

funding for one of the pre-eminent art museums in the Memphis area, the Brooks Museum, where he is memorialized on their wall for his efforts.

Governor McWherter continued his support for education by budgeting money for the University of Memphis to construct a new campus library that provides state-of-the-art access to information technology and is fully accessible to the disabled. In honor of his dedication to their project, the University of Memphis named the library the Ned R. McWherter Library.

During and after his tenure, Governor McWherter served as a confidant to Presidents Jimmy Carter and Bill Clinton. President Carter noted how McWherter was "one of the most effective and finest public servants" he had ever known. President Clinton remembered how Gov. McWherter had a way of calming him down when he was excited and how McWherter's "few blunt words" were invaluable to him while he was in the White House. I remember how McWherter had a way of calming anyone down by simply telling them to "ease along."

Governor Ned McWherter will be remembered for his hard work, his dedication to Tennessee, his many accomplishments and for his down-to-earth nature and ability to connect to with the people he served. He had a charm like no other governor Tennessee has seen. He was blunt and never shied away from the real tasks at hand. He had a witty sense of humor coupled with his own folksy sayings. On the campaign trail, he often joked that all he would need to start the day as Governor was "four vanilla wafers and a cup of coffee."

Governor Ned Ray McWherter passed away on April 4, 2011 at the age of 80. He will be missed by his family and friends as well as the many working and middle class Tennesseans he strove to serve and help. He is survived by his son, Michael Ray McWherter; his daughter-in-law, Mary Jane Wooten McWherter; two grandchildren, Walker Ray McWherter and Mary Bess McWherter; a stepdaughter, Linda Ramsey; and two step-grandchildren, Matthew Ramsey and Brett Ramsey. He was predeceased by his beloved wife, Bette Jean Beck McWherter. Gov. McWherter was a great politician, leader, Tennessean and American. We are lucky to have had him come our way. His was a life well lived.

JASON SALAZAR

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 8, 2011

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Jason Salazar for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. Jason Salazar is a 12th grader at Warren Tech North and received this award because his determination and hard work have allowed him to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Jason Salazar is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Jason Salazar for winning the Arvada Wheat

Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. I have no doubt he will exhibit the same dedication and character in all his future accomplishments.

ON THE OCCASION OF CONGREGATION B'NAI MOSHE'S 100TH ANNIVERSARY SERVING THE JEWISH COMMUNITY OF SOUTHEAST MICHIGAN

HON. GARY C. PETERS

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 8, 2011

Mr. PETERS. Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to rise today to recognize Congregation B'nai Moshe on the occasion of its 100th anniversary of service to the Jewish community of southeast Michigan.

The history of Congregation B'nai Moshe is an excellent example and chapter of the American story. The congregation was founded on September 2, 1911, by nine Hungarian immigrants who came to America to seek new opportunities and to freely practice their beliefs. An integral part of their journey was to form a congregation that allowed them and the 25–30 Hungarian-Jewish families of Detroit to fully practice their traditions and customs. In 1915, after just 4 short years, the Congregation was able to purchase its first shul on Elliot Street near Hastings which served as a house for worship to over 70 families.

Much as America met the call to face unparalleled challenges of the 1930s and 1940s, so did Congregation B'nai Moshe. Shortly after moving to its new home in the Dexter building in 1929, the congregation was faced with the challenge of overcoming the Great Depression. Not only did the congregation survive those economically tumultuous years, it prospered and by 1944 it had paid off the new synagogue's mortgage. Just as the country rose to answer the call to service during World War II, so did the members of B'nai Moshe. Many served in World War II and fought to protect our freedom and liberty.

As the Jewish community in southeast Michigan grew and evolved so did B'nai Moshe; first moving with its members to Oak Park and later to its current home in West Bloomfield. During this period, members of the congregation ensured that the story of the Jewish community in southeast Michigan would forever be set in stone, founding the beginnings of the Jewish Museum of Detroit. Since its arrival at its present location, the congregation has celebrated the construction of many new resources which have enriched the lives of both its members and the greater community.

Mr. Speaker, I am honored to celebrate the 100th anniversary of Congregation B'nai Moshe with its members and it is my hope that the congregation, just as our great country, will continue to endure into the next 100 years and beyond.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 20TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE CHABAD OF PORT WASHINGTON

HON. GARY L. ACKERMAN

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 8, 2011

Mr. ACKERMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Chabad of Port Washington for 20 years of exceptional spiritual leadership and community, the Chabad has been an anchor of welcoming faith—a constant source of spiritual support for anyone who seeks it.

An "unorthodox Orthodox Synagogue," the Chabad of Port Washington's membership is a conglomeration of Jews from a wide array of ages, backgrounds, and levels of observance. This diverse membership creates a welcoming atmosphere rich in culture and accessible to every corner of the Jewish community. The Chabad's unrivaled religious and educational experiences provide a forum for individuals of disparate backgrounds to come together as a single, unified congregation.

The Chabad's mission focuses on bringing to life traditional Jewish values to promote spiritual growth in a way that is both enjoyable and easy to understand. It is dedicated to promoting wisdom, comprehension, and knowledge of Judaism to both the membership and the broader community. The Chabad provides not only classes focused on a deep and comprehensive understanding of the Torah, but educational opportunities for young Jews experiencing their first exposure to the joys of Hebrew School. This approach to education allows the Chabad to reach out to a broad swatch of Jews and create the best opportunities for spiritual growth.

Tonight, the Chabad celebrates its 20 years of good works and pays special tribute to some of the individuals who have made it possible. Adam Katz, the President of the Chabad's board of directors, will have a new athletic center dedicated in his honor. The celebration also will recognize John Maura, Jr. with the Community Service Award; Chaim (Bryan) Sherman and Dr. Orly Calderon-Sherman with the Community Builders Award; and Alan Schoenfeld with the Chesed Award. Without the contributions of these extraordinary individuals, as well as many others, the exceptional achievements of the Chabad would not be possible.

Mr. Speaker, since 1991, the Chabad of Port Washington has been working tirelessly to educate, enlighten, and support its local community. I am proud to recognize the extraordinary dedication and accomplishments of the Chabad and I ask my colleagues join me in thanks and gratitude for its two decades of tremendous work supporting the community and promoting Jewish faith.

JACOB CISNEROS

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 8, 2011

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Jacob Cisneros for receiving the Arvada Wheat

Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. Jacob Cisneros is a 10th grader at Jefferson Senior High and received this award because his determination and hard work have allowed him to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Jacob Cisneros is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Jacob Cisneros for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. I have no doubt he will exhibit the same dedication and character in all his future accomplishments.

IN MEMORY OF CAROLYN
LEAVENS

HON. ELTON GALLEGLY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 8, 2011

Mr. GALLEGLY. Mr. Speaker, I rise in memory of Carolyn Leavens, who passed away this week after a lifetime dedicated to her family and friends, the agricultural industry, and her community.

I have known Carolyn, her husband Paul and their family for more than 30 years. Carolyn was a strong and professional woman whose promotion of agriculture on a local, national and international level, and whose love and service to family and community, were seemingly inexhaustible.

Carolyn and Paul were married for 60 years, and for 25 years she played a key role in office and budget management for Leavens Ranches as it grew from 100 acres of beans to 1,100 acres of citrus and avocado orchards. The operation, founded by Paul's grandparents and now managed by the fourth generation of family members, ranks as one of Ventura County's leading citrus and avocado producers and has also expanded into lemon, avocado and wine-grape production in Monterey County.

Carolyn's involvement in one of the county's pioneer family farming operations led her to play a leadership role in the agricultural community, at first locally and later on a statewide and international level.

Her accomplishments are too extensive to list here in their entirety, but they include being the founding president of the Ventura County chapter of California Women for Agriculture and CWA's state president in 1981; a member of the California State Board of Food and Agriculture from 1978 to 1982; a member of the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Agricultural Women's Leadership Network from 1983 to 1999, participating in its European Economic Community Tour as an ambassador of the American agricultural industry; and serving as a board member of Volunteers in Overseas Cooperative Assistance and a delegate to the first International Women in Agriculture Convention.

Although she played a prominent role in agricultural affairs, she was perhaps best known at home for her wide-ranging involvement in civic, cultural and political activities.

Again, Carolyn's civic accomplishments—and the awards bestowed on her to recognize

those accomplishments—are too long to list here. But it was her tireless involvement in the decades-long campaign that culminated in establishment of California State University, Channel Islands, that may be her most lasting local legacy. Not only was she integral in establishing the university, her tireless fund-raising and marketing efforts ensured its success. In the words of my friend and former U.S. Representative Robert Lagomarsino when he presented the inaugural CSUCI Lagomarsino Award to Carolyn: "It is hard to think of this campus without thinking of Carolyn Leavens. . . . Today, this University is her hallmark."

In addition to Paul, Carolyn leaves behind her son and daughter-in-law, J. Link and Sally Leavens; and daughters and sons-in-law, Tina and David Cullenberg, Leslie and Harry Crowe, and Heather and Curt August; eight grandchildren; five great-grandchildren and many other loving family members.

Mr. Speaker, Carolyn left an everlasting mark on our community and will be greatly missed. I know my colleagues join me in sending condolences to Paul, the Leavens family, and their many friends, and in remembering Carolyn for her many contributions and for being a role model for all.

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE AND
FURTHER ADDITIONAL CON-
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2011

SPEECH OF

HON. MO BROOKS

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 7, 2011

Mr. BROOKS. Madam Speaker, let's remind everyone why we are here. We are here because we are trying to save our federal government from unsustainable budget deficits. During the regime of NANCY PELOSI as House Speaker, and Senate Majority Leader HARRY REID, we have had four consecutive budget deficits that average \$1.2 trillion a year. Those are unsustainable. They threaten our federal government's solvency. We are facing a national bankruptcy.

What are Republicans in the House trying to do today? We are trying to protect our troops who are in Afghanistan and Iraq so they don't have to worry about whether their homes are going to be foreclosed on as they are off doing battle and their kids and spouses are at home. For example, I met a lady from Colony, Alabama who has two young children, twins, age three, and she is fighting on behalf of our country. If our troops are forced to work without pay, then, in addition to everything else, she will have to worry about whether her young children will be financially taken care of at home. I ask that this House and this Senate do what we should do, and that is to protect our troops by funding them adequately. Don't leave them in the position where they are not able to take care of their own people at home.

IAN FAULKNER

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 8, 2011

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Ian Faulkner for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. Ian Faulkner is a 8th grader at Mandalay Middle School and received this award because his determination and hard work have allowed him to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Ian Faulkner is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Ian Faulkner for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. I have no doubt he will exhibit the same dedication and character in all his future accomplishments.

RECOGNIZING THE 2010 HONOREES
OF THE DUNN LORING VOLUN-
TEER FIRE DEPARTMENT
AWARDS

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 8, 2011

Mr. CONNOLLY of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I rise in recognition of the Dunn Loring Volunteer Fire Department and the extraordinary men and women who are being recognized for their bravery and service to our community. Every day these individuals along with their colleagues put their very lives on the line to protect our community. These individuals have demonstrated superior dedication to public safety, and it is my honor to announce the recipients of the 2011 Dunn Loring Volunteer Fire Department Awards:

2010 Firefighter of the Year—Dan Sweet.
2010 EMT of the Year—Zyad Qamer.
2010 Officer of the Year—Brad Cochrane.
2010 Suppression Rookie of the Year—Natalie Potell.
2010 EMS Rookie of the Year—Benjamin Bradley.
2010 Distinguished Service Award—Lesley Edgemon.
2010 Training Award—Justin Miller.
2010 Robbie Allen Award—Shannon Marler.
2010 Spirit Award—Richard Roatch.
2010 Robert J.J. Seayne Award—Dan Sweet.

Also being recognized are the following individuals for their years of service to the Department:

35 Years of Service—Alan Caldwell.
30 Years of Service—Richard Morani.
15 Years of Service—Rose-Ellen Eastman.
15 Years of Service—Michael Van Dyke.
5 Years of Service—Jeremy Arnold.
5 Years of Service—Jaime Keith.
5 Years of Service—Dan Sweet.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate these honorees and to thank all of the men and women who serve in