serve a critical role in helping to provide the best possible educational environment for our students. The Northern Virginia District PTA consists of a region with more than 220 schools. Schools located throughout northern Virginia are consistently recognized as being among the very best schools in our country. I strongly believe one factor in the excellent education received by our students is the high level of involvement and encouragement provided by parents through the PTA and PTSAs.

I am pleased to congratulate the following students on being recognized by the National PTA and Virginia PTA for their outstanding achievements:

2010 District PTA Citizenship Essay Awards—High School Division: Trisha Hajela (10th Grade, Centreville High School), and Katherine DeFazio (12th Grade, James Madison High School).

2010 District PTA Citizenship Essay Awards—Middle School Division: Bennett Casciano (7th Grade, South County Secondary School), and Cali Willcockson (8th Grade, Liberty Middle School).

The 2010 PTA Reflections National PTA Nominees are:

Dance Choreography: Primary Division—Claire de la Paz (2nd Grade, Herndon Elementary School PTA) for her dance performance titled "Free Bird."

Literature: Middle/Junior Division—Eliza Malakoff, (7th Grade George Washington Middle School PTA) for her insightful essay titled "No Beauty?"

Music Composition: Intermediate Division—Kyle Gatesman, (4th Grade, Canterbury Woods Elementary School PTA) for his musical composition titled "Reflections in Color: Variations on a Theme."

Visual Art: Primary Division—Hannah Cadenazzi, (1st Grade, Great Falls Elementary School PTA) for her interpretative painting titled "Family."

Visual Art: Intermediate Division—Brittney Fogg, (5th Grade, Willow Springs Elementary School PTA) for her authentic drawing titled "Beauty is worth looking for."

Visual Art: Middle/Junior Division—Jiwhae Choi, (8th Grade, Rachel Carson Middle School) for the multifaceted vision of "Beauty is never giving up."

2009 National PTA Award of Excellence: William Park, (12th Grade, Langley High School) who was recognized at an awards reception at the Department of Energy on January 16.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join with me today to recognize the outstanding achievements of these students. I also ask that we recognize the Northern Virginia District PTA, in partnership with the Virginia PTA, as they work diligently to develop the diversity of talents and skills of students attending schools throughout Northern Virginia. It gives me great pleasure to acknowledge the achievements of these students and the Parent Teacher Associations that support them.

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HONORING THE LIFE OF ROBERT  
HIESTAND

**HON. JOHN LEWIS**

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 28, 2010*

Mr. LEWIS of Georgia. Madam Speaker, on Tuesday, March 30, an Atlanta icon passed away. Robert Hiestand sold roses and carnations on the corner of Northside Parkway and West Paces Ferry for 20 years and, in the process, became a ubiquitous fixture in the daily routine of Atlantans from all walks of life. He was 55 when he passed.

Over the years, Governors, state legislators and Members of Congress including myself have stopped for a few kind words and a few beautiful flowers from Robert. Yet it is the students who often saw him on their way back and forth from school that have most loudly opined his loss.

I have heard a few different versions of how Robert ended up in Atlanta but the version he told was that his motorcycle ran out of gas as he was passing through and he decided to stay. For two decades after that, come rain, come summer heat, come winter cold, come what may, Robert's only condition to go to work was whether the flowers could survive.

The vibrant remembrances of the Atlanta community reflect the tremendous impact of his character, of his hard work and of his staunch individualism that allowed him to carve out his own niche and leave a lasting impression on the lives of so many. He will be missed and I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring his contribution to Atlanta.

HONORING LONG ISLAND ADVOCACY CENTER FOR THEIR EXTRAORDINARY WORK IN THE COMMUNITY

**HON. STEVE ISRAEL**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 28, 2010*

Mr. ISRAEL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge a nonprofit organization that serves my district, Long Island Advocacy Center.

Long Island Advocacy 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. Long Island Advocacy Center's continuous acts of selfless efforts are admirable.

I am proud to honor Long Island Advocacy Center for their extraordinary work in the community.

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OUR UNCONSCIONABLE NATIONAL  
DEBT

**HON. MIKE COFFMAN**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 28, 2010*

Mr. COFFMAN of Colorado. Madam Speaker, today our national debt is \$12,886,315,749,582.96.

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 \$2,247,890,003,289.16 so far this Congress.

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

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IN RECOGNITION OF THE FIFTH  
ANNUAL MICHIGAN EARTH DAY  
FESTIVAL ON THE OCCASION OF  
THE 40TH ANNIVERSARY OF  
EARTH DAY

**HON. GARY C. PETERS**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 28, 2010*

Mr. PETERS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the organizers and participants of the fifth annual Michigan Earth Day Festival on the occasion of the 40th anniversary of Earth Day. As a Member of Congress it is my privilege to support this forum as we work to develop Michigan's green and blue economies.

Much like the day it celebrates, the Michigan Earth Day Festival brings together Michiganians from all regions and sectors of community who recognize that the economic vitality of Michigan lies in the innovation and development of our of State's complementary green and blue economies. This festival provides an opportunity for local entrepreneurs, environmentalists, conservationists, civic officials and everyday citizens to build the network of human capital infrastructure so critical

to Michigan becoming a leader in these new industries. Last year the Festival attracted an estimated 50,000 Michiganians to its grounds in downtown Rochester, all of whom were focused on the "triple bottom line" of economic, environmental, and individual prosperity.

On its fifth anniversary, the Michigan Earth Day Festival is set to provide its largest platform yet in its effort to draw attention to the connection between our environment and our future economic prosperity. This year's Festival event will host over 200 participants including environmental and conservation groups, local governments, green business owners and others who will be promoting resource conservation, green technology development, and good stewardship of our environment which will brighten Michigan's economic future while securing our State's rich natural wonders.

Madam Speaker, I ask all of my colleagues to join me today in recognizing the work of the Michigan Earth Day Festival's organizers and participants towards creating a greener and stronger Michigan economy. I wish the Festival's organizers and participants many future years of success as we work together to develop a renewed, greener and more robust Michigan economy.

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HONORING THE WORK OF THE  
REVEREND DR. WALTER THOMAS  
RICHARDSON ON THE OCCASION  
OF HIS RETIREMENT FROM  
SWEET HOME MISSIONARY BAPTIST  
CHURCH

**HON. MARIO DIAZ-BALART**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 28, 2010*

Mr. MARIO DIAZ-BALART of Florida. Madam Speaker, today I rise to honor and thank The Reverend Dr. Walter Thomas Richardson of South Florida for his 26 years of service to Sweet Home Missionary Baptist Church.

Pastor Richardson's historic tenure at Sweet Home began in October of 1983, and for nearly three decades, he has dedicated his life to serving others. Under his leadership, the parish has achieved great things. Sweet Home transitioned from two-Sunday a month worship to weekly Sunday worships, as well as going from one-morning service to two-morning services. Sweet Home also grew from a small facility to a modern and up-to-date facility with classrooms, offices and seating capacity for 500 in 1991. In 2009, the facility grew yet again to house more than 1000 people and sits on 24 acres of land. The staff at Sweet Home also grew and now has full-time employees. During his tenure, Sweet Home has also been involved in advocating for social justice and multicultural integration, protesting against hate crimes, drugs and corruption, and taken part in building the first Habitat for Humanity housing project in Miami-Dade County.

Pastor Richardson has preached and ministered across our great nation and around the world, including places like Korea, South Africa, Haiti and the Caribbean. More than 51 associate ministers have served with him at Sweet Home, and at least 16 are now serving as senior pastors and chaplains throughout the country. He has counseled more than 200

couples, married more than 100 couples, performed more than 1000 funerals, baptized more than 2000, and preached more than 5,000 sermons. Pastor Richardson currently serves as an adjunct professor at St. Thomas University in South Florida, and will continue to lecture, speak, and preach at conferences,

churches and seminars in the U.S. and around the world.

Pastor Richardson retires in the coming weeks but the end of his tenure as Senior Pastor at Sweet Home, does not mark the end of his work in our community, our nation and the world. I am certain that Pastor Richardson

will continue to serve and inspire others and change lives. I ask you to join me in honoring the work of Pastor Richardson, thanking him for his service to our community, and wishing him the best in future endeavors.

## 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 Thursday, April 29, 2010 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

## MEETINGS SCHEDULED

MAY 4

9:30 a.m.

Judiciary

Crime and Drugs Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine Wall Street fraud and fiduciary duties, focusing on if jail time can serve as an adequate deterrent for willful violations.

SD-226

10 a.m.

Finance

To resume hearings to examine the President's proposed fee on financial institutions regarding the Troubled Asset Relief Program (TARP).

SD-215

Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe

To hold hearings to examine mitigating inter-ethnic conflict in the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe (OSCE) region, focusing on persisting tensions.

SVC-208/209

2 p.m.

Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

To resume hearings to examine Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) reauthorization, focusing on improving America's secondary schools.

SD-430

2:30 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 work-life programs, focusing on attracting, retaining and empowering the Federal workforce.

SD-342

Intelligence

To hold closed hearings to consider certain intelligence matters.

SH-219

MAY 5

9:30 a.m.

Appropriations

Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2011 for the National Institutes of Health.

SD-124

Veterans' Affairs

To hold an oversight hearing to examine traumatic brain injury (TBI), focusing

on progress in treating the signature wound of the current conflicts.

SR-418

10 a.m.

Environment and Public Works

Clean Air and Nuclear Safety Subcommittee

To hold an oversight hearing to examine the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

SD-406

Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

To hold hearings to examine terrorists and guns, focusing on the nature of the threat and proposed reforms.

SD-342

Judiciary

To hold hearings to examine the increased importance of the Violence Against Women Act in a time of economic crisis.

SD-226

Rules and Administration

To hold hearings to examine voting by mail, focusing on state and local experiences.

SR-301

United States Senate Caucus on International Narcotics Control

To hold hearings to examine violence in Mexico and Ciudad Juarez and its implications for the United States.

SD-124

1 p.m.

Joint Economic Committee

To hold hearings to examine how to promote job creation.

Room to be announced

2:30 p.m.

Energy and Natural Resources

National Parks Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine the National Park Service's implementations of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act.

SD-366

MAY 6

9:30 a.m.

Energy and Natural Resources

Business meeting to consider the nominations of Philip D. Moeller, of Washington, and Cheryl A. LaFleur, of Massachusetts, both to be a Member of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission; to be immediately followed by a hearing to examine current issues related to offshore oil and gas development including the Department of the Interior's recent five year planning announcements and the accident in the Gulf of Mexico involving the offshore oil rig Deepwater Horizon.

SD-366

10 a.m.

Appropriations

Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2011 for the Department of Justice.

SD-192

Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

To hold hearings to examine ensuring fairness for older workers.

SD-430

2:30 p.m.

Armed Services

SeaPower Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine Navy shipbuilding programs in review of the Defense Authorization request for fiscal year 2011 and the Future Years Defense Program.

SR-222

Intelligence

To hold closed hearings to consider certain intelligence matters.

SH-219

MAY 19

9:30 a.m.

Veterans' Affairs

To hold hearings to examine pending legislation.

SR-418

MAY 25

9 a.m.

Armed Services

Airland Subcommittee

Closed business meeting to markup those provisions which fall under the subcommittee's jurisdiction of the proposed National Defense Authorization Act for fiscal year 2011.

SR-222

10:30 a.m.

Armed Services

Readiness and Management Support Subcommittee

Closed business meeting to markup those provisions which fall under the subcommittee's jurisdiction of the proposed National Defense Authorization Act for fiscal year 2011.

SR-222

2 p.m.

Armed Services

Emerging Threats and Capabilities Subcommittee

Closed business meeting to markup those provisions which fall under the subcommittee's jurisdiction of the proposed National Defense Authorization Act for fiscal year 2011.

SR-222

3:30 p.m.

Armed Services

Strategic Forces Subcommittee

Closed business meeting to markup those provisions which fall under the subcommittee's jurisdiction of the proposed National Defense Authorization Act for fiscal year 2011.

SR-222

5 p.m.

Armed Services

Personnel Subcommittee

Closed business meeting to markup those provisions which fall under the subcommittee's jurisdiction of the proposed National Defense Authorization Act for fiscal year 2011.

SR-222

MAY 26

9:30 a.m.

Armed Services

SeaPower Subcommittee

Closed business meeting to markup those provisions which fall under the subcommittee's jurisdiction of the proposed National Defense Authorization Act for fiscal year 2011.

SR-222

2:30 p.m.

Armed Services

Closed business meeting to markup the proposed National Defense Authorization Act for fiscal year 2011.

SR-222

MAY 27

9:30 a.m.

Armed Services

Closed business meeting to markup the proposed National Defense Authorization Act for fiscal year 2011.

SR-222

MAY 28

9:30 a.m.

Armed Services

Closed business meeting to markup the proposed National Defense Authorization Act for fiscal year 2011.

SR-222