

## EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

IN HONOR OF BERNIE EPWORTH

**HON. JOHN H. ADLER**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 11, 2010*

Mr. ADLER of New Jersey. Madam Speaker, I would like to congratulate Mr. Bernie Epworth upon the highly successful completion of his term as the Department Commander for the State of New Jersey Jewish War Veterans. He was appointed to this position in June 2009 and throughout his term, has been extremely dedicated to New Jersey's veterans community.

Mr. Epworth was born in Brooklyn, New York. He is a graduate of New York University and served as a First Lieutenant in the Armored Calvary and in the New York National Guard. While serving as Vice President with Temple Beth Shalom in Fair Lawn, NJ, Mr. Epworth earned several awards, including the Centennial Award of Honor from the Jewish Theological Seminary and the Jewish Community Relations Council's 'Community Relations Award.'

Mr. Epworth has achieved many great things throughout the past year in his position of Department Commander for the State of New Jersey Jewish War Veterans. Some highlights of his administration have been organizing the sending of packages to overseas troops through the JWV-SOS Program, helping organize the NJ Coalition of Veterans Organizations, working on the consolidation of inactive posts, and incorporating programs and outside speakers on topics of interest for DCA meetings.

Additionally, he helped to organize this year's 'March on the Hill,' Co-chaired the Veteran's Concert, a fundraiser, and set up a Thanksgiving Dinner for the troops. He lobbied for and accomplished free package shipping to troops via military transport, and assisted in the inauguration of Operation Slam Dunk, which is a project that provides veterans and troops to participate together at Philadelphia 76ers games.

His Commander's Project this year was the furnishing of a Day Room at the Wounded Warrior Building at Fort Dix. This is currently a work in progress and is to be dedicated as the "NJ-Jewish War Veterans Day Room" in June 2010.

Mr. Epworth has given so much of his time and effort for the Jewish War Veterans of New Jersey and I am very proud to have him as a constituent. Madam Speaker, I hope you will join me in congratulating this honorable man for his contributions to his community and to our Nation.

RECOGNIZING THE PASSING OF  
ANTHONY J. "TED" CIANO

**HON. JEFF MILLER**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 11, 2010*

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Madam Speaker, it is with a heavy heart that I rise to recognize the passing of one of Pensacola, Florida's most respected residents, Mr. Anthony Ciano. His life will not soon be forgotten. Instead, his life will be remembered as one embodying the purest virtues of loyalty, hard work and selflessness. For that reason, Madam Speaker, I am honored to recognize the life and deeds of Anthony Ciano on this day.

Born in Akron, Ohio as the son of Italian immigrants, Mr. Ciano moved to Florida to begin his career. Starting out as an automobile mechanic in a new environment, it could have become very easy for him to lose heart and become discouraged. However, never losing sight of the American Dream, Mr. Ciano worked hard and eventually became the manager of several automobile dealerships. In 1968, Anthony Ciano moved to Pensacola and purchased his first automobile dealership. With much diligence and commitment, Mr. Ciano built his Ford dealership into one of the most successful in the region and in the entire country.

In addition to understanding the importance of hard work, Mr. Ciano also knew the value of community service and charity. With an always grateful heart, Mr. Ciano eagerly looked for ways to give to others and contribute to the community. He was involved in numerous civic and charitable organizations throughout Northwest Florida. Whether it was his work to begin the Boys' Club of Escambia and his participation in the Rotary Club, or his support of local law enforcement and the Miracle League Baseball Park for handicapped children, Mr. Anthony Ciano was a leader who was ready to give selflessly of himself for the betterment of those around him and in his community.

Madam Speaker, though Mr. Ciano may have passed, the impact of his life, actions and deeds will forever remain. My wife Vicki and I express the deepest sympathies to his loving wife Natalie and his children.

IN HONOR OF GRAYSON JAMES

**HON. PETE SESSIONS**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 11, 2010*

Mr. SESSIONS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize a young man that I have known his entire life, Grayson James. He is a Cub Scout with Pack 437 and saved his father's life on the evening of Thursday, February 11, 2010.

After an afternoon of sledding with his daughter, Mr. Joe James began experiencing

shortness of breath. Upon his return home, Grayson listened carefully as his father, Joe, described his symptoms—shortness of breath, sweating, pain, and being thirsty. With his Readyman training in first-aid, Grayson recognized that his father was having a heart attack and insisted that his mother call 911. The paramedics arrived and quickly rushed Mr. James to the hospital for surgery to repair the blockage in his heart. Grayson's quick thinking, presence of mind, and the utilization of his scouting skills saved his father's life.

For this courageous act, the Boy Scouts of America are awarding Grayson with the Medal of Merit. This prestigious award is given to those who have performed a significant act of service that is deserving of national recognition. He handled the situation with a great sense of calm and confidence, reassuring his family in the midst of this urgent situation. I am tremendously proud of Grayson for applying the principles and skills he learned in Scouting and for being prepared.

Madam Speaker, I ask my esteemed colleagues to join me in congratulating Grayson for receiving the Medal of Merit and in recognizing him for his courage.

WE THE PEOPLE: THE CITIZEN  
AND THE CONSTITUTION NA-  
TIONAL FINALS

**HON. ROB BISHOP**

OF UTAH

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 11, 2010*

Mr. BISHOP of Utah. Madam Speaker, from April 24–26, 2010 more than 1,200 students from across the country visited Washington, D.C. to take part in the We the People: The Citizen and the Constitution National Finals.

I am proud to announce that a class from Sky View High School represented the State of Utah at this prestigious national event. These outstanding students, through their knowledge of the U.S. Constitution, won their statewide competition and earned the chance to come to our nation's capital and compete at the national level. At the National Finals, Sky View High School won the Unit One Award by earning the most points in that unit of the textbook, which discusses the philosophical and historical foundations of the American political system.

I also wish to commend the teacher of the class, Mike Rigby, who is responsible for preparing these young constitutional experts for the National Finals. Also worthy of special recognition are Kathy Dryer, the State coordinator and Shanna Futral, the district coordinator who are responsible for implementing the We the People program in my district.

I congratulate these young "constitutional experts" on their outstanding achievement at the We the People National Finals.

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HONORING JAMES E. McERLANE  
FOR HIS SERVICE TO SCOUTING

**HON. JIM GERLACH**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 11, 2010*

Mr. GERLACH. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor James E. McErlane, who has earned the 2010 Distinguished Citizen Award from the Chester County Council of Boy Scouts of America.

Scouting has been a part of Mr. McErlane's life since he joined Troop 7 in Malvern, Pennsylvania as a youth. He achieved the rank of Eagle Scout and earned his Parvuli Dei Catholic Scouting Award. A man of tremendous character, Mr. McErlane epitomizes the principles of leadership, self-discipline, hard work and a duty to serve his country and community that Scouting instilled in him.

Mr. McErlane has worked to promote the traditions and enhance the experience of Scouting for area youth, serving on the Chester County Council's Executive Board of Directors and as a member on several Distinguished Citizen Award Dinner committees. He also chaired the Eagle Scout Alumni Committee.

In addition to being a Senior Partner at Lamb McErlane Law Offices, Mr. McErlane continues serving as an active member of the Chester County Library Trust and the Chester County Food Bank.

His extremely successful legal career and tireless work in the community have earned Mr. McErlane the respect and admiration of his peers and all who know him.

Madam Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me today in recognizing James E. McErlane for his valuable contributions to improving the quality of life in his community and his exemplary commitment to the values of Scouting.

HONORING MS. DIANE COLLINS

**HON. C.A. DUTCH RUPPERSBERGER**

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 11, 2010*

Mr. RUPPERSBERGER. Madam Speaker, I rise before you today to honor the tireless service of Diane Collins for her remarkable dedication as a volunteer at the Loch Raven VA Community Living and Rehabilitation Center and Chapter 451 in Dundalk. To salute her service, Ms. Collins was awarded the 2009 Congressional Volunteer Recognition Award by the Veterans Advisory Council for Maryland's 2nd District.

Veterans of the United States Armed Forces have dedicated themselves to protecting the lives of every American. Their service to our Nation deserves the highest level of gratitude. It is important that we take the time to recognize the individuals who give of their time and talents to support veterans and ensure their comfort, care, and well-being.

As a member of the Disabled American Veterans Representatives for the Loch Raven VA Community Living and Rehabilitation Center, Ms. Collins is an active fundraiser and friend, giving 506 hours of volunteer service to date. She makes certain she is aware of all patient

needs and makes requests to the Disabled American Veterans to purchase items not routinely supplied by the VA. Once a month, Diane creates a fun activity for the residents, including parties with watermelon, cupcakes, fried chicken, strawberry shortcake and hot dogs. Through her chapter, a juke box was donated to the center.

Ms. Collins does things simply because she believes they are "the right thing to do." She exceeds expectations in all respects. To the veterans' delight, she brings young people with her to visit with them and regularly babysits for a severely disabled neighbor. Her colleagues say she exemplifies the VA's mission statement of creating an environment that fosters respect, compassion, and excellence.

Madam Speaker, I ask that you join with me today to honor Diane Collins. Her compassion and dedication to veterans of the U.S. Armed Forces are an inspiration to us all, and are deserving of the utmost gratitude. It is with great pride that I congratulate Diane Collins on her exemplary service as an advocate and a volunteer.

**HOME STAR ENERGY RETROFIT  
ACT OF 2010**

SPEECH OF

**HON. LAURA RICHARDSON**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 6, 2010*

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 5019) to provide for the establishment of the Home Star Retrofit Rebate Program, and for other purposes:

Ms. RICHARDSON. Madam Chair, I rise in strong support of H.R. 5019—Home Star Energy Retrofit Act of 2010. I want to thank my colleague Representative WELCH for bringing this important bill to the floor.

In our current economic crisis we need to seize on opportunities to create jobs, and with our need to find the energy to power our country, we need to find every kilowatt of savings we can. This bill will help accomplish both of those goals.

Home Star is a short-term program to create jobs, save energy, and lower families' energy bills. Home Star will restart the assembly lines at factories that manufacture energy efficiency technologies and will put construction workers back on the job installing these improvements in the homes of millions of American families.

There are huge energy savings available through basic retrofits, which will save people money and reduce our dependence on foreign oil. By encouraging people to help themselves through the installation of specific energy-saving technologies, including insulation, duct sealing, windows and doors, air sealing, and water heaters, we will all benefit.

Home Star is expected to allow 3 million families to retrofit their homes to be more energy efficient. Consumers are predicted to save \$9.2 billion on their energy bills over the next 10 years as a result of Home Star's energy efficiency investments. And Home Star will create 168,000 new jobs here in the United States. Construction jobs cannot be outsourced, and more than 90 percent of energy efficiency technologies are manufactured here in America.

We also must do everything we can to continue to encourage the development of an energy efficiency industry in this country. Foreign countries are threatening to take our market share in manufacturing energy efficient technologies and we cannot let this huge market go offshore. This bill will help create a larger market for these products and solidify our position as a market leader.

This bill is a win-win-win, and I urge all of my colleagues to support it.

**CELEBRATING THE DESIGNATION  
OF THE EASTERN BAND OF  
CHEROKEE AS AN ADVANTAGE  
WEST CERTIFIED ENTREPRE-  
NEURIAL COMMUNITY**

**HON. HEATH SHULER**

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 11, 2010*

Mr. SHULER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Eastern Band of Cherokee in Cherokee, North Carolina on becoming a Certified Entrepreneurial Community by the AdvantageWest Economic Development Group. AdvantageWest, an economic development commission which serves 23 Western North Carolina counties, created the "Certified Entrepreneurial Community Program" to train local communities to encourage small business start-ups in the mountain region and to help such businesses thrive.

The Eastern Band of Cherokee, North Carolina has an over 11,000-year history rich with culture, arts, and a heritage of magnificent storytelling. Being designated as a Certified Entrepreneurial Community is just one example of the continuation of the remarkable history, and a tribute to the vision of the Eastern Band of Cherokee. The focus on youth and education as integral components of their Certified Entrepreneurial Community vision ensures that the future leaders of the community will have the tools to continue their strong legacy.

The Certification, developed by the AdvantageWest Economic Development Group, contains a strict set of guidelines that highlight a community's enthusiasm and readiness to support entrepreneurship and small business. While several communities throughout Western North Carolina have become certified as entrepreneurial communities, the Eastern Band of Cherokee is the first nation to receive this designation. This designation showcases the Eastern Band of Cherokee's foresight in creating and fostering an environment in which prosperity can be achieved. As a Certified Entrepreneurial Community, the Eastern Band will build upon the success of its marketing campaign to further promote the potential of its people to the United States and abroad.

Madam Speaker, I urge my colleagues today to celebrate this remarkable honor bestowed on the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians in Cherokee, North Carolina, and their commitment to the future of their people. I urge my colleagues to join me in celebrating their outstanding achievement.

HONORING 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF SPRING CITY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

**HON. JIM GERLACH**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 11, 2010*

Mr. GERLACH. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the students, parents, teachers, administrators and staff of Spring City Elementary School in Chester County, Pennsylvania as they celebrate the school's 50th anniversary.

During the last half century, Spring City Elementary has been a cornerstone in the community and the starting point for students' educational journeys.

Spring City Elementary was built on the former site of the Spring City Race Track on South Wall Street just a few years after the formal establishment of the Spring-Ford School District. When the school opened in the spring of 1960, 305 students were enrolled.

Spring City Elementary is tremendously proud of the supportive, caring environment for learning and working. That nurturing atmosphere creates a sense of community that is as sturdy as the bricks and steel used to build the school.

Madam Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me today in congratulating the Spring City Elementary School community as it commemorates this memorable milestone and in offering the students, parents, teachers, administrators and staff best wishes for continued success.

MARIALAINA PRECIADO

**HON. ED PERLMUTTER**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 11, 2010*

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

The dedication demonstrated by Marialaina Preciado 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 Marialaina Preciado 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.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. KAY GRANGER**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 11, 2010*

Ms. GRANGER. Madam Speaker, on rollcall No. 241, I was absent from the House. Had I been present, I would have voted "aye."

RECOGNIZING MR. RALPH WILLIAMS FOR HIS COMMITMENT TO STUDENTS AND EDUCATION IN THE STATE OF ARKANSAS

**HON. JOHN BOOZMAN**

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 11, 2010*

Mr. BOOZMAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mr. Ralph Williams, who after dedicating his life to education, is retiring after 39 years of service to the Fort Smith Public Schools.

Mr. Williams has worn many hats during his time as an educator. From teacher, principal, social worker and now Student Services Supervisor for the school district, he has always stepped up to a new challenge with enthusiasm.

His commitment to students earned well-deserved honors, including being named the Regional Principal of the Year, the Arkansas Principal of the Year and the National Distinguished Principal—all while a principal at Fairview Elementary School.

Mr. Williams has always worked to create a learning environment that can benefit all students. His efforts to bring technology into the classroom and provide challenging programs are helping mold our future leaders. Now at his current position Mr. Williams works to encourage at-risk students to do better in school and make the most of their educational opportunities.

I am proud of Mr. Ralph Williams for his commitment to education and his efforts to improve the lives of students in Fort Smith, Arkansas, and wish him the best of luck in retirement.

MARIE BANKS

**HON. ED PERLMUTTER**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 11, 2010*

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Marie Banks who has received the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. Marie Banks 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 Marie Banks 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 Marie Banks 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.

RECOGNIZING THE INDUCTION OF 42 SEVENTH GRADE STUDENTS OF CHESTNUT RIDGE MIDDLE SCHOOL OF FISHERTOWN INTO THE NATIONAL JUNIOR HONOR SOCIETY

**HON. BILL SHUSTER**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 11, 2010*

Mr. SHUSTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the induction of 42 seventh grade students of Chestnut Ridge Middle School of Fishertown into the National Junior Honor Society. The Chestnut Ridge chapter will hold its induction ceremony on Monday, May 3, 2010.

Induction into the National Junior Honor Society is reserved for students with impressive academic achievement and a high potential for personal and intellectual growth. The incoming students of the Chestnut Ridge Chapter have distinguished themselves in the areas of scholarship, leadership, service, citizenship, and character. As NJHS members, these young men and women will build on their commendable dedication to academic and personal excellence. They have taken an important step of growing into the leaders of the next generation.

The following Chestnut Ridge Middle School students have been inducted: Rachel Dikum, Cassandra Brown, Hannah Miller, Jennifer Carthew, Nativa O'Brien, Emily Sprigg, Matthew Claar, Katie Weaver, Abby Barnes, Derrick Claar, Casey Fleagle, Lucas Berkey, Megan Anderson, Kimberly Bischof, Shane Davis, Christian Collins, Holly Davis, Toshia Rush, Harold Wentz, Natalie Dumin, Cassandra Wright, Kenzie Bowser, Nicholas Hyde, Austin Taylor, Brittany Finnegan, Caitlyn Ferguson, Brandon Mowry, Paul Sims, Trent Crouse, Dakota Kauffman, Kylee Snyder, Jarret Dunn, Luke Stultz, Jonathon Heming, Alesha Righenour, Lakyn Code, Bradley Frankenberry, Makayla Weaverling, Mylee Dull, Derek Gardner, Andrew Loar, and Colby Hillegass.

These inductees have already displayed remarkable talent and depth of character. I congratulate the new members of the Chestnut Ridge Middle School National Junior Honor Society on the honor they are receiving, and I look forward to many more great achievements.

HONORING MR. ROBERT T. CIANELLI

**HON. C.A. DUTCH RUPPERSBERGER**

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 11, 2010*

Mr. RUPPERSBERGER. Madam Speaker, I rise before you today to honor the tireless service of Mr. Robert T. Cianelli as a volunteer driver for the Disabled American Veterans Transportation Network and a dedicated supporter of America's military personnel. To salute his service, Mr. Cianelli was awarded the 2009 Congressional Volunteer Recognition Award by the Veterans Advisory Council for Maryland's 2nd District.

Veterans of the United States Armed Forces have dedicated themselves to protecting the

lives of every American. Their service to our Nation deserves the highest level of gratitude. It is important that we take the time to recognize the individuals who give of their time and talents to support veterans and ensure their comfort, care, and well-being.

For the past 5 years, Mr. Cianelli has made sure patients at the Glen Burnie VA Community Based Outpatient Clinic are picked up for their appointment on time and safely returned to their home. To date, he has logged 1,300 driving hours and more than 20,000 miles. Mr. Cianelli's experience as a computer scientist has significantly improved the efficiency and effectiveness of the transportation network, providing a program to maintain driver statistics, automating vehicle expense reports and developing a route sheet to expedite driver pick-up times. Robert's colleagues say that it would be hard to find an individual that contributes more than he does to guarantee the success of the Disabled American Veterans Transportation program.

In addition to his service at the Glen Burnie VA Community Based Outpatient Clinic, Mr. Cianelli volunteers with Operation Welcome Home at BWI Airport, welcoming thousands of troops home and providing them with care packages to hold them over while they wait for connecting flights. Mr. Cianelli raised funds to get the program off the ground and continues to do so.

As a member of the Baltimore Marine Corps League, Mr. Cianelli helped raise \$27,000 for the "Wounded Marine Program" at the National Naval Medical Center in Bethesda and the Walter Reed Army Hospital. The program fed hundreds of meals to family members at the hospital during the height of the fighting in the Iraqi city of Fallujah when there were significant casualties arriving. It paid for Christmas baskets, lodging and taxi coupons for families, as well as televisions and video games for wounded soldiers.

Madam Speaker, I ask that you join me today to honor Mr. Robert T. Cianelli. His compassion and dedication to veterans of the U.S. Armed Forces are an inspiration to us all, and are deserving of the utmost gratitude. It is with great pride that I congratulate Mr. Robert T. Cianelli on his exemplary service as an advocate and a volunteer for American servicemen and women everywhere.

MARINA MODECKER

**HON. ED PERLMUTTER**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 11, 2010*

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Marina Modecker who has received the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. Marina Modecker is an 11th grader at Warren Tech North and received this award because her determination and hard work have allowed her to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Marina Modecker 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 Marina Modecker for winning the Ar-

vada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. I have no doubt she will exhibit the same dedication and character to all her future accomplishments.

TEXAS ASSOCIATION OF HOMES AND SERVICES FOR THE AGING 2010 PHILANTHROPIST OF THE YEAR

**HON. LAMAR SMITH**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 11, 2010*

Mr. SMITH of Texas. Madam Speaker, today I'd like to honor my constituent, Mr. Glenn Biggs, a great American and Texan, who has been selected by the Texas Association of Homes and Services for the Aging as the 2010 Philanthropist of the Year.

Mr. Biggs, born in a small West Texas town in the depths of the Great Depression, has used his knowledge and experience as a banker and business leader to guide Morningside Ministries in San Antonio in establishing an innovative, progressive program, mmLearn.org. It delivers high quality training through online videos to caregivers not only in San Antonio, but also to communities as large as New York City and as small as Homer, Alaska.

Through online training, geriatric physicians can be in the homes and offices of health professionals, family caregivers, pastoral care providers and older adults who have internet connectivity. In a recent webcast, Dr. Thomas Weiss, a geriatric psychiatrist with a specialty in addiction, had a presentation about alcoholism and the elderly.

Most would never have an opportunity to benefit from Dr. Weiss' expertise, but 382 viewers joined the webcast and interacted by providing online comments and questions. The webcast is now available on demand and will continue to be a training resource. Mr. Biggs' vision, commitment and dedication have made this level of service possible.

Mr. Biggs' philanthropy and leadership are not only recognized in the field of aging, but benefit many other worthy causes. The San Antonio Business Journal has written of Mr. Biggs: ". . . (This) gentle giant with a booming voice spends countless hours trying to get wealthy South Texans to give to causes which he believes are important. Time after time, he is called upon to advise college presidents and board chairmen who are seeking access to the network of former politicians and business millionaires who are willing to part with their fortunes for the right cause."

Numerous organizations and countless individuals have benefitted from the philanthropic leadership of Glenn Biggs. He is preparing and inspiring generations to step forward and become the philanthropists for decades to come. Glenn Biggs sets an example for all of us to follow. And I ask that my colleagues join me in honoring this great man.

MARQUIS SKINNER

**HON. ED PERLMUTTER**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 11, 2010*

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Marquis Skinner who has received the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. Marquis Skinner 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 Marquis Skinner 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 Marquis Skinner 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.

RECOGNITION OF THE 85TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE COMMEMORATION OF MENLO PARK

**HON. FRANK PALLONE, JR.**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 11, 2010*

Mr. PALLONE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 85th Anniversary of the 1925 Commemoration of Menlo Park. On May 16, 1925, Thomas Alva Edison and 600 guests came to Menlo Park to celebrate the inventor's historic accomplishments by commemorating Menlo Park. Eighty-five years later the Township of Edison, New Jersey and the non-profit Edison Memorial Tower Corporation will host a special celebration at the Thomas Edison Center at Menlo Park to honor both the inventor and the community named in his honor.

The event will take place at 2 p.m. on Sunday May 16, 2010. This is a great opportunity to learn about Thomas Edison's life, his work, and his legacy of invention. A great-grandson of the inventor will share stories about his famous relative, and community leaders will exhibit plans to restore Menlo Tower, build a new museum, and redevelop the parkland in Edison State Park. The Edison Community and the Edison Memorial Tower Corporation encourage contributions and attendance at the event in order to help honor the memory of Thomas Edison and support the spirit of innovation that defines Menlo Park.

The Edison Memorial Tower Corporation is a nonprofit organization that works to preserve, promote, and manage the Edison Memorial Tower and Museum in the Menlo Park section of Edison Township. The Corporation strives to honor Edison's memory and educate the public about Edison, his significant accomplishments at this site, and his impact on modern research and development.

Madam Speaker, I sincerely hope my colleagues will join me in recognizing the Edison community's continued efforts to improve Menlo Park and honor the enduring legacy of

Thomas Alva Edison, and wish them the best on this historic anniversary.

HONORING JAN VERHAGE

**HON. JAMES P. MORAN**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 11, 2010*

Mr. MORAN of Virginia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Jan Verhage for her outstanding service as Executive Director of the Girl Scout Council of the Nation's Capital for the past 25 years. For a quarter century, Jan has dedicated her life to building girls of courage, confidence, and character who make the world a better place. Many of our daughters and granddaughters who live here in the Washington area benefit directly from the amazing, innovative and outstanding programs organized under Jan's purview.

Under her guidance and leadership, the Girl Scout Council of the Nation's Capital has experienced unprecedented growth, including a membership that has tripled in size. Today, the council serves 90,000 members in the District of Columbia and 25 surrounding counties in Maryland, Virginia and West Virginia. During Ms. Verhage's tenure as Executive Director, more than 2,700 girls earned the Gold Award, the Girl Scouts' highest honor, earned for developing a sustainable community service project.

Jan has also been instrumental in reaching out to underserved communities, by targeting girls of different racial, ethnic, or language backgrounds and by providing financial assistance to girls from low-income families, in order to deliver Girl Scouting to all girls. Her innovative initiatives include training college students to lead troops in at-risk communities; a road safety program for teen girls; and programs that address critical issues such as self-esteem, healthy living, financial literacy and peer pressure.

I ask my colleagues to join me in thanking Jan Verhage for 25 years of dedicated service to girls in the Greater Washington Region. I wish her the best in her future as Chief Operating Officer of Girl Scouts of the USA.

TRIBUTE TO BRIGADIER GENERAL  
PATRICK FINNEGAN

**HON. JIM MARSHALL**

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 11, 2010*

Mr. MARSHALL. Madam Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I rise today not only as the Representative of the 8th District of Georgia, but also as the Chairman of the Board of Visitors to the United States Military Academy at West Point, to honor the service and accomplishments of Brigadier General Patrick Finnegan.

General Finnegan distinguished himself through exceptionally meritorious service to the Nation during more than thirty-nine years of active military service in peace and war, culminating in six years as a professor at

West Point, and serving the last five years as the Dean of the Academic Board. During General Finnegan's tenure, Forbes Magazine rated West Point as the best college in America.

As Dean, General Finnegan envisioned and fostered an Academic Program relevant to the needs of the Army that contributes to the intellectual and professional development of cadets. His visionary leadership led to the transition and expansion of the Academy's foreign language program, which places a greater emphasis on global and cultural awareness and includes a robust Study Abroad Program.

Madam Speaker, the Academic Program at the United States Military Academy has never been stronger, more connected to the Army, or more revered by our Nation. During his tenure, General Finnegan sponsored several successful accreditation visits from the Accreditation Board for Engineering and Technology, ABET, and the Middle States Commission on Higher Education, MSCHE. West Point was also named the #1 Public College in the Nation by Forbes Magazine and best Public Liberal Arts College by the Princeton Review. Moreover, USMA cadets have won 84 international scholarships during this period, and West Point leads the nation in terms of Rotary International Scholarship winners.

Fondly referred to by cadets as the "People's Dean," General Finnegan's focus on cadets and enrichment opportunities was never limited to the Academic Program. He was an avid and faithful supporter of cadet sports programs and the Dean's teams, and his personal participation in community and post-level events was unprecedented.

Madam Speaker, General Finnegan's record of achievement and manner of service in positions of enormous responsibility epitomize the type of soldier for whom an award such as the Distinguished Service Medal is intended. He has discharged his duty with immeasurable skill, diplomacy, and humility, while his dedication to excellence and devotion to duty, honor, and country is unparalleled.

On behalf of the Board of Visitors, I thank General Finnegan for his service to West Point.

TRIBUTE TO THE LEOMINSTER COLONIAL BAND ON THE OCCASION OF ITS CENTENNIAL ANNIVERSARY

**HON. JOHN W. OLVER**

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 11, 2010*

Mr. OLVER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Leominster Colonial Band for its 100 years of active involvement in the Leominster community.

The Leominster Colonial Band started as a group of Italian immigrant musicians gathering together and soon became an institution in Leominster. The band was founded by Gaspare Bisceglia, a 16-year-old apprentice bandmaster, who immigrated to Leominster from San Giovanni, Italy. The band gave its first concert on the Leominster common on August 16, 1910.

Known originally as the "Banda Regione d'Italia," the band has undergone several name changes as its role in the city evolved and its membership diversified. It became the "Italian Colonial Band," and later the "Leominster Colonial Band."

The history of the Leominster Colonial Band is interwoven with the history of Leominster. Over the years, the band has played at numerous civic events and parades. The band performed in celebrations at the end of World War I and led Leominster's welcoming parade when American troops returned from World War II. The band also played at the dedication of Leominster's Spanish-American War monument.

During the Great Depression, Gaspare Bisceglia established a free summer concert series on the downtown common. This tradition has continued over the years and the band now performs five free concerts every year at Leominster's historic Carter Park. The band plays an annual Christmas concert and regularly plays at Italian feasts in Leominster, Boston and throughout Massachusetts. It frequently participates in church celebrations in the Worcester and Greater Boston areas and plays in processions for weddings and funerals.

In 2006, the Leominster Colonial Band received the "Citizen of the Year" award from the Center for Italian Culture at Fitchburg State College, in recognition of its contributions and dedication to Italian culture. In the spring of 2010, the band will be honored with the City of Leominster's "Citizen of the Year" award.

I am very proud to represent the town of Leominster, which is rich in history and public spirit. The members of the Leominster Colonial Band demonstrate a spirit of community involvement, a dedication to upholding Italian cultural traditions, and a commitment to performing quality band music. Please join me in congratulating the Leominster Colonial Band as it celebrates its 100th Anniversary.

MATTHEW DEANDA

**HON. ED PERLMUTTER**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 11, 2010*

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

The dedication demonstrated by Matthew Deanda 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 Matthew Deanda 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.

10TH ANNIVERSARY OF SERVICIOS  
LATINOS OF BURLINGTON COUNTY**HON. JOHN H. ADLER**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 11, 2010*

Mr. ADLER of New Jersey. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor "Servicios Latinos de Burlington County" as they commemorate their 10th anniversary.

The people of our great nation share a common spirit and heritage. We believe in the American dream, and the promise that through our labors we can achieve educational and economic success. Throughout the past decade, Servicios Latinos has helped more than 2,500 Burlington County families in achieving this dream.

Servicios Latinos is a social services agency that provides those in need with the resources they need to become informed, educated, and independently able to utilize vital services to become productive and healthy citizens.

In addition to providing critical services in the areas of health, education, housing, and employment, they have also sponsored the bilingual health and higher education fairs and a Hispanic heritage festival. For the organization's inspiring work in the community, they have been honored by several national and state institutions and community partners.

During their 10th anniversary celebration, Servicios Latinos will acknowledge and honor Dr. Robert C. Messina, Jr., President of Burlington County College, and State Senator Diane Allen, with the "Champion of Diversity Award" for being cornerstones in the Servicios Latinos' establishment.

I would also like to commend Ms. Angela Mateo Gonzalez, the Founder and Executive Director of Servicios Latinos for her commendable work with Servicios Latinos, which has made a dramatic, positive impact on the lives of thousands of South Jersey families. I thank her for her dedication and commitment to the community.

Madam Speaker, I hope that you will join me in commending Ms. Gonzalez and the Servicios Latinos de Burlington County for helping so many in our community fulfill the American dream throughout the past ten years.

LAUREN ARCHER

**HON. ED PERLMUTTER**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 11, 2010*

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

The dedication demonstrated by Lauren Archer 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 Lauren Archer 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 MR. JOHN ALEXANDER

**HON. C.A. DUTCH RUPPERSBERGER**

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 11, 2010*

Mr. RUPPERSBERGER. Madam Speaker, I rise before you today to honor the service of John Alexander for his remarkable dedication as a volunteer at the Loch Raven VA Community Living and Rehabilitation Center. To salute his service, Mr. Alexander was awarded the 2009 Congressional Volunteer Recognition Award by the Veterans Advisory Council for Maryland's Second District.

Veterans of the United States Armed Forces have dedicated themselves to protecting the lives of every American. Their service to our Nation deserves the highest level of gratitude. It is important that we take the time to recognize the individuals who give of their time and talents to support veterans and ensure their comfort, care, and well-being.

As the Disabled American Veterans Representative for the Loch Raven VA Community Living and Rehabilitation Center, Mr. Alexander is an active fundraiser and friend. Mr. Alexander makes certain he is aware of all patient needs and makes requests to the DAV to purchase items not routinely supplied by the VA. His fundraising efforts have enabled Loch Raven VA residents to receive televisions and body pillows for hospice patients. It also enables residents to travel out-of-state to participate in the Golden Age Games, a recreational "Olympics" style event.

Twice per month, Mr. Alexander visits the residents and spends time talking with them. Annually, he coordinates Veterans Day at the Golden Corral, advertising, greeting guests and raffling a television. It is an event that community veterans thoroughly enjoy. Sometimes working 10-hours straight, Mr. Alexander is always kind and compassionate, upbeat and pleasant. His colleagues describe him as an "awesome human being."

Madam Speaker, I ask that you join with me today to honor Mr. John Alexander. His compassion and dedication to veterans of the U.S. Armed Forces is an inspiration to us all, and is deserving of the utmost gratitude. It is with great pride that I congratulate Mr. John Alexander on his exemplary service as an advocate and a volunteer.

LEVI LOCKLING

**HON. ED PERLMUTTER**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 11, 2010*

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Levi Lockling who has received the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. Levi Lockling is an 8th grader at Wheat Ridge Middle School and received this award because

his determination and hard work have allowed him to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Levi Lockling 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 Levi Lockling for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. I have no doubt he will exhibit the same dedication and character in all his future accomplishments.

HONORING WILBURN BROWN OF  
MENDOCINO COUNTY**HON. MIKE THOMPSON**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 11, 2010*

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the civic accomplishments of Wilburn "Webb" Brown, on the occasion of his 100th birthday. As an exemplary citizen his service has benefited the ruggedly beautiful Mendocino County in northern California where he has lived his entire life. His contributions are long lasting and statewide.

Born in Ukiah on May 7, 1910, he grew up on ranches leased by his parents in Hopland and Talmage. He moved to Potter Valley in 1943 and began raising dairy cattle when there were 14 dairies in this picturesque community where he still resides.

A retired rancher, Webb Brown was a long-time Mendocino County Assessor, an elected position he held from 1955 through 1977. He was President of the California Assessors Association in 1963. As head of its legislative program, Webb Brown was responsible for 12 major bills dealing with tax assessment and passed by the State legislature. He is renowned for creation of property-tax practices favoring the preservation of farmland and open space.

He was a leader on passing a timber yield tax that required owners of woodlands to pay taxes only on trees they harvested. In 1965 he played a statewide leadership role in the passage of the Williamson Act of 1965, which greatly limited what farmers and ranchers had to pay in property taxes as long as they kept their land undeveloped.

Upon his retirement from the Assessor's office he was honored as "one of the State of California's highest respected assessors." He is known for his willingness to meet problems head on and his courage in making unpopular decisions as well as his fair application of state tax laws to everyone.

He also served on the Mendocino Air Management District Hearing Board, the Potter Valley Board of Education, the Ukiah Unified School Board and he was the Chair of the Save the College Committee for Mendocino College. He is committed to improving the quality of education and the hiring of capable teachers as well as seeking competitive salaries for teachers. In 1980 he was awarded the Distinguished Citizen Award by Mendocino College for helping establish the college.

In addition to his community service and ranching skill, Webb Brown is known for being

a loving husband, father, stepfather and grandfather. He has four children, three stepchildren, 18 grandchildren, 28 great-grandchildren and seven great-great grandchildren and a host of nieces and nephews who will join the celebration of his 100th birthday.

Madam Speaker and colleagues, Webb Brown has earned the admiration and respect of his peers, his community and his family. He is a friend and a mentor in Mendocino County and his legacy is long lasting. For these reasons, it is appropriate that we honor Wilburn "Webb" Brown.

LOGAN REED

**HON. ED PERLMUTTER**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 11, 2010*

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

The dedication demonstrated by Logan Reed 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 Logan Reed for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. I have no doubt he will exhibit the same dedication and character in all his future accomplishments.

HONORING THE CROATIAN  
AMERICAN ASSOCIATION

**HON. MIKE QUIGLEY**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 11, 2010*

Mr. QUIGLEY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor the contributions made by the Croatian American Association for enriching the lives of native Croatians and Croatian-Americans alike for the past 20 years.

The Croatian American Association was established in 1990, when it began advocating for the establishment of a sovereign and independent Democratic Republic of Croatia. Its efforts led to public demonstrations in Washington, DC attended by over 50,000 people in support of Croatian democracy. Furthermore, its members have organized rallies throughout America to raise money for the defense of Croatia and to make humanitarian aid available for Croatians living at home and abroad.

The Croatian American Association has also worked tirelessly with the U.S. government in order to help address the concerns of many Croatian-Americans. It has established an office in Washington, DC to help lobby and educate Members of Congress about Croatian history, and the desire for a sovereign Democratic Republic of Croatia. In addition, it has pushed for the inclusion of Croatia into NATO,

the Partnership for Peace, and the European Union.

The Croatian American Association has also worked to establish an Embassy of The Republic of Croatia, and to further provide services to Croatian-Americans by establishing a number of consulates in many major U.S. cities.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the Croatian American Association and its members for their 20 years of service as an invaluable partner to Croatians throughout the world, and to wish them many more years of continued success.

HONORING THE SERVICE OF JEAN  
AUGUSTINE ROMNEY, FORMER  
ADJUTANT GENERAL OF THE  
UNITED STATES VIRGIN IS-  
LANDS NATIONAL GUARD

**HON. DONNA M. CHRISTENSEN**

OF THE VIRGIN ISLANDS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 11, 2010*

Mrs. CHRISTENSEN. Madam Speaker, I rise to pay posthumous recognition and tribute to the late Major General Jean Augustine Romney, former Adjutant General of the United States Virgin Islands National Guard, for dedicating his life to the needs of the community in which he lived and the Nation that he served with distinction.

Major General Jean A. Romney was born on December 14, 1941, and raised in Christiansted, St. Croix, U.S. Virgin Islands. He attended and graduated from St. Mary's Catholic School before enlisting in the U.S. Army. He did his basic training at Ft. Jackson, South Carolina and his advance training at Ft. Benning, Georgia. He was then assigned to the 1st Battle Group, 15th Infantry, 3rd Infantry Division, in Bamberg, Germany. He concluded Active Duty in the 7th Army NCO Academy as Sergeant and the 1st Battle Group, 28th Infantry Division, AKA "The Big Red One".

Major General Romney returned to the U.S. Virgin Islands and enrolled in the Catholic University of Puerto Rico, in Ponce, Puerto Rico from 1963 to 1966, receiving a Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration. He was a member of the prestigious Phi Epsilon Chi Fraternity of Puerto Rico. He continued his education and earned a Master's Degree in Interpersonal Relations and Personal Management at the Inter American University of Puerto Rico Graduate School in San German, Puerto Rico.

Major General Romney served as a Senator in the 11th Legislature of the U.S. Virgin Islands from 1975 to 1977. In April 1977, he resumed his military career by joining the Virgin Islands National Guard and receiving a direct commission as Captain. In 1978 he attended and completed his Officer Advance Course at the Aberdeen Proving Ground in Maryland.

Although employed by the Virgin Islands National Guard, he was on loan from the Federal Government to the Virgin Islands Government from 1980 to 1984, during the Administration of Governor Juan F. Luis, serving as the Christiansted Administrator.

In 1988, he completed the Command and General Staff College and later attended a Battalion/Brigade Pre-Command Course at Ft. Leavenworth, Kansas. From 1993 to 1994 he

attended the United States Army War College at Carlisle Barracks, Carlisle, Pennsylvania. He graduated with the Class of 1994 and was a lifetime member of the Army War College's Alumni Association.

He held the following military positions before being appointed the Adjutant General of the United States Virgin Islands National Guard: Commander, 652nd Heavy Equipment Maintenance Company; Personnel Administrative Officer; Detachment Commander, Headquarters TERARC; Assistant Chief of Staff Personnel; Commander, Troop Commander; and Assistant Chief of Staff Logistics and Services.

Major General Romney's military decorations and awards include the following: The Meritorious Service Medal with one Oak Leaf Cluster; The Army Commendation Medal; Army Achievement Medal; Army Reserve Component Medal with two Oak Leaf Clusters; Good Conduct Medal; Army of Occupation (Berlin); National Defense Service Medal; Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal; Humanitarian Service Medal; Armed Forces Reserve Medal with one Oak Leaf Cluster; Army Service Ribbon; Army Reserve Overseas Deployment Training Medal; Virgin Islands Long and Faithful Medal with First Clasp; and, the Virgin Islands Emergency Service Ribbon with Number.

Major General Romney was married to the former Beverly Cedelle Walcott of Christiansted, St. Croix, Virgin Islands. At the time of his passing, they had two daughters, Ayanna and Chivonne and two grandchildren, Marcus and Makeda. We, the Nation and the Territory of the United States Virgin Islands are indebted to him and to them for his dedicated service.

IN TRIBUTE TO SANDE ROBINSON

**HON. GWEN MOORE**

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 11, 2010*

Ms. MOORE of Wisconsin. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Sande Robinson, Director of the Educational Opportunity Program (EOP) at Marquette University. EOP helps low-income, disadvantaged, first generation college students to receive a college degree. Ms. Robinson will retire in June 2010 after 35 years of distinguished service at Marquette University.

Ms. Robinson began her career at Marquette in 1974 and has been a part of the great success of the EOP program during 35 years of its 40-year history. She received a bachelor's degree from Kent State in Early Childhood Education and a Master's degree from Kent State with a major in College Student Personnel. Ms. Robinson's first position was as a financial aid counselor in the EOP; she ultimately became the director in 1986. Even as the director, she maintained close interaction with students by continuing to counsel students as she had since coming to the EOP.

Ms. Robinson collaborates with the national TRIO organization, the Council for Opportunity in Education to ensure the highest standards in available support services are provided nationwide for minority and other underserved students. EOP is one of the TRIO federally-funded college opportunity programs that provide academic tutoring, personal counselling,

mentoring, financial guidance, and other supports necessary for educational access and retention and relevant training for directors and staff.

Ms. Robinson has served as the president of Wisconsin Association of Educational Opportunity Program Personnel. While at Marquette, she has successfully secured federal funding for EOP throughout its history and served as a member of the Friends of the Haggerty Museum Board, a member of the Diversity Task Force, and many scholarship selection committees. She has been active at the national level in presenting successful models of support program innovation and has been a reader of grant applications for the U.S. Department of Education Student Support Services grant competitions.

Madam Speaker, for these reasons, I am honored to pay tribute to Sande Robinson who leaves behind a wonderful legacy of assisting hundreds of students in their efforts to receive a higher education and become alumni of my alma mater, Marquette University. Sande Robinson's contributions have greatly enriched and benefitted the citizens of the Fourth Congressional District.

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MARIA DAY

**HON. ED PERLMUTTER**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 11, 2010*

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Maria Day who has received the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. Maria Day 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 Maria Day 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 Maria Day for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. I have no doubt she will exhibit the same dedication and character in all her future accomplishments.

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A SHOW OF APPRECIATION FOR  
TWO OUTSTANDING NORTHEAST  
WISCONSIN TEACHERS

**HON. STEVE KAGEN**

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 11, 2010*

Mr. KAGEN. Madam Speaker, in honor of Teacher Appreciation Day, I come to the floor to recognize two outstanding educators from Northeast Wisconsin.

Greenville Middle School's Jennifer Koenecke and Green Bay Edison's Nancie Brennan exemplify what we hope to see in all of our teachers.

As the newest National Board Certified teachers in the 8th Congressional District of

Wisconsin, they demonstrated a commitment to taking their teaching practice and the teaching profession to a different level.

We entrust teachers with the nurture and care of our most precious resource—our children, and we are grateful to them not only for the security they provide, but for the example they set.

For Jennifer Koenecke and Nancie Brennan, their leadership and the example they set extends not only to the students they teach, but to the peers who surround them.

Like board-certified medical doctors, teachers who become National Board Certified go through a rigorous year-long evaluation of their performance.

Each educator is measured against the most rigorous standards through an extensive series of performance-based assessments that include thorough analysis of the candidate's classroom teaching and student learning.

As a physician who has been three times board certified, I have a keen appreciation for the initiative and effort these women have made on behalf of the future of our children. After all, if we get public education right, everything else will follow. But if we get education wrong, not much else will matter.

Today I'm proud to recognize Greenville Middle School's Jennifer Koenecke and Green Bay Edison's Nancie Brennan for getting it right.

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RECOGNITION OF TROVER HEALTH  
SYSTEM

**HON. ED WHITFIELD**

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 11, 2010*

Mr. WHITFIELD. Madam Speaker, I rise in recognition of Trover Health System, a hospital in the City of Madisonville located in my District, the First Congressional District of Kentucky. On March 28, 2010, Trover was named one of the nation's 100 Top Hospitals by Thomson Reuters, a leading provider of information and solutions to improve the cost and quality of healthcare. The award recognizes hospitals that have achieved excellence in clinical outcomes, patient safety, patient satisfaction, financial performance, and operational efficiency. This is the second time Trover has been recognized with this honor.

Trover Health System is an integrated health provider serving western Kentucky residents for more than 50 years. With nine locations in six counties, Trover proudly offers 55 services and specialties to meet the needs of Kentuckians close to home. With more than 130 primary care, mid-level and specialist physicians, 500 registered nurses, and 1,000 licensed health care professionals, Trover is made up of an experienced team of dedicated staff. Trover provides healthcare solutions with compassion and respect for the uniqueness of every individual.

Madam Speaker, it is with great pride that I bring to the attention of this House the historical significance and sense of this notable achievement. Trover's commitment to patients is evident in everything they do—and they have shown themselves as a model for quality care.

RECOGNIZING DIANNE COSTA FOR  
HER SERVICE TO THE TOWN OF  
HIGHLAND VILLAGE, TEXAS

**HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 11, 2010*

Mr. BURGESS. Madam Speaker, I proudly rise today to recognize Dianne Costa, the Mayor of Highland Village, Texas. After years of impressive leadership and commitment to the community, Dianne will be retiring from the City Council.

Mayor Costa was elected Mayor of Highland Village in May 2006, and re-elected in May 2008. Previously, she had served as Mayor Pro Tem from 2005–2006, and before that she served as Deputy Mayor Pro Tem from 2003–2005.

Mayor Costa's dedication to Highland Village has spanned more than a decade. She began her service by participating with the Highland Village Women's Club, and served as the Outreach Chairman until 2001. Dianne continued her involvement through positions with Parks and Recreation, Police Auxiliary, and was awarded for her excellence in 2000 by receiving the Police Department Community Service Award.

Mayor Costa and her husband Dennis live in Highland Village with their sons and she is co-owner of Sharp Focus Centers. In addition to being Mayor, she currently serves as a member of the National Transportation and Infrastructure Committee, Board of Directors for the Highland Village Community Development Corporation, the Texas Association of Mediators, the National Council on Family Relations, and Rockpointe Church.

Madam Speaker, it is with great honor that I rise today to commemorate the accomplishments and service of Highland Village Mayor Dianne Costa. It is my honor to represent such a dedicated community member in the United States House of Representatives.

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HONORING THE SERVICE OF  
CADET NURSES DURING NA-  
TIONAL NURSES WEEK

**HON. DANIEL LIPINSKI**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 11, 2010*

Mr. LIPINSKI. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the work of our Nation's nurses as we commemorate National Nurses Week and in particular to remember the service of the Cadet Nurse Program participants during World War II.

Nurses have long provided invaluable service in a wide array of medical settings. But few circumstances call for greater service to others or place more demands on society than times of conflict and war. Sixty-seven years ago, thousands of nurses answered this call and rose to these demands by taking part in the Cadet Nurse Program established in the midst of one of the greatest conflicts of the last century.

The demand for medical services caused by WWII led to a critical shortage of nurses both within the military and domestically. Congress responded by passing the Nurse Training Act

of 1943, which provided an opportunity for accredited nursing schools to offer accelerated training programs, greatly increasing the number of nurses available to serve at home and overseas. In addition, nursing students were able to receive subsidies for the cost of their training and a modest living stipend, which permitted many students to advance economically.

However, the Cadet Nurses' path through this program was not simple or easy. In addition to the daily stresses and high demands of nursing work, these future nurses faced the additional burdens of completing their studies faster than regular students and learning critical skills on the job instead of in the classroom. Yet, by responding to these challenges, the nursing students receiving training through the Cadet Nurse Program were critical to supporting the increased need for services during this difficult time in our Nation's history.

As we celebrate National Nurses Week, let us remember the difficult work that all nurses carry out. They serve at the front lines of medical care: often, they are the first and most familiar medical provider patients will see.

This week, I ask you to join me in remembering and honoring the work of Cadet Nurses and making sure that their outstanding service to their communities and our Nation is not forgotten.

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RECOGNIZING DICK COOK FOR HIS SERVICE TO THE TOWN OF DOUBLE OAK, TEXAS

**HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 11, 2010*

Mr. BURGESS. Madam Speaker, I proudly rise today to recognize Dick Cook and his dedication to the town of Double Oak. On May 17, 2010, after over 17 years of distinguished service, Dick will retire from the City Council.

Dick has held many positions throughout the years. He has served as Mayor of Double Oak for 9 years, and also as Mayor Pro-Tem, Deputy Mayor Pro-Tem, Town Treasurer, and City Council Member. If that isn't impressive enough, Dick has also served on the Planning and Zoning Commission and the Board of Adjustment.

Dick and his wife Georgette have been residents of Double Oak for 25 years. Not only has he served the town of Double Oak, but he served as an officer in the United States Navy from 1950 to 1981. When Mr. Cook retired, he held the highest rank in the Fleet Reserve, Navy Lieutenant.

Madam Speaker, it is with great honor that I rise today to recognize an outstanding public servant to both his community and the nation, Mr. Dick Cook. It is my honor to represent such a dedicated community member in the United States House of Representatives.

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RAISING AWARENESS ABOUT ESOPHAGEAL CANCER

**HON. BILL POSEY**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 11, 2010*

Mr. POSEY. Madam Speaker, several weeks ago, I received a call from one of my

constituents, Marsha Shapiro. She courageously shared with me her experience with her husband Joel's battle with esophageal cancer. Marsha was kind enough to tell me a little about her husband and the type of man he was. She told me that for 30 years Joel worked as a New York City public school teacher at P.S.176 in Brooklyn. He also spent 16 years as an English high school principal at Yeshiva of Brooklyn, a position he held in conjunction with his public school duties.

She said that Joel was a humble man, but to his family and his students, he was a giant. For several summers he worked at the Italian Federation in an athletic program sponsoring Say No To Drugs. Music was also a very important part of his life having been a violinist in the Brooklyn Heights Orchestra and at St. Ann's Church. Furthermore, he performed with the Staten Island Orchestra at St. John's University and Kingsborough Community Orchestra Brooklyn, NY.

Mrs. Shapiro shared with me how Joel's battle with esophageal cancer began on May 15, 2009. Over the course of the next several months he received the recognized chemo and radiation treatments but unfortunately they did not shrink his tumor. On November 18, 2009, after just 6 months and 3 days of treatment, Joel passed away. He is survived by his wife Marsha, two sons Adam and Glenn and three grandchildren, Jonathan, Naomi and Zachary.

My colleagues, sadly, Joel's battle with esophageal cancer is not out of the ordinary. Unfortunately, it is too often the norm. The five-year survival rate for those diagnosed with esophageal cancer is less than 20 percent and many, like Mr. Shapiro, die within a year of being diagnosed. The American Cancer Society estimates that this year alone more than 16,000 new cases of esophageal cancer will be diagnosed in the United States and nearly 14,500 deaths from esophageal cancer will occur.

In fact, the rates of esophageal cancer have been rising dramatically for the past several decades, increasing by more than 400 percent, and there is still a lack of effective treatments for cancer of the esophagus. With such a significant increase in the number of cases and with a mortality rate of nearly 80 percent, too often those diagnosed with esophageal cancer are diagnosed too late and the disease has progressed too much for current treatments to be effective.

I encourage my colleagues to join with me, and my colleague Congressman RUSH HOLT, in sponsoring a bipartisan resolution recognizing the importance of detecting esophageal cancer during its earliest stages, advancing medical research, and supporting the goals and ideals of Esophageal Cancer Awareness Month.

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INTRODUCING THE EQUAL ACCESS TO PRE-SEPARATION ACT OF 2010

**HON. CHELLIE PINGREE**

OF MAINE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 11, 2010*

Ms. PINGREE of Maine. Madam Speaker, today I am proud to be introducing the Equal Access to Pre-Separation Act of 2010. This bill requires the Department of Defense to give

benefit information to members of the Reserve Component before they separate or retire.

For too many years, members of the Guard and Reserve have left the service without a clear picture of the benefits their service has earned them. This legislation ensures that these individuals and their families are educated on how to access benefits like VA health care and Tricare health care programs.

For years the Guard and Reserve have played a critical strategic role in our national defense. I am grateful to these individuals for their service to the Nation. They have made great sacrifices, and I believe that Congress has a moral obligation to educate these heroes on the benefits they have earned. This bill is just one way we can begin to re-pay them for all that they have done to protect this country. I strongly believe that Congress has a moral obligation to keep the promises made to our troops in return for their service.

I look forward to working with my colleagues in the coming weeks to pass this important legislation in the House.

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RECOGNIZING THE SERVICE OF HIGHLAND VILLAGE CITY COUNCIL MEMBER DON COMBS

**HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 11, 2010*

Mr. BURGESS. Madam Speaker, I proudly rise today to recognize City Council Member Don Combs of Highland Village, Texas. After eight years of strong leadership and commitment to the community, Don will be retiring from the City Council.

Don was first elected to the City Council in May of 2002. He served as Mayor of Highland Village from January to May of 2006 and again as Mayor Pro Tem from May 2009 to May 2010. He served as a member of the Planning and Zoning Commission and the Highland Village Community Center Committee.

Don currently serves on the Board of Directors for the Highland Village Community Development Corporation, where he directly helps to promote and implement projects to benefit economic development in the area. He and his wife, Janet, and their family have lived in Highland Village since 1985.

Madam Speaker, it is with great honor that I rise today to commemorate the accomplishments and service of Highland Village City Council Member, Don Combs. I am proud to represent such a devoted community member in the United States House of Representatives.

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COMMEMORATING VIETNAM HUMAN RIGHTS DAY

**HON. ZOE LOFGREN**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 11, 2010*

Ms. ZOE LOFGREN of California. Madam Speaker, I rise in honor of the 16th Commemoration of Vietnam Human Rights Day.

I am proud to represent San Jose, home to the largest Vietnamese population outside of

Vietnam itself. Many of my constituents have family and friends still in Vietnam, and the reports about the human rights situation in that country are concerning.

Beginning in 1994, Congress has designated May 11th as Vietnam Human Rights Day—a day to reflect on the struggles of the thousands of innocent Vietnamese citizens that seek basic human rights and freedom.

Sadly, in the sixteen years since Congress first established this day calling for Hanoi to respect basic human rights, the situation has not improved. In fact, after the United States granted Vietnam Permanent Normal Trade Relations in 2006, conditions worsened as the Vietnamese government, having received the trade agreement it sought, returned to its violent and incursive methods of silencing free speech.

While the Vietnamese government presents a facade of democracy to the world, journalists, bloggers, and whistleblowers are imprisoned for merely raising questions about government policies or calling attention to corrupt behavior. Pro-democracy activists are arrested and jailed under arbitrary, expansive, and vague anti-propaganda laws, often without due process. Despite years of pressure from Congress and humanitarian organizations, the Vietnamese government continues to deny these charges, show a lack of a serious commitment to reform, and openly violate both its own constitution as well as its international human rights obligations.

Moreover, religious freedom remains an issue. Reports of harassment, discrimination, and repression related to religion continue. In its Annual Report for 2010, released this month, the U.S. Commission on International Religious Freedom has renewed its call for Vietnam to be designated as a Country of Particular Concern by the State Department. I wholeheartedly agree with this recommendation, and strongly urge the State Department to follow it.

On this May 11th, I ask my colleagues to honor the efforts of those who are fighting for freedom and democracy in Vietnam, and to consider how we might be of assistance in their difficult and courageous struggle for the basic human rights that we, as Americans, enjoy.

IN HONOR AND RECOGNITION OF  
VETERANS OF THE BATTLE OF  
THE BULGE, (VBOB) OHIO NORTH  
COAST CHAPTER XXXVI

**HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 11, 2010*

Mr. KUCINICH. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor and recognition of Veterans of the Battle of the Bulge, (VBOB) Ohio North Coast Chapter XXXVI. Their individual and collective courage, sacrifice and service on behalf of our nation will be forever remembered.

The Battle of the Bulge was the largest land battle of World War II and one of the deadliest battles in American history. By the end of the battle, nearly 20,000 American soldiers were dead and more than 80,000 were wounded. The German surprise attack on American troops began on December 16, 1944 in the

snow-covered Ardennes Mountains of Belgium and Luxembourg. It ended with an Allied victory. This courageous stand by American troops proved to be a major turning point in the war; it contributed to the defeat of the Nazis and the liberation of Europe.

The VBOB Chapter XXXVI was chartered on July 16, 1994. Forever connected by their shared experience, Veterans from throughout northern Ohio gathered to meet on a regular basis. Though the Chapter is now disbanding, its members were active. They held annual commemoration dinners in honor of their friends who lost their lives and led the effort to construct a memorial in honor of the soldiers who fought in the Battle of the Bulge. That monument, located in The Ohio Western Reserve National Cemetery in Rittman, Ohio, was dedicated on June 6th, 2002.

Madam Speaker and Colleagues, please join me in honor of and gratitude to the soldiers who fought in the Battle of the Bulge, many of whom made the ultimate sacrifice on behalf of our nation. I also stand in honor of the Veterans of the Battle of the Bulge, the Ohio North Coast Chapter XXXVI. The heart and grit that each young soldier exhibited in the midst of that battle will be honored forever.

TRIBUTE TO GENE A. VINCENTI ON  
HIS RETIREMENT

**HON. DONALD M. PAYNE**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 11, 2010*

Mr. PAYNE. Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues here in the House of Representatives to join me as I rise to pay tribute to the wonderful accomplishments of Gene A. Vincenti as he retires from Rutgers Newark. It is indeed a pleasure for me to add my congratulations to that of his family, friends and colleagues of the Rutgers Newark community as they celebrate in honor of "Mr. Rutgers Newark." For all the contributions he has made over the years, Mr. Vincenti deserves to be feted on this marvelous although melancholy occasion.

Rarely has an individual been such an integral part of a university by having received both undergraduate and graduate degrees and going on to work at the same institution for over 38 years. However, that is exactly what Gene has done. His career at Rutgers Newark can only be described as mutually beneficial. Having worked with three provosts and three presidents, Gene has been instrumental in helping to develop the current landscape of Newark. In addition to his involvement with the Council for Higher Education in Newark, CHEN, alliance, Gene had a hand in determining the locations of the New Jersey Performing Arts Center and the Prudential Arena. He also had input on redeveloping the Broad Street train station and the Broad and Halsey Street areas near the campus.

Gene's involvement in CHEN and his numerous years as a champion of Rutgers Newark helped to create some dynamic improvements and image boosting initiatives for the City of Newark. His sphere of influence in the community and the synergy he helped to create through CHEN will always be remembered by the many students, administrators and residents of the Greater Newark area.

Madam Speaker, I know my fellow members of the House of Representatives agree that Gene Vincenti has been a part of the fabric of Newark Rutgers and that his departure will leave a void that will not easily be filled. We wish him well in this new phase of his life.

HONORING MARK MADDEN

**HON. DALE E. KILDEE**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 11, 2010*

Mr. KILDEE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Mark Madden as he retires as Superintendent of Atherton Community Schools in Burton, Michigan. A Mark Madden hour is planned at Atherton High School tomorrow to honor his work.

Mark Madden started working for Atherton Community Schools in 1969 as an English teacher. Over the years he taught English, French, and Drama at Atherton Middle School, Atherton Senior High School and in the Atherton Adult Education program. Outside the classroom, Mark worked as the Red Cross sponsor for the Freshman and Junior Classes, was the advisor for the Foreign Study League, the producer of the Atherton Senior High School plays, was an announcer, scorekeeper and crowd control technician for sporting events.

He initiated and coached the Varsity Tennis Team and the Junior Varsity Tennis Team. As a member of the Michigan High School Tennis Coaches Association, his commitment to the sport was recognized in 2002, when he was inducted into the High School Tennis Coaches Hall of Fame.

Mark spent 32 years as a teacher, 4 years as a principal and 5 years as superintendent. In addition to his work with Atherton Community Schools, he also found time to teach English and Education at Baker College. He also participated in the Big Brothers, Big Sisters program. He has been honored as Regional Tennis Coach of the Year, the Teacher of the Year and Northwood Institute Outstanding Influencer.

Madam Speaker, I ask the House of Representatives to join me in applauding the outstanding work and contributions of Mark Madden. He has been a committed educator both in and out of the classroom and I wish him the best as he enters the next phase of his life.

HONORING GERALDINE E. WOOD  
JOYNER

**HON. THADDEUS G. MCCOTTER**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 11, 2010*

Mr. MCCOTTER. Madam Speaker, today I rise to honor Geraldine Wood Joyner, a devoted wife, mother and community activist and to mourn her upon her passing at the age of 89.

Geraldine Wood, the oldest of the three children of William and Hilda Wood, was born in Stockton, California on May 20, 1920. Although her life was adversely affected and forever changed by the polio epidemic of 1921, Jeri was never deterred from living life to the

fullest. At the tender age of 4, Jeri was accepted as a patient at San Francisco Shriners Hospital and endured multiple surgeries. Although she was home and hospital schooled through her eighth grade year, Jeri was healthy enough to attend high school, graduating in 1937. She then went on to attend Stockton College of Commerce. During World War II Miss Wood worked on a United States Army base in the state of Washington, meeting and eventually marrying Army Technical Sergeant Richard Joyner when the war ended.

Mr. and Mrs. Joyner and their young family moved to Livonia, Michigan in 1960 where Jeri quickly became involved in the local PTA thus beginning a storied career of service to the community she loved. Jeri served a combined 20 years with the Livonia School Board and the Wayne County Intermediate School District between 1964 and 1984. Perhaps because she was denied a normal educational experience, Jeri felt impassioned to guarantee other children ample opportunities through their school years.

Geraldine Joyner served her community with devotion, never waiting to be asked but stepping up to communicate and to identify important issues. Jeri was a longtime member of the League of Women Voters, spending many years as an election precinct chairperson. She was an active member of the Livonia Prayer Breakfast and the Livonia Town Hall speakers program. This truly was a woman who inspired those around her.

On May 2, 2010, Geraldine Joyner's driven heart failed and the Livonia community lost a champion. She will long be remembered as a mother devoted to her family, especially Richard, her husband of 62 years, and her sons Richard William "Bill" Joyner, a former Wayne County commissioner and Dr. Robert Wood Joyner. Jeri leaves a legacy in her grandchildren Richard Paul, Jonathan, Jason and Kimberly Ann Joyner. Jeri was a wonderful woman, kind to all she encountered. She will be truly and sorrowfully missed.

Madam Speaker, during her lifetime, Geraldine Wood Joyner enriched the lives of everyone around her. As we bid farewell to this wonderful woman, I ask my colleagues to join me in mourning her passing and honoring her years of loyal service to our community and country.

IN HONOR AND REMEMBRANCE OF  
JAMES FRANCIS SULLIVAN

**HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 11, 2010*

Mr. KUCINICH. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor and remembrance of James Francis Sullivan, beloved husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather and friend. Mr. Sullivan lived his life with energy, joy and a commitment to his community.

Mr. Sullivan was born on June 19, 1932. His mother, Sarah, was from Ireland, and his father, John, was from Pittsburgh. The youngest of eleven brothers and sisters, Mr. Sullivan was raised in Cleveland, Ohio, where he learned the value of hard work and the importance of family. He attended St. Coleman's Grade School and graduated from West High School.

Mr. Sullivan followed the path set by his father and joined the Asbestos Workers Local No. 3. He served as an Executive Board member and later was elected President, an office which he held for six years. In 1973, he was elected Business Manager of the Asbestos Workers union and he held the position for fifteen years. Mr. Sullivan was a tireless advocate on behalf of asbestos workers. He brought their concerns to national fora and represented the union at international conferences. Most significantly, under his leadership, pension and hospitalization plans were first established for asbestos workers.

Mr. Sullivan was also a dedicated husband and father. He married his high school sweetheart, Helen, in 1952. Together, they raised six children: James "Scott", Jeffrey, Brian, Danny, Bobby and Kelly. All five sons are members of the Heat & Frost Insulators Local No. 3 in Cleveland. Mr. Sullivan was also a devoted grandfather of twelve, and great-grandfather of two.

Madam Speaker and Colleagues, please join me in honor and remembrance of James Francis Sullivan. I offer my condolences to his family and friends. Mr. Sullivan lived life with a generous heart and an unwavering love for his family. He will never be forgotten.

A TRIBUTE TO GRIFFITH  
OBSERVATORY

**HON. ADAM B. SCHIFF**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 11, 2010*

Mr. SCHIFF. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the seventy-fifth anniversary of the Griffith Observatory in Los Angeles, California.

In 1896, Griffith J. Griffith donated 3,015 acres to the City of Los Angeles for Griffith Park and several years later in December of 1912, he offered funding for a public observatory to the Los Angeles City Council. When Mr. Griffith died in 1919, he left funds for construction of the Observatory and the Greek Theatre in his will. The groundbreaking for the new Observatory building occurred in June of 1920, and in 1934, the Astronomers Monument was dedicated.

The formal dedication of Griffith Observatory was on May 14, 1935, and it opened to the public the next day. Soon afterward, the Observatory began its school field trip program, which ran continuously until 2001 and brought millions of students to the Observatory.

The Observatory has played a crucial role in our nation's history—whether during the 1940s, when military pilots trained in the planetarium theater to learn to navigate by the stars and the 121st Coast Artillery members were garrisoned at the Observatory, or in the hundreds of motion pictures filmed at the Observatory, including *The Phantom Empire*, *Rebel Without a Cause*, and *Jurassic Park*.

The 75 years have brought many exciting additions and changes at the Observatory. 1958 saw the retirement of the first Observatory Director, Dr. Dinsmore Alter, after 23 years. In the 1960s, the original Zeiss Mark II planetarium projector was replaced with a Zeiss Mark IV projector, Apollo astronauts were trained to navigate by the stars in the planetarium theater, and Dr. Clarence Clemenshaw retired after 34 years of service

as the Assistant Director (1935–1958) and Director (1958–1969). In November of 1973, Laserium premiered—a program that continued until January 2002. After Dr. William Kaufman's resignation as Director (1970–1974), Dr. E.C. Krupp became the fourth Director of the Observatory, a position he currently holds after over 36 years, making him the longest-serving Director. The 1970s also saw Griffith Observatory designated as Los Angeles Historic-Cultural Monument No. 168 and the official incorporation of the Friends Of The Observatory by Dr. Krupp and Debra and Harold Griffith.

In 1985, the fiftieth anniversary was celebrated on May 14, Halley's Comet brought in unprecedented crowds, and on January 1, 1989, the Observatory was featured on a Rose Parade float in the Pasadena Tournament of Roses Parade. In the 1990s, a master plan for the Observatory's future was approved, the Astronomers Monument restoration was completed, and huge crowds saw live telescopic viewing of Comet Shoemaker-Levy 9 crashing into Jupiter. In 2002, the Observatory closed to the public after 67 years of service for renovation and expansion and on October 30, the groundbreaking for the project occurred. After a \$93 million makeover, the Observatory building and grounds reopened to the public on November 2, 2006. Since that time, the Observatory has continued serving the public with new educational school programs and events.

I consider it a great privilege to represent Griffith Observatory and I ask all Members to join me in congratulating this iconic, cultural landmark upon its seventy-fifth anniversary.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. J. GRESHAM BARRETT**

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 11, 2010*

Mr. BARRETT of South Carolina. Madam Speaker, unfortunately, I missed the following recorded votes on the House floor the legislative week of Tuesday, May 4, 2010.

For Tuesday, May 4, 2010, had I been present I would have voted "aye" on Rollcall vote No. 243 (on motion to suspend the rules and agree to H. Res. 1307), "aye" on Rollcall vote No. 244 (on motion to suspend the rules and agree to H. Res. 1213), "aye" on Rollcall vote No. 245 (on motion to suspend the rules and agree to H. Res. 1132).

For Wednesday, May 5, 2010, had I been present I would have voted "aye" on Rollcall vote No. 246 (on motion to suspend the rules and agree to H. Res. 1320), "aye" on Rollcall vote No. 247 (on motion to suspend the rules and agree to H. Res. 1272), "no" on Rollcall vote No. 248 (on motion to suspend the rules and agree to H. Res. 1301).

For Thursday, May 6, 2010, had I been present I would have voted "no" on Rollcall vote No. 249 (on agreeing to H. Res. 1329, providing for consideration of H.R. 5019), "aye" on Rollcall vote No. 250 (on motion to suspend the rules and agree to H. Res. 1295), "no" on Rollcall vote No. 251 (on motion to suspend the rules and agree to H.R. 1722), "aye" on Rollcall vote No. 252 (on agreeing to the Barton amendment to H.R. 5019), "aye" on Rollcall vote No. 253 (on agreeing to the

Burgess amendment to H.R. 5019), “aye” on Rollcall vote No. 254 (on motion to recommit H.R. 5019 with instructions), “no” on Rollcall vote No. 255 (on passage of H.R. 5019).

RECOGNIZING THE VISION OF JOHN W. WEEKS AND HIS CONTRIBUTION TO THE CONSERVATION MOVEMENT

**HON. JAMES P. MORAN**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 11, 2010*

Mr. MORAN of Virginia. Madam Speaker, I am on the floor today acknowledging the upcoming 100th year anniversary of the passage of the Weeks Act, a significant conservation achievement in the history of the United States. John W. Weeks, a Republican Congressman from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, was relentless in his efforts to pass this legislation, which authorized the federal purchase of cutover and denuded forestlands in the headwaters of navigable streams for the purpose of conserving the flow of streams and rivers and to restore lands for future timber production. Despite a fierce two year battle, Rep. Weeks was successful and the Weeks Act cleared Congress on March 1, 1911.

At the turn of the 19th century, vast amounts of private forested land in the eastern United States had been ravaged by clear cut logging. In the absence of trees, vast areas of the East were prone to flooding and soil erosion, as well as destructive forest fires. No longer productive, these lands were often abandoned and came into state and local ownership for nonpayment of taxes. To bring these lands back from the ecological brink, Rep. John Weeks introduced legislation directing the federal government to relieve state and local governments from managing these lands and restore them to their former condition.

Today 26 eastern states are home to 52 National Forests encompassing almost 25 million acres. These forests provide significant economic benefits. Not only are the forests recreational sanctuaries, they are also a major contributor in keeping America’s drinking water clean. Many eastern municipal water supplies depend on National Forest watersheds and currently \$450 billion in food and fiber, manufactured goods, and tourism depends on clean water and healthy watersheds. In addition, the timber supply managed by the Forest Service provides a significant monetary benefit. The timber resource was almost nonexistent when the federal government purchased the land, but today these lands host an estimated 42 billion cubic feet of growing stock and about 210 billion board feet of saw timber.

With this resolution we recognize and commemorate the vision of John W. Weeks and his contribution to the conservation effort. Both Republicans and Democrats recognized the importance of federal government in conserving the forests and the water supply for long term environmental goals. Today I encourage both Congress and the Forest Service to begin preparing a centennial celebration commemorating this major bipartisan accomplishment. Our 52 National Forests in 26 eastern states may never have existed if the Weeks Act of 1911 had not been passed.

I encourage my colleagues to support this resolution.

IN COMMEMORATION OF THE 70TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE KATYN MASSACRE

**HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 11, 2010*

Mr. KUCINICH. Madam Speaker, I rise today in commemoration of the 70th anniversary of the Katyn Massacre, when Soviet forces executed nearly 25,000 Polish military personnel and civilians including 4,443 military officers in the spring of 1940.

In September, 1939, the Soviet Union invaded eastern Poland and imprisoned nearly 5,000 Polish military personnel. Polish officers were separated by the Soviet NKVD, the precursor to the KGB. The officers were systematically lined up, shot in the back, and buried in the Katyn forest near Smolensk. Thousands more Polish soldiers and civilians were taken to other sites to be killed.

In 1990, Soviet Premier Mikhail Gorbachev publicly admitted that the Soviet NKVD had ordered the execution of up to 25,000 Polish military members and citizens. Gorbachev’s admission was a first step toward reconciliation between Poland and Russia; a process that continues to progress today.

Madam Speaker and colleagues, please join in remembrance of the 70th anniversary of the tragedy that became known as the Katyn Massacre. As the people of Poland and Russia continue the work of reconciliation, we must support their efforts and continue to work toward diplomacy and peace. Together, we can create a world where nations rely on the principles of diplomacy and peace to resolve conflicts.

AL BASHIR EXECUTES MARTIAL LAW TO SILENCE EL-FASHER UNITY: US AND UN UNSPOKEN

**HON. FRANK R. WOLF**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 11, 2010*

Mr. WOLF. Madam Speaker, I would like to share with our colleagues an article which ran last week reporting that Sudan’s leader, the internationally indicted war criminal, Bashir, declared martial law inside El-Fasher, Darfur.

What’s remarkable is the headline: Al-Bashir Executes Martial Law to Silence El Fasher Unity: US and UN Unspoken.

Silence in the face of martial law?

Once again, I urge this administration to find its voice on Sudan.

[From Salem-News.com, May 4, 2010]

AL-BASHIR EXECUTES MARTIAL LAW TO SILENCE EL FASHER UNITY: US AND UN UNSPOKEN

(By Alysha Atma)

“I know there are many good, compassionate people in this world, who will listen to us and help us”—Mohammed Yahya

(EL FASHER/PORTLAND)—“Martial Law has been declared inside El Fasher, Darfur. We have to stay in our homes; the Police and Government Army are searching house to house looking for people, cell phones, cameras and pictures,” a source on the ground there tells Salem-News.com.

All communications have been severed, “They are going to cut the network, no

email or cell phones. We will not be able to communicate with anyone. We don’t know how long this will last.”

The International Superpowers—US Government and China, have all given their silent approval in support of the Genocidal President of Sudan. Omar Al-Bashir is a wanted war criminal who ran, and won the recent, rigged and fraudulent elections. By standing silent the US Government has allowed a continued reign of terror to besiege the people of Sudan. The US government has chosen its path, to stand with the Sudanese President while he targets the people and strips them from their land, families and often their lives.

The last several days have seen the tensions and terror increase inside the state of Darfur; bombings, clashes and protests have left many dead, injured or displaced.

According to sources on the ground, this was to be expected, with information beginning to leak its way out of Darfur and their voices coming together in unity. The government (GoS) is trouncing hard on the people of El Fasher. Those inside report that the government is not only stopping all communication they are confiscating cell phones, cameras and computers in an effort to ebb the flow of information leaving the state.

Sources say to brace for more to happen, there have been too many to count, arrested and beaten. Many of those being taken are the same that stood in strength and protested against the government’s horror and deception.

2 May 2010 in El Fasher, also known as Al Fasher

The GoS Ponzi scam that was earlier reported not only stole money from the hard working Darfuri’s but also allowed the GoS to compile a list of names and addresses. This list is not being used not to repay those that the government owes money, but to target with violence and harassment. Many on this list have already been taken away or arrested; reports indicate they are being sent to Shalla prison.

“Shalla is a very bad, terrible place”.

We previously reported over 300 people were arrested in the two days following the protest.

Our source says, “Over 100 arrested today and still arresting more based on the governor’s order this evening.”

Sources indicate this may be a very long lockdown; they cannot leave their homes and the market has been shut down. A majority of people inside El Fasher do not have running water and rely on every day trips to the market to feed their families.

“How are we going to survive if we can’t get food and water, we can’t last a week? If we leave our homes we are arrested or killed.”

Omar Al-Bashir has been known in the past to use starvation as a weapon of war. The goal and ideology has been consistent within this government; to clear Darfur of its people.

“They can do anything that they want and get away with it, anything beyond your imagination, that is what they can do.” Reporter Mohammed Yahya said.

Oil, gold, copper and uranium are all found in ground of Darfur. Omar Al-Bashir’s actions suggest that the Sudanese people are dispensable; wipe out the people and the land is his, this equals money. He has successfully managed to wipe out over 80% of the villages. El Fasher is one of the largest towns in Darfur with a population of over 250,000, how many will survive?

The citizens of El Fasher no longer having anything to lose; with no other direction and with many facing death or imprisonment, the U.S. and UN still stand silent. Their hope is for world to hear them and not allow another hundred people to disappear into

Shalla prison today and thousands to starve while Al-Bashir smiles for the camera during his re-election photos.

Mohammed Yahya said, "I know there are many good, compassionate people in this world, who will listen to us and help us."

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HONORING KEVIN DOWLING

**HON. FORTNEY PETE STARK**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 11, 2010*

Mr. STARK. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Kevin Dowling, who is retiring from the Hayward, California City Council after 26 years of public service. Over the course of his career, he has served on many Council commissions and intergovernmental agencies, including the Hayward Economic Development Committee, City Council Commercial Center, Hayward Youth Commission, Hayward Economic Development Committee, and the Alameda County Transportation Improvement Agency.

Mr. Dowling has been a Hayward resident since 1962. He received his high school diploma from Moreau Catholic High School in 1980 and graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree from Santa Clara University in 1984.

Before becoming a council member for the city of Hayward, Mr. Dowling served as an aide to Alameda County Supervisors Gail Steele and Alice Lai-Bitker. He was Alumni Director for Moreau Catholic High School and Development Director for Eden Information and Referral. He serves as Development Director for the Boys and Girls Clubs of San Leandro.

Mr. Dowling has been a vital part of many projects in the city of Hayward, including downtown redevelopment and neighborhood improvements. His leadership and exemplary public service have made an impact in Hayward and beyond.

He is retiring from the City Council at the end of his term on July 13, 2010. I join the city of Hayward in expressing appreciation for his many years of public service.

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OUR UNCONSCIONABLE NATIONAL DEBT

**HON. MIKE COFFMAN**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 11, 2010*

Mr. COFFMAN of Colorado. Madam Speaker, today our national debt is \$12,926,785,477,772.98.

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 \$2,288,359,731,479.18 so far this Congress.

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

HONORING MR. JOSEPH RIHEL

**HON. C.A. DUTCH RUPPERSBERGER**

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 11, 2010*

Mr. RUPPERSBERGER. Madam Speaker, I rise before you today to honor the tireless service of Joseph Rihel as a dedicated volunteer for the Glen Burnie VA Outpatient Clinic. To salute his service, Mr. Rihel was awarded the 2009 Congressional Volunteer Recognition Award by the Veterans Advisory Council for Maryland's 2nd District.

Veterans of the United States Armed Forces have dedicated themselves to protecting the lives of every American. Their service to our Nation deserves the highest level of gratitude. It is important that we take the time to recognize the individuals who give of their time and talents to support veterans and ensure their comfort, care, and well-being.

A retired Baltimore City firefighter and reservist in the U.S. Navy, Mr. Rihel continues to serve his county and community as a volunteer at the Glen Burnie VA Outpatient Clinic. Mr. Rihel has driven more than 20,000 miles transporting veterans to their clinic appointments and back home. To date, he has given more than 1,700 hours of volunteer time to the Disabled American Veterans Transportation.

Time and again, Mr. Rihel has gone above and beyond expectations. When an illness disrupted the regular driving schedule, he worked overtime to keep the office moving. After a major snow fall, he cleared the snow off the vans, then moved them to a snow-free area so that Veteran patients and other drivers could access them safely. Mr. Rihel's colleagues describe him as "phenomenal."

Madam Speaker, I ask that you join with me today to honor Mr. Joseph Rihel. His compassion and dedication to veterans of the U.S. Armed Forces are an inspiration to us all, and are deserving of the utmost gratitude. It is with great pride that I congratulate Mr. Joseph Rihel on his exemplary service as an advocate and a volunteer.

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IN HONOR AND REMEMBRANCE OF RICHARD SMALLWOOD

**HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 11, 2010*

Mr. KUCINICH. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor and remembrance of Richard Smallwood, a beloved husband, father and friend who lived life with a sense of joy.

Mr. Smallwood served in the Seabees division of the U.S. Navy. After his service he met and married the love of his life, Donna Reese. Together, he and Donna raised their six children with an abundance of love and devotion. He instilled within them a positive attitude, a strong work ethic, and an unwavering commitment to family and service. He worked for many years at Cleveland Electric Illuminating Company, the City of Parma Recreation Department, and he also ran a family business; a gift store called the Treasure Isle.

A modest man, Mr. Smallwood never sought the spotlight, but his volunteer work did not go unnoticed. He was honored numerous times

by the City of Parma and other organizations for his efforts. Mr. Smallwood was an active member and leader within many community organizations and initiatives, including Proud of Parma, the Parma Chamber of Commerce, the Parma Amateur Athletic Association, and the Parma Rib and Rock. He was also an avid softball and volleyball player and enjoyed traveling.

Madam Speaker and Colleagues, please join me in honor and remembrance of Richard Smallwood, a man who will be deeply missed by all who knew and loved him. I offer my condolences to his wife of 41 years, Donna; to his children, Dave, Terri, Scott, Bruce, Vicki and Sherri; to his daughters-in-law, Barb, Karen and Mary; to his sons-in-law, Ken, John and Bob; to his 21 grandchildren and 21 great-grandchildren; and to his extended family members and numerous friends.

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PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. EDWARD J. MARKEY**

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 11, 2010*

Mr. MARKEY of Massachusetts. Madam Speaker, on rollcall No. 245, I inadvertently voted "no," but intended to vote "yes."

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TRIBUTE TO LIEUTENANT GENERAL FRANKLIN L. "BUSTER" HAGENBECK

**HON. JIM MARSHALL**

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 11, 2010*

Mr. MARSHALL. Madam Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I rise today not only as the Representative of the 8th District of Georgia but also as the Chairman of the Board of Visitors to the United States Military Academy at West Point, to honor the service and accomplishments of Lieutenant General Franklin L. "Buster" Hagenbeck, the 57th Superintendent.

LTG Hagenbeck distinguished himself through exceptionally meritorious service to the Nation during more than thirty-nine years of active military service in peace and war, culminating as the Commanding General and 57th Superintendent of the United States Military Academy, West Point.

Madam Speaker, during LTG Hagenbeck's tenure as Superintendent, West Point was recognized as the number one college in the Nation by Forbes Magazine (2009) and the number one liberal arts college by US News and World Report (2010). West Point also won twenty-four national championships in athletics and earned twenty-eight competitive scholarships (Rhodes, Truman, Fulbright, East-West, Gates, and Rotary).

LTG Hagenbeck instituted the first significant change to the cadet program since 1987 by establishing a measured leadership development experience during the summer of senior year. In only one year, he achieved a substantial improvement in the battlefield tested leadership qualities of West Point graduates based on feedback from battalion commanders. Through the establishment of Centers of Excellence at West Point, LTG

Hagenbeck also developed an integration between Army applied problem sets and West Point research and intellectual capital, drawing from across West Point to stand up the National Military Academy of Afghanistan and graduate the first class into the Afghan Army in 2009.

Madam Speaker, LTG Hagenbeck commanded West Point while our Nation was at war. And it is well known within military circles that field commanders competed to bring his graduating cadets into their units. This is testimony both to the quality of the graduates and to LTG Hagenbeck's exemplary leadership as the 57th Superintendent of West Point.

On behalf of the Board of Visitors to West Point, I thank General Hagenbeck for his service. And on a personal note, let me take this opportunity to formally congratulate Buster and West Point's 1970 speed football team for thoroughly stomping me and my fellow Princeton teammates. That memorable whipping cost me a dollar a point on a bet with my father, MG Robert C. Marshall, a 1942 West Point grad.

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#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

### HON. KAY GRANGER

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 11, 2010*

Ms. GRANGER. Madam Speaker, on rollcall No. 242, I was absent from the House.

Had I been present, I would have voted "no."

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#### TO CONGRATULATE ROY WELCH ON HIS FIFTIETH BIRTHDAY

### HON. HEATH SHULER

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 11, 2010*

Mr. SHULER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Roy Welch on his 50th birthday. Born with Down Syndrome in 1960 in my home town of Bryson City, North Carolina, the doctors told his parents he would not live long enough to take him home from the hospital. Fifty years later, Mr. Welch is a standing testament to the importance of faith, strength, and the desire to live a fulfilling and fruitful life.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues today to rise with me in recognizing the incredible story of Roy Welch, and the inspiration he has provided to all of Western North Carolina. I urge my colleagues to join me in celebrating the courage, character, and vitality of Mr. Welch.

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#### IN HONOR AND REMEMBRANCE OF MAX PALEVSKY

### HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 11, 2010*

Mr. KUCINICH. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor and remembrance of Max Palevsky, a kind man who was devoted to his family and friends. He had an innovative spirit,

a passion for the arts and politics, and he had a lifelong mission to make the world a better place.

Mr. Palevsky, the son of Jewish Polish immigrants, was born and raised in Chicago during the Great Depression. His mother was a homemaker and his father worked as a house painter; neither spoke much English. During World War II, he served as an electronics officer in the Army Air Forces. Following his service, he studied math and philosophy at the University of Chicago, where he earned a bachelor's degree in 1948. Mr. Palevsky became a titan in the computer industry as a founding member of Intel Corp. He used his vast wealth to finance political campaigns, build notable art collections, help finance films and help save troubled publications like Rolling Stone Magazine.

Mr. Palevsky first became active in politics in the 1960s by supporting Tom Braden, a newspaper publisher, for California's lieutenant governor. He became active in the anti-war movement and served as a leader in Business Executives Move for Vietnam Peace. His activism against the war led to his efforts in support of Robert Kennedy's 1968 presidential campaign. He met George McGovern at the notorious Chicago Democratic National Convention and became an early supporter. He is credited with helping elect the first African-American mayor of Los Angeles, Tom Bradley, who held office for twenty years. Mr. Palevsky's bipartisan advocacy of campaign finance reform is evidence that he prioritized policy over politics.

Madam Speaker and colleagues, please join me in honor and remembrance of Alex Palevsky, whose innovative mind and passionate heart led not only to great accomplishment in America's technical industries, but also led to great contributions in art and politics. I offer my condolences to his wife, Jodie Evans; to his daughter, Madeleine; to his sons, Nicholas, Alexander, Jonathan and Matthew; to his stepson, Jan; to his sister, Helen; to his four grandchildren; and to his extended family members and many friends.

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#### HONORING THE CITY OF TERRELL

### HON. JEB HENSARLING

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 11, 2010*

Mr. HENSARLING. Madam Speaker, today I would like to recognize the community and city leaders of Terrell, Texas. Terrell has been recognized in the state and by national publications for planning excellence and innovative, sustainable city planning.

Kaufman County is not only one of the fastest growing counties in the State of Texas, but also the entire country. In 2008, U.S. Census data showed a 44% increase in the county's population from 2000. The City of Terrell is currently home to about 18,952 people, but is expected to be home to over 50,000 new residents by 2025.

I would like to recognize Mayor Hal Richards and the city council, as well as Terrell City Manager Torry Edwards and the city staff, for their efforts and contributions to ensure Kaufman County residents will have a community that is equipped to handle the growth in the years to come.

#### RECOGNIZING REVEREND DAVID EVERSON DAY

### HON. RON PAUL

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 11, 2010*

Mr. PAUL. Madam Speaker, on May 16, 2010, Galveston, Texas will celebrate Reverend David Everson Day in honor of Reverend Everson's eleven years of service as the pastor of the First Union Baptist Church. I am pleased to join the First Union Baptist congregation, and all the people of Galveston, in celebrating Reverend Everson's 11 years of service.

First Union Baptist has had numerous achievements under Reverend Everson's leadership. For example, First Union Baptist's Hall Chapel was repaired and adapted to serve as a computer school and resource center for youth and adult literacy. Reverend Everson also led efforts to repair the church parsonage.

In the aftermath of Hurricane Ike, Reverend Everson worked tirelessly to meet the immediate spiritual needs of the First Union Baptist congregation while ensuring that First Union Baptist could resume its schedule of regular weekly services and ancillary activities as soon as possible. Reverend Everson continued to demonstrate exceptional commitment to his parish while leading the efforts to repair the damage the church suffered during Hurricane Ike.

Reverend Everson has contributed greatly to both the church, and the entire Galveston community, by being there for all who need a friend, comforter, and spiritual counselor. Reverend Everson not only cares for those in his congregation, he is always seeking to bring new people into the First Union Baptist congregation. The people of First Union Baptist, and all of Galveston, are certainly lucky to have such a dedicated man as Reverend Everson in their community. I, therefore, join the congregation of First Union Baptist Church and all of the people of Galveston in celebrating Reverend David Everson Day.

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#### IN RECOGNITION OF THE LIFE OF CAPTAIN KYLE A. COMFORT

### HON. MIKE ROGERS

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 11, 2010*

Mr. ROGERS of Alabama. Madam Speaker, I would like to request the House's attention today to recognize the life of a proud American hero, Captain Kyle A. Comfort.

Captain Comfort, of Jacksonville, Alabama, died in Afghanistan on May 8, 2010, in service to our Nation. He is survived by his wife Katherine Brooke Comfort, their daughter Kinleigh Ann and his mother Ellen Comfort.

Like all those who have paid the ultimate sacrifice in this conflict, words cannot express the sense of sadness we have for his family, and the gratitude our country feels for his service. Captain Comfort died serving the United States and the entire cause of liberty, on a mission to bring stability to a troubled region and liberty to a formerly oppressed people. He was a true patriot for serving our Nation, and he will be missed.

We will forever hold him closely in our hearts, and remember his sacrifice and that of his family as a remembrance of his bravery and willingness to serve. Thank you, Madam Speaker, for the House's remembrance on this mournful day.

IN RECOGNITION OF GILLS ONIONS' GRAND CONCEPTOR AWARD

**HON. ELTON GALLEGLY**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 11, 2010*

Mr. GALLEGLY. Madam Speaker, I rise in recognition of Gills Onions, a Ventura County, California, company recently awarded the Grand Conceptor Award from the American Council of Engineering Companies (ACEC), considered the Academy Awards for engineering.

Gills Onions, owned by Steve and David Gill, teamed with HDR Engineering to develop a groundbreaking waste-to-energy system fueled solely from onions.

Gills Onions and HDR were chosen from a field of eight finalists selected from among 163 projects worldwide. ACEC represents more than 5,600 engineering firms throughout the United States. Other finalists included the new \$1.3 billion Dallas Cowboys Stadium in Arlington, Texas, and the Sea-to-Sky Highway project in British Columbia, Canada.

Gills Onions hired HDR Engineering to develop the Advanced Energy Recovery System (AERS), which converts 200,000 pounds of daily onion waste (peels, stems, and tops) into biogas. The biogas, in turn, powers 300-kilowatt fuel cells to supply plant operations.

Gills Onions is the world's largest processor of fresh-cut onions and distributes them across the nation.

AERS satisfies 60 percent of Gills Onions' annual power needs—an estimated \$1.1 million savings. In addition to increased energy independence, AERS has allowed Gills Onions to eliminate a waste stream, reduce its operational costs and provide a smaller carbon footprint.

The combination of the energy produced, cost savings generated and grant funding achieved by the project will result in a full payback in less than six years.

Madam Speaker, I know my colleagues will join me congratulating Steve and David Gill and Gills Onions for being awarded the Grand Conceptor Award and for their out-the-box thinking that has possibly revolutionized how food processing waste is treated.

HONORING THE 250TH ANNIVERSARY OF BERNARDS TOWNSHIP

**HON. RODNEY P. FRELINGHUYSEN**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 11, 2010*

Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Bernards Township, in Somerset County, New Jersey, which is celebrating its 250th Anniversary in 2010.

Originally inhabited by the Lenni-Lenape Indians, the area that is now Bernards Township was purchased by John Harrison in 1717 on behalf of King George I of England. In 1760, the land was named Bernardston Township by King George II in recognition of the fifth provincial governor of New Jersey, Francis Bernard. There were many buildings erected following this period that still stand today: The Lord Stirling Manor site, Basking Ridge Classical School and the Basking Ridge Presbyterian Church, all rich in history. In the yard of the Basking Ridge Presbyterian Church stands a great oak tree where General George Washington and Marquis de Lafayette picnicked and colonial troops practiced their drill steps. The Classical School provided education to many distinguished leaders of our country; graduates include Samuel Lewis Southard, New Jersey's tenth governor, who along with his father, Henry, became the first father and son pair to serve in Congress; Theodore Frelinghuysen, U.S. Senator and vice-presidential candidate in 1844; and William Lewis Dayton, U.S. Senator and Minister to France.

Today, Bernards Township consists of Basking Ridge, Liberty Corner and Lyons. It is home of the Lyons Campus of the Veterans Administration New Jersey Health Care System, the Bonnie Brae Educational Center and Verizon Corporate Headquarters and many excellent schools. This vibrant municipality is home to approximately 28,000 residents who look enthusiastically toward their future but also cherish and preserve their history.

Madam Speaker, I ask you and my colleagues to join me in congratulating Bernards Township as they celebrate their 250th Anniversary.

BURMESE FREEDOM AND DEMOCRACY ACT

**HON. JOSEPH CROWLEY**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 11, 2010*

Mr. CROWLEY. Madam Speaker, I am proud to join with so many of my colleagues

in introducing this bipartisan extension of the Burmese Freedom and Democracy Act. It is abundantly clear that we need tougher and a more robust application of sanctions on Burma, and we need to start soon because the Burmese regime continues to commit crimes against humanity and war crimes against its people.

Many of us in this Congress, as well as credible human rights organizations, have been saying this for years, but now even the United Nations Special Rapporteur on Human Rights in Burma has said that it is highly likely the regime has committed crimes. This is a regime that has destroyed or forced the abandonment of 3,500 villages, raped countless ethnic minority women and recruited thousands of child soldiers. There is no shortage of evidence of these crimes—which continue to this day. It is my hope the Administration will support the United Nations' findings, both by acknowledging the Burmese regime is committing crimes against humanity and by seeking a strong international investigation.

I am also concerned that the Burmese military regime has completely rejected true cooperation with the legitimate leaders of Burma—Aung San Suu Kyi and the National League for Democracy. The regime recently released a new constitution and electoral law that makes it impossible for Nobel Peace Prize recipient Aung San Suu Kyi to run for office. The Burmese regime's "laws" makes a mockery of constitutionalism, and for that reason Aung San Suu Kyi's political party is simply not able to register to participate in the election.

We must stand with Aung San Suu Kyi and the legitimate leaders of Burma and show our support through concrete actions—by implementing tougher sanctions and action on crimes against humanity—moves that have real teeth. When I led the Tom Lantos Block Burmese JADE Act, which was signed into law in 2008, I believed the Administration should use the measure to implement tough sanctions—now is the time for that implementation to begin.

Lastly, I would like to convey a message to Aung San Suu Kyi and the people of Burma: the people and Congress of the United States stand with you. We will not waver in our support for your struggle.

Aung San Suu Kyi has appealed to the world to support the fight for human rights and democracy, stating "Please, use your liberty to promote ours." It is time for us to re-double our efforts for a better, more democratic Burma, and I urge my colleagues to join me in the expeditious passage of this legislation.