

known as Ojaracas, can be found around La-redo in weddings, Quinceaneras, birthdays, and Christmas. Additionally, after her time with H.E.B., Ms. Gonzalez took up teaching classes on cake decorating. The annual Wilton Cake decorating convention is where she picked up many new ideas to take back to her students. She also decorates bouquets, which can be seen during All Saints Day. Currently, Ms. Gonzalez spends her days tending to her home garden, exercising, and staying healthy. Her devotion to the Catholic faith does not waiver; she attends church every week. For nearly a century, Ms. Gonzalez has dedicated her life to the community and touching the lives of her family and loved ones.

Mr. Speaker, I am honored to have had the time to recognize and celebrate the tremendous life of Ms. Aurelia Gonzalez and her 90th birthday celebration.

HONORING ALLISON FELTON

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, March 11, 2011

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Allison Felton. Allison is a very special young woman who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Girl Scouts of the USA and earning the high honor of the Gold Award.

Allison's outstanding achievement reflects her hard work and dedication. Allison has exhibited unique and creative examples of service that have made a difference in her community. I am confident that she will continue to hold herself to the highest standards in the future. This is an accomplishment for which Allison can take pride in for the rest of her life.

Mr. Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Allison Felton for her accomplishments with the Girl Scouts of the USA and for her efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of the Gold Award.

CONGRATULATING JOE AND SUZANNE PATERNO ON THEIR RE-CEIPT OF THE AMERICAN JEWISH COMMITTEE LEADERSHIP AWARD

HON. CHAKA FATTAH

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, March 11, 2011

Mr. FATTAH. Mr. Speaker, the name "Paterno" is legend across the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. The successes of Joe Paterno, as football coach of the Penn State Nittany Lions since 1966, compiling an astonishing 401 victories, 24 bowl game triumphs, five undefeated seasons and two national championships, are well known to even the most casual sports fans.

Not so well known, yet equally worthy of acclaim, is the generosity of Joe and Suzanne Paterno in their charitable support for educational institutions and other causes. This amazing couple, often known simply as JoePa/SuePa, has contributed over \$4 million, and raised many millions more, to depart-

ments, colleges, buildings, libraries and other causes at Penn State. Sue Paterno is recognized as a philanthropist and community leader in her own right. She has served as a champion of Penn State's library system while volunteering for Pennsylvania Special Olympics, United Way, Centre (County) Volunteers for Medicine, and a tutor for student-athletes.

No wonder the American Jewish Committee has selected Joe and Sue Paterno for its prestigious 2011 National Community Leadership Award. This nonsectarian honor will be presented to the Paternos at the AJC Philadelphia/Southern New Jersey's Award Dinner on March 15, 2011, at the Union League of Philadelphia.

The National Community Leadership Award is an excellent example of the service commitment and broad outreach of both the Paternos and the bridge-building, human rights promoting organization that created it. The American Jewish Committee honors stellar achievement in civic and community circles and in the world of philanthropy. Past recipients of AJC National Awards include Sidney Kimmel, Jones Apparel; Rupert Murdoch, News Corp.; Steven Spielberg, Dreamworks; William Clay Ford, Ford Motor Company; Terry Lundgren, Federated Department Stores; Cathie Black, New York City Schools Chancellor; Henry Kravis, Kohlberg Kravis Roberts; and Steven A. Schwarzman, The Blackstone Group, L.P., among many others.

Earlier in my career, as a state legislator, I served on the Board of Pennsylvania State University and got to know Joe Paterno. His fan club stretches from the Delaware River to the Ohio line. In Philadelphia, some of us may cheer for Temple, Penn or Villanova. Every member of this House has his or her favorite college team. But in the fields of philanthropy and community service, I urge all my colleagues to join in cheering for the JoePa/SuePa team and for their AJC National Leadership Award.

TRIBUTE TO FAITH FRAZIER

HON. FORTNEY PETE STARK

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, March 11, 2011

Mr. STARK. Mr. Speaker, it is with deep sadness that I acknowledge the passing, on February 20, 2011, of former San Leandro City Councilmember Faith Frazier. Faith was a native of New Orleans and raised in Memphis, Tennessee before attending college at both the University of Cincinnati and Memphis State. She settled at the University of California, Santa Barbara, where she received her elementary and junior high school teaching credentials and bachelor of arts. Faith met her late husband James while attending college and they relocated to San Leandro in the mid-1950s.

Faith was a pioneer for women's rights and women in government. Shortly after moving to San Leandro she worked to bring women in the community together for purposes of educating them about local city government. She wanted to help women become a part of the government and running for elected office. Her group would eventually become known as the Civic Information and Education Group, CIEG.

Faith was a member of the Board of the San Leandro Service Center—a community-

based group for helping citizens in San Leandro in need of assistance. She was also a charter member of the first San Leandro Arts Council—which was reconstituted in 1998 and is still active today.

Faith was a member of the Library Board of Trustees and sat on this committee for almost 12 years until she won a seat on the San Leandro City Council in 1974. While serving as a member of the City Council she also served as a member of the Associated Community Action Program, serving low income residents of Alameda County for over 30 years, and the Alameda County Training and Employment Board.

Among her many other achievements she was also a Founding Member of the Bonaire Civic League and Charter Member of the San Leandro League of Women Voters, appointed Commissioner of the Alameda County Commission on the Status of Women, helped found the Southern chapter of the National Women's Political Caucus, Member of the Peralta Chapter of OWL (Older Women's League) which keeps track of legislation affecting women statewide and nationally, and she was an original founder of the Political Action Committee for Excellence, PACE, which supports women for elective office.

I feel privileged to have known Faith. I treasure the opportunity I had to work with her during her tenure as one of the City of San Leandro's Councilmembers and my relationship with her during her active career in community service as a public citizen.

I join the community of San Leandro in honoring Faith Frazier. Her presence and contributions will be felt for years to come.

HONORING PAIGE ALLEN

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, March 11, 2011

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Paige Allen. Paige is a very special young woman who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Girl Scouts of the USA and earning the high honor of the Gold Award.

Paige's outstanding achievement reflects her hard work and dedication. Paige has exhibited unique and creative examples of service that have made a difference in her community. I am confident that she will continue to hold herself to the highest standards in the future. This is an accomplishment for which Paige can take pride in for the rest of her life.

Mr. Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Paige Allen for her accomplishments with the Girl Scouts of the USA and for her efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of the Gold Award.

REDUCE UNNECESSARY SPENDING ACT OF 2011

HON. CHRIS VAN HOLLEN

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, March 11, 2011

Mr. VAN HOLLEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to introduce the "Reduce Unnecessary Spending Act of 2011" on behalf of the President.

There is no question we need to rein in spending and put our nation on the path to long-term fiscal sustainability—and at the same time invest in job growth and ensure that America remains competitive in the 21st century global economy. With that in mind, President Obama put forth a tough love budget that reduces our deficit over 10 years, while also investing in our future.

This legislation will add another tool to make sure the investments we make are targeted and designed to maximize economic growth. The establishment of an expedited rescission process will help keep us on a responsible path and enforce greater fiscal discipline. An expedited rescission process allows the President to sign a spending bill into law, and at the same time propose to Congress that certain items in the bill with a budgetary cost be “rescinded” or cancelled. The President sends his recommendations for rescission to Congress within a short time-frame after presentation of the spending bill, and the Congress takes up the proposals on a fast track, acting in a short period after receiving the President’s recommendations. The rescissions take effect only if approved by a majority in each house.

Even though the current law already provides Presidential rescission authority, the law does not ensure that the Congress will vote on the President’s proposed rescissions. By contrast, the measure President Obama is now proposing, and I am introducing by request, adds new procedures that will virtually guarantee a vote. In addition, this version of the bill ensures that any savings from Congressional passage of a rescission approval bill will be dedicated to deficit reduction.

This proposal is another step forward on the path to greater fiscal responsibility. Other Members of Congress, including Chairman RYAN, have proposed different versions of expedited recession legislation in past years. I hope this year we can work together to find common ground in this area.

INTRODUCTION OF THE MEDICAID
COVERAGE FOR CITIZENS OF
FREELY ASSOCIATED STATES
ACT OF 2011

HON. MAZIE K. HIRONO

OF HAWAII

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, March 11, 2011

Ms. HIRONO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to introduce the Medicaid Coverage for Citizens of Freely Associated States Act of 2011. I would like to thank Congressman ENI FALEOMAVAEGA, Congresswoman COLLEEN HANABUSA, and Congresswoman MADELEINE BORDALLO for cosponsoring this bill.

Compact Migrants are citizens from Micronesia, the Marshall Islands, and Palau that have migrated to the United States. Citizens from these countries are allowed to freely enter the United States without a visa, criminal background check, or health certification due to agreements signed by the Federal Government.

The 1996 Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Act prohibited Federal Medicaid payments for nonimmigrants, a category that includes Compact Migrants. Prior to this specific prohibition, Compact Migrants were covered by Medicaid. Since enactment of the

Federal welfare reform law, state and territorial governments have been the sole sources of funding for meeting the social service and public health needs of this ever growing population.

In 2007, Hawaii spent over \$37 million to cover the health care costs of the state’s Compact Migrant population. Of this amount, \$30 million would have been eligible for partial Federal reimbursement through the Medicaid program.

The decision to allow citizens of the Freely Associated States to come to the United States was a Federal decision; however, the cost of that decision has fallen mainly on a handful of states and territories. Most Compact Migrants have settled in the Pacific region, likely because the environments and climates are similar to their home nations. Hawaii is home to 12,215 Compact Migrants; Guam, 18,305; and the Commonwealth of the Northern Marianas Islands, 2,100. Compact Migrants are also on the continental United States, including California, Oregon, Washington, and Arkansas—a state where they have been specifically recruited as laborers. Restoring Medicaid coverage is the only fair way to address the Federal mandate.

Our former colleague and now Governor of Hawaii, Neil Abercrombie, worked with Congressman ELIOT ENGEL and Congresswoman ANNA ESHOO on an amendment to provide Medicaid coverage for Compact Migrants during the mark-up of the House health care reform bill by the Energy and Commerce Committee. This amendment was adopted by the Committee by a voice vote.

Regrettably, the Senate health care reform bill did not include comparable language. So today, I am introducing that same, bipartisan supported amendment language as a stand-alone bill.

Restoring the Medicaid eligibility of Compact Migrants is an important issue not only for Hawaii, but also Arkansas, California, Oregon, and Washington as well as the territories of American Samoa, Guam, and the Northern Marianas Islands. I look forward to continuing to work with my colleagues on this important issue.

Mahalo nui loa.

HONORING MARY McCLANNAHAN

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, March 11, 2011

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Mary McClannahan. Mary is a very special young woman who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Girl Scouts of the USA and earning the high honor of the Gold Award.

Mary’s outstanding achievement reflects her hard work and dedication. Mary has exhibited unique and creative examples of service that have made a difference in her community. I am confident that she will continue to hold herself to the highest standards in the future. This is an accomplishment for which Mary can take pride in for the rest of her life.

Mr. Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Mary McClannahan for her accomplishments with the Girl Scouts of the

USA and for her efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of the Gold Award.

HONORING JOSEPH GIROLAMO

HON. THADDEUS G. McCOTTER

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, March 11, 2011

Mr. McCOTTER. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to honor and acknowledge Joseph Girolamo, a remarkable Michigan citizen and esteemed veteran, upon his 90th birthday.

Born on March 9, 1921 in New York City, Joseph Girolamo is the oldest of seven children born to Pellegrino and Mary Girolamo. Pellegrino came to the United States as an immigrant from Benevento, Italy during World War I and served in the Army. The young family moved to Detroit when Joe was a toddler. Growing up in Detroit, Joseph Girolamo has made Livonia his home for the last 58 years.

Joseph Girolamo has always been active in his community. As a youngster Joe sold newspapers on the street corners of Detroit. He became a Boy Scout and a proud member of the Junior ROTC in high school. Young Joe joined the army during World War II and served honorably as a staff sergeant of General George Patton’s 7th Army in the European Theatre of Africa, France and Italy. It was during his time in the service that Joe, given his penchant for taking “creative liberties” on the interpretation of music as the camp bugler, became known as the “Boogie Woogie Bugler.”

When World War II ended Joseph came home to begin a 32-year career with Ford Motor Company, working in the Tool and Die Division and holding the position of committeeman. Joe also became a very accomplished bugler. He served as Drum Major for the Wayne County Council and the Detroit Edison Lamplighter Drum and Bugle Corps. Joseph has written drill and instructed many marching units in both the United States and Canada.

During his service as an instructor he trained a women’s drum and bugle corps where he met Lillian Paananen. Finding a genuine harmony, Joseph and Lillian were married on June 12, 1951. The Girolamos quite literally made beautiful music as both became state champion buglers and Joseph became a national champion bugler. On June 5, 1957 Joe and Lillian became parents to daughter Joyce Arlene and their family was complete. After celebrating 40 years of marriage in June of 1991, Joseph’s beloved Lillian succumbed to leukemia in October of that year.

Joseph Girolamo continues to be involved in his community through various veterans’ programs. He is the JR. VICE of VFW Post 3941 and the Patriotic Instructor for American Legion Post 32, both in Livonia. Major Joe teaches flag etiquette to the Boy Scouts, Cub Scouts, Girl Scouts and Brownies. He volunteers as a marching and drill instructor with the Livonia Churchill High School Junior ROTC. Major Joe is also a popular speaker at local schools as he shares his involvement and experiences during World War II.

Mr. Speaker, for 90 years Joseph Girolamo has graced the world with his kindness, patriotic dedication, hard work, and community spirit. Today, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Joseph Girolamo upon