

during World War II when we passed H.R. 1, the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act. I also applaud my colleagues for the recent passage of the Local Law Enforcement Enhancement Hate Crimes Prevention Act, which enables the Department of Justice to assist the efforts of Federal, State, and local law enforcement in investigating and prosecuting hate crimes based on race, ethnic background, and religion, and extends protections to more Americans.

From the construction of the trans-continental railroads to the heroic contributions in World War II and beyond, Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders have made lasting contributions in every facet of American society. We must continue to acknowledge the great achievements this vast and diverse community has provided this nation and I urge my colleagues to support to this resolution.

HONORING DOTTIE McLAUGHLIN

HON. JOHN ABNEY CULBERSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 27, 2010

Mr. CULBERSON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Dottie McLaughlin of United Space Alliance. On June 1, 2010, United Space Alliance will host a Retirement Dinner in Houston, Texas, honoring Dottie's exemplary career supporting America's Space Program.

Dottie began her career supporting human space flight on May 1, 1984 at the NASA Johnson Space Center as a secretary, in the Mission Operations Training Division. She rapidly progressed in the Rockwell Space Operations Company to the position of executive assistant to the president and general manager. In April 1996, all Space Shuttle contracts were transferred to United Space Alliance. Dottie was instrumental in supporting a smooth transition to the new company and the merger of a 10,000-person workforce from 30 different contracts over the next 14 years. Dottie has served as executive assistant to all seven of United Space Alliance's chief executive officers, from Kent Black to Virginia A. Barnes, and has earned the respect of all she has encountered in this journey. Dottie represents the heart and soul of United Space Alliance. With her passion for human space flight, she has poured her energy into the successes that the Space Shuttle program has enjoyed. Through the success of the Space Station construction missions, the two Returns to Flight shuttle missions and early phases of Constellation, Dottie's strength of character fortifies those around her. To many, she represents the very best of the human space flight workforce, and she exemplifies the dedication and commitment to excellence of all those who support our Nation's space program.

Dottie McLaughlin is committed to her country, her family and the welfare of the workers at United Space Alliance. Her passion for human space flight has earned her the deep respect of her colleagues in industry, NASA and the Congress. To quote Dottie, "the most rewarding part of this job has always been the people. Helping the people, be they astronauts, technicians, politicians or fellow administrators, has fulfilled me in ways I could have

never imagined. I am grateful for the role I have played in the Nation's space shuttle program over the years."

I join Dottie McLaughlin's colleagues and friends in honoring her contribution and service to the Nation's space program.

RECOGNIZING THE MERRIAM
AVENUE SCHOOL

HON. SCOTT GARRETT

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 27, 2010

Mr. GARRETT of New Jersey. Madam Speaker, today, the Newton Police Department will hold its D.A.R.E. graduation ceremony with the fifth graders of the Merriam Avenue School. The young people participating in this important program have made a commitment to say no to drugs, underage drinking, and gang violence. They have done this with the support of Detective Lieutenant Michael S. Richards and D.A.R.E. officer, Det. Tom Tosti.

Drug Abuse Resistance Education, or D.A.R.E., began as a small program in Los Angeles in 1983. Today, it is implemented in more than 75 percent of our nation's school districts and in more than 43 other nations. This program allows children to defeat negative cultural influences by opening the lines of communication between law enforcement and youth, empowering students with confidence and courage to say no to drugs. I am proud of the young men and women who participated in this program in Newton, and I would like to recognize them all for taking this step toward positive citizenship:

Miguel Carlitos Camacho, Robert Caton, Anoushka Chatterjee, Cynthia Diaz-Moreno, Cheyenne Fletcher, Jason Gabbard, Nicholas Giracello, Seth Gormley, Brian Hoskins, Summer Muscher-Malone, Jada Nobles, Zachary Norman, Logan Owens, Mia Randazzo, Isaiah Reese, Melissa Robinson, Charles Sherwood, Nicole Strus, David Zambrano, Joselyne Acosta Barradas, Mason Allen, Isabela Bryant, Mark Capparelli, April Ciccio, Faith D'angelo, Alexander Duckworth, John Foran, Andrew Ghaleb, Skylar Hildebrandt, Mackenzie Kimble, Destany Masino, Zoie Meininger, Amber Pierce, Lisa Qarmout, Jose Rodriguez, Liam Shernce, Chandler Spencer, Brandon Turner, Luis Arrazola, Paula Barth, Blade Boyer, Marcus Coward, Holly Donovan, Gift Ingabire, Brooke Ingram, Austin Kalaydjian, Julie Ann Leatham, Lindsay Luchetti, Charles Maker, Gregory Rinehart, Abel Sanchez, Hannah Squires, Kathryn Szatkiewicz, Sean Tracy, Kathryn Van Orden, Melanie Villacis-Mora, Kenneth Whitehead, Jasmine Aguilar, Olivia Castimore, Andre Chavarria, Robert Day, Casie Dolan, Gina Donatelli, Timothy Fitzpatrick, Hunter Grave de peralta, Collin Kelly, Willie Little, Rhiannon Lubas, Alecia Marmora, Francis Militano, Natalia Quintero, Adeline Shickel, Tevin Spencer, Taylor Thieme, Matthew Unorski.

URGING INDIVIDUAL AND
COMMUNITY PREPAREDNESS

HON. GUS M. BILIRAKIS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 27, 2010

Mr. BILIRAKIS. Madam Speaker, this week is National Hurricane Preparedness Week and I encourage all Americans to ensure they are prepared in the event of a hurricane or other natural disaster.

Officials at all levels of government are working to ensure they are prepared to respond to any disaster that may impact their areas. However, disaster preparedness is not only a government responsibility. Individuals and families have an important role to play as well.

Individuals should make a disaster preparedness kit with items like water, nonperishable food, a first aid kit, flashlights, medications, and copies of important documents. The Florida Division of Emergency Management in my home State has a website, www.floridadisaster.org, which is a great resource for disaster planning. Other States provide these resources as well. Individuals can also visit Ready.gov and Hurricanes.gov for additional information.

Madam Speaker, the time to prepare is now. I urge all Americans to take these simple steps to get prepared to weather the storm.

COMMEMORATING JEWISH
AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH

HON. ALBIO SIRES

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 27, 2010

Mr. SIRES. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commemorate Jewish American Heritage Month. This May marks the fifth Jewish American Heritage Month, a month that highlights the many contributions of the Jewish American community. In 2006, we celebrated the first Jewish American Heritage Month after the diligent work of Congresswoman DEBBIE WASSERMAN SCHULTZ led to the passage of the Jewish American Heritage Month Resolution in 2005.

While the Jewish American community contributes to our country each and every day, this month is a special time to recognize and teach about the achievements of Jewish Americans. For over 350 years, the Jewish Community has contributed to our rich, diverse, and shared culture in this country. Despite the long history of Jews in the United States, Judaism as a culture is not widely understood by all Americans and instances of anti-Jewish prejudices unfortunately do occur.

This month, events are happening all over the Nation to celebrate Jewish American Heritage Month by promoting awareness of Jewish Americans' traditions and impacts. Jewish American Heritage Month provides all of us with an opportunity to learn more about the Jewish people and dispel misconceptions.

Last winter, the Daniel Pearl Education Center sponsored a trip for 70 teenagers from Middlesex County in New Jersey to visit the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum. The students, from all different backgrounds, had the