

Artha "Lady Artha" Woods, of Cleveland, Ohio, whose joyous life was dedicated to advancing the rights and opportunities for women and minorities.

Ms. Woods was a valedictorian at Cleveland Central High School. She won several academic awards, including a district-wide award as a Latin scholar. Streetwise yet elegant, articulate and refined, Ms. Woods was an unyielding activist. She served as a Cleveland Councilwoman, representing the people of Cleveland's east side with a strong and effective voice. She is credited with the expansion of two of Cleveland's premier institutions: Playhouse Square and the Cleveland Clinic. Moreover, she served as a leader in organizing residents to demand improvements to the deplorable living conditions in the Woodhill Homes public housing units.

In 1941, after protesting for equal opportunity, Ms. Woods became one of 18 African-Americans who broke the color barrier at Ohio Bell. After becoming an employee, Ms. Woods boycotted the cafeteria which helped end segregation between black and white women. She rose to the level of public relations manager at Ohio Bell and stayed with the company for many years. While serving on the City Council, Ms. Woods ran her own businesses and founded one of the first-ever modeling and charm schools for African-American women. She managed the careers of two local boxers and she owned and operated the Cedar Avenue Millinery Shop, where she sold hats to celebrities. She founded the Fairfax Area Community Congress and created the Starlight Cotillion for female graduates of neighborhood public high schools. Additionally, Ms. Woods was designated an honorary Italian by Holy Rosary Church of Cleveland and was blessed by Pope Paul VI in Rome for her work with local Catholic leaders.

Madam Speaker and colleagues, please join me in honor, gratitude and remembrance of my friend, Artha "Lady Artha" Woods. Ms. Woods was the loving mother of the late Eloise and Arthur. I offer my condolences to her grandchildren: Gaile, (Dominic) and Deborah (Richard); to her great-grandchildren, Dominic, Monique, Olivia, Joshua, Lauren and Richard; to her devoted companion, Stanley Tolliver, Jr.; and to her extended family and friends.

NATIONAL NURSES WEEK

HON. BOB GOODLATTE

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 25, 2010

Mr. GOODLATTE. Madam Speaker, since we just commemorated National Nurses Week 2010, I rise today to call attention to the important and essential role that nurses play in providing quality health care across our Nation. Nurses are the largest group of health professionals involved on the front lines of caring for Americans. Our Nation's health care system is complex and every day people with many different health needs are served by legions of caring, qualified, and professional nurses, who are integral to our Nation's health care delivery system.

I believe every person can remember an experience when someone they loved needed health care and a nurse was the first person by their side providing care and comfort. We

all know someone who works in the field of nursing and the commitment they make to their profession, despite extraordinary challenges every day.

The Nurse in Washington Internship program recently brought representatives of this noble field to our Nation's capital to give a voice to their needs and experience. I was pleased to meet with my constituent Jennifer Vaughn (RN, BSN) from Forest, Virginia.

An adequate supply of nurses is essential to ensuring that all people receive quality care and that our Nation's public health infrastructure is strong. According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, there is currently a nursing shortage of 2.5 million registered nurses in the United States. This figure is expected to grow to 41 percent by 2020.

Additional Congressional leadership is necessary to ensure that the Nation has an adequate supply of nurses to care for the patients of today and tomorrow.

CONGRATULATING THE COMMUNITY OF DES PLAINES, IL ON ITS 175TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. JANICE D. SCHAKOWSKY

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 25, 2010

Ms. SCHAKOWSKY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the community of Des Plaines on their 175th anniversary.

I am extremely proud to represent the "City of Destiny"—a hub of ethnic diversity, a home to hardworking residents, and a thriving business center that has drawn domestic and international companies alike. Des Plaines' 175 dynamic years have made it one of the premier communities in the Chicagoland area to live, to work and to do business—a testament to the individuals who make up the rich fabric of the community.

Since 1833, when pioneers first came to Des Plaines in search of a place to build their homes, their families and their futures, the city has provided opportunities for innovation, creativity and growth. Over the past 175 years, immigrants and native-born Americans have come to Des Plaines, attracted by its outstanding schools, its entrepreneurial ethic, and its diversity.

The sense of community in Des Plaines is one that residents cherish. Whether it is organizing to ensure an accurate census count or working to deal with the impacts of the Des Plaines River flooding, people routinely come together to help each other and promote the city's interests.

Des Plaines is truly a great place to live. From the beginning, the elected leaders of Des Plaines recognized the need to build a strong transportation network, so the city is connected outward in terms of business and travel. And from the beginning, the city has recognized the importance of creating a livable community, with its own art and theater guilds, recreational system, and cultural activities.

I have long enjoyed a great working relationship with the representatives of the City of Des Plaines, including former Mayor Anthony Arredia and now with Mayor Martin Moylan. I want to congratulate them and all the people of Des Plaines for maintaining the spirit which helped create Des Plaines and ensuring that

the city reaches new heights in the 21st century.

I wish the community of Des Plaines the best in the coming 175 years and look forward to working with you to assure your continued success.

RECOGNIZING SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTIONS OF U.S. AUTOMOBILE DEALERSHIPS

SPEECH OF

HON. LAURA RICHARDSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 19, 2010

Ms. RICHARDSON. Madam Speaker, I rise today as a cosponsor of H. Res. 713, which recognizes the significant contributions of United States automobile dealerships, and expresses the sense of the House of Representatives that automobile dealers that have been forced to close be given a fair opportunity to reenter the automobile market once it rebounds and stabilizes. The automobile dealer industry has an important place in our country's history and is a critical part of our economy. It is critical that we recognize the important role of automobile dealers, help them survive the ongoing economic downturn, and pave the way for their future success.

I thank Chairman WAXMAN for his leadership in bringing this resolution to the floor. I also thank the sponsor of this H. Res. 713, Congressman GREEN, for taking the time to recognize the important contributions of automobile dealers in our nation's history and their vital role in our rebounding economy.

Madam Speaker, the automobile and the automotive industry has long been a symbol of American ingenuity and a source of American prosperity. Franchised automobile dealers have played and continue to play a critical role in the automotive industry: the franchised dealership system in the United States is the independent link between the manufacturer's assembly line and the American consumer.

The automobile dealership industry is a vital part of the national economy. Virtually all new cars and light trucks are sold through franchised dealers. Dealers represent the largest retail business in the United States, with approximately \$693 billion in revenues in 2007. Franchised dealers employ over 1,100,000 people, comprise nearly 20 percent of all retail sales in the United States, and, in total, provide billions of dollars annually in tax revenue.

Madam Speaker, automobile dealers also play an important role in local communities across the country. Auto dealers have deep roots in local communities and have helped manufacturers with long-term customer relationships that create brand loyalty and maintain customer convenience. Dealerships across the country provide jobs, give direct investments to local economies, and supply tax revenue to State and local governments.

The economic downturn of the last two years has put thousands of jobs at risk, including those at automobile dealerships and automobile manufacturers. I have witnessed the effect of the recession on car dealerships in my district. That is why I recently introduced H.R. 4897, the Drivers AID Act of 2010. By making interest payments on new car purchases deductible, this bill will help consumers

in buying cars, dealers in selling cars, and auto manufacturers in making cars.

Madam Speaker, we must take action to help auto dealers play a key role in the revival of the United States' economy. I urge my colleagues to join me in supporting H. Res 713.

IN HONOR AND RECOGNITION OF
THE 75TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE
POLISH ARMY VETERANS,
KOSCIUSZKO POST 152

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 25, 2010

Mr. KUCINICH. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor and recognition of the 75th anniversary of the Polish Army Veterans, Kosciuszko Post 152, of Cleveland, Ohio.

Post 152 of the Polish Army Veterans was initiated on May 9th, 1935. On January 18, 1968, Post 152 selected Polish General T. Kosciuszko as the patron of their organization. They elected their first Post Commander, Joseph Lecznar Sr., in 1982. Shortly thereafter, the Post petitioned former Cleveland Bishop Anthony Pilla to appoint Reverend Lucjan Stokowski as their Chaplain.

In 1988, the Post purchased a building on Warner Road in Garfield Heights, Ohio. A monument was built on that site, and every Memorial Day, members return to the site to pay tribute to the memory of fellow veterans. They also acknowledge and honor other veterans' organizations such as the American Legion Post 304 and the VFW Post 4545.

Madam Speaker and Colleagues, please join me in recognition of the 75th anniversary of the Polish Army Veterans, Kosciuszko Post 152, of Cleveland, Ohio. We honor the memory of departed members and celebrate the accomplishments and service of Polish Veterans.

NATE BOECK

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 25, 2010

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Nate Boeck who has received the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. Nate Boeck is a 9th grader at Arvada West High School and received this award because his determination and hard work have allowed him to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Nate Boeck 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 Nate Boeck 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.

IN HONOR OF LINDA FRANK

HON. JOHN H. ADLER

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 24, 2010

Mr. ADLER of New Jersey. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Ms. Linda Frank, a volunteer for the Retired & Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP), a program that has matched volunteers with Burlington County non-profit organizations since 1971.

Throughout her 20 years with RSVP, Ms. Frank has given more than twenty hours a month performing specific duties and functions at Lourdes Medical Center in Willingboro, New Jersey, by working together with the hospital personnel to increase the effectiveness of the hospital's human and physical resources and providing quality care and services that benefit patients and visitors. She performs her volunteer duties at the Information Desk, in the Thrift Shop and in the maternity department.

Madam Speaker, today I invite you to join me to honor Ms. Frank on her twenty years of dedicated, community service.

RECOGNITION OF THE CENTEN-
NIAL OF THE MASON COUNTY
LOGGING NO. 7 LOCOMOTIVE

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 25, 2010

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to join the Roots of Motive Power and the Mendocino County Museum as they celebrate a rare achievement, the 100th birthday of an operating steam locomotive, the 1910 Baldwin Locomotive Works Mason County Logging #7. I would also like to recognize the 25th anniversary of Roots of Motive Power.

The story of Mason County Logging #7 mirrors the history of logging in the Pacific Northwest. Logging locomotives were designed especially for their girth and flexibility to operate on spurs penetrating steep hillsides and deep canyons with their valuable loads. Locomotive #7 started out with the Black Hills and Northwestern Railroad, a subsidiary of Mason County Logging Company, operating in the dense Douglas fir forests near the Washington State capital of Olympia.

It remained in Washington for 80 years. A workhorse for more than 40 years, it stood idle for 45 years and may have been lost forever to scrap metal. In 1984, however, with foresight Willits resident Chris Baldo began years of negotiations that culminated with his purchase of No. 7 in 1990. The old locomotive was placed on a lowbed and trucked to Mr. Baldo's Willits Redwood Company yard, arriving on September 24, 1990.

Preservationists like Mr. Baldo are not daunted by such a task as restoring what was at the time a rusty, nearly forgotten antique and bringing it back to life. His perseverance, tenacity and dogged determination turned the steam powered locomotive into a piece of living history. It took 11 years from Mr. Baldo's original purchase for No. 7 to complete restoration back in Washington until its return to California. In 2001, after a brief stint pulling Si-

erra Railroad coaches outside of Oakdale, California, No. 7 was moved back to Willits to its new home at Roots of Motive Power adjacent to the Mendocino County Museum in time for the Roots' Steam Festival on September 8 and 9. The completion of a two-thirds mile track allows the engine to let off steam on special occasions.

As we commemorate the significance of this locomotive, one of only a few hundred left in the United States, I also salute the Roots of Motive Power, an organization associated with the Mendocino County Museum and "dedicated to the preservation, restoration and operation of logging and railroad equipment representative of California's North Coast Region from the 1850s until the present." With more than 300 members Roots of Motive Power produces The Highline, a beautiful magazine-like newsletter and educational events. They also hold "steam-ups" four times a year, one of which will celebrate the 100th birthday of No. 7.

Madam Speaker, it's not often we pause to recognize a restored steam engine but the 1910 Mason County Logging No. 7 and the dedication of those who wanted to preserve its historical significance for the enjoyment of future generations deserve our praise. In addition, I am proud to ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the Roots of Motive Power in Willits, California, the "heart of the redwoods" for their dedication and long lasting contributions to preserving the best of times gone by.

HONORING MARGIE J. CLAYTOR
SMITH

HON. CHRIS VAN HOLLEN

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 25, 2010

Mr. VAN HOLLEN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the long and productive life of my constituent, Mrs. Margie J. Claytor Smith, who celebrated her 100th birthday on March 19, 2010.

Margie J. Claytor was born in Basham, Virginia on March 19, 1910, the sixth child of Harvey and Lena Claytor. She married George W. Smith on December 26, 1929 and enjoyed 37 years of marriage until her husband's death in 1966. Mr. and Mrs. Smith had two children, Gerald W. Smith and Marie Smith Wise. Following her husband's death, Mrs. Smith lived with her son and helped to raise her five grandchildren: Gerald W. Smith, Jr., Susan R. Smith, David T. Smith, Scott W. Wise, and Cecelia Wise Howard. Mrs. Smith now also has four great-grandchildren: Jon B. Howard, Bryan F. Smith, Aaron T. Smith, and Clo'e M. Smith. She became fond of camping and, in fact, she and her family have camped in 38 states and three Canadian regions. Her efforts throughout her life were honored by being named the National Council of Negro Women's first "All Star Senior."

Madam Speaker, I am honored to recognize Mrs. Margie J. Claytor Smith and the contributions she has made to her family and to her community.