

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

IN HONOR OF COLONEL JOAL WOLF AND HIS SERVICE TO THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

HON. ROBERT E. ANDREWS

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 7, 2010

Mr. ANDREWS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the extraordinary contributions of Colonel Joal E. Wolf. On behalf of New Jersey's First Congressional District and the entire nation, I would like to thank Colonel Wolf for his service and dedication.

Colonel Wolf was commissioned in the Active Component Army as a Field Artillery Officer through ROTC scholarship at Pennsylvania State University. He graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in finance and has a Masters in Business Administration. After graduation, his initial military assignment was with the 6th Battalion, 14th Field Artillery, 1st Armored Division, Germany as Battery Fire Direction Officer, Battery Executive Officer, Battalion S2, and Assistant Battalion S3.

Upon release from active duty in 1988, Colonel Wolf entered the U.S. Army Reserves and served as Battery Commander, Battalion S1, and Battalion S4 in the 4th Battalion, 92nd Field Artillery Regiment in Erie, Pennsylvania.

In 1993, Colonel Wolf was recruited by the 308th Military Intelligence, MI, Detachment based in Erie, Pennsylvania, where he supported the Africa Branch and Executive Support Office at the Defense Intelligence Agency, DIA. While assigned, Colonel Wolf served as S3, Executive Officer, and Commander. During his command, the unit was credited for creating the Iraqi "55 Most-Wanted" deck of cards at the beginning of Operation Iraqi Freedom in 2003. In 2008, Colonel Wolf assumed duties as the Commander of the 3300th Strategic Intelligence Group in support of the Defense Counterintelligence & HUMINT Center and the National Media Exploitation Center at the Defense Intelligence Agency.

Colonel Wolf participates in several civic and business organizations, and is the former President of the French Creek Valley Chapter of the Military Officers Association of America. He currently resides in Conneaut Lake, Pennsylvania and is President and Proprietor of Conneaut Cellars Winery, Inc., a state of the art winery that produces 20,000 gallons of national award-winning wine.

Madam Speaker, Colonel Joal E. Wolf's commitment to the United States must be recognized. I wish him the best in his future endeavors and thank him for his continued service and dedication to our country.

HONORING DR. ANTHONY DI STEFANO, THE 2010 RECIPIENT OF THE DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD FROM THE VISION CARE SECTION OF THE AMERICAN PUBLIC HEALTH ASSOCIATION

HON. JOE SESTAK

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 7, 2010

Mr. SESTAK. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Dr. Anthony Di Stefano, the 2010 recipient of the Distinguished Service Award from the Vision Care Section of the American Public Health Association. Dr. Di Stefano has dedicated his life to educating others, as is evident by his impressive academic resume and his professorship at Salus University in Elkins Park, Pennsylvania. Dr. Di Stefano recognized a need for vision care in rural and urban areas and addressed it by serving on the Helen Keller Worldwide Medical Advisory Board. Helen Keller once said, "Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much." Dr. Di Stefano heeds Ms. Keller's advice and spends countless hours working for children not only in the United States, but all across the world though his participation in the development of international optometric educational programs. Now, because of Dr. Di Stefano, countless children have access to the vision care denied to them for so long.

Madam Speaker, I ask that we recognize and show our strong appreciation for Dr. Di Stefano and Salus University and his remarkable leadership and commitment to public health.

REPRIMANDING REP. CHARLES RANGEL OF NEW YORK

HON. HENRY A. WAXMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 7, 2010

Mr. WAXMAN. Madam Speaker, I rise in support of Rep. BUTTERFIELD's motion for a resolution to reprimand Rep. CHARLES RANGEL of New York.

I do not have any doubt about the thoroughness of the review or the accuracy of the findings of the Committee on Standards of Official Conduct, nor do I doubt that Mr. RANGEL violated the rules of the House of Representatives.

I disagree, however, with the Committee's judgment that the weight of evidence in this case and the "cumulative nature of the violations" cited in the Committee's report warrant censure of Mr. RANGEL.

Precedent does not support the punishment of censure—specifically, as cited in the Committee report, because Mr. RANGEL's actions did not result in "any direct personal financial gain."

There have been lesser punishments for much more serious transgressions. When the

Committee found a Speaker of the House, former Rep. Newt Gingrich, to have engaged in "activity involving 501(c)(3) organizations that was substantially motivated by partisan, political goals," and that Mr. Gingrich's provision of "material information . . . was inaccurate, incomplete, and unreliable," the Committee did not vote for a resolution of censure, but of reprimand. Mr. Gingrich was still Speaker in 1997 when the House approved a reprimand, and he continued serving as Speaker after he was punished. Mr. RANGEL was removed earlier this year as Chairman of the Ways and Means Committee well before the Committee sent its report to the House.

There are many other precedents in which the House has issued letters of reproof—a punishment less serious than reprimand—for activities that can be viewed at least as serious as those engaged in by Mr. RANGEL, including sexual transgressions, impermissible campaign solicitations, misappropriation of campaign funds, and acceptance of personal gifts, among many others.

Madam Speaker, I do not condone what Mr. RANGEL did, but I believe that justice requires punishment proportionate to the offenses that have been proved. By the standards and precedents of the House, and particularly taking into account that there was no personal financial gain involved, I believe a punishment of censure as proposed by the Ethics Committee is excessive.

I will therefore support, in furtherance of upholding the rules and standards of the House of Representatives, a reprimand of Mr. RANGEL.

RECOGNIZING THE SEATTLE SOUNDERS FOOTBALL CLUB FOR THEIR VICTORY IN THE 2010 U.S. OPEN CUP

HON. ADAM SMITH

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 7, 2010

Mr. SMITH of Washington. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Seattle Sounders Football Club for their successful season and their back-to-back U.S. Open Cup Championships.

The Seattle Sounders joined Major League Soccer as an expansion team and played their inaugural match on March 19, 2009. The Sounders have since been a successful team having sold out every league match and set Major League Soccer records for average attendance, leading the league in ticket sales. The Seattle Sounders have also made the record books by winning the Lamar Hunt U.S. Open Cup for a second consecutive time, being the first Major League Soccer team and the first team in 27 years to repeat as champions. The Seattle Sounders finished the regular 2010 season with 14 wins and has lost fewer matches in their first two seasons than any club in the league's 15-year existence. A

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record crowd of 31,311 filled Qwest Field to witness the Seattle Sounders 2–1 victory over the Columbus Crew to win the 2010 Open Cup for the second consecutive time on October 5, 2010.

The Sounders have won the hearts of the Greater Seattle Community through their dedication and passion for the game. The players have been great role models for our community. In their ongoing commitment to the community and fans, minority owner Drew Carey established The Alliance, which is the Seattle Sounders Football Club Members Association. The Alliance is the only United States professional sports members association that allows its fans to vote on the direction and decisions of the team. The Alliance establishes true Democracy in sports.

The Seattle Sounders Football Club earned their championship through hard work, commitment, and support. Coach Sigi Schmid, who now leads Major League Soccer in career victories, leads the team of 28. Team members include Osvaldo Alonso, Terry Boss, David Estrada, Brad Evans, Alvaro Fernandez, Michael Fucito, Leo Gonzalez, Taylor Graham, Alex Horwath, Jhon Kennedy Hurtado, Patrick Ianni, Nate Jaqua, Kasey Keller, Roger Levesque, Tyrone Marshall, Miguel Montano, Fredy Montero, Blaise Nkufo, Pat Noonan, Sanna Nyassi, Jeff Parke, James Riley, Zach Scott, Mike Seamon, Peter Vagenas, Tyson Wahl, O'Brian White, and Steve Zakuani.

Madam Speaker, I ask that my colleagues to join me in congratulating the Seattle Sounders Football Club for their successful season and their second consecutive U.S. Open Cup Championship.

CONGRATULATING MAURICE J. McDONOUGH HIGH SCHOOL RAMS ON THEIR VICTORY IN THE MARYLAND 2A FOOTBALL STATE CHAMPIONSHIP

HON. STENY H. HOYER

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 7, 2010

Mr. HOYER. Madam Speaker, I rise to congratulate the Maurice J. McDonough High School Rams from Charles County on their victory in the Maryland 2A football State championship. In the December 4 championship game, the Rams defeated Middletown High School by a score of 21–14 at M&T Bank Stadium in Baltimore.

Congratulations are especially due to coach Luke Ethington, who led an outstanding group of athletes to their first championship since 1990, to the players, and to all of the fans. This championship is the product of exceptional athletes and coaches, untold hours of hard work, and the passionate support of the community. I'm very proud of this team, and I congratulate all those involved in bringing home the championship title.

IN RECOGNITION OF PATHWAYS PA FOR 32 YEARS OF SERVICE IN THE GREATER PHILADELPHIA AREA

HON. JOE SESTAK

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 7, 2010

Mr. SESTAK. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor Pathways PA which this year celebrates 32 years of service to low-income women, children and families in the Greater Philadelphia area by helping them achieve economic independence and well-being. In these times of extraordinary economic hardship, this organization had stood tall to better equip disadvantaged families with the skills and tools needed to succeed in the workplace and create a safe and secure home.

This dedicated group also offers job skills program wherein participants receive career counseling, computer and job training, and job placement services. For those transitioning from temporary assistance programs to the workforce, Pathways PA's EARN Center offers free services and incentives to prospective employers and employees. In addition to offering General Adult Education and Adult GED classes, Pathways PA is also a founding member of Families That Work, an organization that offers adult literacy classes.

In addition to offering support and services, Pathways PA also publishes reports on issues important to Pennsylvanians such as Self-Sufficiency Standard for Pennsylvania, Ready to Compete? Pennsylvania's Community Colleges, and Elder Economic Security Initiative for Pennsylvania. These reports help raise awareness about issues that are imperative to the well-being and success of working families throughout the Greater Philadelphia region.

This superbly led organization provides invaluable services to more than 6,000 displaced and disadvantaged families in Southeastern Pennsylvania every year. They provide a prescription drug discount program, which offers discounts of up to 85%, to help people who don't have prescription drug coverage or who take prescription drugs not covered by their insurer.

The work that Pathways PA has dedicated 32 years to is absolutely vital and ensures that all Pennsylvanians have the opportunity to become self-sufficient. I speak for all residents of the Seventh Congressional District of Pennsylvania in thanking Carol Goertzel, President and CEO, and the remarkable staff of Pathways PA for their unyielding and compassionate dedication to helping working families in Southeastern Pennsylvania.

IN HONOR OF REB MONACO

HON. SAM FARR

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 7, 2010

Mr. FARR. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Reb Monaco, a model public servant on the occasion of his retirement from the San Benito County Board of Supervisors. I have

had great pleasure in working with Reb. I am proud to honor my friend and thank him for his service.

Reb is a second generation Californian. He grew up in Santa Clara County. He graduated from Santa Clara High School and went on to pursue an undergraduate degree from San Jose State University. He also holds a Masters Degree from the University of California Santa Cruz.

In 1968, Reb decided to settle in San Benito County and began his career in public education. He taught grades 6th, 7th, and 8th to special education students in the Hollister School District for 32 years. He also served as adjunct faculty at Gavilan Community College for 14 years teaching health education to college students.

While Reb retired from teaching he still had no desire to stop working. Instead he ventured into a new career in politics. He ran for County Supervisor and was successfully elected to the San Benito County Board, District 4 on November 5, 2002. Reb was subsequently re-elected to serve a second term in 2006. During his tenure he served as Chairman of the Board in 2005 and 2010. He has also served on various committees during the past 8 years including, County Supervisors Associations of California, Local Agency Formation Commission, Monterey Bay Unified Air Pollution Control District and the Veteran's Park Commission. He also served on the Hollister Hills Advisory Committee, National Association of Counties and the following sub-committees: New County Courthouse Project Advisory Group, Courthouse Security Project, In Home Support Services Negotiations, Budget, General Plan Element-Economic Development, Southside Building Use, Juvenile Justice Commission, and the Redevelopment Agency Revolving Loan Fund Board, to name a few.

It has been a pleasure working with Reb on legislation to elevate the Pinnacles National Monument into a full fledged national park. Reb has been the Godfather behind the proposal and every time I see him he reminds me of the work that must be done. Reb has personal connections to the lands in the Pinnacles area and understands the economic development that the park will bring to the region. I admire his tenacity and persistence to continue to push for a Pinnacles National Park.

Reb was a founding member of the California Blacksmith Association, which is composed of diverse group of men and women who have a common interest in working on hot iron metal. The group is dedicated to keeping the art and tradition of blacksmithing alive. Reb is also a 32 Mason one of the highest honors for this national an international freemasonry organization. Reb has many other hobbies and I hope he uses this time to indulge in those things that he likes the most. I know that his wife Jill, two children and grandson are all looking forward to spending more family time together.

Madam Speaker, on behalf of the House of Representatives, I would like to extend our nation's deepest gratitude to Reb Monaco for all of his years of service. He is retiring from the board but I know that he will continue to be involved in the community in other capacities.

SUPPORTING DESIGNATION OF A
NATIONAL VETERANS HISTORY
PROJECT WEEK

SPEECH OF

HON. BETTY SUTTON

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 30, 2010

Ms. SUTTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of H. Res. 1644. This resolution expresses support for the designation of a National Veterans History Project week, recognizing a truly incredible program that honors our veterans.

The National Veterans History project collects the personal narratives and mementos of our veterans, in order to preserve a rich history of the brave men and women who have so honorably served our country. The project—administered by the American Folklife Center of the Library of Congress—allows veterans and interested parties to register and acquire a free field kit to participate.

This year marks the 10th anniversary of a project that has already collected more than 70,000 oral histories—ensuring the preservation of these stories for generations to come. This educational project provides people of all ages the opportunity to learn an important history of the meanings of service, sacrifice, and democracy—directly from many of those who have honored those values.

I am honored that so many veterans of the 13th district of Ohio have shared their incredible stories with me—all of which are deserving of being shared with the world. Our support for the National Veterans History project will help make that happen.

A TRIBUTE TO DEREK PHILLIPS

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 7, 2010

Mr. TOWNS. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Derek Phillips.

Derek Phillips received his Master's Degree in African American Studies from the State University at Albany, NY and later received another Master's Degree in School Building Leadership from Mercy College. He completed his undergraduate studies at the State University at New Paltz.

An Educator by profession, Derek taught History at Park West High School for one year. He went on to teach Math and History for eight years at the New York City Public School Repertory Company, a school for "under-credited" high school students. While at PSRC, he also served as the college advisor. Derek taught at the Eight Plus Learning Academy for region ten at Wadleigh High School in Harlem, NY for four years. The Eight Plus Program was a school for "at-risk" eighth graders who failed to fulfill the necessary requirements for promotion to high school. While at Eight Plus, he served as Math teacher, Dean and Site Coordinator. He also taught Social Studies and Global History at the Choir Academy in Harlem. Currently, he is an Assistant Principal at Queens Academy High School, a school for under-credited and over-aged young people.

In addition to being an educational leader, Derek is the Founder and Executive Director

of the Real Dads Network—an organization that is committed to educating, supporting and empowering Black fathers. The Real Dads Network received national recognition in *Ebony* magazine, June 2010 as one of the top ten resources for dads. Additionally, Derek serves as a spokesperson for fatherhood in several ways: by appearing as a guest on radio such as 98.7 Kiss FM's Open Line and Al Sharpton's Hour of Power, as a guest on the BET Special, Black Men the Truth, and as a panelist at the Congressional Black Caucus Foundation's Annual Legislative Conference on Fatherhood. Derek was also featured in the *New York Daily News*' "Spotlight on Great People," and created the Daddy Daughter Valentine's Dance, which has been adopted in other major cities. He contributed to the best-selling book *I Got Your Back: A Father and Son Keep It Real About Love, Fatherhood, Family and Friendship*, by Eddie Levert Sr. and Gerald Levert with Lyah Beth leFlore and co-directed and produced the award-winning documentary "Black Men on Fatherhood" with commentary by the late Ossie Davis.

Derek is an active member of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Inc. and through his works, words and actions, he is committed to educating, uplifting, and empowering our youth. His motto is "if everyone does a part, then no one is left doing the whole thing." He resides in Peekskill, NY with Maria, his loving wife, and Jordyn and Maya, his two beautiful daughters.

Madam Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in recognizing the achievements of Derek Phillips.

RECOGNIZING FARRELLI'S WOOD
FIRE PIZZA FOR WINNING THE
NATIONAL RESTAURANT ASSO-
CIATION'S 2010 RESTAURANT
NEIGHBOR AWARD**HON. ADAM SMITH**

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 7, 2010

Mr. SMITH of Washington. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Farrelli's Wood Fire Pizza in Tacoma, Washington, for receiving the National Restaurant Association's 2010 Restaurant Neighbor Award.

The National Restaurant Association is a nonprofit organization that represents thousands of restaurants across the nation. The Restaurant Neighbor Award was created through a collaboration with the National Restaurant Association and American Express to celebrate the philanthropic spirit of the restaurant industry, to raise awareness about the restaurant industry's contributions to local communities across the country, and to inspire other restaurant operators and owners to make even greater contributions to their communities.

Established in 1995, Farrelli's has grown to five Washington State pizzerias and the Irish-Inspired McNamara's Pub & Eatery. Located near Joint Base Lewis-McChord, Farrelli's has become a staple among soldiers and their families. Farrelli's Wood Fire Pizza gives back to our troops by sending signs, uniforms, and other Farrelli's memorabilia to soldiers stationed in Iraq, allowing them to transform their overseas break area into a satellite Farrelli's

of their own. The restaurant also offers their Washington-based soldiers weekly discounts, farewell events, and welcome back parties.

Farrelli's customers also have a hand in community involvement by voting on which cause the restaurant should take up next. Recently, Farrelli's created a campaign to fight diabetes by joining the Dining for Diabetes fundraiser for the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation and incorporated a wholegrain pizza to their menu named after Elliott, a regular customer who was recently diagnosed with Type 1 diabetes and who was in search of a healthier dining option. The restaurant has also raised more than \$150,000 for organizations such as the Muscular Dystrophy Association, Susan G. Komen Foundation, and the local Boys and Girls Club.

The National Restaurant Association recognized Farrelli's Wood Fire Pizza in Tacoma with the 2010 Restaurant Neighbor Award in the mid-size business category. Farrelli's owner Jacques Farrell was flown to Washington, DC, to receive the award and a \$5,000 donation during a National Restaurant Association ceremony held in September 2010.

Madam Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in recognizing Farrelli's Wood Fire Pizza for receiving the 2010 Restaurant Neighbor Award.

HONORING THE ACHIEVEMENTS OF
LOU XIONG**HON. JIM COSTA**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 7, 2010

Mr. COSTA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the achievement of Lou Xiong on the occasion of receiving the 2010 Milken Educator Award from the Milken Family Foundation. The Milken Family Foundation's Milken Educator Award seeks to celebrate, elevate, and activate exemplary K-12 educators and has been hailed as the "Oscars of Teaching." Ms. Xiong was one of 55 educators across our Nation, and one of only three in the State of California, to be honored this year.

Lou was born in Laos as the fifth of 12 children to Chong Sue Xiong and Khou Moua. In 1980, Lou and her family immigrated to the United States from Laos in search of a better life. After attending high school in the Fresno area, Lou enrolled at California State University, Fresno, and graduated in 1999 with a Bachelors of Arts degree in Liberal Studies. Upon graduation, Lou joined the staff at Balderas Elementary School in Fresno, California, to follow her dream of becoming a teacher.

Over the last 11 years at Balderas Elementary School, Ms. Xiong has taught a variety of subjects to students in the fourth, fifth and sixth grades and contributed immensely to both her students and the school. In addition to her teaching duties, Lou has volunteered her time in school site responsibilities serving as Grade Level Chair, participating in the Leadership Team, serving on the School Site Building Committee and acting as Coordinator of the Hmong New Year Celebration. Outside of the classroom, Lou has served as a Math Coach for the Fresno Unified School District, helping fellow teachers and assisting in creating a pacing guideline program which is now used throughout the district.

Lou has also been actively involved in Fresno Unified School District's Superintendent's English Learner Task Force to ensure that language barriers do not keep students from succeeding in school. Lou's life story serves as a positive example for her students, demonstrating that despite the obstacles she has had to overcome as an immigrant, anything is possible with hard work and determination. The community of Fresno is very fortunate to have such a dedicated individual who continues to inspire students to believe they can achieve anything.

Lou is married to her husband Shue Vue, a civil engineer for the State of California Department of Transportation. Lou and Shue Vue have three children together and hope that the success they have achieved in their chosen professions provides inspiration for their children to achieve their own personal success in life and give back to their communities.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the achievement of Lou Xiong in the field of education as she is recognized as one of a select few top educators in our country by the Milken Family Foundation.

HONORING OPERATION IRAQI
FREEDOM SCOUT SNIPER AND
SOUTH EL MONTE NATIVE USMC
SGT. ERIC B. SANDOVAL

HON. JUDY CHU

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 7, 2010

Ms. CHU. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize a great loss to our community, United States Marine Corps Sgt. Eric B. Sandoval, who passed away on Nov. 12, 2010, at the young age of 30. My heart goes out to his wife, Sandy; his stepson, Isaiah Salcedo; his parents, Roberto and Gloria; his brothers and sisters, Robert, Danny, Gabby, Alejandra, Jonathan and Steven; and the rest of his family and friends.

Born in Los Angeles, Eric spent nearly all of his life in South El Monte and later Covina, attending Dean L. Shively Middle School and later South El Monte and Pomona high schools. A patriot who loved his country, he enlisted in the United States Marine Corps right out of high school at just 17 years of age, and spent the next 8 years as a scout sniper, serving in our nation's conflict in Iraq as part of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Within days of his arrival in Iraq, Eric's platoon came under attack. The attack was so brutal that Eric was the only one of his group to survive, and had to undergo extensive surgery to repair his damaged eye and ear.

Sergeant Sandoval received numerous awards and commendations for his bravery in the face of terrible odds, including the Navy & Marine Achievement Medal; Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal; Afghanistan Campaign Medal; Global War on Terrorism Service Medal; Humanitarian Service Medal; Sea Service Deployment Award; Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal; Navy Meritorious Unit Commendation; and Good Conduct Medal, among others.

After recovering from his injuries, Sergeant Sandoval's undying patriotism led him to return to Iraq, this time as a contractor for the government, helping to support his former

comrades at arms until the time of his passing. And despite the hardships and difficulties presented by his war injuries, Eric still managed to attend college and graduate with a bachelor's degree in accounting and a master of arts degree in business administration, with honors.

Eric B. Sandoval's generosity and kindness are an inspiration to his family and our entire community, and he lived his life with integrity and bravery. Our nation owes him a debt of gratitude that cannot be repaid. So I urge all my House colleagues to join me in honoring our community hero, Sgt. Eric B. Sandoval, for his remarkable service and contributions to our country.

A TRIBUTE TO DONNA R.
DICKERSON

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 7, 2010

Mr. TOWNS. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Ms. Donna R. Dickerson.

Ms. Dickerson is the Education Director for the Genesis Academy, where she has worked since 1997. The Genesis Academy is one of the leading after-school programs in the Brownsville community of Brooklyn, New York. The institution's goal is to academically, socially and culturally enrich the community's youth. Over the years, Ms. Dickerson has emerged as a leader in youth development, implementing programs for children in the Genesis Academy and the community at large.

At the age of sixteen, Ms. Dickerson took an opportunity to work at a daycare center. Facing her own childhood adversity, at this job she realized her destiny: to work with children. The joy of the classroom inspired Ms. Dickerson to work at this daycare center for longer than she had initially intended.

In 1991, a fire devastated Ms. Dickerson and her family. Within a three month span, they were living in a shelter and dealing with the death of six family members. The situation became more than Ms. Dickerson could handle and she had no idea where to turn next; adapting to this new way of life taught Ms. Dickerson how to survive.

In the heart of East New York, there is a place called Genesis Homes. Here, new beginnings are possible, all you have to do is believe and go get it. A program was offered, called T.E.P.P., where a participant would get paid to work. Ms. Dickerson was offered a position as a recreation aide and accepted it. She worked with every age group over the years, leaving a positive mark on all the children she interacted with. During this time, Ms. Dickerson realized that she was a role model and needed to always act as such. She was no longer responsible for just her own children, but for thousands of children who, at times, appeared to depend on her more than their own family.

Ms. Dickerson is grateful for several important people in her life. Her parents, for teaching her and her siblings to love one another, respect all and treat people like they would want to be treated. Her sisters, for always being there, no matter the time of day she called on them. Most importantly, Ms.

Dickerson is grateful for her children: Brandon, Corey and Charisma.

Madam Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in recognizing the achievements of Ms. Donna R. Dickerson.

CALLING FOR DIGNITY, COMFORT,
AND SUPPORT FOR HOLOCAUST
SURVIVORS

SPEECH OF

HON. HENRY A. WAXMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 30, 2010

Mr. WAXMAN. Mr. Speaker, there are not many Holocaust survivors left in the world. Each year as the number dwindles, we worry about how people will remember the evils of the Holocaust when there are no longer eyewitnesses to give their personal accounts. We promote remembrance and teach tolerance. We fight Holocaust deniers and those who grotesquely glorify the Holocaust and denigrate the memory of the six million.

But while we focus intently on ensuring awareness of the tragedy of the past we are losing sight of a tragedy in our midst: Many Holocaust survivors are living their final days in poverty.

According to the Jewish Federations of North America, more than half of the 127,000 Holocaust survivors living in the United States fall beneath 200 percent of the federal poverty threshold, meaning they live on less than \$21,660 per year. Holocaust survivors are five times more likely to be living below the poverty line than the general senior population.

In Los Angeles, one in six survivors requires community assistance. In the past year, the LA Jewish Federation has seen the number of survivors needing emergency assistance for basic housing, food, medical, dental and transportation needs rise by 20 percent.

The vast majority of these survivors are now in their 80's and 90's and two-thirds of them live alone. Very few have any family support network, which is not surprising considering that so few had family that survived the war. As a result, many are forced into institutional care because they cannot afford to receive care in their homes.

While institutionalized care settings are beneficial for many older adults, Holocaust survivors react poorly and can be prone to emotional suffering and physical deterioration from sights, sounds and routines that may resurrect Holocaust experiences. Research indicates that survivors, in particular, benefit tremendously from access to social service programs that allow them to age in place in their current residences. It is a solution that is both cost-effective and humane.

As one of the original sponsors of the U.S. Administration on Aging grant program now known as the Community Innovations In Aging In Place, I am hopeful that we can find the resources to help these survivors in their time of need.

I urge my colleagues to support H. Con. Res. 323 and I look forward to working with them to achieve its goal of ensuring that all Holocaust survivors in the United States are able to live with dignity, comfort, and security in their remaining years.

CONGRATULATING FRENCHTOWN
HISTORIC FOUNDATION

HON. CATHY McMORRIS RODGERS

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 7, 2010

Mrs. McMORRIS RODGERS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate and commend the Frenchtown Historic Foundation for their steadfast commitment to completing the Frenchtown Historic Site designation.

Just West of the Whitman Mission National Historic Site and among the rolling hills of wheat outside of Walla Walla, the 27 acre site set to open on December 11, 2010 will preserve an important part of our Northwest History. The Frenchtown Historic Site commemorates an area with rich historical heritage dating back to the famous expedition of Lewis and Clark in the early 1800s.

Frenchtown was originally established by French-Canadians associated with the Hudson's Bay Company trading post at Fort Nez Perce along the Columbia River. My family first settled on a plot of land near Walla Walla and the Frenchtown Historic Site in 1853, shortly before the Yakima War broke out tearing the farmers, natives, loggers, and pioneers apart and away from their homes. This designation coincides with the 155th Anniversary of the Battle of Walla Walla—the longest sustained battle in Northwest history. Twenty three years later, in 1876, the St. Rose of Lima Mission Church and cemetery were established that still exist to this day.

The Frenchtown Historical Site designation culminates over five years of cooperative coordinated efforts by numerous local, state, and federal parties all orchestrated by the Frenchtown Historic Foundation, with special efforts made by Daniel Clark, Sam Pambrun, and Karen Bergevin Zohner.

Madam Speaker, I urge all of my colleagues to join me in congratulating the Frenchtown Historic Foundation for its job well done.

RECOGNIZING COUNCILMAN JOHN
PAUL LEDESMA FOR HIS SERVICE
TO THE CITY OF MISSION
VIEJO

HON. DARRELL E. ISSA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 7, 2010

Mr. ISSA. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize the exemplary service of Mission Viejo City Councilman John Paul Ledesma, who has faithfully kept the public trust since he joined the Mission Viejo Council in 1998.

During his 12 year tenure, John Paul distinguished himself as a proponent of fiscal restraint and responsible public budgeting, a fierce advocate for personal property rights and a vocal opponent of excessive taxation.

His efforts on behalf of the people of Mission Viejo have contributed significantly to the public safety and their quality of life. John Paul spearheaded the effort to make Mission Viejo the first city in Orange County to adopt an ordinance requiring its employees and contractors to participate in the federal E-verify system to insure that documents presented to establish employment eligibility are valid.

He fought to protect the rights of citizens to religious expression and to protect children using computers in the City library from the dangers of the Internet. As Mission Viejo's representative on the Orange County Vector Control District he worked cooperatively with representatives of surrounding communities to protect public health.

John Paul also served terms as Mayor in 2003 and Mayor Pro Tem in 2007. City ordinance limits council service to 12 years, and John Paul completes that term having maintained the trust of its citizens and leaving the community better off for his service.

It is with gratitude and appreciation for work well done, that we commend John Paul Ledesma for his public service and wish him well in future endeavors.

A TRIBUTE TO DR. SALLYE
GRANBERRY

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 7, 2010

Mr. TOWNS. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Dr. Sallye Granberry.

Dr. Sallye Cranberry was born in 1958, the first child of Yvonne Walker, a single high school graduate from Nashville, Tennessee. She was raised in Harlem one block north of the Apollo Theater, and attended the Harriet Tubman School, a public elementary school on 127th Street. She was awarded a scholarship from the organization A Better Chance, to attend Walden, a private school on the upper west side. This school ignited a passion in Sallye for the sciences, and encouraged her to tutor fellow classmates in the anatomy lab. She graduated from Walden in 1976 and won a scholarship to attend Northwestern University in Evanston, Illinois. She entered Northwestern as a biology major ready to pursue teaching, but graduated in 1980 as a pre-med student, after volunteering at Planned Parenthood and realizing her deep interest in women's health. She attended Medical School at SUNY Upstate Medical Center in Syracuse, NY, and graduated in 1984 to pursue a Radiology residency in Brooklyn, New York, at Maimonides Medical Center. She was Chief Resident at Maimonides in 1989, and completed a Body Imaging fellowship at St. Luke's Roosevelt Hospital in New York City in 1990. She achieved Board Certification in Diagnostic Radiology in 1990. She has worked at several hospitals here in Brooklyn, but has remained in the public hospital system at Woodhull Medical Center for almost 10 years. As a Diagnostic Radiologist, Sallye has pursued her interest in women's health through the subspecialties of Mammography and Ultrasound.

Dr. Granberry's dedication to community service started early in her life when she joined the Junior Elks Club in Harlem. She volunteered at Planned Parenthood while in high school and in college. There she learned that there was an urgent need to provide medical care to women, especially pregnant teens and women of color. While attending Northwestern she joined the sisterhood of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, a community service organization. She was one of the founding members of One Step Before, a minority student organization composed of premedical stu-

dents. During her medical school training she was a member of UMPA, Upstate Medical and Paramedical Association; this minority student organization was a precursor of the SNMA, Student National Medical Association Chapter in Syracuse, NY.

Currently Sallye is Vice President of the Medical and Dental Staff at Woodhull Medical Center, where she has held office since 2005. She is section chief of Mammography and Ultrasound at Woodhull, a position that gives her an opportunity to provide excellent care to women of all ages, regardless of their ability to pay. She educates her patients to promote self-awareness and preventive care.

Dr. Granberry resides in Canarsie, Brooklyn with her husband Michael LaMont and their two teenage sons, Akil and Jawan. She is a member of the Radiologic Society of North America, the American Institute of Ultrasound in Medicine and the New York Breast Imaging Society. She attends church regularly at Church of the Rock in Canarsie and is a member of the Schomburg Society in Harlem. She enjoys traveling with her family, and attending educational seminars.

Madam Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in recognizing the achievements of Dr. Sallye Granberry.

HEALTHY, HUNGER-FREE KIDS
ACT OF 2010

SPEECH OF

HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 1, 2010

Mrs. MALONEY. Madam Speaker, I rise in support of S. 3307, the Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act, a bill that provides a historic investment in the health of our nation's children. This bill will help address the severe concerns of both obesity and hunger that severely impact them.

In my home state of New York alone, the statistics are staggering:

32.9 percent of children in New York are overweight or obese and New York taxpayers spend an estimated \$6.1 billion on Medicaid and Medicare each year to treat obesity-related chronic diseases.

16.7 percent of children under 18 in New York are at-risk of being hungry. This bill will expand access to the child nutrition programs and fill nutrition gaps when family resources are tight.

1,813,000 of New York's children participate in the National School Lunch Program, NSLP, each year and will receive healthier school meals provided by the Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act. 1,147,000 of those kids are low-income children, who will benefit from better access to free school meals through promotion of and improvements to direct certification.

New York will receive up to \$17.5 million to improve the nutrition quality of school lunches because of this bill.

281,500 children in New York participate in the Child and Adult Food Care Program and will benefit from increased resources, more training to childcare providers to serve healthier meals and snacks and increased physical activity.

The Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act will streamline certification periods in the WIC program and provide New York's 514,500 participants with better nutrition services coordination, increased opportunities for nutrition intervention, and more support and counseling time.

New York has 110 Farm to School programs. The Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act provides dedicated funding to help schools to support local agriculture and provide children with more health and nutrition education opportunities.

The Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act goes a long way toward improving the nutrition of our school meals and strengthening accountability to produce healthier results for our children. Finally, S. 3307 is fully paid for and will not add to the deficit.

HONORING MARK COVALL

HON. FORTNEY PETE STARK

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 7, 2010

Mr. STARK. Madam Speaker, I join with my colleague and friend DAVE CAMP (R-MI) to recognize Mr. Mark Covall, president and CEO of the National Association of Psychiatric Health Systems, NAPHS, who marks 25 years of service with the association this year.

NAPHS advocates for behavioral health and represents provider systems that own or manage more than 600 psychiatric hospitals, general hospital psychiatric and addiction treatment units and behavioral healthcare divisions, residential treatment facilities, youth services organizations, and extensive outpatient networks.

Over the course of the past quarter century, Mr. Covall has worked with diligence and integrity to bring the expertise of the association's member organizations to bear on policy development in support of the needs of Americans of all ages who experience serious mental and addictive conditions. The longevity—of both the association (founded in 1933) and the tenure of Mr. Covall—are rare in a field that has seen dramatic changes over the past decades.

Mr. Covall has overseen and influenced these changes. He has initiated and helped lead effective model coalitions bringing together the public and private sectors with consumers and families in support of landmark legislation, including the Paul Wellstone Mental Health and Addiction Equity Act. His collaborative leadership has also moved forward the development and implementation of the first publicly reported core measures for inpatient psychiatric services, now embedded in hospital accreditation.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank Mark Covall for his leadership, dedication, and advocacy through the National Association of Psychiatric Health Systems on behalf of the individuals and families throughout our Nation who are dealing with serious mental and addictive disorders.

IN HONOR OF DONALD W. HODGES
FOR 50 SUCCESSFUL YEARS AS
AN INVESTMENT BROKER AND
SMALL BUSINESSMAN

HON. KENNY MARCHANT

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 7, 2010

Mr. MARCHANT. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Donald W. Hodges, the co-founder of First Dallas Securities and Hodges Capital Management and the co-manager of Hodges Fund and Hodges Small Cap Fund. For 50 years Don has brought financial success to investors. Along with his three children—all of whom hold positions within his company—and 36 area employees, Don has made his business the gold standard of the investment industry.

Many people work until retirement age and begin to settle down. Don has only grown his business since he reached retirement age over 10 years ago, by adding Hodges Small Cap Fund in 2007 and Blue Chip; Equity Income; and Pure Contrarian funds last year. He is the epitome of the small business men and women who make up 80 percent of our nation's job creators.

Don began working with Merrill Lynch in 1960, and in 1974 joined Rauscher Pierce Refsnes, now Dain Rauscher. In 9 years he became President of Rauscher, and in 1981 was named one of the top 20 brokers by Registered Rep magazine. Six years ago he was profiled by CNN Money, where he was noted for both his outstanding business practices and the financial success he has enjoyed.

Don has worked hard to improve his community even beyond his businesses. One of his more prominent positions is on the Foundation Board of Directors for West Texas A&M University, where he encourages students to attend WTAMU because of the values the institution professes.

Small businesses are a critical component to our economy, and Don has done more than most to increase the size of the pie for all who have been associated with him for his five decades in the investment business. It is for this reason I ask all of my colleagues to join me in honoring Donald W. Hodges on this day.

NATIONAL MEDIA SHOW BIAS ON
TAXES

HON. LAMAR SMITH

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 7, 2010

Mr. SMITH of Texas. Madam Speaker, the national media have framed the tax debate from a liberal perspective.

For example, the media frequently say Republicans favor extending tax "cuts," which implies lowering tax rates from their current level.

In fact, Republicans support extending the existing tax rates to avoid a \$3.9 trillion tax increase on every taxpaying American.

Furthermore, the media often say that Republicans support tax cuts for the rich. However, they rarely mention that the country's top earners already pay a disproportionately large share of the nation's taxes.

In fact, the top 1 percent of earners pay a larger share of the income tax burden than the bottom 95 percent of earners combined. And many of the top 1 percent are small business owners who create jobs and stimulate the economy.

The national media should give Americans the facts on taxes, not tell them what to think.

A TRIBUTE TO MS. FRANKIE
COOPER

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 7, 2010

Mr. TOWNS. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Ms. Frankee Cooper.

Ms. Cooper was born on October 10, 1992, in Brooklyn, New York. She is the daughter of two proud parents, Mary and Steven Cooper; the granddaughter of Bertha and Charlie Johnson; and holds the loving support of her mother's fiancé, and future stepfather, Wilbert Tee Lawton.

Ms. Cooper is a very dedicated student that excels at everything she puts her mind to. Ms. Cooper attended various private schools during her academic career in Brooklyn: Emanuel Baptist Church Christian School, Saukoka Academy, Saint Paul's Community Christian School and Bishop Loughlin Memorial High School. Ms. Cooper always strived toward academic excellence. Among her many accomplishments, Ms. Cooper maintained her honor roll status throughout high school and successfully graduated with an Advanced Regents Diploma. Ms. Cooper was also inducted into the National Society of High School Scholars.

Beyond Ms. Cooper's dedication to academics, she has a clear commitment to philanthropy. Throughout high school, she volunteered at food banks, nursing homes and hospitals. In total, she donated over 100 hours of her personal time for the benefit of others. Involvement in community service enabled Ms. Cooper to realize her leadership potential; she later became Vice President of her school's Leadership Council and a member of her school's student government. She single-handedly managed an annual school fundraiser for her high school's sister school, St. Mary's, in Kenya. At graduation, Ms. Cooper was surprised with an honor bestowed to only two seniors every year: a place on Bishop Loughlin Memorial High School's Wall of Who's Who, an honor also bestowed upon the Hon. Rudolph W. Giuliani, former Mayor of New York City.

Ms. Cooper has dreamed of becoming a doctor since she was two years old. In 2007, she was accepted into the Arthur Ashe Program at Downstate Medical School in Brooklyn, New York. This highly competitive program was designed to provide opportunity for inner-city students who exemplify outstanding academic success and show an interest in the medical field. From a pool of 5,000 applicants, Ms. Cooper was one of only twenty-five students accepted into this prestigious program. She graduated at the top of her class in 2010.

Today, Ms. Cooper is a freshman biology major at Howard University in Washington, D.C. She is already an active member of the Howard community; recently, Ms. Cooper was

ected President of her residence hall, the Bethune Annex Residence. When Ms. Cooper graduates, she plans to continue her education at Howard University Medical School. She hopes to live her dream of one day becoming a doctor.

Madam Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in recognizing the achievements of Ms. Frankee Cooper.

A TRIBUTE TO THE LIFE OF
LAWRENCE "LARRY" G. HUEBNER

HON. JIM COSTA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 7, 2010

Mr. COSTA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Lawrence "Larry" G. Huebner who passed away on November 28, 2010 at the age of 79. Larry Huebner was an extraordinary man who lived each day to the fullest and whose contributions to the game of tennis as a player, teacher, and advocate are unmatched in the community. He is survived by his wife of 56 years Gretchen, daughter Karin, sons Jim and John, and five grandchildren.

Larry Huebner graduated from Fresno High School in 1949 and went on to attend the University of California, Los Angeles, where he earned a Bachelor's Degree in Business. While attending UCLA, Larry won an NCAA doubles title in Men's Tennis and was captain of two Bruins National Championship teams. After graduating from UCLA, he joined the U.S. Navy, where he volunteered as a ship Chaplain and would later become a Lieutenant while stationed in Hawaii. During Larry's service in the Navy, he played in high-level exhibition tennis matches while developing friendships that would last a lifetime.

After his service in the Navy, Larry returned to Fresno, California, where he joined his father, Jim Sr., to manage Huebner Sports. In 1963, he helped found the Fig Garden Swim & Racquet Club, continuing his passion for the sport of tennis and giving the community a welcoming place to enjoy the game. Larry's passion for tennis was passed on to his children as he won national senior parent/child doubles championships with all three of his children in 2003.

In recognition of those momentous victories, Larry and his wife Gretchen were flown to the 2004 U.S. Open in Flushing Meadows, New York. It was at the 2004 U.S. Open that he was presented with a heavy, 10-inch-high crystal Tiffany trophy which is still displayed with pride at the Huebners' home in Fresno. In 2007, Larry and his daughter Karin played together in what would be his final competitive tournament. Larry and Karin would win the Super Senior Father-Daughter grass court title at the Longwood Cricket Club in Chestnut Hill, Massachusetts.

Larry's health took a turn for the worse in May 2010 when he was diagnosed with stomach cancer. Despite his diagnosis, he continued to give back to the game of tennis in his final days. Two weeks before Larry had made his final serve, he was giving lessons to a 10-year-old girl. It was Larry's love for the game of tennis that bonded his family together and will always remain his legacy.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in remembering the life of this remarkable

man as we offer our condolences to his family and celebrate his memory and service to our community and California.

IN HONOR OF BISHOP MARSHALL
S. MCGILL

HON. SANFORD D. BISHOP, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 7, 2010

Mr. BISHOP of Georgia. Madam Speaker, in recognition of Kingdom Metropolitan Worship Center's 15th Pastor Appreciation & Church Anniversary Celebration, I rise today to honor my friend and constituent, Senior Pastor Bishop Marshall S. McGill.

Bishop McGill is the Founder and Senior Pastor of Kingdom Metropolitan Worship Centre, a non-denominational church located in Columbus, Georgia. Through Bishop McGill's faithful stewardship, the church has become one of the most progressive congregations in Columbus.

He is a native of Dayton, Ohio. He was educated in Biblical Counseling and Pastoral Care in Ohio and Alabama, respectively. In addition, Bishop McGill received his Doctorate of Humane Letters.

For over twenty years, Bishop McGill has been blessed with a loving wife, First Lady, Pastor Teresa Y. McGill, from Huntsville, Alabama. Along with committing their lives to God, they have raised four wonderful sons, who serve in the ministry with their parents.

He is the Founder and Superintendent of Kingdom Christian Academy and Preparatory School—a school for students in grades K–12 with three locations in the Columbus area. He is also the Founder of Bainbridge Christian Centre in Bainbridge, Georgia, as well as the Overseer of Grace Church in Barcelona, Spain. He also is the Founder and President of The Good Samaritan Counseling & Resource Institute.

Bishop McGill is a sought-after International Conference Speaker and Teacher. As part of his global ministry he has been called to Europe, Ghana, India, Israel, South Africa, Spain, and Swaziland. He is overseer of "Go Ye Nations" in Nagercoil, India, with over 200 pastors and missionaries under his leadership and care. India also is home to the "Marshall McGill's Children Home," an orphanage and school for disadvantaged and physically impaired children.

Locally, Bishop McGill has served as Chaplain for the City Council of Columbus. Currently, he is the active Chaplain for the Columbus Marshal and Sheriff Departments.

Bishop McGill possesses an incredible love for children and young adults, a desire to help the needy and to empower people to reach their full potential. His dedication is evident as he is often quoted as saying, "We have often failed generations of the past because we failed to educate and train up leaders qualified to carry the torch for tomorrow."

Madam Speaker, Bishop McGill has ministered on both local and global levels, striving to improve the world for the next generation. His spiritual guidance is an asset to our community and to the world and he is a constant reminder of what it means to be a child of God.

HONORING THE LONG AND DISTINGUISHED CAREER OF CONGRESSMAN IKE SKELTON OF MISSOURI

HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 7, 2010

Ms. DELAURO. Madam Speaker, on the eve of his retirement, I rise today to honor the long legislative career of a true Missouri statesman and a close personal friend, IKE SKELTON.

From his first day in Congress in 1977, and from the chambers of the Armed Services committee to union halls all over his home state, IKE always served the people of Missouri's Fourth District with intelligence and conviction. I came to the House 20 years ago, he was already an institution in these halls, and in the years since IKE has become a mentor and dear friend to me.

IKE, as many of you know, has always been very fond of his fellow Missourian, Harry Truman. At the age of 17, IKE attended Truman's inauguration, and the battle flag of the USS *Harry Truman* hung in his office. And I know I do not need to tell many of you, but, boy, IKE could give 'em Hell! He was always a true Missouri gentleman, of course. But when the chips were down, nobody fought harder for our men and women in uniform. As chair of the Armed Services Committee, he never forgot the many sacrifices our troops make to protect our families and our Nation.

You can hear this dedication to our soldiers ring out in IKE's farewell address. As he well reminded us, "Men and women in uniform are not chess pieces to be moved upon a board. Each and every one is irreplaceable. Issues of national security and war and peace are too important to lose sight of the real men and women who answer our Nation's call and do the bidding of the commander-in-chief."

That is IKE—A true statesman, and one who's always cognizant of what's really important. Like his hero, he has always been well-grounded and plain-spoken—qualities too often missing in this institution. IKE calls it as he sees it, no more and no less. President Truman once said that "America was built on courage, on imagination and an unbeatable determination to do the job at hand." IKE listened well, and he brought those qualities to this chamber in earnest for 34 years.

Thank you, IKE, for your leadership and your friendship. And thank you for all your hard work for the people of Missouri and for our Nation. We will miss your wisdom, your good humor, and your tenacity in the coming Congress. And I will miss you very much. I wish you, and Patty, a long and happy retirement.

MIDDLE CLASS TAX RELIEF OF
2010 (H.R. 4853)

SPEECH OF

HON. BETTY MCCOLLUM

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 2, 2010

Ms. MCCOLLUM. Mr. Speaker, I rise in strong support of the Middle Class Tax Relief Act of 2010 (HR. 4853). This important legislation will extend middle class tax cuts, help

spur economic growth in America, and assist the vast majority of Americans, many of whom are struggling through a recovering economy.

In January 2001, when I was sworn-in as a new member of Congress, President Clinton was ending his second-term, and the Federal Government was projected to run a 10-year surplus of \$5.6 trillion. During the eight years of the Clinton administration, the U.S. economy created 21 million private sector jobs and incomes of middle-class families were rising. It was a time of economic prosperity. Tax rates allowed America to grow, fully pay for the cost of the Federal Government, and reduce the national debt. These years proved that responsible fiscal policymaking and a strong economy were not compatible with the Republican governing ideology we see today.

Only weeks into my first-term, President George W. Bush Republican leaders in Congress made cutting taxes and massive increases of federal spending their priorities. In 2001 and 2003, Republicans in Congress passed the Bush tax cuts at a cost to the federal budget of \$2.3 trillion. I voted against these tax cuts because they were fiscally irresponsible and unnecessary. During the Bush presidency, I also voted against the preemptive war in Iraq and the Medicare Part D giveaway to the pharmaceutical industry. Combined these irresponsible policies added \$4 trillion to our national debt in less than 10 years.

Today, our country is slowly recovering from a severe economic recession, private sector jobs are starting to be created, and families across America are fighting to get ahead. President Obama and Democrats in Congress have taken aggressive actions to create and save jobs while preventing a second Great Depression from crippling our economy.

The 2001 and 2003 Bush tax cuts are scheduled to sunset at the end of this month. Republicans included a sunset in those laws because exposing the real cost of making them permanent threatened congressional support. In other words, the cost of the tax cuts were so fiscally unsustainable that Republicans were forced to allow them to expire, placing their fate in the hands of a future Congress.

With these tax cuts about to expire and the federal budget in crisis, it is time for honesty with the American people and responsible policymaking. At a time when federal taxes are the lowest share of GDP since 1950 and the budget deficit is at \$1.3 trillion, we should all have concerns about our country's fiscal future. At the same time, we have a fragile economy and high unemployment which is squeezing middle-class families. Congress has hard choices to make on taxation, spending, and entitlements that will impact our economy, our federal budget, and the long-term security of our families.

To protect the economy until robust job growth returns, I will vote in favor of the Middle Class Tax Relief Act of 2010 (HR. 4853), which extends the middle-class tax cuts on taxable earnings of up to \$250,000 and up to \$200,000 for individuals. Under this legislation, 97 percent of American families and small businesses will receive a tax cut. It includes an extension of marriage penalty relief, the earned income tax credit, and the \$1,000 child tax credit. In addition, the bill also permanently extends the reduced rates on capital gains and dividends for middle income families.

For the wealthiest 3 percent of Americans, I do not support extending the Bush tax cuts. The cost of extending these cuts would cost the American taxpayer \$700 billion dollars over the next 10 years. History shows that tax cuts for the wealthiest Americans are the wrong way to strengthen the economy and do not create jobs. President Bush had the worst jobs record of any President since the Great Depression, actually shrinking the private sector by and losing 4.6 million American manufacturing jobs over eight years. At a time when we have soaring budget deficits, our country simply cannot afford to borrow the \$700 billion cost of these tax giveaways just to give the most fortunate Americans another tax break.

The passage of H.R. 4853 will help millions of middle class families all across the nation weather the economic storm, while letting the tax cuts for wealthiest Americans expire. Congress has an obligation to work to sustain this economic recovery, help the private sector create jobs, and ensure the long-term fiscal well-being of the Federal Government. This is a critical time for our country and I believe we must work together to provide tax relief to the middle class families hit hardest by the recession. I urge my colleagues to join me in voting for the Middle Class Tax Relief Act of 2010.

A TRIBUTE TO JASMINE DANIELLE VELAZQUEZ

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 7, 2010

Mr. TOWNS. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Jasmine Danielle Velazquez.

Jasmine Danielle Velazquez is a natural born leader. Growing up in Bushwick, Brooklyn in her grandmother's three-family house, she realized at an early age the effects of economic disparities. She saw her grandmother at her ripe age of 70 remain a staple in the community, making sure that the community was treated with dignity and respect by all its inhabitants and visitors. Jasmine noticed that families were simply doing what it took to survive and experienced the real meaning of "it takes a village to raise a child."

That village helped Jasmine stay on a focused track. She was accepted into a specialized middle school in East Harlem, Manhattan East Junior High School, where she developed her love of the arts and leadership, becoming Vice President of the Student Body in 8th grade. Jasmine went on to attend a prestigious Catholic school in the Bronx, Mt. St. Ursula. Catholic school was a very unique experience. Although Jasmine was not used to the structure of Catholic education, she blossomed academically.

At the age of 17, Jasmine had an unexpected life altering decision to make—she was pregnant. Jasmine decided that she would not become a statistic as another African American/Latina teen mother. She gave birth to her daughter, graduated from high school early, and enrolled into Fordham University.

During her tenure at Fordham, Jasmine was incredibly active. She became the President of the Black Student Union her junior year, where she advocated for students' rights. Jasmine was awarded the W.E.B. DuBois Award for Academic Excellence as well as the Senior

Leadership Award for Outstanding Leadership. She received her Bachelor's of Arts at Fordham University, majoring in African and African American Studies as well as Communications and Media Studies in 2008.

Jasmine was accepted into the esteemed Teach for America program where she taught as a Special Education Teacher at P.S. 165 in Brownsville, Brooklyn. Jasmine currently teaches at Geoffrey Canada's Harlem Children's Zone Promise Academy Upper Elementary/Middle School, where she is a Learning Specialist teaching students with special needs in small groups. Jasmine loves her job and wants to advocate for families on a larger scale.

This year, Jasmine ran for District Leader/State Committeewoman in Brooklyn's 50th Assembly District, which covers Greenpoint, Williamsburg, Fort Greene, and Clinton Hill. She ran against longtime incumbent Linda Minucci who has been serving as District Leader for over 26 years. Jasmine did not win the race, but she will continue advocating for people in her community and advance her political career.

Madam Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in recognizing the achievements of Jasmine Danielle Velazquez.

HONORING BILL BANKS

HON. JOHN J. DUNCAN, JR.

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 7, 2010

Mr. DUNCAN. Madam Speaker, I wish today to honor one of the most well-known and respected attorneys from my district.

Bill Banks recently passed away at the age of 82. He practiced law in Knoxville for more than 50 years, and I do not know another person who respected and honored the profession more than Bill.

He graduated from the University of Tennessee Law School in 1950 when there were many fewer attorneys than there are today. As the legal profession grew and more law practices opened, Bill became a leader among his peers.

I have nothing but fond memories of him from my own time as a lawyer and judge in Knoxville.

Bill's love of the law and government was not just limited to his practice. He also served on the Knox County Election Commission for many years and was instrumental in the transition from paper to machine voting in Knox County.

He also served admirably in the Korean War as an officer with the United Nations War Crimes Commission. His work during the war earned him a citation for meritorious service.

Those who knew Bill knew a humble and kind man devoted to his family and faith. He was a long-time member of Washington Pike United Methodist Church.

His community involvement included the Knoxville Elks Lodge, where he rose to the rank of Exalted Ruler and Trustee. He was also an active Mason and was a member of the Burlington Masonic Lodge, the Scottish Rite and Kerbela Temple in Knoxville.

I had the privilege of knowing Bill Banks personally and considered him to be a good friend for almost 40 years.

He was one of the finest men I have ever known, and he touched thousands of people in good and positive ways throughout his life.

I extend my condolences to Bill's daughter and son, Betsy and David; four grandchildren; brother, John; and sister, Allene. His absence will surely be felt in Knoxville, but Bill's life will be celebrated as an example of one lived with a dedication to what truly matters: God, family, and community.

HONORING STEVEN M. WOODSIDE

HON. LYNN C. WOOLSEY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 7, 2010

Ms. WOOLSEY. Madam Speaker, I rise today, with my colleague, Congressman MIKE THOMPSON, to recognize Steven M. Woodside who is retiring after 11 years as Sonoma County Counsel.

The 43-person County Counsel office, provides legal services to county departments, more than 25 special districts, as well as to the Board of Supervisors, the Grand Jury, Agricultural Preservation and Open Space District, Sonoma Marin Area Rail Transit District (SMART), Sonoma County Water Agency (SCWA), Sonoma County Retirement Association (SCERA), Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO), and the Sonoma County Transportation Authority (SCTA).

County Counsel attorneys regularly appear in court on behalf of County departments on such matters as juvenile dependency cases, code enforcement actions, bail recovery, and mental health competency hearings.

During his tenure, Mr. Woodside reduced his department's operating costs and dependency on county general funds and organized the office into four practice teams, Land Use, Health and Human Services, Litigation and Justice, and Infrastructure. He encouraged his staff to become involved in state-wide issues and many of his team are now recognized leaders and experts in child dependency issues, land use and energy independence programs, endangered species and natural resource protection.

Mr. Woodside has served as a member and Chair of the Statewide County Litigation Coordination Committee from 1992 through the present and in this capacity, helped coordinate the participation of California's 58 counties in litigation of statewide significance. As Chair of the State Assessed Property Tax Committee of the California Association of Counties, he was the chief negotiator on a successful billion dollar property tax settlement action.

His other professional affiliations include serving as President and member of the Board of Directors of the County Counsels' Association of California and Adjunct Professor of Law and member of the Board of Visitors at Santa Clara University School of Law.

Mr. Woodside has a dual Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of California, Davis and Santa Cruz and a Juris Doctor from University of California at Berkeley School of Law (Boalt Hall). Upon graduation from law school, he joined the Santa Clara County Counsel's office and eventually was named head of the department.

Madam Speaker, Steven Woodside has spent most of his career in public service to the people of the State of California. It is therefore appropriate that we recognize and honor him today and wish him well in his retirement. him well in his retirement.

A TRIBUTE TO MS. MARITZA RODRIGUEZ

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 7, 2010

Mr. TOWNS. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Ms. Maritza Rodriguez, for her dedication to the field of education.

Since 1971, Mrs. Rodriguez has nurtured her neighborhood, church and community. With over thirty years of her professional and personal life dedicated to public service, Mrs. Rodriguez represents the best qualities of excellence in education.

Mrs. Rodriguez is the Supervising School Aide at P.S. 950, The Eastwood School. She is tasked with overseeing school aides, a responsibility she has skillfully carried out for over ten years. In addition to this, Mrs. Rodriguez endlessly contributes to school initiatives. Whenever a stage needs to be designed for a school production, Mrs. Rodriguez is always ready and willing to assist. When the school building needs to be decorated for an event or holiday, she takes the lead until the task is complete. Mrs. Rodriguez's sense of commitment is strong; even when a task involves working above and beyond her work schedule, she undertakes it without reservation. Her discipline and work ethic have been honored by numerous awards and commendations.

In addition to her professionalism, Mrs. Rodriguez has outstanding interpersonal skills; she is known for her great sense of humor and positive attitude. According to Mrs. Rodriguez, "the most important things in life aren't things." She embodies this motto by selflessly serving others and being a constant source of inspiration to those around her.

It should be noted that Mrs. Rodriguez was born in New York City, where she has spent most of her adult life, and is a product of the city's educational system. Mrs. Rodriguez has been married to Mr. Daniel Rodriguez for thirty-one years and is the proud mother of two children: Baron and Alexandra. She is also proud to be the grandmother of her first grandchild, Nikoleta Danielle Roussinos.

Madam Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in recognizing the achievements of Ms. Maritza Rodriguez.

HEALTHY, HUNGER-FREE KIDS ACT OF 2010

SPEECH OF

HON. RON KIND

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 1, 2010

Mr. KIND. Madam Speaker, I rise today in strong support of S. 3307, the Healthy, Hun-

ger-Free Kids Act. It's a well known fact that children in this country are not as healthy as they need to be. We have a responsibility to provide our children with the opportunity to lead a healthy lifestyle and this includes increasing their access to healthy foods. This bill makes historic strides toward providing nutritious lunches in schools and will ensure that we give children the opportunity to get a healthy start early in life.

Obesity is a serious threat to the health of our nation's children. Nationally, more than 23 million children are obese or overweight. Over 24 percent of children ages 2 to 5 are already overweight or obese. With obesity beginning at such an early age, it is becoming ever more important to intervene early. Obese kids are increasingly likely to become obese adults and are more susceptible to the chronic diseases that are costing our health care system billions of dollars each year. Childhood obesity is also a national defense concern as more and more young adults are ineligible for military service.

Kids that learn healthy eating habits early in life are likely to carry them into adulthood. Healthy eating also increases concentration during the school day. The Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act will address the issue of childhood by applying nutritional standards to all food sold in schools, strengthen school-wellness policies and improve the overall health of school environments for the first time. It also streamlines the process for enrollment in the free and reduced lunch program, making it easier for low-income families to enroll and participate in this program, ensuring that a healthy meal is provided to the children who need it most.

Not only does this bill increase access and improve the quality of foods in the school lunch program, it also reauthorizes the Women, Infants and Children (WIC) program and makes historic reforms to the Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP). The CACFP helps provide funding for meals and snacks served to children and adults receiving day care and youths participating in after-school care programs. The Healthy, Hungry-Free Kids Act includes provisions from my Healthy CHOICES Act that for the first time will increase healthy eating and wellness in child care through the establishment of higher nutrition standards for providers participating in CACFP.

The bill will also expand after-school dinner programs for at-risk children nationwide by reimbursing states for providing meals. In total, this will provide an additional 21 million meals to at-risk children annually. CACFP program administration will be streamlined, reducing paperwork and increasing efficiency for providers. There are currently 4,435 CACFP sites in Wisconsin that serve over 22 million meals and snacks to children and adults each year. The reforms in the Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act will allow CACFP in Wisconsin to provide healthier meals to a greater number of individuals.

I urge all of my colleagues to come together to put our kids first by passing this bill today. The Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act contains the most significant improvements to child nutrition programs in more than 30 years and is fully paid for. We owe it to the health and well-being of our children to come together today and do what is right, pass this bill.

HONORING STEVEN M. WOODSIDE

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 7, 2010

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today, with my colleague, Congresswoman LYNN WOOLSEY, to recognize Steven M. Woodside who is retiring after 11 years as Sonoma County Counsel.

The 43-person County Counsel office, provides legal services to county departments, more than 25 special districts, as well as to the Board of Supervisors, the Grand Jury, Agricultural Preservation and Open Space District, Sonoma Marin Area Rail Transit District (SMART), Sonoma County Water Agency (SCWA), Sonoma County Retirement Association (SCERA), Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO), and the Sonoma County Transportation Authority (SCTA).

County Counsel attorneys regularly appear in court on behalf of County departments on such matters as juvenile dependency cases, code enforcement actions, bail recovery, and mental health competency hearings.

During his tenure, Mr. Woodside reduced his department's operating costs and dependency on county general funds and organized the office into four practice teams, Land Use, Health and Human Services, Litigation and Justice, and Infrastructure. He encouraged his staff to become involved in state-wide issues and many of his team are now recognized leaders and experts in child dependency issues, land use and energy independence programs, endangered species and natural resource protection.

Mr. Woodside has served as a member and Chair of the Statewide County Litigation Coordination Committee from 1992 through the present and in this capacity, helped coordinate the participation of California's 58 counties in litigation of statewide significance. As Chair of the State Assessed Property Tax Committee of the California Association of Counties, he was the chief negotiator on a successful billion dollar property tax settlement action.

His other professional affiliations include serving as President and member of the Board of Directors of the County Counsels' Association of California and Adjunct Professor of Law and member of the Board of Visitors at Santa Clara University School of Law.

Mr. Woodside has a dual Bachelor of Arts Degree from the University of California, Davis and Santa Cruz and a Juris Doctor from University of California at Berkeley School of Law (Hoak Hall). Upon graduation from law school, he joined the Santa Clara County Counsel's office and eventually was named head of the department.

Madam Speaker, Steven Woodside has spent most of his career in public service to the people of the State of California. It is therefore appropriate that we recognize and honor him today and wish him well in his retirement.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. HEATH SHULER

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 7, 2010

Mr. SHULER. Madam Speaker, my vote on rollcall No. 607 on December 2, 2010 was not recorded. My intention was to vote "aye" on this measure.

A TRIBUTE TO MS. SHARLENE BROWN**HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 7, 2010

Mr. TOWNS. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Ms. Sharlene Brown.

Ms. Brown has over eight years of professional experience in leadership, strategic planning, budgeting, marketing, and fundraising. She also has a strong academic record. Ms. Brown received a Bachelor of Science in Organizational Management, with distinction, and a Masters in Organizational Leadership from Nyack College; she is a graduate of the YMCA of Greater New York's Executive Leadership Institute and is currently pursuing a Doctorate of Management at the University of Phoenix.

As a leader, Ms. Brown constantly seeks innovative ways of promoting dynamic working environments, high quality service and organizational growth. Ms. Brown's accolades serve as a testament to her abilities. She holds several awards in Superior Performance from the YMCA of Greater New York, for her work at the Bedford-Stuyvesant YMCA, is a recipient of the Black Achievers in Industry Award 2010 and received a Proclamation from myself, congratulating her in honor of Women's History Month.

Ms. Brown demonstrates strong commitment to her community in addition to her leadership and academic success. She served as Advisor to the Ella McQueen Detention Center, Director of Rush Temple African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church's Young Adult Christian Ministry; and is now the Executive Director of the Bronx YMCA. In her current position as Executive Director, she is developing and implementing employee guidance initiatives to enhance people's skills for the achievement of organizational goals.

Among all of her success, let it not be forgotten that Ms. Brown is the proud mother of Donald Broughton, Jr. and is excited to be a 2010 Honoree of the Concerned Women of Brooklyn, Inc.

Madam Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in recognizing the achievements of Ms. Sharlene Brown.

LE VAN BA

HON. LORETTA SANCHEZ

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 7, 2010

Ms. LORETTA SANCHEZ of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commemorate

the life of Le Van Ba who passed away on Saturday, November 23rd, 2010.

Mr. Le and his family left Vietnam and came to the United States in 1979, and he risked everything for a chance to live freely and provide better opportunities for his family.

In 1981, Mr. Le and his family bought their first catering truck and began serving sandwiches in the community.

In 1983, Mr. Le founded Lee's Sandwiches and today, Lee's Sandwiches is among the top 50 largest bakeries in the U.S., employing thousands of workers in northern and southern California and across the country.

He was a community leader of his Hoa Hao Buddhist church and the An Giang Association of Northern California.

He and his family have given back to the community, assisted victims of 9/11, Hurricane Katrina, the floods in Vietnam, the South Asia tsunami and other local charities.

Throughout Orange County, he made it a point to donate food and sponsor community and nonprofit events annually.

Today, I commend this man and urge my colleagues to join me in recognizing Mr. Le's extraordinary lifetime achievements.

I want to offer my sincere sympathy to his wife, Nguyen Thi Hanh, his family, friends, and loved ones.

WILL THE WEST GIVE UP CYPRUS TO PLACATE AN IRRITABLE TURKEY?**HON. GUS M. BILIRAKIS**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 7, 2010

Mr. BILIRAKIS. Madam Speaker, I would like to commend to my colleagues an article written by Ted Galen Carpenter, vice president for defense and foreign policy studies at the Cato Institute, in the Washington Times on November 19, 2010. Mr. Carpenter has written an excellent article, warning of the danger in recent rumblings led by former British Foreign Secretary Jack Straw that Cyprus should be divided into two nations. The territorial integrity of Cyprus must never be sacrificed for the sake of healing relations with Turkey—a move that would only reinforce the Turkish governments disregard for international standards.

[From the Washington Times, Nov. 19, 2010]

CARPENTER: SACRIFICING AN ISLAND

(By Ted Galen Carpenter)

It's no secret that relations between Turkey and its Western allies have become quite testy over the past year or so regarding an assortment of issues, including policy toward Iran and the Israeli-Palestinian dispute. Western leaders are understandably eager to heal the breach with Ankara because Turkey is a significant regional power. Unfortunately, it seems increasingly likely that the small nation of Cyprus will end up being a sacrificial pawn in that effort.

The latest indicator is an article by former British Foreign Secretary Jack Straw arguing that it is time for Britain and other governments to consider the formal partition of Cyprus, if the latest round of U.N.-brokered talks do not achieve a breakthrough. The northern portion of Cyprus has been occupied by Turkish troops ever since the 1974 invasion of that country. Following the invasion, Ankara set up a puppet government (which is recognized only by Turkey) in the

occupied territory and brought in more than 250,000 settlers from the Turkish mainland. Periodic U.N. mediation efforts have failed to resolve the division of the island.

As yet, neither London nor Washington has embraced Mr. Straw's proposal, but it has all the characteristics of a prominent trial balloon. Over the years, numerous members of the foreign policy communities in both Britain and the United States have privately toyed with the idea of imposing a formal partition.

Going down that path would be a mistake—for both practical and moral reasons. The practical consideration is that the U.S. and the leading EU countries already set a dangerous international precedent in 2008 when they encouraged and then formally recognized Kosovo's unilateral declaration of independence from Serbia. At the time, NATO troops occupied Kosovo, preventing Belgrade from doing anything to thwart that secession.

Numerous governments warned that the move trampled on Serbia's sovereignty and created a highly destabilizing precedent. That fear was soon realized when Russian troops implemented the secession of two restless provinces from Russia's small neighbor, the Republic of Georgia.

Now the Western powers may be flirting with the notion of forcibly dividing Cyprus against the will of the Cypriot government and a majority of the Cypriot people. Such a move would reinforce the unhealthy recent precedents set with respect to Kosovo and Georgia—and would encourage nations and movements with secessionist agendas around the world.

The moral case against partitioning Cyprus to curry favor with Ankara is even stronger. Turkey committed an act of aggression when it invaded its neighbor in 1974, and that violation of international law is made worse by the continuing occupation and the colonization effort using Turkish settlers. That should be unacceptable behavior by any country, but it is even more outrageous coming from a NATO member and aspirant to join the European Union.

The tepid reaction over the decades by Washington and its democratic allies to Ankara's rogue conduct on the Cyprus issue is troubling. Those countries should not further reward Turkey's aggression by making the division of Cyprus permanent.

There are other actions the West can take to help repair the fraying relationship with Turkey. In particular, the U.S. must show greater understanding that its policies in Iraq—especially the creation of a de facto independent Kurdistan in the north—create major problems for Ankara because of Turkey's own restless Kurdish population. Likewise, the push for ever tighter economic sanctions against Iran poses major economic and strategic dilemmas for Turkey.

Those issues need to be addressed squarely, and efforts should be made at least to cushion the adverse impact on Turkey. But it would be wrong to adopt the cynical approach of using Cyprus as a convenient sacrificial pawn to ease overall tensions with Ankara. Such a move would betray important Western values and, in the long run, likely undermine important Western interests.

A TRIBUTE TO MS. SHARONNIE M. PERRY

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 7, 2010

Mr. TOWNS. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Ms. Sharonnie M. Perry.

Ms. Perry was born in the Bedford Stuyvesant section of Brooklyn, New York. She is the mother of two sons, DaShawn and Jah-Son. She is also the proud grandmother of Jaylin and Jah-Son, Jr. Ms. Perry is a woman of faith; she believes if you put God at the head of your life and Jesus at the center, you will not fail.

Ms. Perry lives her life by one of her favorite sayings, "I have come to serve and not to be served." In this spirit, she worked as a community activist for over thirty-five years, fought against decentralization of public schools and founded Parents on the Move, a self-help organization for homeless parents and children. Ms. Perry also advocated for affordable housing, education, and employment of New York City's homeless population.

In 1982, Ms. Perry saw a need that became one of her greatest passions to date: HIV/AIDS activism. She has traveled the country to inform people about the health care and services offered to individuals living with HIV/AIDS; she also advocates on behalf of individuals living with this difficult disease. In addition, it should be noted that Ms. Perry is a valued political consultant. In various capacities, she has helped elect countless elected officials at all levels of government.

Ms. Perry attributes her success in life to the Creator, first and foremost; her parents, Dolly and James; family; mentors; spiritual advisors; and friends Father Jim Goode, Bishop Albert Janiison, Carmuela Rodriguez, Annette Robinson and Mama Lola. She also never forgets the ancestors whose shoulders she stands on: Baba MezeeMoyo, Queen Empress Akwcke, Thomas Faulkner, Charles Pinn and all those who have passed this way.

It comes as no surprise that Ms. Perry has been recognized across the country for her commitment to the underserved people in our society. In summarizing her own devotion to family, church and community, Ms. Perry would say, "If I can help somebody along the way, then my living would not have been in vain."

Madam Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in recognizing the achievements of Ms. Sharonnie M. Perry.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ADAM H. PUTNAM

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 7, 2010

Mr. PUTNAM. Madam Speaker, on Thursday, December 2, 2010, I was not present for 12 recorded votes. Had I been present, I would have voted the following way: Roll No. 596—"nay"; Roll No. 597—"nay"; Roll No. 598—"yea"; Roll No. 599—"yea"; Roll No. 600—"yea"; Roll No. 601—"yea"; Roll No. 602—"yea"; Roll No. 603—"yea"; Roll No. 604—"nay"; Roll No. 605—"yea"; Roll No. 606—"nay"; Roll No. 607—"yea."

HONORING STEPHEN C. DuBOIS OF TULAROSA, NM

HON. HARRY TEAGUE

OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 7, 2010

Mr. TEAGUE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize a constituent of mine that is very special to me and my fellow southern New Mexicans.

Stephen C. DuBois is a resident of Tularosa, New Mexico. He is 89 years old and is a veteran. But over six decades ago today, Mr. DuBois was stationed in Hawaii, and he survived one of the worst and most cowardly attacks on our Nation in our country's history—the attack on Pearl Harbor.

When the attack occurred, Mr. DuBois was a hospital corpsman in the Navy and was only 19 years old. He was in a tent when the Japanese began their assault. A marine came into the tent and mistaking Mr. DuBois for another marine, he told him, "follow me." Together, they charged on to take control of an anti-aircraft turret.

The marine was surprised at the way DuBois handled the weapon and asked where in the world he had been trained.

Mr. DuBois answered that he had been trained in Newport, which shocked the marine even further. He replied, "Newport? That's where the Navy gets trained!"

To which Mr. DuBois could only reply, "Well, that's what I am, Navy!"

Whether he was a Marine or in the Navy didn't seem to matter much after that. Working with that marine, Mr. DuBois was able to bring down at least two Japanese planes that were attacking Pearl Harbor. While it is difficult to say with any certainty how many more casualties would have been inflicted by those two planes, you can be sure that the gallant actions of Mr. DuBois and his friend did save lives that day.

And while we look back on that terrible day that brought so much pain and anguish to our nation and its citizens, we are also reminded of something else that was proven that day. We are reminded that when placed in tough situations, Americans can be some pretty extraordinary people.

Stephen C. DuBois didn't take that gun for fame or fortune, for glory or for revenge. Instead he did what so many of our sons and daughters have done over time. He did it because he was ordered to. He did it because it was his duty. And by doing his duty, he saved so many lives and really he saved our country.

So today, I want to honor not only those brave Americans that we lost at Pearl Harbor, but all of those brave Americans like Mr. DuBois who protected us and our beloved country. May God bless him and his family and may God continue to bless America.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 7, 2010

Mr. HASTINGS of Florida. Madam Speaker, on December 2, 2010, I was on official leave to attend to a medical matter. I was unable to

cast votes on the extension of the middle class tax cuts, as well as the censure of Representative CHARLES RANGEL. However, I strongly support extending tax cuts to the middle class, and would have voted favorably. On the matter of Representative RANGEL, I would have voted "yes" on the reprimand but "no" on the censure.

RECOGNIZING THE SERVICE OF
CAPTAIN CARL KUWITZKY,
PRESIDENT OF THE SOUTHWEST
AIRLINES PILOTS' ASSOCIATION
(SWAPA)

HON. JOHN L. MICA

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 7, 2010

Mr. MICA. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize the accomplishments of Captain Carl Kuwitzky, President of the Southwest Airlines Pilots' Association (SWAPA). Captain Kuwitzky will retire as SWAPA President on December 31, 2010 after serving two terms leading the organization which represents Southwest Airlines' nearly 6,000 pilots.

An Oklahoma native, Captain Kuwitzky has been a pilot at Southwest Airlines since July, 1983. Captain Kuwitzky's distinguished service with SWAPA also includes time as the association's vice president from 2006–2008, as a member of the Board of Directors representing the Phoenix and Houston Hobby Airports, and as Chairman of Southwest Airlines' Scheduling and Air Safety Committees. During his distinguished career at Southwest he also served as a member of the negotiating and merger committees during the airline's acquisition of Muse Air in 1986.

Madam Speaker, Southwest Airlines has grown to become a leader of the U.S. and global airline industry and has provided significant benefit to my home state of Florida. Captain Carl Kuwitzky's played an integral role in this growth and the benefits it has provided to Southwest Airlines, the traveling public, the airline industry and the millions of Americans who take to the skies each year.

My colleagues, please join me in recognizing the service of Captain Kuwitzky, for we are all better and safer today because of his outstanding leadership.

HONORING MASTER GUNNERY
SERGEANT SCOT T. MOREFIELD

HON. MIKE ROGERS

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 7, 2010

Mr. ROGERS of Michigan. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to an outstanding Marine, Master Gunnery Sergeant Scot T. Morefield.

Master Gunnery Sergeant Morefield enlisted in the Marine Corps on November 9, 1978 at age 17. On June 30, 2010, he retired after 30 years of honorable service to the Marine Corps, and to our country.

His military career began after graduating from recruit training and infantry training school he attended aviation structures school, finishing as the academic honor graduate.

MGySgt. Morefield was then assigned to an A-4 Skyhawk squadron where he served from 1980 to 1983. During that time he made numerous deployments to Asia. In 1983 he received an honorable discharge.

After briefly working for Lentini Aviation in Troy, Michigan, and Lockheed Martin in Marietta, GA, he started his own construction company.

In 1987, while still running his construction business, MGySgt. Morefield re-enlisted in the Marine Corps Reserves as a Combat Engineer. He graduated the Combat Engineer School at Camp Lejeune in 1990 as the academic honor graduate.

In 1991, he received orders to return to Michigan where he continued his service assignment as a Marine Corps recruiter and a Staff Noncommissioned Officer in Charge of two Lansing, Michigan substations. Notably, he served at various times as both the Recruiter Instructor and the Operations Chief for the Lansing station before his retirement this June.

Master Gunnery Sergeant Scot Morefield's personal awards include the Meritorious Service Medal, the Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal and the Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal with Gold Star.

I am proud to rise today to celebrate this Marine's service and commitment to our country. I ask my colleagues to join me in thanking MGySgt. Morefield for his devotion to our mutual cause of national defense and wish him the best in his retirement.

ADDRESSING THE GLOBAL
THREAT OF AL-QAEDA

HON. BETTY McCOLLUM

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 7, 2010

Ms. McCOLLUM. Madam Speaker, I rise today to state plainly and clearly my belief that al-Qaeda and its affiliates continue to pose a serious threat to the United States.

During a candidate forum on October 21, 2010, I was asked a question regarding U.S. policy in Afghanistan and Iraq. During my response, I stated that the United States went to war in Afghanistan—an action that I supported—to remove the Taliban from power and eliminate al-Qaeda. I also noted that top U.S. intelligence officials have stated publicly that al-Qaeda no longer poses a threat to the United States from within Afghanistan.

For example, on June 27, 2010, CIA Director Leon Panetta stated that fewer than 50 to 100 al-Qaeda operatives remain in Afghanistan, saying "there's no question that the main location of Al Qaeda is in the tribal areas of Pakistan." According to then-National Security Advisor Gen. James L. Jones on October 4, 2009, al-Qaeda has no bases inside Afghanistan and "no ability to launch attacks on either us or our allies." Unfortunately, my political opponents rejected these official assessments from America's top national security experts and chose to distort my position by taking my comments out of context. Playing politics with American national security is a reckless distraction.

The threat from al-Qaeda now emanates from within countries such as Pakistan and Yemen, and even from would-be terrorists

within the U.S. who are inspired to violence by al-Qaeda. However, due to the courage and effectiveness of America's military men and women and America's NATO partners, al-Qaeda's ability to attack U.S. citizens from inside Afghanistan has been greatly diminished, if not eliminated. For this reason, I support an end to full-scale combat operations and a shift to a long-term counterterrorism mission that will prevent al-Qaeda from re-establishing safe havens from which to attack the United States.

Madam Speaker, there is no doubt that al-Qaeda continues to pose a significant threat to the United States and our allies. Its operatives are as determined as ever to promote their brand of extremism through fear, violence, and hate. The United States must remain vigilant and resolute in the face of this serious threat.

A TRIBUTE TO MS. SHIRLEY M.
OLIVER

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 7, 2010

Mr. TOWNS. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Ms. Shirley M. Oliver.

For decades, Ms. Oliver dedicated herself to the youth of the Brownsville-Ocean Hill community of Brooklyn, New York. She was a day care professional at the Love in Action Day Care Center, an auditory tester in the public school system and a Credentialed Prevention and Intervention Specialist with the New York City Board of Education. Her work demonstrates a clear commitment to children at all stages of development.

A proud product of the New York City Public School System, Ms. Oliver has always had a firm belief in education. Tasked with raising a young family and full-time employment, Ms. Oliver made time to pursue her educational goals; she attained a Bachelor of Arts from the College of New Rochelle and a Post-Graduate degree in Educational Psychology from Fordham University. Adding to her list of accomplishments, Ms. Oliver is a licensed Mental Health Counselor in the Brooklyn community and is a New York State Office of Alcoholism and Substance Abuse Services Credentialed Alcohol and Substance Abuse Trainee with credentialing in gambling.

Ms. Oliver was born, raised and still resides in the Brownsville community of Brooklyn, New York. She is the second child of Charles and Pat Green. Ms. Oliver grew up in a nurturing environment; her parents stressed the importance of education, spirituality and public service. Ms. Oliver is the proud mother of two children: Mr. Shon Oliver and Mrs. ShakiraKee. She is also the proud grandmother of four grandchildren: Kumani, Saabir, Sumayah, and KianaraKee.

Through her membership in service organizations, Ms. Oliver makes a conscious effort to advocate on the behalf of others. Her organizational affiliations are extensive; she is a member of the Women's Caucus for Congressman ED TOWNS, the N.A.A.C.P., the Community Board, the Brooksdale Hospital Advisory Board and she is a Delegate for AFSCME at the annual National Convention for the AFL-CIO. In addition to all this, Ms. Oliver is the shop steward for her Local Chapter 372 and a member of the Coalition of Black Trade Unionists.

Ms. Oliver has a philosophy that exemplifies her devotion to social justice and education: Empower those who cannot empower themselves. Through career choices and organizational memberships, Ms. Oliver is clearly dedicated to the betterment of her community; it is this characteristic that marks her as a distinguished woman of education.

Madam Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in recognizing the achievements of Ms. Shirley M. Oliver.

THE 50TH PROCLAMATION FOR
THE CENTER FOR FAMILY RE-
SOURCESS

HON. PHIL GINGREY

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 7, 2010

Mr. GINGREY of Georgia. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor of the 50th anniversary of The Center for Family Resources. Founded in 1960, founders Fred Bentley, Sr., Howard Ector, and Harry Holliday envisioned a better way to combine six existing emergency assistance organizations in Cobb County under one roof.

Families repeatedly faced limited access to affordable transportation, childcare and housing, as well as a lack of education and training to secure and maintain employment. The organization determined the removal of those barriers was the real key to breaking the cycle of poverty.

Cobb Family Resources has grown from a small emergency aid agency to a multi-function human services organization, serving both generations of the family to develop personal responsibility and a self-sufficient lifestyle.

Today, it serves as an average of 10,000 individuals each year. Records also indicate more than 400,000 individuals have been served by CFR since 1960.

Madam Speaker, I ask all my colleagues to join me in honoring the Center for Family Resources.

HONORING THE LIFE OF
BA VAN LE

HON. MICHAEL M. HONDA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 7, 2010

Mr. HONDA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the life of Ba Van Le, a pioneer in the Vietnamese American community and a prominent entrepreneur, beloved by family and friends.

Born on December 26, 1932, Ba Van Le was raised in the An Giang Province of Southern Vietnam. In Vietnam, he was a successful businessman who owned a thriving sugar cane refinery in Saigon that earned him the nickname "The Sugar King."

Following the Vietnam War, Ba, his wife Hanh and their three oldest children fled Vietnam in search of new beginnings. Like many Vietnamese, Ba and his family settled at a refugee camp in Malaysia. Over a year later, Ba and the rest of the Le family arrived in the United States, staying briefly in Clovis, New Mexico and Monterey, California before settling in San Jose, California.

In 1981, Ba, along with his sons Chieu and Henry, began operating a mobile lunch truck in downtown San Jose. With newfound success, the business expanded to a permanent Vietnamese sandwich shop, becoming the very first store location of what would evolve into the family's chain restaurant, Lee's Sandwiches.

Ba was a prime example of the American entrepreneurial spirit. With the suggestion of his grandson to incorporate business ideas from American fast food chains, Ba and his family expanded their food menu and opened 30 locations in Northern and Southern California, Texas, Arizona, and Oklahoma. With hard work and perseverance, both he and his family have played a major role in popularizing the Vietnamese sandwich, *bánh mì*, and other Vietnamese food in mainstream American food consciousness.

Not only did Ba establish a thriving restaurant specializing in Vietnamese cuisine, he and his family's small business became the first chain restaurant to serve the needs of the Vietnamese American community.

Madam Speaker, Ba Van Le's innovative spirit and cross-cultural achievements will be remembered for years to come. It is my hope that his legacy will inspire future generations to find creative ways to serve the needs of the diverse Asian American Pacific Islander (AAPI) communities. I offer my heartfelt condolences to the Le Family during this time of remembrance.

LETICIA M. DIAZ: STRENGTHENING
AMERICA

HON. ALAN GRAYSON

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 7, 2010

Mr. GRAYSON. Madam Speaker, I would like to bring attention to an article written by Leticia M. Diaz at Barry University entitled "Strengthening America." Dr. Diaz, who holds a PhD and a JD from Rutgers University, is the Dean of the Barry University Dwayne O. Andreas School of Law in Orlando and a member of the advisory committee for the newly formed American Bar Association Commission on Hispanic Legal Rights and Responsibilities.

STRENGTHENING AMERICA

(By Leticia M. Diaz)

Like millions of others, I came to America with my immigrant parents. Seizing on the opportunities and access to superior education offered by this country allowed me to not only achieve the American dream, but to give back to this nation.

My story is far from unique. Like the immigrants before me, I came to the United States to seek the freedom and the opportunities unavailable in the country of my birth. Comprised of a vast immigrant population, the United States matured and expanded as a result of the great Irish and Chinese immigrations of the 1800s along with many newcomers from Europe over the years. These immigrants provided much of the labor force that built the infrastructure as our country grew into a world power. Over the years, my family and millions of other immigrants worked hard to make America into a strong, productive, and dynamic nation.

Today, tens of thousands of young adults stand ready to give back to the country they

call home. By opening the door to educational advancement or military service, the DREAM (Development, Relief, and Education for Alien Minors) Act before Congress benefits those youngsters who, as children, accompanied their parents to the United States. But without passage of the DREAM Act, these young people—who have already proven themselves in our schools and communities—face a very uncertain future.

The DREAM Act would grant legal status to young adults brought to the United States as undocumented immigrant children. The rigorous requirements under the Act ensure that only contributing members of society who have already proven themselves to be law-abiding citizens and dedicated students would enjoy the benefits of the Act.

The stringent criterion prescribed by the DREAM Act ensures that the floodgates to illegal immigration will remain closed. Instead, the Act addresses the issue of young, undocumented children who have grown up in this country and excelled in school. As they seek to enlist in the military or continue their education and launch their careers, these motivated pro-American youngsters continue to run into unreasonable roadblocks. The DREAM Act prudently addresses those hurdles.

All members of society will benefit from the DREAM Act, not just a select few. Everyone wins when we educate the youth of tomorrow, encourage them to achieve their career goals, and motivate them to become productive citizens of our great country. As an educator and a person who was born in Cuba and immigrated at an early age, I am foremost an American who recognizes the importance of providing access to education to those who are truly committed to learning and personal growth.

As Americans, we have a moral obligation to address the immigration issues facing our country. The DREAM Act would be a great start to much-needed reform. As such, we urge Congress to pass the DREAM Act, blazing a trail for these young adults to become valuable, contributing members of the United States as they deserve.

Madam Speaker, I strongly encourage my colleagues to bring the DREAM Act to the floor for immediate consideration.

HONORING THE HORNELL HIGH
SCHOOL FOOTBALL TEAM FOR
WINNING ITS SECOND CONSECU-
TIVE STATE CHAMPIONSHIP AND
26TH CONSECUTIVE WIN

HON. TOM REED

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 7, 2010

Mr. REED. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the Hornell High School football team for the great success that they achieved on the football field during the 2010 season. This year, the Red Raiders won their second consecutive New York State Class B championship. The victory in the championship game was the Red Raiders' 26th consecutive victory over the last two years. The Hornell Red Raiders are in the distinguished position of having the longest current win streak in New York State high school football. Through their hard work, great determination and incredible success on the football field, the Hornell Red Raiders have brought great honor to their team, their school, and the City of Hornell. It is with no small amount of pride that we recognize the players and cheerleaders, coaches

and advisors, and administrators and parents for their achievement and congratulate them on their second consecutive state championship and 26th consecutive victory.

HONORING THE 40TH ANNIVERSARY OF FRESNO METRO MINISTRY

HON. JIM COSTA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 7, 2010

Mr. COSTA. Madam Speaker, I rise today with my colleague Mr. CARDOZA to congratulate Fresno Metro Ministry on the occasion of their 40th anniversary, aptly recognized as a community service organization that champions “working together to build a better community.”

Founded in 1970, Fresno Metro Ministry was conceived and developed as a multi-faith, multi-cultural organization with the mission of creating a more respectful, compassionate and inclusive community that promotes social and economic justice. Fresno Metro Ministry’s success stems from working in collaboratives and engaging in community education, advocacy, and community problem-solving by building coalitions, networking, conducting workshops and conferences, and developing and supporting task forces to address community issues that affect underserved communities. The community of Fresno is proud to be home to such a great organization dedicated to the advancement of the less fortunate in our region. For 40 years Fresno Metro Ministry has been making a positive impact in the lives of members of our community and I know that it will continue to do so in the future.

Throughout the years, Fresno Metro Ministry has spearheaded projects that have helped bridge the needs of low-income residents and existing community services in the greater Fresno area. This includes projects such as the development and publication of the “Making Connections Community Resource Directory” and the establishment of Latinos United for Clear Air, a neighborhood parent group who completed advocacy training sessions and went on to advocate for cleaner air and reductions of toxic pollutants at the local and state level. Community partnerships have also led to the adoption of a School Wellness Policy by the Fresno Unified School District to assist in the prevention of childhood obesity and the creation of community gardens in partnership with the city of Fresno. Furthermore, the Metro Ministry was instrumental in developing the New Leaders for Better Health program which provides health education and advocacy training for low-income residents, many of whom are non-English speaking and immigrant refugees.

It is fitting and appropriate that we recognize an organization of the caliber of the Fresno Metro Ministry today. Giving a voice to those who too often do not have one has been the noble mission at the forefront of this organization and advocating for improvement in the health, education, nutrition and community betterment opportunities of a region is no light task. I ask my colleagues to join with Mr. CARDOZA and I in honoring Fresno Metro Ministry on the occasion of their 40th anniversary

and thank them for their tireless work and enormous contributions to our community in the greater area of Fresno, California.

RECOGNIZING TRILLIUM DENTAL SPECIALTIES FOR WINNING THE 2010 PIERCE COUNTY HEALTH CARE CHAMPIONS COMMUNITY IMPACT AWARD

HON. ADAM SMITH

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 7, 2010

Mr. SMITH of Washington. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Dr. Steve Bradway and Dr. Susan Hagel Bradway of Trillium Dental Specialties on winning the 2010 Pierce County Health Care Champions Community Impact Award.

On May 25, 2010, the Health Care Champions program, which is a partnership between the Business Examiner and the Pierce County Medical Society, presented Trillium Dental Specialties with the 2010 Community Impact Award. The annual award recognizes a practice group whose involvement or innovation in health care has served a broad section of the community. Doctors Steve and Susan Bradway of Trillium Dental Specialties have earned this award by showing great dedication to their community, exceptional service, and professionalism in medical practice. The Bradways were presented this honor at the Pierce County Health Care Champions annual awards ceremony held at the Tacoma Museum of Glass in downtown Tacoma, Washington.

The Bradways have proven to be strong advocates for preventative dental care primarily among young children in low-income families. The doctors of Trillium Dental Specialties have not only provided quality dental care to more than 22,000 Tacoma area children on Medicaid, they have also established educational programs for families, provided speech therapy to children, and instructed families on how best to maintain dental health in the home.

The Health Care Champions also recognize the Bradways’ successful philanthropic efforts in expanding dental care to low-income families in the Greater Pierce County region. Through their \$10,000 donation, the Bradways provided the seed money needed to establish Pierce County’s Access to Baby and Child Dentistry Program, which is a nonprofit program dedicated to providing dental care to low-income and Medicaid eligible families. The program has since certified 92 dentists and offers care to underserved communities. Through the nonprofit, the Bradways have successfully allowed dentists to help thousands more children who would otherwise not have a dental health home.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Trillium Dental Specialties on receiving the Pierce County Health Care Champions 2010 Impact Award. The Healthcare Champions program was created to honor dedication, professionalism, and philanthropy in the field of health care and Trillium Dental Specialties has exemplified that goal. The region is truly grateful for their work, and Doctors Steve and Susan Bradway are inspirational models to health care providers everywhere.

REMEMBERING JOHN ALFRED PROUTY

HON. STENY H. HOYER

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 7, 2010

Mr. HOYER. Madam Speaker, last month, Calvert County, Maryland, lost a legendary member of its community: John Alfred Prouty, one of Maryland’s most successful local farmers. He died at the age of 87, leaving behind a lifetime of wisdom, friendships, and service to his community.

After serving in the U.S. Navy in the 1940s, Mr. Prouty took over his father’s family farm. He ran it skillfully for decades, growing tobacco, corn, wheat, barley, rye, soybeans, heirloom tomatoes, and flowers—and he passed it on to his own son. He was one of the family farmers who are the backbone of American agriculture; he cared about conserving the land, keeping up with the latest agricultural techniques, and lending a hand to his neighbors. In the words of his son, John Prouty was “as generous and as honest and as insightful a person as you could meet.” And in between long hours managing his 160 acres, he took time to serve on the county planning commission and the county and state farm bureaus. For his lifetime of hard work, he was inducted into the Governor’s Agricultural Hall of Fame this year.

Mr. Prouty represented the best of American farming, and I sincerely hope that the legacy he left behind will inspire all those in Maryland who work to keep their family farms thriving. I know that he will be an inspiration to all those he left behind: his wife Margaret; his children, Susan, John, and Elizabeth; and his four grandchildren.

IN REMEMBRANCE OF PEARL HARBOR DAY

HON. NICK J. RAHALL II

OF WEST VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 7, 2010

Mr. RAHALL. Madam Speaker, today, I rise to honor and thank the greatest generation for their sacrifices at Pearl Harbor, 69 years ago. This day reminds us of the long-held valor of our service men and women throughout the generations since the infamous attack on Pearl Harbor.

On this day, we remember the many American lives lost on “the day that lives in infamy,” but, we also recall with great pride the courage and sacrifices of our greatest generation, who led us to victory in World War II. The patriotism they instilled in us continues today, in the hearts of our veterans and in the deeds and actions of our men and women in uniform.

In World War II, 233,985 West Virginians served in our military. Countless more American Patriots have answered the call to duty since. We are reminded today of the sacrifices our veterans made for our nation and the preservation of the liberties, freedoms and rights that we hold dear.

December 7, 1941, lives on in the minds of all Americans as one in which the nation came together in support of a common cause. I will continue to support our men and women currently in uniform as well as our veterans. With

over 177,000 veterans in West Virginia, nearly 53,000 in the Third District alone, and over 23 million in the United States, it is important that Veterans benefits and care be maintained here at home.

Pearl Harbor Day should be one of continued remembrance, with each remembrance serving as a renewed message of support for our military personnel at home and abroad.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. BARBARA LEE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 7, 2010

Ms. LEE of California. Madam Speaker, today I missed rollcall vote No. 583 on H. Res. 1736. Had I been present, I would have voted "aye."

RECOGNIZING JOHN ORE, RETIRING MARICOPA COUNTY JUSTICE OF THE PEACE

HON. HARRY E. MITCHELL

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 7, 2010

Mr. MITCHELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of John Ore and his lifetime of service to the citizens of Tempe, Arizona. I wish to thank him for his dedication to public service, a remarkable record of success and accomplishment, and many years of friendship.

Judge Ore's law enforcement career began on May 28, 1969, when he joined the U.S. Army and attended military police training. After the army, John joined the Tempe Police Department and within three years, received a number of awards for his work, including the Tempe Police Meritorious Service Award and the Outstanding Young Law Enforcement Officer Award. John quickly rose through the ranks at the Tempe Police Department and was promoted to Commander in July of 1988. After a distinguished 22 year career in the police force, John was elected to serve as Tempe Justice of the Peace.

Judge Ore's strong commitment to volunteerism, service, and civic engagement is not only incredibly honorable, but also unmatched. For example, John has served on the Board of Directors for Friends of the Orphans, and spearheaded an effort to send relief supplies to the war zone in Bosnia on behalf of Tempe South Rotary Club and Project Lifeline. He was awarded the Hon Kachina Award as one of Arizona's 12 outstanding vol-

unteers in 1998 and also received Rotary International's Service Above Self Award that same year. To this day, John remains active in the community and is involved with service activities through the Tempe South Rotary Club.

Madam Speaker, please join me in recognizing John Ore for 40 years of outstanding service to my home town of Tempe, Arizona.

IN REMEMBRANCE OF GEORGE DOBREA

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 7, 2010

Mr. KUCINICH. Madam Speaker, I am saddened to learn of the passing of George Dobrea last Saturday. Please join me in remembering George Dobrea, a businessman, soldier, statesman, activist, constituent, and friend who did much to make Cleveland and the world a better place.

George was born 84 years ago in Gary, Indiana, to a family of Romanian ethnic background, a heritage he embraced throughout the many facets of his life. He was active in his church, St. Mary Romanian Orthodox Cathedral in Cleveland, where his priest, Rev. Remus Grama, referred to him as a "priest without a collar." According to Rev. Grama, "He helped so many immigrants. He never said no." He served on the board of St. Mary, founded the Romanian Ethnic Art Museum alongside the church, and helped stock it with thousands of art objects.

George served in the Army in World War II in the Philippines. He volunteered to be a spotter in a Piper Cub, radioing the positions of the enemy while dodging bullets flying toward the plane. His radio transmissions, which may have saved thousands of American and allied lives, earned him two Bronze Stars.

Like his father before him, George worked in the steel mills of Gary. At the University of Detroit, he boxed and ran track while earning a bachelor's degree. He went on to study business at the Wharton School of Economics at the University of Pennsylvania before settling in Cleveland, becoming a stock broker and marrying the former Jean Barson.

His work in stocks launched many other business interests, including scrap steel, greeting cards, greenhouses, toboggan chutes, and racehorses. George Dobrea did a weekly spot on The Mike Douglas Show, a popular local TV program, explaining finances and investing to the public.

George was enthusiastic about international trade and served as a lobbyist for the Greater Cleveland Growth Association, the regional

chamber of commerce. He saw bilateral trade as a stabilizing influence, toward promoting peace and democracy abroad while promoting business at home. He was especially influential in promoting trade with Romania, Russia and Hungary. He helped Americans adopt orphans from Romania and lobbied President Clinton to admit former Iron Curtain countries to NATO. He served as Romanian Honorary Consul for the Cleveland area while advocating for a fair and independent judiciary in that country after the fall of the Soviet Union. He also served as the president of the Union & League of Romanian Societies, headquartered in Cleveland and the largest Romanian mutual benefit society in the United States and Canada.

George Dobrea was active in politics. He was an early supporter of John F. Kennedy in the 1960 presidential election and helped garner support for Kennedy among European ethnic voters in Ohio. He also supported Kennedy's opponent 12 years later as the chairman for the Ohio Democrats for Nixon. He reportedly turned down administration jobs with President Nixon and Ohio Governor John Gilligan. George served for many years as an elected member of the Cleveland school board, 3 years as its president.

Madam Speaker and respected colleagues, please join me in offering condolences to Jean, their 4 children Peter, George, Paul, and Mary Grindahl, their 3 grandchildren, and their many friends in Cleveland, Romania, and around the world.

50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE MONOCLE RESTAURANT

HON. STENY H. HOYER

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 7, 2010

Mr. HOYER. Madam Speaker, last week, Members of Congress from both sides of the aisle gathered together to celebrate a special milestone: the 50th anniversary of The Monocle restaurant, located at 107 D Street Northeast. Since 1960, The Monocle has been a Capitol Hill institution—a place where generations of legislators, staff members, and visitors have come together to share stories and good food. As they mark a half-century of success, I offer my congratulations to Connie Valanos, who founded The Monocle and has passed it down as a legacy to his family; John Valanos and his wife Vasiliki, who own and operate The Monocle today; and maître d' Nick Selimos, who has worked there for more than 30 years. May The Monocle enjoy another 50 years as a Washington landmark.