

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

LETTERS TO PRESIDENT OBAMA
ON STRENGTHENING OUR NA-
TIONAL SECURITY

HON. FRANK R. WOLF

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 29, 2010

Mr. WOLF. Madam Speaker, I want to share the following letters that I have sent to President Obama urging him to implement four bipartisan proposals to strengthen our national security. It is disappointing that the administration has not adopted these proposals that would make our country safer.

CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES,
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
January 12, 2010.

Hon. BARACK H. OBAMA,
President,
Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. PRESIDENT: "National Security is too important to become a partisan issue." This sentence was the opening line in a January 11 USA Today op-ed jointly authored by Lee Hamilton and Thomas Kean, co-chairs of the 9/11 Commission. Last week, you, too, said, "Now is not a time for partisanship, it's a time for citizenship—a time to come together and work together with the seriousness of purpose that our national security demands." I could not agree more with this sentiment.

No nation, including America, can hope to win this long battle against al Qaeda and like foes if the war effort is marked by partisanship. Sadly, not only has partisanship infused the rhetoric surrounding national security discussions, it has actually obstructed the critical role of congressional oversight. Too often in recent months partisanship has resulted in withholding of information, unanswered letters and briefings denied by this administration.

The stakes are too high and the cost of failure is too great for petty politics to rule the day. The White House has a moral obligation to actively and consistently reach out to the minority party in Congress, to be forthcoming with information and to provide access to all levels of government.

Hamilton and Kean go on to write, "We intend to monitor the implementation of the 9/11 Commission's recommendations and report on new national security threats." I urge you to encourage this effort by bringing back these two co-chairs for a six-month period to conduct a formal review and 9/11 Commission follow-up. They would be charged with evaluating which of the Commission's original recommendation have been implemented and to what end, and which have failed to be implemented and at what cost.

This past weekend, The Washington Post featured an op-ed by Bruce Hoffman, respected professor of security studies at Georgetown University and a senior fellow at the U.S. Military Academy's Combating Terrorism Center. Hoffman wrote, "(W)hile al-Qaeda is finding new ways to exploit our weaknesses, we are stuck in a pattern of belated responses, rather than anticipating its moves and developing preemptive strategies. The 'systemic failure' of intelligence analysis and airport security that Obama re-

cently described was not just the product of a compartmentalized bureaucracy or analytical inattention, but a failure to recognize al Qaeda's new strategy. The national security architecture built in the aftermath of Sept. 11 addresses yesterday's threats—but not today's and certainly not tomorrow's. It is superb at reacting and responding, but not at outsmarting . . . a new approach to counterterrorism is essential."

Distinct from temporarily bringing back the two 9/11 Commission co-chairs, I also urge the creation of a "Team B." As you may know, historically the phrase "Team B" refers to a group of outside experts, commissioned by the Central Intelligence Agency in the 1970's and headed by Richard Pipes, to analyze the threats posed by the Soviet Union to the United States and counter the positions of intelligence officials within the CIA, known as "Team A." In your remarks last week following the review of the attempted Christmas Day terrorist attack, you rightly referred to our enemy as "nimble." Too often our response to the evolving threat posed by al Qaeda, and others sympathetic to their murderous aims, is anything but.

The Team B concept has been successful in previous administrations when fresh eyes were needed to provide the commander-in-chief with objective information to make informed policy decisions. I believe it can work now, too, and suggest that among the individuals, but not exclusively, whose expertise and forward-thinking would be well-suited to a Team B are: Bruce Hoffman; Andrew McCarthy and Patrick Fitzgerald, both of whom were involved in the prosecution of Sheik Omar Abdel Rahman in the first World Trade Center bombings; Fouad Ajami, professor at the School of Advanced International Studies (SAIS), Johns Hopkins University; Jean Bethke Elshtain, professor of social and political ethics at the University of Chicago; economist Judy Shelton, National Endowment for Democracy board member; foreign policy columnist and author Anne Applebaum; Andrew F. Krepinevich Jr., author of *Seven Deadly Scenarios: A Military Futurist Explores War in the 21st Century*; Elliot Cohen, professor of Strategic Studies at SAIS; Philip D. Zelikow, diplomat and author who worked as executive director of the 9/11 Commission, and Joshua Muravchik, formerly a scholar at the American Enterprise Institute and presently a Foreign Policy Institute fellow at SAIS.

The 9/11 Commission report was issued nearly six years ago. Even if every recommendation had been implemented, which it has not, our enemy has evolved since that time. Our current intelligence infrastructure is at times overwhelmed by data, information and the urgency of daily events, and as such is unable to dedicate the time and resources necessary to think outside the box and better comprehend this multidimensional threat. "Team B" would possess the necessary expertise but would be free from these daily pressures. The team would represent a "new approach to counterterrorism" which focuses not just on connecting the dots of intelligence, but which seeks to stay a step ahead in understanding how to break the radicalization and recruitment cycle that sustains our enemy, how to disrupt their network globally and how to strategically isolate them.

I also believe there is an urgent need to make the Transportation Security Agency (TSA) administrator a long-term position. Since TSA's inception following the 9/11 attacks, there have been six Transportation Security Agency administrators and acting administrators. For a position of this import to turn over with such frequency and to automatically change hands with each new administration simply does not make sense. I am introducing legislation that mirrors the language used to establish a 10-year term and Senate confirmation for FBI directors. I am hopeful that members of both parties will see the merits of this proposal and I urge your support for this change.

America is a great nation facing an enemy unlike any other we have ever known. We must steel ourselves for the struggle ahead, frankly assessing the nature and scope of the threat we face and guarding against partisanship at all costs. The people of this country deserve nothing less.

Sincerely,

FRANK R. WOLF,
Member of Congress.

CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES,
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
February 17, 2010.

Hon. BARACK H. OBAMA,
President,
Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. PRESIDENT: Over the last year, I have written you and members of your administration numerous letters concerning terrorism. In these letters, I have proposed a series of actions that should immediately be taken and that would make the country safer and receive strong bipartisan support. I have compiled these proposals into a single letter for your convenience and urge you to take swift action. The American people are looking for strong bipartisan leadership on matters of national security and I believe these proposals could be an important start.

I believe that these amendments would garner bipartisan support from the American people. The proposals and requests are as follows:

I. BRING BACK 9/11 CO-CHAIRS FOR A REVIEW OF
PROGRESS AND UPDATE REPORT

In 1998, I authored language that created the bipartisan National Commission on Terrorism, also known as the Bremer Commission—which released its final report in 2000, tellingly featuring the World Trade Center "Twin Towers" on its cover. The report was ignored by administration and congressional leaders—both Republican and Democrat—until after the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001. Again, in 2005, I authored language creating the Iraq Study Group whose report included the recommendation for the counterinsurgency troop "surge" in its final report. Both of these experiences have been illustrative in how an independent review of complex national security matters can help identify critical gaps and innovative ideas on policy that could strengthen our security.

I have urged the administration to bring back 9/11 Commission co-chairs Lee Hamilton and Thomas Keane for a six-month period to conduct a formal review and 9/11 Commission follow-up. They would be charged with evaluating which of the commission's original recommendations have been implemented and to what end, and

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II. CREATE A "TEAM B" TO BRING "FRESH EYES" TO U.S. COUNTERTERRORISM STRATEGY

Distinct from temporarily bringing back the two 9/11 Commission co-chairs, I also urge the creation of a "Team B." The Team B concept has been successful in previous administrations when fresh eyes were needed to provide the commander-in-chief with objective information to make informed policy decisions.

"Team B" would possess the necessary expertise but would be free from the daily pressures that federal agencies face. The team would represent a "new approach to counterterrorism" which focuses not just on connecting the dots of intelligence, but which seeks to stay a step ahead in understanding how to break the radicalization and recruitment cycle that sustains our enemy, how to disrupt their network globally and how to strategically isolate them.

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III. MAKE STATUTORY IMPROVEMENTS TO TSA ADMINISTRATOR POSITION

I have introduced legislation, H.R. 4459, to establish a 10-year term of office for any individual appointed to serve as the administrator of the Transportation Security Administration (TSA), akin to the appointment process for the director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI).

I believe a 10-year term for the administrator of TSA will help provide the agency with the qualified, long-term and independent leadership it needs at this time. Since its creation following 9/11, TSA has had six administrators, averaging terms of just 1.5 years. This bill further strengthens our nation's homeland by ensuring stable leadership at the Department of Homeland Security and improving the TSA administrator position to assure agency professionalism over political fidelity.

IV. TRY KHALID SHEIKH MOHAMMED AND OTHER DETAINEES BEFORE MILITARY TRIBUNALS

I have introduced bipartisan legislation, H.R. 4556, with Sen. Lindsey Graham to pro-

hibit the use of Department of Justice funds for the trial of 9/11 mastermind Khalid Sheikh Mohammed and his co-conspirators in any community in the U.S. However, it would still allow for a military commission at Guantanamo Bay or on a secure military base inside the U.S. This is a reasonable approach that allows the administration to try these terrorists in an appropriate military commission.

Prior to announcing plans for a New York City trial last November, the Justice Department did not consult with any local leaders, including New York City Police Commissioner Raymond Kelly or Mayor Michael Bloomberg. If it had, there would have been a better understanding of the dangers and cost of this approach. The trial, as planned, is estimated to cost taxpayers at least \$250 million per year—for a total expected cost of more than \$1 billion.

V. MAKE THE HIG OPERATIONAL WITHIN 30 DAYS AND BRIEF CONGRESS ON ITS AUTHORITIES

Following the handling of the interrogation of alleged Christmas Day bomber, Umar Farouk Abdulmutallab, there has been considerable confusion among agencies as to what their role was, what their role should have been, whether the High-Value Detainee Interrogation Group (HIG) should have been involved, whether the HIG is intended to operate inside the United States, and even whether the HIG exists. There is clearly an urgent need for action and clarification to ensure that future interrogations are conducted properly and effectively.

Toward that end, I urged the administration to formalize a new interrogation plan with relevant agencies, ensure that congressional committees are fully briefed, prepare an addendum to the president's review of the Christmas Day case that deals specifically with the facts concerning Mr. Abdulmutallab's interrogation, and move expeditiously to establish the HIG staff at the National Counterterrorism Center within 30 days.

Last month, the Senate Foreign Relations Committee issued a report, "Al Qaeda in Yemen and Somalia: A Ticking Time Bomb," that is particularly concerning in light of the failed attack on Christmas Day and growing al Qaeda activities in Yemen. The committee reported that, "As many as three dozen U.S. citizens who converted to Islam while in prison have traveled to Yemen, possibly for al Qaeda training. As many as a dozen U.S. citizens who married Muslim women and converted to Islam also have made their way to Yemen . . . Described by one American official as 'blond-haired, blue eyed-types,' these individuals fit a profile of Americans who al Qaeda has sought to recruit over the past several years." Additionally, the State Department told me that approximately 50,000 American citizens are currently visiting, studying, or living in Yemen currently.

As al Qaeda has changed and adjusted its tactics, so too must the U.S. An outside review of our counterterrorism strategy, combined with an independent review by the 9/11 Commission co-chairs, will ensure that we are revisiting our assumptions, strategy, and programs to fight the al Qaeda of 2010, not the al Qaeda of 2001.

Thank you for your consideration. I believe each of these proposals would receive broad bipartisan support in Congress. I stand ready to assist you in championing these proposals in Congress.

Best wishes.

Sincerely,

FRANK R. WOLF,
Member of Congress.

CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES,
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
April 27, 2010.

Hon. BARACK H. OBAMA,
President,
Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. PRESIDENT: Since January, I have repeatedly urged you and senior members of your administration to implement several bipartisan efforts to strengthen our nation's security. To date, these proposals have been dismissed without explanation. It's almost as if any idea that comes from Congress is a bad idea; and if it comes from a Republican it's viewed as a really bad idea. This is unfortunate, given the gravity of our current national security challenges.

I have always sought to work in a bipartisan manner. In 1998, I authored language that created the bipartisan National Commission on Terrorism, also known as the Bremer Commission—which released its final report in 2000, tellingly featuring the World Trade Center "Twin Towers" on its cover. I again authored language in 2005 creating the Iraq Study Group to develop bipartisan solutions to help secure Iraq.

My previous letters urged the administration to create a "Team B" to bring "fresh eyes" to U.S. counterterrorism strategy. The team would represent a "new approach to counterterrorism" which focuses not just on connecting the dots of intelligence, but which seeks to stay a step ahead in understanding how to break the radicalization and recruitment cycle that sustains our enemy, how to disrupt their network globally and how to strategically isolate them.

I want to share the enclosed piece from respected Georgetown University professor Bruce Hoffman, who endorses this approach, saying, "One important yet currently languishing congressional initiative that would help counter this strategy is Representative Frank Wolf's proposal to institutionalize a "red team" or "Team B" counterterrorist capability as an essential element of our efforts to combat terrorism and in the war against al-Qaeda."

Can someone from your administration explain to me the continued reluctance to implement such an effort? I believe the "Team B" effort would receive strong bipartisan support.

I was disappointed that the administration failed to adopt the other proposals in my previous letters, including bringing back the co-chairs of the 9/11 Commission—Lee Hamilton and Thomas Kean—for a six-month period to evaluate what progress has been made since the commission released its report. I spoke with former Congressman Lee Hamilton and he agreed that this was a good idea. To date, I have seen no effort by the administration on this front.

I also urged the administration to support legislation to establish a more professional and independent administrator of the Transportation Security Administration (TSA), by setting a 10-year term, akin to the appointment process for the director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI). After two withdrawn nominations, I have seen no effort by the administration to consider this—and the position remains vacant.

Additionally, I have urged the administration to collocate the High-Value Detainee Interrogation Group (HIG) at the National Counterterrorism Center to facilitate information sharing and cooperation among intelligence agencies. Again, I have seen no effort by the administration to do so.

I urge you to move quickly to establish a "Team B" and appoint America's best and brightest counterterrorism strategists to serve on it. I stand ready to assist you in this important effort.

Best wishes.
Sincerely,

FRANK R. WOLF,
Member of Congress.

HONORING YOUTH ENRICHMENT SERVICES, INC. FOR THEIR EXTRAORDINARY WORK IN THE COMMUNITY

HON. STEVE ISRAEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 29, 2010

Mr. ISRAEL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge a nonprofit organization that serves my district, Youth Enrichment Services, Inc.

YES 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 acts of those involved with YES are admirable.

I am proud to honor Youth Enrichment Services, Inc. for their extraordinary work in the community.

IMPLEMENTING MANAGEMENT FOR PERFORMANCE AND RELATED REFORMS TO OBTAIN VALUE IN EVERY ACQUISITION ACT OF 2010

SPEECH OF

HON. JOHN D. DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 28, 2010

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 5013) to amend title 10, United States Code, to provide for performance management of the defense acquisition system, and for other purposes:

Mr. DINGELL. Mr. Chair, I rise today in support of H.R. 5013—the IMPROVE Acquisition Act of 2010. I thank my good friends and colleagues Congressman ROB ANDREWS and Armed Services Committee Chairman, IKE SKELTON, for continuing the good work the Committee did last year to reform the defense acquisition process. Importantly, the bipartisan IMPROVE Acquisition Act will save taxpayers \$27 billion each year.

H.R. 5013 will, among other things, update the system by which the Department of Defense acquires weapons systems, commercial goods, and services. Over the past 20 years, the Defense Department has shifted its primary purchases from weapons systems to services. To reign in the costs associated with this outdated system and ensure the warfighter's needs are met, the committee has written a comprehensive bill that provides for better management of the acquisition system, reform of the requirements process upon which the acquisition process depends, a more professional acquisition workforce, more effective financial management, and improvements in outreach to the industrial base so that the government is getting the best quality at the lowest price.

In particular, Title IV of the IMPROVE Act has several important provisions to Michigan's

15th District and cleaning up the abuses of government contractors. First, it develops measures to utilize more of the defense industrial base in order to reach small- and mid-size businesses. I am fully supportive of this provision. As a personal note, Mr. Chair, I hear from companies throughout Michigan's 15th Congressional District with innovative technologies and ideas, companies that have been working on cutting edge research and development in association with our Michigan Universities but which have not developed the necessary relationships with the Department to successfully sell the Department their products, services and ideas. This section will help link the Department to these smaller companies by identifying and communicating with non-traditional suppliers using tools and resources available within the federal government and in the private sector.

Second, this Title reinforces a major priority for the Obama Administration by requiring a contractor to disclose whether it has outstanding tax debt when it is bidding on a new contract. Like many Members of Congress, I have been disillusioned by the scandals and abuse perpetrated by government contractors. Not only have some of these bad actors cost American and foreign lives, but they have also been a heavy burden to taxpayers. I support measures in this Title to ensure the government is contracting with responsible, high-quality suppliers. Moreover, this section gives the government better enforcement mechanisms by providing contracting officers new statutory authority to verify with the Treasury Department that the contractors under review are being forthcoming in their applications with respect to their tax status.

Finally, Title IV creates a new, independent oversight authority over the Department's contracting system. It provides for an independent General Counsel within the Defense Contract Audit Agency to carry out reviews of contractor business systems. This provision will also help to save taxpayers money in the long run, ensure effective services are provided to the Department, and ultimately protect the warfighter and the American people.

Mr. Chair, the IMPROVE Acquisition Act contains many important provisions deserving of the House's full consideration. I am pleased to support this legislation and urge my colleagues to do the same.

RECOGNIZING MR. DAVID JAMES

HON. MARK STEVEN KIRK

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 29, 2010

Mr. KIRK. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize a pioneer and American hero—Mr. David James, a constituent of mine from Winnetka. Born in the 1920s, Mr. James' family moved from St. Louis to Chicago's South Side. Soon after the start of World War II, Mr. James enlisted in the Army Air Corps in October 1942 and joined the "Tuskegee Airmen," our nation's first African-American military aircrews. He joined nearly 1,000 other airmen who broke barriers and fought for their nation. Mr. James served his country with distinction as a pilot.

After his military discharge, Mr. James graduated from law school and became the first

African-American attorney to work for the American Bar Association. He moved to Winnetka in part because of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s speech at the Winnetka Village Green in 1965, and lived there for nearly 40 years.

His service, both in the military and his efforts to promote civil rights, serves as an inspiration to future generations. I am honored to represent him in the Congress and I wish him and his family all the best.

HONORING COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION OF LONG ISLAND FOR THEIR EXTRAORDINARY WORK IN THE COMMUNITY

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HONORING ZANE ERIC CLARK

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 29, 2010

Mr. GRAVES. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Zane Eric Clark, a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 87, and in earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

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

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

RECOGNIZING DR. ADRIANA SELVAGGIO

HON. GINNY BROWN-WAITE

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 29, 2010

Ms. GINNY BROWN-WAITE of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Adriana Selvaggio. A devoted mother and renowned physician, Dr. Selvaggio has committed the majority of her adult life to serving others.

Born to Italian immigrants, Dr. Selvaggio came from a modest upbringing. Her father was a baker and worked hard to support her and her five brothers and sisters.

After graduating from Hampton High School, at the behest of her parents, Dr. Selvaggio postponed college to help support her family. However, she never lost sight of her desire to further her education. She eventually left home to pursue her degree at Penn State University. She completed her bachelor's degree in science in just two years.

Completing her bachelor's degree in just two years was only the beginning of Dr. Selvaggio's long list of accolades and accomplishments. She applied that same work ethic and determination to her studies at Temple Medical School and Boston University Hospital. Highly regarded by her colleagues as one of the country's top doctors in the field of Nephrology, she has opened several dialysis centers in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. Recently, Dr. Selvaggio completed her eight-year term as the president of UPMC Shadyside's medical staff. She was the first female to serve as president in the hospital's 135-year history. Dr. Selvaggio is married to Dr. Steven Heilbrunn. They are the proud parents of two remarkable children, Max and Evi.

Dr. Adriana Selvaggio is truly a woman of great courage and perseverance. She has built a legacy that will be talked about in medical classes and passed down through generations. Her son, Max, said this of his mother's character, "To this day, my mother is more proud of the strong willed character that her adversity has built than the accolades she has earned having overcome them. The profound content of my mother's character is something that I will praise and cherish for the rest of my life."

The medical world is lucky to have her as their colleague, her children are blessed to call her Mom and I am grateful to know her as a great friend.

Madam Speaker, I ask you to join me today in honoring the character and achievements of Dr. Adriana Selvaggio.

INTRODUCTION OF THE DEFENSE
STRONG ACT

HON. NIKI TSONGAS

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 29, 2010

Ms. TSONGAS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to introduce the Defense Sexual Trauma Response, Oversight and Good Governance Act (The Defense STRONG Act).

Sexual assault in the military has reached epidemic levels. While 1 in 6 women will experience sexual assault in her lifetime, the numbers are much higher in the military, where as many as 1 in 3 women leaving the services report that they were sexually assaulted. By the Pentagon's own estimate, as few as 10 percent of sexual assaults are reported. Additionally, while 40 percent of sexual assault allegations in the civilian world are prosecuted, this number is a staggeringly low 8 percent in the military.

As a strong advocate for women in the military and a strong advocate for equal opportunity in the workplace, I believe that the military should be a place where women are supported and can succeed.

We ask women who serve in the military to put their lives on the line for our country, and they shouldn't fear or experience harm from their fellow service members. A recent New York Times article chronicled the experience of a female Captain deployed in Camp Taji, Iraq.

This young Captain stated that she stopped drinking water after 7 p.m. so she would not have to go to the latrine at night alone, out of fear of attack from a fellow male soldier. "It got to the point that I felt safer outside the wire," she said, referring to operations that take soldiers off of their heavily fortified bases, "than I did taking a shower."

While the military has made strides to address this problem, victims of sexual assault in the military still report a lack of confidentiality, protection and support, and lack access to advice and counsel from a military lawyer once an incident is reported. The military has not established the proper infrastructure to deal with sexual assaults. Sexual Assault Response Coordinators and Victim Advocates in the military receive very little training and have little experience dealing with sexual assault. The DOD allows contractors to serve in these positions part-time, making them ill-equipped to deal with incidents that arise. As the 2009 Defense Task Force Report on Sexual Assault in the Military Services reported, one military victim advocate explained, "I would truly be unprepared if a sexual assault were to occur and my services were needed." . . . She said, "It is my opinion that active duty Unit Victim Advocates are not prepared to deal with sexual assaults and could potentially deter individuals from coming forward."

Women report receiving inadequate support and experiencing backlash when they tried to seek care while they were in the services. A GAO report from 2008 stated that "many individuals do not come forward in the military out of fear of punishment because they have done something (i.e., drinking) that they could also get in trouble for." The same report concluded that victims were reluctant to report attacks due to the belief that nothing would be done, they would not be believed, or that reporting an incident would negatively impact their careers.

The systems in place to prevent and respond to sexual assault lack sophistication, and the culture around sexual assault in the military needs to be fundamentally changed.

This is why I am introducing the Defense STRONG Act. My bill strengthens the legal protections for victims of sexual assault in the military:

(1) It requires that they have access to a military lawyer, and can maintain their right to confidential reporting even if they receive legal counsel;

(2) It ensures that conversations between victims and Victim Advocates are confidential and immune from discovery by military lawyers if the case goes to court.

My bill also strengthens the systems in place to prevent sexual assaults and provide support and guidance for victims that do report an incident:

(1) It standardizes the training of service members, Commanders, Victim Advocates, and Sexual Assault Response Coordinators;

(2) It requires that service members are trained around sexual assault prevention and response as they move up in the military structure; and

(3) It requires Victim Advocates and Sexual Assault Response Coordinators to be full-time positions, and prohibits DOD contractors from fulfilling roles.

Sexual assault weakens the readiness and morale of the military, and erodes trust between service members. The Defense STRONG Act strengthens the sexual assault prevention and response program in the military services, strengthening the military as a whole.

HONORING ANDREW PAUL
DANIELSEN

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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COMMEMORATING 40TH
ANNIVERSARY OF EARTH DAY

SPEECH OF

HON. JANICE D. SCHAKOWSKY

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 21, 2010

Ms. SCHAKOWSKY. Madam Speaker, today marks the 40th year in which the United States has set aside a day to reflect upon our responsibility to protect the environment and preserve it for future generations.

In 2007, the scientific community confirmed that the evidence of warming is "unequivocal." The consensus of this finding should not be understated. Global warming is real and human activity is the main cause.

Consider these facts: The 10 warmest years on record have all been since 1990. Worldwide, 2005 was the hottest of all. In the United States, 2008 was the warmest year ever. These rising temperatures have been accompanied by many changes. Hurricanes are more severe. Water levels are rising. Droughts are becoming longer. Mountain glaciers are receding around the world.

While these facts are daunting, the good news is that there is still time to enact policies that will curb the harmful impacts of climate change. The House of Representatives took an important step last year, when we passed legislation that will put caps on the amount of greenhouse gases we emit into the air each year. It also facilitates the research and development of renewable energy sources that will

not only reduce our dependence on foreign oil, but also create hundreds of thousands of new jobs.

On this Earth Day, I also want to reiterate my commitment to ensuring that Congress fully funds Great Lakes clean-up programs. The Great Lakes are a national treasure and having spent my entire life living in or near Chicago, I have a tremendous connection to the Great Lakes; my home in Evanston is only a few blocks from Lake Michigan.

As anyone who has spent any considerable amount of time in a Great Lake state knows, the Lakes are more than just a group of fresh water lakes—they play a significant part in shaping our way of life, our traditions, and our future. In addition to its sentimental value, the Great Lakes, including Lake Michigan, serve as an important resource, providing 20 percent of all the surface water in the world.

RECOGNIZING THE 2010 RECIPIENTS OF THE MCGOWAN COURAGE AWARD

HON. JIM JORDAN

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 29, 2010

Mr. JORDAN of Ohio. Madam Speaker, I appreciate the opportunity to share positive stories about young people from my congressional district who overcome adversity. Today, I am pleased to share the stories of seven such individuals.

Nella Blackford, St. Peter's High School. Coping with many physical difficulties stemming from the effects of spina bifida and numerous surgeries, Nella is an inspiration to everyone at her school, where she participates in the volleyball and softball programs. She is undertaking an advanced placement course load and was active in her school's spring musical.

Steven Broeske, Clear Fork High School. Steven has earned the respect of his peers and teachers for the selfless way he deals with cystic fibrosis. He prides himself on his independence and goal-oriented work ethic, carrying a demanding workload in the classroom and dedicating countless hours to his school's Future Farmers of America chapter.

Jackie Bucksbaum, Ontario High School. Jackie's positive attitude in dealing with a lymphatic disorder is a model to her fellow students, who admire her leadership skills. Although challenged recently by medical emergencies and some family-related setbacks, she maintains an aggressive academic schedule and plans to continue her studies at the University of Findlay.

Christian Lauber, Madison Comprehensive High School. Despite the physical challenges presented by cerebral palsy, which he has dealt with since birth, Christian is active in numerous sports. He also enjoys participating in his school's media and technology programs and plans to study business and computer technology in college.

Michael Lupo, Mansfield Senior High School. Michael has worked through many autism-related difficulties in recent years with the assistance of family members and his teachers. He excels as a mainstreamed student—especially in his mathematics and science classes—and routinely ranks in the top ten percent of his class.

Timothy Ritchey, Lexington High School. Tim was diagnosed with Hodgkin's Lymphoma earlier this year and has been undergoing monthly chemotherapy treatments. Although he has missed many school days as a result, he has kept up-to-date on his studies and continues to work in his school's athletic department. Tim plans to study nursing.

Travis Stone, Crestview High School. In addition to his many academic achievements, Travis has amassed 73 career wins as a four-year varsity starter on the wrestling team—all this despite a birth defect that affected the development of his arms and hands. He received the 2010 Team Attitude Award and was ranked third in his conference.

Madam Speaker, the Rotary Club of Mansfield, Ohio, will present these seven students with the McGowan Courage Award on May 11. I am proud to join the Rotary in acknowledging their significant achievements and wishing them continued success in everything they do.

INTRODUCTION OF THE STARTUP VISA ACT OF 2010

HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 29, 2010

Mrs. MALONEY. Madam Speaker, today I am introducing the StartUp Visa Act of 2010, the companion bill to Senator JOHN KERRY's bipartisan legislation of the same name, which he introduced with Senator RICHARD LUGAR this past February.

What do American household names such as Google, eBay and Proctor & Gamble have in common? They are all former start-ups founded by immigrants.

In 2009, the percentage of U.S. residents creating new domestic companies fell to 8 percent from 12.4 percent in 2005. Over the same period, the percentage of residents in foreign countries creating new companies rose to 11 percent from 8.7 percent. Despite this trend, our current visa laws have made it unnecessarily difficult for immigrants to launch new companies in the United States. I am introducing the StartUp Visa Act of 2010 because the economic dynamism of foreign-born talent has always been a crucial factor in our country's growth, and we must take steps to enable it to continue. By allowing immigrant entrepreneurs greater access to American visas, we truly can drive American job creation and channel the power of innovation.

Currently, the EB-5 category visa permits foreign nationals to obtain a green card if their efforts invest at least \$1 million into the U.S. economy and create at least 10 jobs. This bill creates a new EB-6 visa for immigrant entrepreneurs. After proving that he or she has secured initial investment capital (totaling at least \$250,000) and if, after two years, an immigrant entrepreneur can show that he or she has generated at least five full-time jobs in the United States, attracted \$1 million in additional investment capital or achieved \$1 million in revenue, then he or she would receive permanent legal resident status.

The entrepreneurial spirit is ingrained in our country's history and success. I believe that this legislation is a vital component of promoting our global competitiveness. We must

ensure a strong foundation for foreign-born, highly-skilled talent to create American jobs and promote economic prosperity and this bill works toward that end.

HONORING NATHAN T. WILSON

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 29, 2010

Mr. GRAVES. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Nathan T. Wilson, a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 249, and in earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

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

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

SARAH STARNES NAMED SOCIAL WORK LEADER OF THE YEAR

HON. DENNIS MOORE

OF KANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 29, 2010

Mr. MOORE of Kansas. Madam Speaker, I am pleased to bring to the House's attention today the recent award of "Social Work Leader of the Year" by the Missouri-Kansas Chapter of the Society for Leadership in Health Care to Sarah Starnes, of the Department of Veterans Affairs.

Sarah Starnes received a M.S.W. from the University of Kansas in 1977 and went on to receive a M.P.A. in 1984 from the same institution. After working with the Missouri Division of Family Services, the University of Kansas Upward Bound Program, Project New Pride/Kansas Youth Trust Upward Bound, and Transitional Living Consortium, she has spent the last nineteen years serving the interests of our veterans at the Kansas City VA Medical Center, where she works with them on a daily basis, doing casework, group work program administration, and community organization.

Active in politics during her free time, Sarah represents the best of comprehensive social work practice. As the NASW Code of Ethics states: "Social Workers should facilitate informed participation by the public in shaping social policies and institutions. Social workers should engage in social and political action that seeks to ensure that all people have equal access to the resources, employment, services, and opportunities they require to meet their basic human needs and to develop fully. Social workers should be aware of the impact of the political arena on practice and should advocate for changes in policy and legislation to improve social conditions in order to meet basic human needs and promote social justice."

Sarah Starnes' career has exemplified these principles. I am pleased to have this opportunity to publicly recognize her award and am happy to have the opportunity to place in the RECORD her remarks upon accepting this award on March 23rd:

Good afternoon. Thank you so much for this most incredible honor of my lifetime.

This award really goes to all the people who have worked so hard to achieve this victory on the most significant piece of domestic legislation since the Medicare law was passed in 1965.

"This is why we elected Barack Obama . . . it used to be that we'd elect a president and then the lobbyists would determine what happened. This time it is going to be US who determine what happens."

But, I must admit, I had been concerned in recent weeks that I'd be standing before you today saying, "We gave it a good fight, and the fight goes on. . . ."

Then, remarkably, two days ago we had a historic moment in the life of our democracy, when the majority of our lawmakers determined that life is more important than profits; that health care is a right and not a privilege to be enjoyed only by the healthy and the wealthy. They did this because we helped them appreciate that this was the morally right and fiscally responsible thing to do.

I want to dedicate this award to Dean Goering, the brother of my KU undergrad roommate, Susan Goering. Dean was a social worker-to-be, who lived in Midtown Kansas City. Dean received a B.A. in Social Work from Univ. of Central Missouri in 2009, and was starting the MSW program at UMKC. Dean volunteered at the Kansas City Free Health Clinic. He hoped to work with Veterans who have PTSD. But Dean will NOT touch countless lives as a social worker, due to one of the unconscionable practices of the health insurance industry. Dean had a blood clot in his leg about 10 years ago, so, when he recently started having symptoms like shortness of breath, he reviewed his health insurance policy, and concluded that it would not cover another hospitalization for what he assumed was the same condition, and he tried to tough it out. Dean died at age 50 of a Pulmonary Embolism, on February 21, 2010. For Dean and 45,000 other Americans each year, "health care for all Americans" was not just a slogan. It was an unfulfilled life wish. For Dean, the health care delivery system in this country was a death sentence. Thank God, many of these health insurance abuses will end, with the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act passed Sunday in the House of Representatives.

My journey for this health care cause has been going on for awhile, as has the journey of our entire Nation.

I was blessed to find "my calling" early in my life. I have worked in social services continuously and full-time since 1973. I received my MSW from the University of Kansas in 1977, and an MPA from KU in 1984.

I have been passionate about my work with the people in all the groups with which I have practiced.

Let me explain, before I go on, that I am here on my own time, representing myself, not my employer. The VA does provide The Best Care Anywhere and is an extremely effective government-run health care system, but I'm not here representing the VA, only myself, and my advocacy for health care reform was done outside my job.

Another note of explanation—my remarks will be about my work with one specific American political party, but, if you find that you can honor the Social Work Code of Ethics and your personal values via your work with another party, please, go for it!

Okay, so I have voted in every election for which I have been eligible to vote, and have written an occasional letter to an elected official or the editor.

Then, in 2007, my life took on a new and invigorating avocation.

In 2006, I'd read an autobiography written by a man whose maternal grandparents were from El Dorado, KS, and Augusta, KS, where my dad had leased a rock quarry when I was a girl. The author had been a community organizer in Chicago, and he later went to law school and then got into politics, to influence change on a broader scale. His values seemed to be totally consistent with social work values.

In February 2007, this community organizer announced that he was going to run for President of the United States.

Now, regarding Social Work values and politics, please refer back to the NASW Social Work Code of Ethics.

The code says that "social workers should promote social justice and social change . . . and should engage in social and political action that seeks to ensure that all people have equal access to the resources, services, and opportunities they require to meet their basic human needs and to develop fully."

Until recently, I had viewed politics as a necessarily dirty, self-serving business. But, in the last few years I've started paying closer attention to the fact that everything I try to accomplish in my work, with my family, and in my own life, is affected by the laws and ordinances made at all levels of government, and the resulting regulations and policies. I started more actively wondering how these laws could be affected, to benefit those who the Social Work Code of Ethics calls "vulnerable."

I gained a heightened awareness that, in our representative democracy, public policy is accomplished through the people we elect to hold public office. And I decided that it is my obligation to do what I could to elect people who will represent the interests of the powerless, and everyday people, at all levels of governance.

One person cannot do it alone. We must each duplicate ourselves. For example, perhaps I can make 50 calls in 2 or 3 hours, but, if I find 5 other callers, we can make 250 calls in the same time period. Or maybe I can register 50 voters in an afternoon or a day, but, if I can enlist 10 other volunteers to register voters, we multiply the results by 10. I can only vote once in each election, but, ideally, I can play a role in THOUSANDS of other people voting.

This monumental health care legislation was not accomplished in the last year. Americans and our leaders have been yearning and working for universal health care for over a hundred years—7 Presidents and 7 Congresses have aspired to achieve this moral imperative.

It took our faith in Barack Obama and his leadership for us to realize that it was up to US to change the way things, including the provision of health care, are done in this country. And the objective reality is that it also took a Democratic majority in the Congress to achieve these reforms.

I have learned through the process of achieving this major legislation that we cannot wait on our elected officials to determine our destinies, essentially throwing them out at the next election if we decide we don't like them, after their damage has been done.

Nothing happens unless we take individual responsibility for change. We know that we simply cannot wait for someone else to fix things.

Sometimes, when we feel the most defeated and alone, if we just keep putting one foot in front of the other, even when we are

tired and discouraged and don't think we can go on, we can achieve amazing results.

If for some reason you are unable to engage in partisan political activities, there are nonpartisan organizations with which you can be involved, to accomplish similar ends . . . these organizations don't "lobby," they "advocate. . . ."

I am issuing a call to all social workers present—consider how you will make a difference—consider running for political office, or helping someone who is running or thinking about it. Hold our elected officials accountable. Let them know what you think, and encourage others to do so. Educate people about the truth regarding the needs of the American people and how those needs might be effectively addressed.

In addition to the people who have worked so passionately for HC reform, I want to thank God for my health, and for my husband, Kelvin Walls, and my son, Kel, for their work and support. Kelvin motivated his doctor friends to speak out on behalf of their patients and potential patients. Kel put up with "all those people I don't know being in our house all the time" for phone banks and health care reform events. They have both sacrificed a lot. During the 2008 election, they canvassed with me in five states.

I became a social worker and political activist out of my core belief that the arc of the moral universe bends in the direction of justice, hope and compassion. And that I need to help it along.

In conclusion, let me say, "We gave it a good fight. We won! And the fight goes on."

HONORING BERNICE BOOKER DEAN

HON. DALE E. KILDEE

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 29, 2010

Mr. KILDEE. Madam Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to the life of Bernice Booker Dean. Sadly, Mrs. Dean passed away on April 23, 2010 in my hometown of Flint, Michigan, at the age of 86. Her funeral will be held at Mt. Olive Baptist Church on May 1.

A teacher with the Flint Community Schools for 35 years, Mrs. Dean taught at several elementary schools in the Flint system and was a reading specialist with the State of Michigan Chapter III and Title I reading programs. A passionate advocate for education, reading, social justice, the advancement of women, and physical health; Mrs. Dean mentored numerous youngsters over the years and helped them pursue advanced educational goals.

During her younger days she was a member of the first integrated all female band, the International Sweethearts of Rhythm. During World War II the band was the first all female group to travel on a USO tour, made several records and appeared in movies. Mrs. Dean was also a member of Phi Delta Kappa Sorority—Gamma Delta Chapter and she volunteered in the dialysis department at Hurley Medical Center. She was a member of Mt. Olive Baptist Church for 53 years. Mrs. Dean leaves behind her son, Robert Booker, and her daughter, Patsy O'Neal, several grandchildren, and numerous friends.

Madam Speaker, I ask the House of Representatives to join me in honoring the life of Bernice Booker Dean. I pray that the children inspired by her life and example will work to carry on her legacy of enthusiasm, strength and positive action.

HONORING PVAMC DIRECTOR
RICHARD CITRON

HON. JOE SESTAK
OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Thursday, April 29, 2010

Mr. SESTAK. Madam Speaker, I rise before you to honor Director Richard S. Citron on his retirement from the post of Director of the Philadelphia Veterans Affairs Medical Center.

Mr. Richard S. Citron was appointed Director of the Philadelphia Veterans Affairs Medical Center in August 2007. The Philadelphia VAMC is a tertiary care facility for the eastern half of VA Healthcare—VISN 4, providing care to 60,000 Veterans in America's sixth largest metropolitan area including the city of Philadelphia and surrounding six counties in Pennsylvania and New Jersey. He has led more than 2,000 dedicated staff working at the main campus in West Philadelphia and community-based outpatient clinics in Fort Dix, NJ, Gloucester County, NJ, Camden, NJ, Center City Philadelphia, and Horsham, PA (the Victor J. Saracini Community Based Outpatient Clinic). Philadelphia VAMC operates 140 inpatient beds and a 135-bed nursing home known as the Philadelphia Veterans Community Living Center.

Mr. Citron has 38 years of VA healthcare experience, beginning in 1971 at Long Beach, CA. He has since served at medical centers in Newington, Loma Linda, Richmond, Brockton/West Roxbury, and VA Central Office. Mr. Citron served as Assistant Director of the VA Medical Center (University Drive) in Pittsburgh, as Acting Director of medical centers in Murfreesboro and Cleveland, and Director of the Jesse Brown VA Medical Center in Chicago. Prior to arriving in Philadelphia, Mr. Citron was Director of the Wilmington, DE, VA Medical Center.

Mr. Citron served in the US Army from 1968 to 1971, including one year at a MASH hospital in Chu Lai, Vietnam. He holds a bachelor's degree in Economics from the College of William and Mary and a master's degree in Public Administration from the University of Southern California. He is also a Fellow in the American College of Healthcare Executives (FACHE).

Madam Speaker, I ask you to join me in honoring Director Citron for his commitment to ensuring the well-being of our nation's Veterans.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE DALY
CITY YOUTH HEALTH CENTER'S
20TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. JACKIE SPEIER
OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Thursday, April 29, 2010

Ms. SPEIER. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor the 20th anniversary of the Daly City Youth Health Center, a health and youth development program linked to the Jefferson Union High School District. Since its inception this facility has served over 37,000 youth and currently provides services to more than 600 teens each month. Clearly, we are a better community because of the dedication, caring and expertise of the center's staff.

The center, a satellite office of the San Mateo Medical Center, offers primary medical care, reproductive health care, mental health counseling, sexuality education, case management of pregnant teens, vocational guidance and life skills training. This center has been highly effective in helping girls and boys from low-income backgrounds where individual needs require a multi-service response.

I would like to point out that over 5,000 teens seek medical services from the clinic during the year and that most of the care revolves around reproductive health. These services are free although staff will work with these young people in terms of helping them apply for health insurance.

The center has been hailed for its development of programs covering mental health counseling, teen pregnancy prevention, peer leadership and the always challenging transition from school to a career. We would all do well to adhere to the center's mission to increase resiliency, encourage responsibility and promote self-determination among youth and young adults.

Madam Speaker, while this body has engaged in long and spirited debate on the issue of health care, it is important that we recognize and honor a 20-year-old program that has enriched thousands of young people in my district.

A PROCLAMATION HONORING THE
60TH ANNIVERSARY OF WJER
1450 AM

HON. ZACHARY T. SPACE

OF OHIO
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Thursday, April 29, 2010

Mr. SPACE. Madam Speaker, Whereas, WJER 1450 AM was founded and began broadcasting in 1950 and is celebrating its 60th anniversary; and

Whereas, WJER AM has served as "the Voice of the Valley" by connecting the citizens of Dover, New Philadelphia, and Tuscarawas County for sixty years; and

Whereas, WJER is committed to continuing their work of bringing news and entertainment to the communities of Tuscarawas County in years to come; now, therefore, be it

Resolved that along with the residents of the 18th Congressional District, I commend WJER for six decades of service to the Tuscarawas Valley through the broadcast of national and local news, sports, and entertainment.

JESUS GUEVARA

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Thursday, April 29, 2010

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

The dedication demonstrated by Jesus Guevara is exemplary of the type of achieve-

ment that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

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

RECOGNIZING THE IMPORTANCE
OF VOLUNTEERISM

SPEECH OF
HON. JOSEPH CROWLEY

OF NEW YORK
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Wednesday, April 21, 2010

Mr. CROWLEY. Madam Speaker, I rise today in favor of H. Res. 1276, commemorating the anniversary of the signing of the landmark service legislation, the Edward M. Kennedy Serve America Act.

Since its enactment 1 year ago, the Edward M. Kennedy Serve America Act has cemented the importance of volunteerism and community involvement in American society. This legislation reflects the willingness of Americans to dedicate their time and effort to help their neighborhoods through a common goal of community improvement.

The success of the Serve America Act is apparent not only in its progress so far, but in those results yet to come. The creation of 175,000 new volunteer opportunities, through existing service programs such as AmeriCorps, is increasing volunteerism in America to the highest level since 2003.

The Serve America Act has demonstrated that even in this period of economic uncertainty, investment in communities continues to reap the highest rewards. The Serve America Act has allowed Americans to play an active role in our economic recovery through their volunteerism by empowering individuals to initiate real and lasting development within their communities. And by rewarding those who volunteer their services even during their full-time education, this legislation has enabled countless diligent students to combine community activism with greater educational possibilities.

I am particularly proud that this legislation created the Musicians and Artists Corps that I championed to train and deploy skilled musicians and artists to low income communities, schools, health care and therapeutic settings, and other areas, where they promote music and arts engagement programs. As someone who knows firsthand the proven social benefits of music and creative arts programs, I believe this program will have tremendous rewards.

The Serve America Act has been a call to service to all Americans, and undoubtedly it has inspired American citizens from all walks of life to give back to their communities. The Musicians and Artists Corps allows musicians and artists who are eager to serve to contribute their special skills and diverse talents to this community of activism.

The Edward M. Kennedy Serve America Act has contributed significantly to increasing service in our country, and I am proud to commemorate its passage and support its continuing good work.

HONORING FORMER NORTH CAROLINA SENATOR JOSEPH BRYANT RAYNOR, JR.

HON. BOB ETHERIDGE

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 29, 2010

Mr. ETHERIDGE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Senator Joseph Bryant Raynor, Jr. for his continued service to his community, county and State.

Born and raised in Fayetteville, NC, Senator Raynor learned early the value of hard work. Joe, like myself, grew up working on a farm and in his father's store stocking farm supplies and groceries. While attending 71st School in Fayetteville, Joe was active in Future Farmers of America (FFA) and also worked an after school job as a baggage boy at Ebird's Department Store. After graduation he pursued a career in business, eventually leading him to start Raynor Business Supply Company, which has thrived for over 60 years.

In addition to being a successful businessman, Joe Raynor served in the North Carolina General Assembly for 22 years. First in the House, and then in the Senate, Joe strongly supported the criminal justice system and advocated for law enforcement and first responders. Serving as Chairman of the Senate Committee on Law Enforcement and Crime Control, he introduced bills to benefit law enforcement, including subsidizing losses for families of police officers slain in the line of duty. He also found innovative, fiscally responsible ways to help the community, supporting halfway houses with his "nickel a bottle tax" on liquor sales, and expanding community efforts treat those suffering from alcohol addiction. After more than two decades of focusing his energies on serving police officers, the mentally ill, and the elderly, Joe Raynor retired from the General Assembly in 1992.

Throughout his life Senator Raynor has served on a number of boards, commissions and committees in North Carolina, notably his position as Cumberland County Special Deputy Sherriff and Chairman of the Cumberland County Board of Elections. He has served the people of Cumberland County, the Sheriff's Department and the first responder community for over 50 years and has made a lasting impression on his county and the face of the North Carolina criminal justice system.

Madam Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me today in recognizing the service and achievements of a good friend and former colleague of mine, Senator Joseph Bryant Raynor, Jr. He is a hard-working man and a beacon of justice and service. Like many of my fellow North Carolinians, I am proud to call Joe Raynor my friend.

CONGRATULATING TRENT STEELE

HON. ADRIAN SMITH

OF NEBRASKA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 29, 2010

Mr. SMITH of Nebraska. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Kearney High School's Trent Steele, who has recently been named assistant principal of the year by the Nebraska State Association of Secondary School Principals.

Trent supervises and advises the senior class, curriculum, and is in charge of teacher evaluation and supervision. In addition, he co-chairs the Kearney High School Behavior/Safety Committee, which is responsible for development and implementation of school wide behavior policy.

Prior to his service at Kearney High, Trent served as assistant principal at Beatrice Middle School, and as K-12 principal at Anselmo-Merna Public School.

With a background in education myself, I know the dedication and responsibility required by Trent and other educators. He is a credit to Kearney High and the people of Nebraska.

JESSICA BOWLER

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 29, 2010

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Jessica Bowler who has received the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. Jessica Bowler is a 7th grader at Drake Middle School and received this award because her determination and hard work have allowed her to overcome adversities.

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

I extend my deepest congratulations once again to Jessica Bowler for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. I have no doubt she will exhibit the same dedication and character to all her future accomplishments.

WORLD INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY DAY

SPEECH OF

HON. BOB GOODLATTE

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 27, 2010

Mr. GOODLATTE. Madam Speaker, I rise in strong support of H. Res. 1208, which expresses support for World IP Day.

April 26, 2010 was the 10th annual World IP Day. This day was designated by the member nations of the World Intellectual Property Organization in order to raise awareness of how patents, copyright, and trademarks impact daily life, to raise understanding of how protecting IP rights helps promote creativity and innovation, to celebrate the contributions of creators and innovators to societies around the world, and to encourage respect for the IP rights of others.

When the Founders of our great Nation crafted the U.S. Constitution, they saw fit to include provisions to provide for the protection of intellectual property. They believed that if authors and inventors had the exclusive ability to use and reap a return on their creations for a limited time, then those artists and inventors

would have the financial incentive to create new and exciting products that would benefit society and our economy. And it worked!

Today, America is the world leader in innovation and creativity precisely because of our Founders' foresight and our Nation's exceptionally strong intellectual property laws. Furthermore, the IP industries in America are a major driving force and job-creating engine of our economy.

Recently I had the opportunity to talk with a famous American author who told a story that hammered home how much the creative ideas of one man, if properly protected by intellectual property laws, can multiply into real jobs for real people. He wrote a best-selling novel. That novel then needed to be edited, reviewed, printed, marketed and distributed. The novel then became a movie, which needed to be produced, reviewed, distributed and shown in movie theatres, then in movie rental shops all across the country. The protected idea of one man helped to create all these jobs down the line. It is stories like this that need to be told on World IP Day.

In today's digital world, the Internet's fast connections can be used to download, upload and otherwise share illegal copies of songs, movies, games, and software at unprecedented levels. As we continue our journey into the digital age, it is even more important that we continue to jealously guard creators' intellectual property rights in order to foster new content, innovative products, and American jobs.

50TH ANNIVERSARY OF SILVER DOLLAR CITY IN SOUTHERN MISSOURI

HON. JO ANN EMERSON

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 29, 2010

Mrs. EMERSON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commend the 50th Anniversary of Silver Dollar City in Southern Missouri. On May 1, 1960, this attraction was established in Branson, Missouri, and a whole community has grown up around the many visitors who are drawn to Taney County every year. Not only is Silver Dollar City a mainstay of the local economy, the park is also an annual destination for families throughout the region.

Silver Dollar City owes its success and its continuation as a family business to the leadership of its co-owners and co-founders, Mr. Jack Herschend and Mr. Peter Herschend. Since the founding of their company 50 years ago, they have always stayed true to the principal values of our State and our Nation. By being diligent in their business, kind to their employees and loyal to the customers who return to them year after year in increasing numbers, Herschend Family Entertainment is a great example to aspiring entrepreneurs in every sector of our economy.

As this House of Representatives labors in the best interests of Americans like the Herschends and ideas like Silver Dollar City, we must keep in mind the policies that will enable others to achieve similar success through their good ideas and hard work. I'm honored to congratulate all of the employees and guests at Silver Dollar City, past and present, on their 50th Anniversary. Each of them is a

participant in a special enterprise with a long tradition. We have good reason to note and to celebrate all of their great efforts and achievements today.

TRUE BLUE

HON. DAVID G. REICHERT

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 29, 2010

Mr. REICHERT. Madam Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge the men and women of law enforcement, who put their lives on the line every day for us. In this past year, seven of our heroes from the State of Washington have been lost in the line of duty. Officer Deputy Sheriff Stephen M. Gallagher Jr., Officer Timothy Q. Brenton, Officer Tina G. Griswold, Officer Ronald W. Owens II, Sgt. Mark J. Renninger, Officer Gregory J. Richards, Deputy Sheriff Walter K. Mundell Jr.

Madam Speaker, most of us get up every day and expect to come home to our families. Unfortunately, these men and women of law enforcement do not have such blessings. I ask that this poem in honor of these splendid men and women, and their magnificent families who in quiet courage, penned by Capitol Guide Albert Caswell be placed in the RECORD. And in memory of all the fallen this year.

TRUE BLUE

True!
 True Blue
 All in their most Heroic Hues!
 All out there, On That Thin Blue Line . . . so True . . .
 All out there, on their own! All, so all alone . . . on death's edge, so very all alone!
 Living and dying, with only micro seconds to react . . . to find . . . to somehow so decide!
 All in that moment of truth, when who lives or dies . . . as so brilliantly in time, so lies the proof!
 With, but only their most courageous of all hearts to use! As so selflessly, they so do what they must do!
 Leaving home, as this might be that one last kiss. . . All in their hearts of love, as so as this . . .
 With families, who live from day to day . . . knowing that death, but before them lays!
 As they pray, as she or he walks out that door!
 As it may be but that one last time, together, as so for sure!
 All because they so stood, so stood!
 So stood for something! For something so much more . . .
 For What is True . . . for What Is TRUE BLUE!
 To SERVE and PROTECT, for all of us. . . This, and nothing less!
 As all of their fine lives, have ours so blessed!
 Ready to die for you and me! All in their most Heroic of Hues, we see!
 Is that but not what Heaven is for? One and all, The Kind of Quiet Heroes the Angels adore!
 As up in Heaven, their new beat for sure! All out there, On That Thin Blue Line . . .
 Could such courage, we all so find? Approaching death, as it's out there they so feel its cold dark breath!

To save precious life, all in time! Oh so very fine, are but all of these Heroes . . . who now so come to mind!
 It's for them, we now so pray! As they start each new night or day . . . all out there, On That Thin Blue Line!
 Families hugging and crying, still intact . . . all because heroes lay dying . . .
 As this day, death came so very close!
 As it's for us they all so died
 As their precious gifts, their lives so mean the most!
 All For What Is True!
 True Blue!

JENNIFER OLMSTED

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 29, 2010

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Jennifer Olmsted who has received the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. Jennifer Olmsted is a 12th grader at Arvada High School and received this award because her determination and hard work have allowed her to overcome adversities.

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

I extend my deepest congratulations once again to Jennifer Olmsted for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. I have no doubt she will exhibit the same dedication and character to all her future accomplishments.

GLOBAL YOUTH SERVICE DAY

SPEECH OF

HON. ADRIAN SMITH

OF NEBRASKA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 27, 2010

Mr. SMITH of Nebraska. Mr. Speaker, earlier this week, we celebrated Global Youth Service Day—an annual campaign which celebrates the millions of young people who improve their communities each day of the year through service and self-discovery.

Established in 1988, GYSD is the largest service event in the world and is now celebrated in more than 100 countries.

As part of this effort, I have the pleasure in recognizing two young people who are making a difference in Nebraska communities.

Sydney Swanson, a senior at Alliance High School, organized the first “Coats for Kids” drive in Alliance. This year, she expanded it to three additional cities, collecting a total of 875 coats for children in need. Sydney also created a website with instructions for teens to start “Coats for Kids” drives in their own communities.

Jordyn Lechtenberg, a senior at Ainsworth High School, founded and directly recruited 20

other high school students for the Youth Community Development Force, a group interested in community and economic development. She also served as interim executive director of the North Central Development Center while the director was on maternity leave.

Young people like Sydney and Jordyn are essential assets and resources not only for their communities, but for our entire country. They have set a high benchmark, and I challenge every American to follow their example.

TRIBUTE TO WALTER J. BISHOP, GENERAL MANAGER OF THE CONTRA COSTA WATER DISTRICT IN CALIFORNIA

HON. GEORGE MILLER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 29, 2010

Mr. GEORGE MILLER of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Walter J. Bishop on the occasion of his retirement after 18 years as the general manager of the Contra Costa Water District in California.

Wally Bishop has served as the general manager for the Contra Costa Water District, which supplies water to 550,000 people, during some very important and critical periods. Over this time, he has been a tireless—some might even say relentless—leader for the Contra Costa Water District, making significant contributions not only at the local and regional level but to statewide and national water policy as well.

He has worked throughout his tenure to improve our region's drinking water quality, to secure a sustainable water supply, and to restore and protect the Bay-Delta ecosystem. I am pleased to be able to say that I have worked with him on many of his successes, and as some of my colleagues know, he can be a formidable adversary as well.

Although nothing comes easily in California water, Mr. Bishop has succeeded in putting Contra Costa Water District at the forefront of responsible and sustainable water management in the State. Under his direction, the Los Vaqueros Reservoir Project was the first major reservoir to be permitted and constructed in California in more than a decade, and the water district's ongoing reservoir expansion project, intake relocation, and screening efforts will not only improve Contra Costa's water supply but provide important statewide economic and environmental benefits as well.

A registered civil engineer, Wally Bishop has been honored many times by his profession and by the larger water and engineering communities. In addition to the awards presented to Contra Costa Water District under his leadership, he has personally been honored with the American Society of Civil Engineer's Award for Achievement in Environmental Engineering/Government Service and the American Public Works Association's Charles Nichols Award for Leadership and Innovative Management.

He has also served with distinction in national leadership roles, including as the chair of the Water Research Foundation and on the

board of directors of the American Water Works Association, and he has been appointed to two terms on the Environmental Protection Agency's National Drinking Water Advisory Council.

Thanks in large part to Wally Bishop's leadership, the Contra Costa Water District is today in an excellent position to face the challenges of the 21st century. This is no accident: He is one of the true innovators and strategic thinkers in California water matters, and he and his staff have worked tirelessly throughout his tenure.

I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Wally Bishop on his retirement, and to thank him for his many years of public service. He is leaving big shoes to fill, and I hope that in addition to spending more time with his wife Patty, he will continue to contribute his energy and his ideas to the world of California water.

JASER ALSHARHAN

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 29, 2010

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Jaser Alsharhan who has received the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. Jaser Alsharhan is a 10th grader at Standley Lake High School and received this award because his determination and hard work have allowed him to overcome adversities.

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

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

CONGRATULATING MOST REV. JOSEPH BAMBERA UPON HIS ORDINATION AS BISHOP OF THE ROMAN CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF SCRANTON, PENNSYLVANIA

HON. PAUL E. KANJORSKI

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 29, 2010

Mr. KANJORSKI. Madam Speaker, I rise today to ask you and my esteemed colleagues in the House of Representatives to pay tribute to Most Rev. Joseph Bambera, the newly ordained Bishop of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Scranton, Pennsylvania.

On Monday, April 26, 2010, Bishop Bambera became the 10th Bishop of the Scranton Diocese. A native son of the 11-county Catholic diocese, Bishop Bambera spent nearly 20 of his 27 years as a priest ministering in the diocese's parishes.

He brings to his new post enthusiasm, humility and a unique understanding of his Catholic flock.

"With deep humility, I offer thanks to Almighty God, through whose providence and grace I've been called to serve as the 10th Bishop of the Diocese of Scranton," Bishop Bambera stated during his installation at St. Peter's Cathedral in Scranton before a large audience of priests, bishops, Cardinal Justin Rigali, head of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia and Apostolic Nuncio Pietro Sambi, Pope Benedict XVI's top diplomatic and spiritual representative in the United States as well as hundreds of the faithful.

Bishop Bambera has received the endorsement of many of his fellow priests in the Diocese who know him as a consensus builder and a man who appreciates the power of humor. "In God's wisdom and providence, he has given you one of your own as bishop," he said referring to the fact that he is only the second bishop to be a native of the diocese. "For you, perhaps God's wisdom may be confounding," he added to laughter from his church audience.

Then, he offered, "For me, your example, your dedication to prayer and service and your support have been a great source of inspiration and great consolation."

Again, Bishop Bambera called upon his gift of humor to express his deep emotion about his family roots. He recalled that his father died in 2004 and that his mother, when told that her son had been appointed as bishop, she was not "ecstatic." He recalled that she said, "Well, you've got quite a job to do." Then, when told that the public announcement of his appointment would occur on a Tuesday at 10 a.m., she responded, "That works out just fine. I have a hair appointment at noon." Choking back tears, Bishop Bambera thanked his parents for raising him well.

"My mother and father taught us by their example powerful lessons of faith and hope, peppered with healthy doses of common-sense. As parents go, I could not ask for more," he observed.

Bishop Bambera called attention to the chalice he uses during Mass, noting that it was a gift from his Great Aunt Marie, who died in her 80s, after outliving three children. "One day my mother asked her, 'How do you remain so upbeat given all the loss you've experienced in your life?' Here's what she said, 'No one knows the tears that I shed for those I've lost. But I am convinced that there is nothing that we cannot bear in life if we have faith.'"

Bishop Bambera called upon the faithful of the diocese to work together with him to ". . . meet the challenges."

In his remarks, Cardinal Rigali, speaking about Bishop Bambera, noted that, ". . . the faithful bishop is a good shepherd who knows that despite his own human limitations and his many faults and shortcomings which he recognizes and strives with God's help to overcome, he must still challenge the flock."

Madam Speaker, please join me in congratulating Bishop Bambera on this most joyous and inspiring occasion. His faithful service to the spiritual well-being of his parishioners; the respect that he enjoys among his peers and superiors; his leadership and his unyielding devotion to God and the Catholic congregation of northeastern Pennsylvania will serve him well as he moves forward in this new and demanding position. In that regard, we all wish him well.

HONORING ELECTRICIANS MATE
1ST CLASS ROBERT LAWRENCE
MUDD

HON. GEOFF DAVIS

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 29, 2010

Mr. DAVIS of Kentucky. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor the life of Electricians Mate 1st Class Robert Lawrence Mudd, a sailor from Fort Mitchell, Kentucky. Petty Officer Mudd tragically lost his life while stationed in Hawaii, assigned to submarine USS *Olympia* at Pearl Harbor.

Robert Mudd was a model citizen and patriot. Shortly after graduating from high school in 1998, he joined the U.S. Navy. Robert served at the Trident Training Facility in Kings Bay, Georgia, and aboard USS *Nebraska* before joining the crew of USS *Olympia* in May 2007.

Today, as we honor the service of this exceptional Kentuckian, my heartfelt prayers are with Robert's loving parents, Lawrence and Barbara, and the rest of his family and friends. We are all indebted to Robert for his bravery and willingness to answer the Nation's call to defend freedom.

JARED ROSAS

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 29, 2010

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Jared Rosas who has received the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. Jared Rosas is a 7th grader at Drake Middle School and received this award because his determination and hard work have allowed him to overcome adversities.

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

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

RECOGNIZING NATIONAL WORK
ZONE AWARENESS WEEK

HON. PHIL HARE

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 29, 2010

Mr. HARE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 11th annual National Work Zone Awareness Week, which brings national attention to motorists, worker safety and mobility issues in work zones. This year's Awareness Week takes place April 19–23, and is coordinated by the Federal Highway Administration, the American Association of State Highway

and Transportation Officials, and the American Traffic Safety Services Association. Although work zone fatalities have declined nationally by over 30 percent since 1996, 720 people lost their lives in 2008 alone. We can do better.

National Work Zone Awareness Week encourages drivers to pay close attention to their surroundings such as putting down their mobile phones and other devices while proceeding through work zones. With increased awareness, we can continue aiming to make our roads safer for both workers and drivers, but also work toward further decreasing the number of work zone fatalities. According to research from the Illinois Institute of Technology, highway work zone fatalities have actually increased from 2007 to 2008 for both highway workers and vehicle travelers. Its research also shows that Illinois highway worker fatalities have actually stayed consistent over the last 15 years. We need to urge the American people to continue striving to reduce this fatality rate. This is an ambitious goal, but with 7,000 work zone crashes per year in my home State, 29 leading to death, National Work Zone Awareness Week is something we should all support.

In addition, as a Member serving on both the Transportation and Infrastructure Committee and the Education and Labor Committee, I would also like to recognize my two committee chairmen, Representatives JIM OBERSTAR and GEORGE MILLER, for their constant vigilance on making workplace safety a top priority of each respective Committee. Madam Speaker, we should all be reminded that driving safely doesn't stop just because you slow down through a highway construction zone, but rather it encompasses all factors that allow motorists to pay close attention to the road while also allowing road workers to improve our infrastructure. These workers should not have to worry about whether or not they're going to make it through the day unscathed.

Again, I would like to offer my recognition for National Work Zone Awareness Week. I thank the Speaker and urge all of my colleagues to join in recognizing this important campaign.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 20TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE VIRGINIA SCHOLARSHIP AND YOUTH DEVELOPMENT FOUNDATION

HON. ROBERT C. "BOBBY" SCOTT

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 29, 2010

Mr. SCOTT of Virginia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the 20th anniversary of the Virginia Scholarship and Youth Development Foundation.

The foundation was formed in 1990 when actors Tim and Daphne Reid formed the Tim Reid Scholarship Foundation. It has since helped many at-risk high school students in Hampton Roads, Virginia go to college.

Education has always been society's great equalizer, and a college education is necessary today to ensure that youth reach their highest potential. The Foundation's mission and motto of "Universal Understanding Through Education" clearly reflects this.

Financing a college education becomes more and more difficult each year. Tim and Daphne Reid have committed themselves to making this less of an obstacle for many families in Hampton Roads, Virginia. They are devoted to the belief that talented individuals should not be denied the opportunity to cultivate their minds and have the opportunity to create a better future for themselves, their families, their community and the world.

For 20 years, Tim and Daphne have worked tirelessly to raise funds for this scholarship. One of their most successful fundraisers is the annual Tim Reid Celebrity Weekend. Tim and Daphne invite many of their friends to come to Hampton Roads to participate in a weekend of events. The Celebrity Weekend attracts over 5,000 people annually. Actors, musicians, comedians, and dignitaries are invited to donate their time to participate in 3 days of activities to raise funds for the Foundation. Past celebrity guests have included Will Smith, Kyla Pratt, Kelly Williams, Lark Voorhies, Percy Daggs, Marcus Paulk, Angela Bassett, Victoria Rowell, Alfonso Ribeiro, the O'Jays, Clifton Davis, Richard Roundtree, Tia and Tamera Mowry, Tatyana Ali, Blair Underwood, and many others. Next week, the Virginia Scholarship and Youth Development Foundation will host its 20th Annual Tim Reid Celebrity Weekend in Hampton Roads, which I am sure will be another huge success.

Because of the efforts of Tim and Daphne Reid, there are currently twenty-four students attending eleven different colleges and universities with the support of the Virginia Scholarship and Youth Development Foundation. Many of these young people are the first in their families to obtain a college education.

I congratulate the Virginia Scholarship and Youth Development Foundation on twenty successful years and, I commend Tim and Daphne Reid for their tireless efforts on behalf of the Foundation and students in the Commonwealth of Virginia. Their willingness to invest in our state and our students is a model of personal and corporate responsibility that I hope many will replicate across our great nation. Under the leadership of Tim and Daphne Reid, I am sure the Foundation will have many more years of success.

JANAE TRUJILLO

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 29, 2010

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Janae Trujillo who has received the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. Janae Trujillo is an 8th grader at Drake Middle School and received this award because her determination and hard work have allowed her to overcome adversities.

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

I extend my deepest congratulations once again to Janae Trujillo for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth

award. I have no doubt she will exhibit the same dedication and character to all her future accomplishments.

HONORING THE LIFE AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF SAM HOUSTON

SPEECH OF

HON. MICHAEL T. McCAUL

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 26, 2010

Mr. McCAUL. Mr. Speaker, I come to the floor today to recognize Sam Houston's contributions to Texas and our Nation. Sam Houston was a statesman, military leader, and politician who made remarkable contributions to Texas and our Nation. His achievements include representing both Tennessee and Texas in the U.S. Congress; defeating Mexican President Santa Anna to secure Texas' long sought independence; and being named the first President of the Republic of Texas for two terms. Additionally, he was the only person in U.S. History to have been the governor of two different states, Texas and Tennessee.

The State of Texas has recognized Sam Houston's achievements with the naming of the City of Houston. His is also remembered by a memorial museum, a U.S. Army Base, a national forest, a historical park, a university and the largest free-standing statue of an American figure.

The patriotic spirit of Sam Houston is carried by every Texan, and is especially seen in his great grandson, Sam Houston the 4th. I am proud to say this gentleman is my constituent. I have seen Sam Houston 4th every year at Texas Day of Independence celebration and feel that his vote is the best endorsement I have ever had.

Please join me in acknowledging Sam Houston's accomplishments with this resolution.

BLACK APRIL COMMEMORATION

HON. LORETTA SANCHEZ

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 29, 2010

Ms. LORETTA SANCHEZ of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the 35th Anniversary of the Fall of Saigon. And I am here today to honor and remember our fallen soldiers, American veterans, and our South Vietnamese allies, who fought and died in the name of freedom and democracy. For the past 14 years, I have had the privilege of representing one of the largest Vietnamese communities in the United States. I have listened to their amazing stories and worked with them to advocate for freedom and human rights in Vietnam.

During my 14 years in Congress, I have seen first-hand the passion of the Vietnamese-American community and their unwavering determination not only to succeed as a Vietnamese-American but also bring freedom to the people of Vietnam. My colleagues and I honor all those who fought for democracy and freedom in Vietnam and urge the Vietnamese-American communities to continue their fight against the continued persecution and injustice in Vietnam.

TRIBUTE TO PENNSYLVANIA
STATE REPRESENTATIVE KATIE
TRUE

HON. JOSEPH R. PITTS

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 29, 2010

Mr. PITTS. Madam Speaker, today I honor Pennsylvania State Representative Katie True for her long service to the people of Lancaster County and the State of Pennsylvania. After serving 8 years representing the 37th State House District and another 8 years representing the 41st State House District, Rep. True will retire after the present legislative session.

I had the distinct honor of serving four years in the Pennsylvania General Assembly with Rep. True. Throughout her career she worked across the aisle to defend life in our State. After I was elected to the House of Representatives, Rep. True took over the leadership of the Pennsylvania State House Pro-Life Caucus.

She has been a tireless advocate for children in the State of Pennsylvania. She counts her greatest accomplishment as working to improve the child welfare system so that no child slips through the cracks.

Rep. True has always made protecting women a priority during her time in public service. In between her two terms in the General Assembly, she served 2 years as the executive director of the Pennsylvania Commission for Women. During her time in the General Assembly, she made sure that Pennsylvania established tough anti-trafficking laws to protect women and children in our State. Also, she introduced legislation for a check-off box on state income tax forms for breast cancer research.

Rep. True is one of the most trusted legislators in our state and her colleagues in Harrisburg will miss her cooperative spirit. Her constituents will miss her servant's heart and care for her community.

Our State motto is "Virtue, Liberty, and Independence." Rep. True embodies virtue and has always defended our liberty and independence. The State of Pennsylvania is grateful for her honorable service and we wish her the best in her future endeavors.

JAIDY WIDDIFIELD

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 29, 2010

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Jaidy Widdifield who has received the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. Jaidy Widdifield is a 12th grader at Arvada High School and received this award because her determination and hard work have allowed her to overcome adversities.

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

I extend my deepest congratulations once again to Jaidy Widdifield for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. I have no doubt she will exhibit the same dedication and character to all her future accomplishments.

IN RECOGNITION OF O&S TRUCKING ON BEING RECOGNIZED AS 2010 INNOVATOR OF THE YEAR

HON. ROY BLUNT

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 29, 2010

Mr. BLUNT. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to O&S Trucking of Springfield, Missouri, on being recognized as 2010 Innovator of the Year by Commercial Carrier Journal.

In 1981, Jim O'Neal and partner Keith Stever teamed to form Ozarks Truck Brokerage with two customers and no equipment. Two years later the pioneering pair launched the company that would become O&S Trucking. Throughout the 1990s O&S Trucking grew quickly and by 2000 had executed an employee stock ownership program to completely overhaul the company as employee owned. This approach led to more ownership from drivers and workers to give O&S Trucking a steady platform for growth and success.

Nearly twenty years later, O&S Trucking provides transportation services to customers throughout the United States and Canada, offering opportunities for owner operators, drivers, small fleet owners and outside carriers. O&S Trucking continually encourages their leaders to generate innovative and engaging opportunities for their company. For example, they created an interactive Trucker's Challenge board game to help over 350 truck owners learn the responsibility and business skills to become a better owner-operator. In 2007, O&S Trucking launched the MegaTruck program to take full advantage of capacity and create an environmentally sensitive truck to haul more freight while reducing their carbon footprint.

The MegaTruck program was created to address fuel efficiency, driver availability and sustainability concerns for both refrigerated and dry van transportation. The MegaTruck is able to maximize product weight per truck without losing revenue and, in fact, the equipment operated under the MegaTruck program averages more miles per week than regular over-the-road trucks. This approach to business is the reason O&S Trucking is one of the few trucking companies to have grown since 2000 and this success should be seen as a bright vision as Missouri looks for new ways to improve our ever changing economy.

Taken together, the Trucker's Challenge and the MegaTruck Program have made O&S Trucking the first company Commercial Carrier Journal has recognized as Innovator of the Year. In addition, Jim O'Neal, President of O&S Trucking, serves as Mayor of Missouri's third largest city, Springfield, Missouri.

To Mayor and President Jim O'Neal, Chief Executive Officer David Corsaut, Chief Operating Officer Rick Johnson and the rest of the team at O&S Trucking, I offer my congratulations on being recognized as the 2010 Innovator of Year.

DESIGNATE CAUCASUS EMIRATE
AS A FOREIGN TERRORIST OR-
GANIZATION

HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 29, 2010

Mr. HASTINGS of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise today to introduce a resolution urging the Secretary of State to formally designate the Caucasus Emirate as a foreign terrorist organization. The Caucasus Emirate seeks to establish a Taliban style Islamic state on the sovereign territory of the Russian Federation, Georgia, Armenia, and Azerbaijan and has declared jihad against the United States, Russia, Great Britain, and any other state fighting international terrorism. Let us stand together with Russia and take serious measures to disrupt and destroy this dangerous organization. I urge my colleagues to support this measure.

JACKIE EVANS

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 29, 2010

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Jackie Evans who has received the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. Jackie Evans is an 8th grader at Arvada Middle School and received this award because her determination and hard work have allowed her to overcome adversities.

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

I extend my deepest congratulations once again to Jackie Evans for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. I have no doubt she will exhibit the same dedication and character to all her future accomplishments.

HONORING BRUCE IACOBUCCI

HON. PATRICK J. MURPHY

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 29, 2010

Mr. PATRICK J. MURPHY of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Bruce Iacobucci, for his leadership and dedication to the Citizens of Bucks County and for his hard work for the United Way of Bucks County.

Mr. Iacobucci is the recent recipient of the Dr. Stanton Kelton Award given to those who show their dedication to the betterment of their community through their compassion and generosity.

Undaunted by the current economic uncertainties, Bruce Iacobucci has worked hard and has continued to be a major contributor to the goals of the United Way of Bucks County to the betterment of our community.

Madam Speaker, I am proud today to recognize Bruce Iacobucci for his leadership in our community and for his dedication to the citizens of the 8th District. Please join me in honoring him today.

OCCASION OF MAJOR SPEROS
KOUMPARAKIS' TRANSFER FROM
THE UNITED STATES MARINE
CORPS LIAISON OFFICE

HON. W. TODD AKIN

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 29, 2010

Mr. AKIN. Madam Speaker, today I recognize and pay tribute to Major Speros Koumparakis, United States Marine Corps, on the occasion of his transfer from the liaison office. I, and many other members of this Chamber, have had the pleasure of working with him over the past 3 years that he has served as part of U.S. Marine Corps Office of Legislative Affairs and as the Deputy Director of the USMC Liaison Office in the U.S. House of Representatives.

From his arrival in the October of 2006 to his departure in May 2010, Major Speros Koumparakis has represented the Marine Corps on all matters pertaining to the U.S. House of Representatives. During his time in the House Liaison Office, Major Koumparakis planned, led and executed many of the Marine Corps' most difficult and challenging legislative initiatives and distinguished himself as a leader and as a visible example of Marine Corps professionalism and values. Through his direct and skillful engagement with numerous Members of Congress and Professional Staff Members, he ensured that the Marine Corps' concepts, programs, and requirements were widely understood; resulting in the greatest possible support to the Marine Corps. His initiative, leadership, and tireless efforts as a fellow, legislative liaison officer and as the Deputy Director of the House Liaison Office have had a direct and lasting impact on improving the war fighting capabilities and the quality of life for Marines throughout the Marine Corps. Among his many achievements are:

Major Koumparakis consistently demonstrated his expertise and knowledge by providing timely and accurate information to the Members of Congress and their respective staffs. He was a vital asset for all matters relating to the Marine Corps and their relationship with the House of Representatives. Major Koumparakis' straightforward and professional work garnered the respect of Members and staffers alike. His candor and knowledge were key attributes in maintaining the Marine Corps' superb relationships with the many Members of the House of Representatives.

Throughout his tour, Major Koumparakis personally responded to hundreds of congressional inquiries, many of which gained national level attention. Through his exceptional interpersonal skills and broad knowledge in a wide range of military affairs, he assisted the Director, Marine Corps House of Representatives Liaison Office, in gaining the Members' support for issues critical to the Marine Corps. This exemplary customer service provided the Marine Corps latitude and time to reach appropriate solutions in each case. Major Koumparakis directly contributed to the Marine

Corps' high degree of success in these matters that may not have been otherwise achieved.

Major Koumparakis successfully planned, coordinated, and escorted more than 50 international domestic trips for high-level Congressional and Staff Delegations.

These delegations often included senior leadership Representatives, such as the Minority Leader of the House, Chairs and Ranking Members of the House Armed Services Committee and other Committees of jurisdiction. These delegations traveled world-wide and visited heads of state, military commands, and deployed U.S. military personnel. His meticulous planning, attention to detail and anticipation of requirements allowed the Representatives and staff personnel to focus on fact-finding and learning new information to guide critical decisions made by the Members of Congress. These trips enabled our elected leaders to understand both the successes and challenges facing our Marines that could only be gleaned from first-hand observation and face-to-face interaction. These trips led to increased Congressional support for funding the needs of our deployed Marines and led to a greater appreciation and admiration for the sacrifices made by our Marines and their families. The close relationships developed on these trips paid dividends for the Marine Corps in all areas of legislative affairs.

Another example of this Marine's impact on Capitol Hill was Major Koumparakis' having led or assisted in the planning, coordination, and execution of countless events, receptions, and meetings on Capitol Hill. These events included New Member Orientation for the Freshman Congressional Class of the 110th and 111th Congresses which took place both on Capitol Hill and in Williamsburg, Virginia; Four Marine Corps Birthday Cake Cutting Ceremonies with the U.S. House of Representatives; countless House Armed Services and House Foreign Affairs Committee hearings and events, promotion ceremonies, awards ceremonies, retirement ceremonies, and guided tours of the Capitol. He also scheduled and facilitated several hundred office calls for the leadership of the Marine Corps to include the Commandant of the Marine Corps, Assistant Commandant of the Marine Corps, the Sergeant Major of the Marine Corps, and numerous other General Officers conducting business on Capitol Hill.

Utilizing his particular expertise in Communications, Major Koumparakis was instrumental in designing and implementing an engagement tracking system for use within the liaison office shared drive. His efforts digitized a complex and cumbersome system and enabled all liaisons to have easy access to shared information, allowing them to focus on their work and create unity of effort in the office.

In addition to the administrative requirements of the Marine Liaison Office, Major Koumparakis was instrumental in leading the planning and execution of the Capitol Hill Running Club for the past two years. This club met several times weekly, preparing hundreds of Capitol Hill staffers and military personnel to run the Marine Corps Marathon. Due to his hard work, the Club offered the Marine Corps an opportunity to engage with Congressional Staffers through physical training and raised the level of Marine Corps Marathon awareness on Capitol Hill.

On a personal note, Major Koumparakis served as a military fellow on my staff in 2007. Speros was a fantastic addition to our office and was an invaluable resource to me in my duties on the House Armed Services Committee. His smiling face will never be forgotten by me or my staff.

Major Koumparakis, through his dedication to professional, exemplary engagement with Congress has contributed immeasurably to the Marine Corps' solid reputation throughout Capitol Hill. The rapport he developed with Members of the House of Representatives and the Professional Staff Members have made a lasting impression with these Members and Staff and have set the tone for a lasting partnership between the Marine Corps and Congress for years to come. The time he has spent supporting Members of the House has been truly noteworthy. He has made lasting contributions to the House of Representatives.

OUR UNCONSCIONABLE NATIONAL
DEBT

HON. MIKE COFFMAN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 29, 2010

Mr. COFFMAN of Colorado. Madam Speaker, today our national debt is \$12,876,734,073,745.72.

On January 6, 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 \$2,238,308,327,451.90 so far this Congress.

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

HANNAH LYNCH

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 29, 2010

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Hannah Lynch who has received the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. Hannah Lynch is a 7th grader at Mandalay Middle School and received this award because her determination and hard work have allowed her to overcome adversities.

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

I extend my deepest congratulations once again to Hannah Lynch for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. I have no doubt she will exhibit the same dedication and character to all her future accomplishments.

CONCERNS ABOUT THE PHILIPPINE AUTOMATED ELECTIONS

HON. MICHAEL M. HONDA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 29, 2010

Mr. HONDA. Madam Speaker, on May 10, 2010, the Republic of the Philippines will undergo historic elections in its budding democracy. These elections mark the first fully automated national elections to determine the fates of over 85,000 candidates for some 17,000 national and local seats, including that of the President and Vice President. With such a large ballot of candidates and the challenge of polling across a nation of over 7,000 islands, the benefits of an automated system are apparent.

These automated elections, however, are not flawless. Automated voting is not guaranteed to eliminate fraud and error, but seeks to minimize them. Additional independent systems should be in place to ensure transparency and validity across the entire election process and, in particular, over the electronic voting systems themselves. Especially troubling are the reports that the new voting system has never been fully tested in the Philippines, which reinforces the need for a contingency plan in case of voting machine failures. In fact, the National Democratic Institute and other international observers have already expressed similar concerns about these upcoming automated elections.

The Philippine Commission on Elections (COMELEC) has the daunting task of administering these elections, and would do well to heed the bitter lessons that the United States learned from the controversies surrounding our electronic voting machines during recent elections. While still working to improve our election process, we also recognize the importance of mending the public confidence. Public confidence in any form of government is paramount to its success, and this is especially true for any democracy—Philippine and American. Again, I urge COMELEC to establish necessary transparency and validation mechanisms that will earn the confidence of the Filipino people to ensure that their constitutional right was fairly exercised. I look forward to these historic democratic elections and hope that they will result in a confident and peaceful transition of government.

COMMEMORATING THE LIFE OF
LIEUTENANT COLONEL ROBERT
H. ANDERSON

HON. BRIAN P. BILBRAY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 29, 2010

Mr. BILBRAY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a constituent of mine, Robert H. Anderson, Lt. Col., USMC (ret.) who sadly passed away in November 2009. Lt. Col. Anderson was laid to rest Friday April 2, 2010 in Arlington National Cemetery.

Lt. Col. Anderson was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross for heroism during World War II. He became a Corsair pilot and was in nearly every major battle in the Pacific including Iwo Jima, Guadalcanal, Okinawa, Tarawa,

Guam, Peleliu, Tinian and others. Between these battles, he fought kamikazes that were attacking our ships, flew reconnaissance missions, and escorted bombers, protecting them from Japanese fighter planes. During one of his escort missions he was hit with anti-aircraft fire and told to bail out. He jettisoned the canopy but at the last moment he decided that he would take his chances and try to get back to his base in Okinawa. He successfully landed on the runway at Okinawa with no canopy, no landing gear and much of his plane and controls damaged.

Throughout his life, Lt. Col. Anderson demonstrated his commitment to serving his country. After World War II, Lt. Col. Anderson served in the Marine Corps Reserve testing new jets, training pilots and keeping his skills sharp in case he was needed in combat again. He served one weekend a month and two weeks twice a year until Vietnam. He also volunteered as a recruiter for the Marine Corps Reserve and helped overhaul their public relations strategy. He volunteered for active duty during the Korean Campaign, but was not called.

Lt. Col. Anderson's service and dedication to this country warrants the highest recognition. I urge my colleagues to join me in celebrating this great American.

INTRODUCING THE COMMISSION
ON IMPROVING LONG-TERM
CARE AND COMMUNITY SERVICES
ACT OF 2010

HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 29, 2010

Mr. HASTINGS of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise to introduce the Commission on Improving Long-term Care and Community Services Act of 2010.

Long-term care is a broad range of health and social services that is used by people who cannot care for themselves independently because they live with a physical, cognitive, or mental disability. Well over 9.4 million adults receive long-term care in the United States and this number is expected to rise. Longer life spans among the chronically ill and disabled, and higher incidences of acquired disabilities from unmanaged conditions such as HIV/AIDS, diabetes, obesity and heart disease project an increase in our reliance on long-term care. States with significant elder populations like Florida know the importance of ensuring that our health care system is well equipped to provide adequate long-term care services.

Last year, I introduced H. Res. 271, a resolution that expressed the need for a national strategy on long-term care, and the necessity of including long-term care in comprehensive health care reform. Many agreed that addressing the state of long-term care and community services is critically important to improving our health care system. However, concerns about the potentially high cost of implementing corrective measures stymied efforts to aggressively tackle the problem in the health reform bill.

The inclusion of long-term care insurance in the health reform bill is helpful, but it cannot serve as a substitution for comprehensively

addressing long-term care and community services issues. Too many patients and families are enduring the physical, emotional and financial consequences of accessing long-term care in a system that is in dire need of improvement. The lack of streamlined standards and dominant payment methods for long-term care have left the system handicapped: depriving countless people of much needed services and placing a tremendous financial and emotional burden on families and caregivers. And yet, there has never been a national plan for long-term care, and nearly 20 years have passed since Congress comprehensively reviewed long-term care policy.

The Commission on Improving Long-Term Care and Community Services Act of 2010 is a cost-effective way to ensure that we comprehensively address long-term care and community services policy in the U.S. and U.S. territories. My bill directs the Secretary of Health and Human Services to establish a National Commission on Improving Long-Term Care and Services. The Commission will be composed of a variety of Federal and national stakeholders that will construct a comprehensive strategy on how to increase the affordability, accessibility and effectiveness of long-term care and community services in the U.S. and U.S. territories. The Commission's policy recommendations must consider cost, geography, culture, transportation, workforce and other factors that influence access to care.

And, the Commission's strategy must also provide guidelines on how to combat waste, fraud and abuse by long-term care providers, address flaws in Medicare reimbursement policies, increase access to home and community-based services through Medicaid, and promote fiscally responsible ways to finance long-term care. The Commission on Improving Long-term Care and Community Services has two years to submit a report to the President, Congress and the general public about their recommendations and findings.

Madam Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in supporting the National Commission on Improving Long-term Care and Community Services Act of 2010 and truly invest in the welfare of our Nation's health and health care system.

HONORING BARTOW HIGH SCHOOL

HON. ADAM H. PUTNAM

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 29, 2010

Mr. PUTNAM. Madam Speaker, today I rise to honor my high school alma mater, Bartow High School, for winning the 5A state title in boys' basketball. The final game had the Bartow Yellow Jackets beating the Tampa Sickles in a 51–37 match hosted in the Lakeland Center. This will be Bartow High's fourth boys' basketball title, but its first since 1988. The boys were led by head coach Terrence McGriff and seniors Jeremiah Samarippas, Weedlens Beauvil, Adrian Brackins, Richard Murvin, Vincent Reed, and Reginald Polite.

The school's athletics program is also recognized for its girls' softball team, who appeared in the state championship game for 10 consecutive years from 1997–2006 and won 7 out of the 10 matches. Bartow High also has many football alumni who went on to compete

at the NCAA Division I and professional National Football League levels.

Not only does Bartow High have a state champion in its basketball program, but they compete on a national level with their academic programs. The school houses the International Baccalaureate School at Bartow High, which annually finishes in the top 5 composite SAT scores in the United States. Bartow High earned approval to offer the International Baccalaureate Diploma in 1996. Until this year, this was the only such program in Polk County. In 2007, the U.S. News and World Report, the premier school rating entity, ranked the International Baccalaureate program as the third best school in the nation.

Bartow High was originally named the Summerlin Institute, which was founded in 1887 but moved to its current location in 1970. The school currently houses the prestigious military school of the same name, Summerlin Academy. On behalf of Florida's 12th Congressional District, especially Polk County, I wish to congratulate Bartow High's boys' basketball team for the state championship title and Bartow High for its continued well-rounded successes.

IVAN BURCIAGA

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 29, 2010

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

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

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

IN REMEMBRANCE AND RECOGNITION OF THE 35TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE FALL OF SAIGON

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 29, 2010

Mr. KUCINICH. Madam Speaker, I rise today in remembrance and recognition of the 35th Anniversary of the Fall of Saigon. This historical date commemorates the end of the Vietnam War, and represents the beginning of a new life for tens of thousands of Vietnamese people, as they began their hopeful journey to America.

On April 30, 1975, the ancient city of Saigon fell to the conquest of communist troops. This

action solidified the communist takeover of South Vietnam. Thirty-five years later, I rise to honor the memory and sacrifice of the hundreds of thousands of South Vietnamese soldiers, American soldiers and civilians who made the ultimate sacrifice in the name of liberty.

Despite the violent takeover and the rule of repression that followed, the culture, spirit and hope reflected by the Vietnamese people remained steadfast. After the fall of Saigon, thousands of Vietnamese, determined to rebuild their lives, began a treacherous exodus out of Vietnam. Their daring escape was on foot, through thick jungles and over jagged mountains. They escaped by boat, through snake-infested rivers and across turbulent seas. They became refugees in many nations, including America, with nothing more than the clothes on their backs and the hope for freedom in their hearts.

Madam Speaker and colleagues, please join me in honor and remembrance of the hundreds of thousands of women, men and children who struggled for peace and freedom. We also honor the City of Cleveland and the Vietnamese Community of Greater Cleveland, which offers support, services and hope to immigrants from all over the world. The Vietnamese culture, through the care and commitment of its people, has flourished in Cleveland and across America. Yet it remains forever connected to its ancient cultural and historical traditions that spiral back throughout the centuries, connecting the old world to the new, spanning oceans and borders in the ageless quest for peace—from Vietnam to America.

IN COMMEMORATION AND HONOR OF DR. DOROTHY IRENE HEIGHT

HON. DORIS O. MATSUI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 29, 2010

Ms. MATSUI. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor the life of Dr. Dorothy Irene Height, who passed away on April 20, 2010. Dr. Height was a noble woman who devoted her life to the service of others and for the advancement of civil liberty and freedom for all.

After earning her bachelors and masters degrees from New York University, Dr. Height started her career as a caseworker for the New York City Welfare Department. Possessing an audacious and strong spirit, Dr. Height helped fuel the civil rights movement as an activist with the National Council of Negro Women. She made it her life's work to fight for civil equality for African-Americans and women of all colors.

Dr. Height worked vigorously for the NCNW for more than 60 years. During her tenure, she served as the chair and president emerita of the NCNW, and worked alongside the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr., Congressman JOHN LEWIS and A. Philip Randolph. Dr. Height was among the few fortunate people to have stood on the platform when Dr. King delivered his "I Have a Dream" speech in 1963.

While helping to lead the NCNW in the 1960s, Dr. Height organized the famous "Wednesdays in Mississippi" group, which brought women of all faiths and colors together in Mississippi to break racial, class, and

regional barriers. Because of her leadership and ability to bring people together, she was often sought by First Lady Eleanor Roosevelt for counsel. Additionally, she encouraged President Dwight Eisenhower to desegregate schools, and urged President Lyndon Johnson to appoint African-American women to positions in government.

Dr. Height has received numerous awards and commendations for her work, including the Congressional Gold Medal, Presidential Medal of Freedom, Spingarn Medal from the NAACP, and in 1993, was inducted into the National Women's Hall of Fame.

Madam Speaker, I am honored to recognize and honor the life of one of our Nation's greatest civil rights leaders. I ask all my colleagues to join me in honoring Dr. Dorothy Irene Height for her life-long service to the principles of freedom, justice, and equality for all.

NATIONAL HEALTHY SCHOOLS DAY

SPEECH OF

HON. JANICE D. SCHAKOWSKY

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 27, 2010

Ms. SCHAKOWSKY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of H. Res. 1280, a resolution expressing the support of the House of Representatives for National Healthy Schools Day. Unhealthy school environments have a traumatic effect of our students' health, learning, and productivity, and increase health care costs down the road. Fifty-five million students spend the week in American schools, and it is critical to our Nation's future that they be provided a safe and healthy learning environment.

While we take time to recognize this important issue, I would like to acknowledge the work of the Healthy Schools Campaign, a Chicago-based not-for-profit organization dedicated to encouraging and nurturing healthy school environments. Under the leadership of Founding Executive Director Rochelle Davis, the Healthy Schools Campaign has been a champion and model in the push to develop healthy school meals, which studies show have a significant impact on the cognitive and behavioral well-being of students.

We must work to ensure that every child born in this country has the opportunity to take advantage of its great resources. Guaranteeing a healthy school environment for all children will play a critical role in this effort, and I will continue to strongly support legislation and initiatives targeting that goal.

RECOGNITION OF SILBERLINE MANUFACTURING COMPANY INC. FOR 65 YEARS OF SERVICE

HON. TIM HOLDEN

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 29, 2010

Mr. HOLDEN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Silberline Manufacturing Company, Inc. of Tamaqua, Pennsylvania which will celebrate its 65th anniversary on May 1, 2010. Silberline manufactures and sells metallic and special effect pigments, which are used

in paints, coatings, and plastics around the world.

Many of the items used in everyday life get their sparkle from Silberline, as key markets for the products include automotive coatings, consumer electronics such as cell phones, plastics, and inks and industrial arts.

Silberline has always been a family owned and operated business. When founded in 1945 by Mr. Ernest Scheller Sr., Silberline consisted of a single, small factory located in Stamford, Connecticut. Today, Silberline is a global business, headquartered in Tamaqua, Pennsylvania and includes four manufacturing facilities in the United States, as well as manufacturing in Europe and Asia. It has sales, technical support, and research and development in the United States and around the world. Silberline is known as a world leader in the industry, using science and technology to create, manufacture, and supply high quality pigments that have unique aesthetics, functionality, ease of use, and environmental friendliness.

Lisa Jane Scheller, Silberline's current President and CEO, is the granddaughter of founder Ernest Scheller. Ms. Scheller grew up in Tamaqua and in 1987 she joined Silberline as Data Processing Manager. She has been leading the company since 1997. It is her vision to see Silberline continue to grow and thrive while remaining committed to its seven core values—commitments to safety, employees, customers, environment, community, and continual improvement, all while conducting business with integrity around the world.

I congratulate Silberline on their 65 years of success and wish them the best of luck for the next 65.

WHY I OPPOSED H.R. 5146, BLOCKING THE COST OF LIVING ADJUSTMENT FOR MEMBERS OF CONGRESS

HON. CAROLYN C. KILPATRICK

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 29, 2010

Ms. KILPATRICK of Michigan. Madam Speaker, I voted today in opposition to H.R. 5146, Blocking the Cost of Living Adjustment for Congress. This legislation was introduced today, had no hearings, was not considered for a mark-up, and was brought to the floor of the House under an expedited procedure that would not allow for any amendments nor its full and complete consideration. I oppose this bill because Congress has established a fair system to regulate the pay of Members of Congress. This bill, by denying a reasonable and fair cost of living increase for Members of Congress, casts a wider chill on the respect and value that we give to all public servants.

Under Article I, Section Six of the U.S. Constitution, Congress is to determine its own pay. Historically, Congress has not frequently raised their pay. According to the Congressional Research Service, between 1789 through 1968—(179 years)—Congress raised their pay only 22 times. Stand-alone legislation was used to increase Congress' pay in 1982, 1983, 1989 and 1991, and in 1989, an auto-

matic annual adjustment was used. This automatic annual adjustment was to eliminate the need for significant boosts in the salaries of Members of Congress. The cost of living increase for Members of Congress is not to exceed the rate given for any and all other federal employees. This is a fair and equitable system.

The Omnibus Appropriations Act of 2009 included a freeze on the salaries of Members of Congress. I supported this measure. I supported the cost of living adjustment freeze then, because the bill had been through the legislative process. I could measure the benefits of the overall bill for the people of the 13th Congressional District of Michigan and America. That is not true of H.R. 5146.

I also oppose this bill because this bill denigrates public service and the institution of Congress. Like all other public servants, Members of Congress work for the people of this country. In order to serve the people of America, Members of Congress must establish two residences and fly between Washington, DC, and our homes almost every week. Members of Congress spend hours, days and sometimes weeks away from our homes working for 600,000 or more constituents in our districts. We travel throughout the world to investigate and understand how America can make a positive difference.

I am proud of the tremendous responsibility it takes to be a public servant as a Member of Congress. I am honored and humbled by the faith that the people of the 13th Congressional District of Michigan have in my service to them. In voting against this bill, I am saying loud and clear that we should value the hard work and dedication of all of our public servants. We work hard each and every day to ensure that America is safe, strong and the best place in the world for all Americans. I value this hallowed and great institution called the U.S. House of Representatives. If we, as Members of Congress, do not stand up for ourselves, how can we stand up for the hundreds of thousands of other public servants who look to us as leaders?

I am proud to be elected to the U.S. House of Representatives. I am honored and proud to be a public servant. Congress established a fair and equitable way to automatically compensate the hard and difficult work of Members of Congress. I supported previous legislation denying the automatic pay raise because that bill went through regular order and contained many provisions important to the people of the 13th Congressional District and America. This bill was not considered under the regular rules of the House. This bill says that we do not value the work of America's public servants.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO THE CHI STATE CHAPTER OF DELTA KAPPA GAMMA SOCIETY INTERNATIONAL

HON. JIM COSTA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 29, 2010

Mr. COSTA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the Chi State Chapter of Delta

Kappa Gamma Society International on the occasion of holding their State Conference in Fresno, California, in 2010.

Delta Kappa Gamma Society International was founded in 1929 by Dr. Annie Webb Glanton with the overriding goal of providing guidance and inspiration to women educators in pursuing excellence in their professional lives. This service oriented group offers opportunities to enhance leadership development for women at local, regional, and international levels.

As an international honorary society of over 107,000 key women educators in 16 countries, Delta Kappa Gamma Society mentors women educators, provides mutual support and interaction in all educational fields at all levels. Delta Kappa Gamma helps women pursuing professional careers in education by offering financial aid to help them attain their graduate education.

It is truly an honor that Delta Kappa Gamma has selected Fresno, California, for their 2010 State Conference. I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing the Chi State Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma Society International as they continue to promote excellence in education and professional growth in women educators.

TRIBUTE TO RICHARD KELLY, CIVIL RIGHTS ACTIVIST AND JUSTICE ADVOCATE

HON. DANNY K. DAVIS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 29, 2010

Mr. DAVIS of Illinois. Madam Speaker, for as long as I can remember, Richard (Dick) Kelly was always at meetings, marches, demonstrations, political rallies and in Chicago, doing what we call door knocking or walking precincts during political campaigns. Dick was what we called a community organizer, one who spent most of their time working on issues, raising awareness, solving problems and being engaged, for the most part without pay. Richard was an idealist who never gave up on hope.

He started work in Mississippi in 1964, spent time there, returned to Chicago and Oak Park and settled into a lifetime of social activism. Richard grew up in the Beverly Community of Chicago, graduated from the St. Ignatius College Prep and got a degree in Political Science from Notre Dame University. In Mississippi he taught at Freedom Schools for black children, and being white, was arrested several times for minor infractions, e.g., jaywalking.

Richard taught in the Chicago Public Schools for twenty years, drove a taxi for another fifteen. He was active with the Chicago Teachers Union, had few material needs and spent most of his money on newspapers, magazines and books. He worked for a brief period with Governor Dan Walker's Administration as a labor liaison, was active with fair-housing activities in Oak Park and became an active member of the St. Giles Catholic Church. I extend condolences and best wishes to his wife, children, siblings, and other family members.

JAMES LEWIS BAKER

HON. STEVE AUSTRIA

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 29, 2010

Mr. AUSTRIA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the memory of James Lewis Baker.

Jim Baker of Springfield, Ohio, was born June 18, 1945, and his life was dedicated to his family and neighbors. His acts of charity and goodwill made him well-known and loved in his local community and his energetic presence will be missed.

A 1963 graduate of Northeastern High School, Jim served in the United States Air Force as an Air Policeman, conducting a tour in Vietnam and achieving the rank of sergeant. He received the Bronze Star for bravery as he was the first to respond in an emergency, saving the life of a fellow officer.

After his service, Jim established his family in Springfield, Ohio, with his wife, Jean (Woolweaver) Baker, and two sons. He was a local area businessman and served as the traffic control officer for the Springfield Police Department until his retirement. Jim was an active and respected member of the community, known best for his hard work and willingness to help others. He received the Springfield Citizenship Award for heroically assisting police officers in capturing a suspect.

Jim Baker, 64, had an enthusiasm for life that left an impression on each person he was encountered. He was a corner stone of the community and his life is an outstanding example of good citizenship. It is a privilege to honor his life today.

JOHN E.D. BALL

HON. FRANK R. WOLF

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 29, 2010

Mr. WOLF. Madam Speaker, I call to the attention of the House the passing on March 25 of John E.D. Ball, 77, a resident of Vienna, Virginia, who was the founding president of the National Captioning Institute and two-time national Emmy Award winner for his television engineering work.

Mr. Ball was a native of Glasgow, Scotland. An avid electronics buff as a teenager, he was a graduate of Glasgow's Royal College of Science and Technology. He served two years in the Royal Air Force as a radio signaller and 13 years with the BBC. Recruited by Computer Sciences Corporation, he and his family arrived in the United States in 1966. He joined the Public Broadcasting Service in 1971 and helped implement the first domestic satellite distribution system. Completed in 1978, the project won Mr. Ball his first Emmy award for engineering.

His interest in developing closed captioning for television programs was spawned in 1972 when he attended a briefing at Gallaudet College (now Gallaudet University) and was struck by the enthusiasm from the largely deaf audience following a demonstration by ABC-TV and the National Bureau of Standards of a subtitling system for the deaf. He worked over the next 7 years at PBS to make closed captioning television a reality and in 1980 accepted

on behalf of PBS a second national engineering Emmy Award.

Mr. Ball's effort led to the establishment later that year of the National Captioning Institute, a nonprofit that worked to expand the availability of closed captioning, for which Mr. Ball served as the founding president and chief executive officer for 15 years. At the urging of NCI and others, Congress passed the Television Decoder Circuitry Act in 1990 that required new televisions with screens larger than 13 inches to be equipped with closed-captioning technology. Today the "talking TV" logo has become one of the most recognizable symbols in the country.

For his exceptional dedication and work, Mr. Ball was awarded an honorary degree from Gallaudet University and also received a distinguished service award from the American-Speech-Language-Hearing Association.

Madam Speaker, we extend our sympathies to Mr. Ball's family, including his wife, the former Elizabeth Rodger of Vienna, Virginia; three sons, Norman Ball of Leesburg, Adrian Ball of Arlington County and Evan Ball of Vienna; and a grandson.

INTRODUCTION OF A RESOLUTION
SUPPORTING THE GOALS AND
IDEALS OF THE INTERNATIONAL
YEAR OF BIODIVERSITY

HON. MADELEINE Z. BORDALLO

OF GUAM

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 29, 2010

Ms. BORDALLO. Madam Speaker, today I have introduced a resolution to support the goals and ideas of the International Year of Biodiversity and to recognize the importance of biodiversity to ecosystems and human well-being. As our understanding of the interactions between humans and the environment grows, it has never been more evident and is highly dependent on our natural resources for the ecological goods, services and raw materials that underpin our economies, provide for our well-being, and are functional to many cultures. And accordingly, many of the goods and services on which we depend, both directly and indirectly, are supported by Earth's rich biodiversity.

Biodiversity describes the variety of plant and animal life on earth, the places they inhabit, and the interactions between them. Today scientists have identified over 1.7 million species and have estimated that at least 13 million are in existence. Biodiversity allows ecosystems to be resilient in the face of change, which is critical to consider as we move toward a world where increasing population, economic growth, and unpredictable climate will place additional pressures on our natural resources.

This resolution to support the goals and ideals of the International Year of biodiversity which I have introduced today, recognizes the environmental and societal value of diversity and the urgent need to protect this precious global heritage.

Globally, 35 percent of mangrove swamps have been removed, 40 percent of been cut down, 50 percent of freshwater wetlands have been lost, and 20 percent of coral reefs have been destroyed. While some of these losses might be restored in the future, regrettably

many species and habitats, once lost, are gone forever. Moreover, the current pace of habitat loss is rapid, as more natural areas are altered or removed to provide for agriculture and aquaculture production, housing and urban industry and recreation. In my home territory of Guam, we are particularly vulnerable to climate change impacts, including increasing sea temperature, ocean acidification, and sea level rise, which threaten biodiversity within marine habitats. International and domestic conservation strategies are necessary to prevent the unfettered loss of critical areas of biodiversity, in Guam and globally, to ensure that ecosystem goods and services—such as shore protection and sustainable fisheries—are provided future generations.

I look forward to working with my colleagues on both sides of the aisle to advance this important resolution to reaffirm the United States' global leadership and longstanding commitment to the preservation and conservation of Earth's biodiversity, and to raise awareness about biodiversity's important role in supporting ecological and human well-being across the world.

COMMEMORATING THE 250TH ANNI-
VERSARY OF BETHESDA PRES-
BYTERIAN CHURCH, YORK COUN-
TY, SOUTH CAROLINA

HON. JOHN M. SPRATT, JR.

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 29, 2010

Mr. SPRATT. Madam Speaker, I want to call the attention of the House to a landmark event in the Fifth Congressional District of South Carolina. On Sunday, May 2, 2010, the Bethesda Presbyterian Church of York County will celebrate its 250th anniversary. For 2½ centuries, Bethesda Presbyterian Church has kept the faith, preaching the gospel and bearing witness to its faith through Christian service and community leadership.

Worship at Bethesda began in the 1760s among some one hundred forty families, most of whom had immigrated from northern Ireland by way of Pennsylvania, Virginia, and the low country of South Carolina. Bethesda Presbyterian Church was formally organized in 1769, and became instrumental in forming other Presbyterian churches in our area. According to church records, its outreach included two churches in western Mississippi.

During the Revolution, after the fall of Charleston in 1781, Bethesda became a stronghold of resistance to the British. Its members figured prominently in the Battle of Huck's Defeat at the nearby Williamson Plantation. In the early 1800s, Bethesda was the site of evangelical meetings, now called the Great Awakening, which inspired the creation of churches throughout the upcountry of South Carolina.

The Bethesda church buildings have undergone various changes over the years, but the church's exterior still reflects the simple, old meeting house design, and the cemetery on the grounds is as hallowed as it is historic. In 1977 the Bethesda Presbyterian Church was placed on the National Register of Historic Places.

Despite the social changes of 250 years, war, economic crisis, and the ravages of time,

Bethesda has remained an old rock of the faith, with a future as promising as its past. In view of its long and glorious history, I ask that this commemoration of the Bethesda Presbyterian Church's 250th anniversary be noted by the Nation through entry in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD.

CONGRATULATING THE ENTERPRISE ASSOCIATION OF STEAMFITTERS, UNITED ASSOCIATION LOCAL UNION 638

HON. THEODORE E. DEUTCH

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 29, 2010

Mr. DEUTCH. Madam Speaker, I am both honored and privileged to congratulate the over five hundred Enterprise Association of Steamfitters, United Association Local Union 638 retirees and their families who live in the state of Florida as they celebrate the 125th anniversary of the founding of their great union.

Steamfitters Local 638 was chartered in 1884 as Local Assembly 3189 under the Knights of Labor. In 1914 the Local Assembly became one of the first Enterprise Association of Steamfitters locals to join the United Association, eventually being incorporated as United Association Local 638 in August of 1947. Since their incorporation, the Enterprise Association has trained close to 3,000 apprentices, ensuring a dignified wage, benefits, and a skilled trade to all who have passed through the program.

Although many things have changed throughout its distinguished history, the Enterprise Association has preserved its reputation as an organization of highly skilled craftsmen dedicated to the preservation and protection of its members and their trade. The presence of so many Local 638 members in our community has helped Florida's working families overcome many barriers in their daily struggle to earn a living wage. South Florida is truly a better place because of their active engagement in the betterment of our community.

I salute the Enterprise Association for 125 years of service to the trade union movement and for facilitating a dignified living wage. I wish the members and retirees of United Association Local 638 congratulations during this momentous occasion.

IN HONOR OF MICHAEL D. PATTERSON, RECREATION DIRECTOR FOR THE CITY OF ROCKY RIVER

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 29, 2010

Mr. KUCINICH. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor of Michael D. Patterson, Recreation Director for the City of Rocky River, in celebration of his retirement after 34 years of service.

Thanks to his hard work and expertise, the Rocky River Parks and Recreation Depart-

ment has been able to expand, offering programs to better the quality of life for all residents. Mr. Patterson began his career with the Parks and Recreation Department after earning a Master's degree from the University of Tennessee in 1976. When he first started, the Department only had five full-time employees. Today, the department employs sixteen.

Under Mr. Patterson's leadership, the Rocky River Outdoor Pool was renovated; the ice rink was renovated twice; a new civic center was constructed; and Rocky River's parklands were restored and maintained. Mr. Patterson has been a longtime member of the Ohio Parks and Recreation Association, including his service as President of the board from 2000 to 2001. During his time as Recreation Director, the City of Rocky River was honored with several awards from the State of Ohio, including the Superior Award for Teen Programs and the Outstanding Facility Award for the Don Umerley Civic Center.

Madam Speaker and colleagues, please join me in honoring Michael D. Patterson, whose unwavering dedication to the Parks and Recreation Department in Rocky River, Ohio has helped to preserve and promote the green spaces in our community. I wish Mr. Patterson and his family an abundance of health, happiness and peace in all of their future endeavors.

HONORING THE RAINIER CLUB'S ARTIST LAUREATE

HON. JIM McDERMOTT

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 29, 2010

Mr. McDERMOTT. Madam Speaker, I rise today, on the occasion of the honoring of Stephen Wadsworth's lifetime achievement by one of Seattle's historic organizations and keeper of the arts, the Rainier Club. The people of the State of Washington hold up as a national inspiration the work of Stephen Wadsworth, stage director and writer.

Associated with Seattle Opera for more than 25 years, Stephen Wadsworth is a renowned director whose work has included acclaimed productions at the Metropolitan Opera, Teatro alla Scala, Royal Opera Covent Garden, Vienna Staatsoper, Nederlandse Opera, and Edinburgh Festival, and in San Francisco, Los Angeles, Toronto, and Santa Fe. He made his Seattle Opera debut with Jancek's *Jenufa* and has returned for Gluck's *Iphigenia in Tauris* (a co-production with the Metropolitan Opera) and *Orphée et Eurydice*; Handel's *Xerxes*; and Wagner's *Lohengrin*, *Fliegende Holländer*, and *Ring*.

Highlights of his operatic work include the Seattle *Orphée* (1988), on which he collaborated with Mark Morris. Of that production, *The New Yorker* magazine wrote "Inspired productions touch the heart of a listener's being, reveal music's power to sound every string of a psyche; make the theater what it should be, a place of, at once, ecstasy, entertainment, and moral and political enlightenment. The Seattle *Orphée* was such a production. It made the absurd extravagances of opera, all that it costs in public and private money and personal, hardworking devotion, seem worthwhile."

Wadsworth has staged much-traveled productions of plays by Shakespeare, Molière, Marivaux, Goldoni, Shaw, Wilde, and Coward. Wadsworth wrote the opera *A Quiet Place* with Leonard Bernstein, and directed the world premieres of Daron Aric Hagen's *Shining Brow* and Peter Lieberman's *Ashoka's Dream*, as well as new plays by Beth Henley and Anna Deavere Smith. He has translated a number of works for the stage, including works by Monteverdi, Handel, and Mozart.

The French government named Stephen Wadsworth a Chevalier de l'Ordre des Arts et des Lettres for his work on Molière and Marivaux. He is the Head of Dramatic Studies at the Metropolitan Opera's Lindemann Young Artist Development Program, and the James S. Marcus Faculty Fellow and Director of Opera Studies at the Juilliard School, where he has launched the first intensive acting program for opera singers.

Stephen Wadsworth's influence is international and broad in scope, but it is our honor that his presence is local to Washington State's 7th Congressional District. His work has brought a rich luminosity to the Seattle arts community for many years, and I am privileged now to note his profound contribution to our cultural life.

CONGRATULATING COMMANDER KAREN MILLER ON HER RETIREMENT

HON. PETER J. ROSKAM

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 29, 2010

Mr. ROSKAM. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor a dedicated public servant from my Congressional District, Commander Karen Miller. After spending 25 years in the Addison Police Department, she is retiring at the end of April.

Commander Miller started her career in the Dispatch Department and was then assigned to the Patrol Division for 8 years. In 1993 she was named the full time D.A.R.E. /Crime Prevention Officer for the Department. For those 8 years Karen taught more than one thousand 5th grade students the importance of living a drug-free life.

Additionally, Commander Miller developed many programs within the Addison Police Department designed to better educate the public about crime prevention. The programs created under her leadership include the Citizens Police Academy, Senior Citizen Police Academy, Citizens on Patrol, Volunteers In Policing Service, Seniors And Law-Enforcement Together, and Community Emergency Response Team.

Madam Speaker and Distinguished Colleagues, Karen Miller is a remarkable public servant who has dedicated her life to serving the people of Addison. Please join me in recognizing her extraordinary service and wishing her happiness in the well deserved respite of her retirement.

CELEBRATING THE CENTENNIAL ANNIVERSARY OF THE ANNUNCIATION GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH OF PENSACOLA

HON. JEFF MILLER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 29, 2010

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the founding of Pensacola's Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church. This remarkable milestone is a testament to the years of great work by the church.

The year 2010 is a relatively small occurrence on the timeline of Orthodox Christianity, a faith that traces its beginnings all the way back to the apostles and dates many of its earliest traditions back to the days of St. John Chrysostom. 2010 also marks the 100th anniversary of Pensacola, Florida's oldest Orthodox congregation. The first Greeks to come to Pensacola were seamen who migrated during the 1860s. As the Greek community continued to grow, it was decided to build a church where Greek ideals and customs could be preserved as well as a place where spiritual needs could be met. Today, the Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church of Pensacola is a place of worship for more than 150 families of various ethnic backgrounds.

In thinking about the tremendous occasion before us and the countless good deeds that have been carried out in the name of the Father by this body, I am reminded of the words of the Apostle Paul. Paul wrote to the church of Galatia, "And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not." On this 100th year anniversary of the Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church of Pensacola, I ask that they too heed the words of the Apostle Paul. After all these years, I encourage the church not to lose heart in doing what is good, but rather continue to serve the Lord and accomplish His work. I ask that they don't give up, but continue to show the fruit of the Spirit which is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control.

Madam Speaker, it is my great privilege to honor Pensacola's Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church on their centennial anniversary. These 100 years have been a testament to the compassion and good will that exists among mankind.

INTRODUCING A RESOLUTION URGING THE GOVERNMENT OF CANADA TO END THE COMMERCIAL SEAL HUNT

HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 29, 2010

Mr. HASTINGS of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise today to introduce a resolution urging the Government of Canada to end the commercial seal hunt.

While the vast majority of countries have banned the commercial seal hunt long ago, Canada is by far the largest remaining seal killer in the world. Each year, about 300,000 harp seal pups are killed for their meat, oil and

pelts and almost exclusively traded internationally.

The United States and the European Union have banned both the hunting of seals and the importation of any seal products. Polling has shown that the majority of people in Canada oppose the commercial seal hunt and support foreign nations' ending their trade in seal products. A recent poll even reveals that half of Newfoundland sealers support a federal buyout of the commercial sealing industry.

Indeed, the few thousand fishermen who participate in the commercial seal hunt in Canada earn, on average, only a tiny fraction of their annual income from killing seals, with the remainder coming from traditional seafood. In recent years, the Minister of Fisheries and Oceans of Canada has authorized historically high quotas for harp seals despite high pup mortality, low seal fur prices and reduced industry participation.

Madam Speaker, the commercial seal hunt is not only unnecessary but cruel. Ninety-seven percent of the seals killed are pups between just twelve days and twelve weeks of age, without any ability to defend themselves. Most of them have not even learned how to swim. They are either shot or struck on the head by a hakapik or club. Many are injured in the course of the hunt and escape beneath the ice where they die slowly and are never recovered. Seal pups can also be skinned while still alive.

Several reports concluded that avoidable suffering occurs during hunting, sealers fail to comply with regulations and authorities do not effectively monitor the hunt and enforce regulations. This slaughter has to come to an end.

My resolution will urge the Government of Canada to prohibit the commercial hunting of seals, while allowing subsistence hunting for aboriginal communities. It will also encourage other countries to ban trade in seal products.

Madam Speaker, wild animals are a very important part of our commonly held natural resources and contribute to the diversity and stability of our environment. We cannot let economic interests take over our moral values. Animal cruelty is an inexcusable abomination. The United States must continue to protect those animals that cannot protect themselves and ensure fair and humane treatment. It is essential to maintain a balanced and healthy ecosystem that allows for the coexistence of both human beings and the world's most incredible species.

I urge my colleagues to join me in protecting wildlife and environmental conservation across the globe by supporting this important resolution.

HONORING JAMES J. DOWLING

HON. PATRICK J. MURPHY

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 29, 2010

Mr. PATRICK J. MURPHY of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize James J. Dowling, for his lifetime of service and dedication to the United Way of Bucks County.

Since the 1970s Mr. Dowling has been an integral part of the United Way of Bucks County and since then has been a leader in the community and within the United Way.

During Mr. Dowling's time as Chair of the Community Investment Cabinet for the United Way of Bucks County, programs for children's education have flourished. He has been one of the driving forces here in the 8th District when it comes to strengthening early education.

Mr. Dowling has led the United Way of Bucks County through tough economic times and has never wavered in his commitment to the organization and to the community. He never lost sight of the hard work that needs to be done to support those who need help the most.

Madam Speaker, I am proud today to recognize James J. Dowling for his commitment to our community and for his vision as a leader. He's a true asset to Bucks County and I'm proud to be his Congressman.

COMMEMORATING THE RETIREMENT OF RICHARD CAROL (RC) SMITH

HON. PHIL HARE

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 29, 2010

Mr. HARE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the long and distinguished career of public service of Richard Carol Smith, known to family, friends and colleagues as RC.

A life-long resident of the Midwest, RC has been a fixture in Macon County and in particular Long Creek Township through his work in government service as well as his political activism. What is even more impressive is that while working diligently for the public good, he was employed by Wabash, Norfolk & Western and Norfolk-Southern Railways, for some 39 years. Yet he found the time to be an incredibly active and respected member of his community and our region.

His service and commitment to Long Creek is unparalleled. He currently serves as Long Creek Township Clerk, a post he has held since 1997, as well as being a former assessor for the town. He has also served Long Creek as the township supervisor and assistant supervisor.

His service to Macon County is just as impressive. RC served on the Macon County board for almost 30 years. He was first elected to the board in 1970 and served as chairman from 1985 to 1986 and as vice-chairman for 6 years. He also served as the Mt. Zion Township Supervisor and was the first Democrat elected to the post in 20 years.

In addition to a long career in area Democratic Party politics, Mr. Smith has been an ardent supporter of the labor movement, culminating with him serving as the executive director of Decatur Area Labor-Management from 1989-1997.

A man of faith, RC is active in his local church, where he is an ordained Deacon at the Tabernacle Baptist Church. He also served his country honorably in the U.S. Air Force from 1952 to 1956.

RC can't quite shake the pull of politics and will remain the president emeritus of the Long Creek Township Democrats as well as continue as the secretary of the Macon County Democrats. However, with all of the accomplishments and commitments, RC has earned a well deserved retirement from his service as

the chairman of the Long Creek Township Democrats. RC has been married over 45 years to his wife Wanda and is the proud father of three children and a grandfather to boot. I know that he is looking forward to spending more time with his family, but I am confident he will still remain as an active and steadfast force for his community. I hope he enjoys his retirement—it is well earned after many years of service and commitment to the people of our area.

HONORING UNIVERSITY OF FINDLAY PRESIDENT DR. DEBOW FREED

HON. JIM JORDAN

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 29, 2010

Mr. JORDAN of Ohio. Madam Speaker, I am honored to commend to the House the outstanding contributions of Dr. DeBow Freed. Dr. Freed is departing the presidency of the University of Findlay after serving in that office for nearly seven years.

DeBow Freed's distinguished service is a shining example to everyone in the field of higher education. He is a 1946 graduate of the United States Military Academy at West Point, to which he returned as a physics instructor at the conclusion of more than two decades of Army service. He also earned nuclear science and nuclear engineering degrees from the University of Kansas and the University of New Mexico.

He served as dean of Ohio's Mount Union College from 1969 until 1974, when Illinois's Monmouth College selected him as its president. At Monmouth, as would be true in his future assignments, Dr. Freed helped solidify the school's fiscal standing, increase enrollment, and strengthen ties between the campus and the local community.

In 1979, Dr. Freed was chosen to serve as Ohio Northern University's ninth president, a position he held for two decades. At ONU, he oversaw continual balanced budgets, bolstered the school's endowment funds, and supervised numerous renovation and construction projects—including the completion of a performing arts center that bears his name and that of his wife of 61 years, Catherine Moore Freed. Dr. Freed was elected president emeritus in 1999.

In 2003, Findlay's Board of Trustees invited Dr. Freed to accept the presidency on a temporary basis and assist in the search for a longer-term president. He quickly endeared himself to Findlay's students, faculty, and staff through his vision, integrity, and high personal standards. Because of his strong leadership and commitment to the school and the local community, the trustees asked him to remain in office.

The university has benefited tremendously from Dr. Freed's outstanding skills as a manager and educator. During his tenure, he has helped expand the school's academic offerings to include doctoral programs in pharmacy and physical therapy. He has overseen an increase in the number of full-time faculty members from 155 to 195. He is held in the highest regard by students, who appreciate his direct engagement with them and his dedication to their success.

Dr. Freed models the service to community that he encourages in others. He is a trustee of the Toledo Symphony and the Blanchard Valley Health Association, as well as a former chair of the Center of Science and Industry Foundation Board of Trustees.

Dr. Freed is insistent that he is not "retiring," noting that retirement implies a departure. The students, faculty, and staff of the University of Findlay will never be far from his thoughts—just as he will never be far from theirs.

Madam Speaker, on behalf of the people of Ohio's Fourth Congressional District, I offer my congratulations to Dr. DeBow Freed on a long and distinguished academic career. I wish him and his family every success as they move to a new chapter in their lives.

RECOGNIZING MR. GREGORY J. HARBAUGH

HON. MARK STEVEN KIRK

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 29, 2010

Mr. KIRK. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor a 10th District resident who has experienced what only a handful of Americans have gone through. Mr. Gregory J. Harbaugh of Wilmette logged over 800 hours in space as an astronaut for the National Aeronautics and Space Administration. A graduate of Purdue University, Mr. Harbaugh began his career supporting flight operations from Mission Control at the Johnson Space Center in Houston.

In August 1988, Mr. Harbaugh became an astronaut and went on to participate in four space flights. During those flights, he spent more than 18 hours in extravehicular activity outside of the spaceship. For his service, Mr. Harbaugh received the NASA Distinguished Service Medal, four NASA Space Flight Medals, the NASA Exceptional Service Medal, and the NASA Exceptional Achievement Medal.

Mr. Harbaugh's explorations are invaluable to the advancement of science. I wish him all the best in his future endeavors.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE JEWISH HERITAGE FESTIVAL IN SACRAMENTO

HON. DANIEL E. LUNGREN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 29, 2010

Mr. DANIEL E. LUNGREN of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and pay tribute to the Jewish Heritage Festival and the Jewish Federation of the Sacramento Region.

May is National Jewish American Heritage Month, and an opportunity to celebrate all that Jewish life has brought to this Nation.

In conjunction with National Jewish American Heritage Month, the Jewish Federation of the Sacramento Region will bring to the capitol of California the annual Jewish Heritage Festival on May 2, 2010.

The Jewish Federation of the Sacramento Region was founded more than 150 years ago, and has grown to more than 25,000 residents in their eight county area.

The Heritage Festival is a celebration of Jewish culture in the United States, and an opportunity to increase communication, coordination, and cooperation between the local communities and their Jewish and non-Jewish residents.

With so many differences and divergent upbringings, there is much we share as a global community. The Festival will celebrate all that unites people with traditional food, live music and entertainment, dancing troupes, cultural exhibits and displays, family and children activities, and a special teen zone. Global values such as Tikkun Olam (repairing the world) will be highlighted with a variety of booths and activities that participants can learn from.

In collaboration with community organizations, the Tikkun Olam area will highlight the importance of social action in the Sacramento region. The area seeks to improve human welfare, deepen civic culture, and develop group life and commitment to others.

I am pleased to recognize the Jewish Federation of the Sacramento Region for their contribution to our district and their leadership in the Jewish Heritage Festival.

IN MEMORY OF CHRISTIE STANLEY

HON. ELTON GALLEGLY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 29, 2010

Mr. GALLEGLY. Madam Speaker, I rise in memory of Christie Stanley, the first female District Attorney for the County of Santa Barbara, California, who died this week at 61 years young after a courageous fight against cancer.

Christie was elected District Attorney in June 2006 with 70 percent of the vote. In many ways, she epitomizes the American Dream and how hard work and perseverance can bring a person to the pinnacle of her career.

Christie graduated from Ventura College of Law Magna Cum Laude, first in her class, while married, caring for two young daughters and commuting from Lompoc for 4 years—a round-trip of about 160 miles.

She was drawn to a career in law enforcement while in Kansas for her uncle's funeral. While she was there, her uncle's murderer was caught and brought through the small town square. Armed townspeople waited, intent on vengeance. The officers who had him in custody—friends and colleagues of Christie's uncle—brought the killer in safely so he could be prosecuted.

"I was and am consistently impressed by law enforcement professionals who do the right thing, even when it is the hard thing to do," Christie said of the experience.

Christie practiced civil law for 2 years before she joined the Santa Barbara County District Attorney's office in 1980. Soon after she was assigned to supervise the Lompoc District Attorney's office. She prosecuted hundreds of cases, including murders, rapes and arson, and had a nearly perfect conviction record.

In 1984, she was recognized as "Deputy District Attorney of the Year." She had been an associate member of the Santa Barbara County Law Enforcement Chiefs since 1991,

was an original Core Committee Member for the creation and operation of the Substance Abuse Treatment Court and trained volunteers for the Lompoc Rape Crisis Center.

Christie is survived by her husband Gary; daughters Renee Edman and Dawn Wright; stepchildren Mark Stanley, Ryan Stanley and Tami Millican; mother Jeanette Claycamp; and her grandchildren.

Madam Speaker, I know my colleagues will join me in offering our condolences to Christie's family and friends and in remembering a life dedicated to incarcerating criminals and caring for their victims.

HONORING WILLIAM T. (BILL) ROBINSON III ON HIS ELECTION AS ABA PRESIDENT-ELECT NOMINEE

HON. GEOFF DAVIS

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 29, 2010

Mr. DAVIS of Kentucky. Madam Speaker, last week in Washington D.C., members of the American Bar Association (ABA)—including State, local and specialty bar leaders from throughout the USA—gathered to meet with Members of Congress and Administration officials about issues of importance to the legal profession and to the administration of justice.

Among the participants was one of my constituents, William T. (Bill) Robinson III from Kenton County, Kentucky, who recently became the ABA President-Elect Nominee.

Bill Robinson is the Member-in-Charge of the Northern Kentucky offices of Frost Brown Todd OD LLC, a regional law firm with almost 500 lawyers in nine offices located in Ken-

tucky, Ohio, Tennessee, West Virginia and Indiana. Throughout his career, Bill has served as a leader in his profession and his community. Bill successfully completed his three year term as ABA Treasurer in August 2008 and currently serves as Chairman of the ABA Governmental Affairs Committee.

As an active member of the American Bar Association for over 25 years, Bill has served in various leadership roles, including 7 years on the ABA Board of Governors. Bill is a Past Board Chairman of the Greater Cincinnati/Northern Kentucky International Airport, a Past President of the Kentucky Bar Association and a Past Chairman of the Kentucky and the Northern Kentucky Chambers of Commerce.

Bill is a graduate of Thomas More College and the College of Law at the University of Kentucky, where in 2004, he was inducted into the Alumni Hall of Fame.

I ask the House to join me in congratulating Bill on his election as ABA President-Elect Nominee and his distinguished career and service to the Commonwealth of Kentucky.