EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

HONORING THE LIFE OF MRS. DOROTHY ROTH

HON. JOHN A. BOEHNER

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 25, 2011

Mr. BOEHNER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of my friend and my constituent Dorothy Roth, who sadly passed away on Monday. Dorothy's life was a testament to the innate goodness of human nature; a demonstration of the overwhelming positive effect one person can have on the community; and a reflection of the can-do spirit of America. She will be deeply missed by countless people.

Throughout her 81 years, Dorothy lived life to the fullest, with endless enthusiasm, an unmistakable grace, and an unwavering commitment to others. Her leadership challenged others to achieve more. Whether it was her work on behalf of the West Chester Liberty Chamber Alliance, Friends of the West Chester Library, Partners in Prime, The Community Foundation, the West Chester Historical Society, or the local Republican Party, Dorothy always gave more than she ever asked or received.

It is little wonder that in 1999 the West Chester Liberty Chamber Alliance designated its annual award as the Dorothy and Art Roth Citizen of the Year Award, in honor of Dorothy and her late husband Art. And it is also little wonder that in 2005 Dorothy received the Chamber's Lifetime Member Award.

As deserving as the awards and accolades were, the true hallmarks of Dorothy's life were the small things she did day in and day out for people across our community, and for the organizations that work each day to make West Chester a wonderful place to live, work and raise a family. Dorothy's infectious smile in a time of need; her wit and energy to boost one's day; her never-give-up attitude; and her ability to see the best in people changed our community for the better . . . one person, one group, one smile, one laugh, one encouraging comment at a time.

Dorothy Roth's life was a testament to the American ethos, to the spirit of community and of devotion to others. I consider it an honor to have represented Dorothy in Congress. She was a friend and a citizen in the truest sense of the word. Her passing is a loss for our community, but her life is an example for us all to follow so that we can continue the work she so deeply loved. May God watch over my dear friend Dorothy Roth.

REPEALING MANDATORY FUNDING FOR GRADUATE MEDICAL EDUCATION

SPEECH OF

HON. SANDER M. LEVIN

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 24, 2011

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 1216) to amend the Public Health Service Act to convert funding for graduate medical education in qualified teaching health centers from direct appropriations to an authorization of appropriations:

Mr. LEVIN. Mr. Chair, I rise in opposition to this short-sighted and harmful legislation, H.R. 1216.

Everybody recognizes that we don't have enough primary care physicians and by 2020 most experts believe that we will face a shortage of over 40,000 primary care doctors. This legislation ignores reality and would jeopardize funding for a program whose purpose is to increase the number of primary care doctors and bring down the cost of health care.

As a result, it would be more difficult to find a doctor and people would be forced to turn to more expensive and less effective emergency room care.

This bill is a step backwards. Rather than supporting a meaningful effort that will reduce this shortage of primary care physicians, Republicans have brought a bill to the Floor that undermines health care. It is one of the many mindless attempts to repeal health care reform that just make needed change harder to achieve. We need to strengthen our health care system by implementing health care reform.

To move forward we need to reject Republican efforts, vote down this bill and reject the dangerous health care policies in the Republican budget that will end Medicare and cut Medicaid.

I urge Members of Congress to reject this bill.

ELIZABETH ROHN-NELSON TRIBUTE

HON. SCOTT R. TIPTON

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 25, 2011

Mr. TIPTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Elizabeth Rohn-Nelson for her commitment to helping others through her vast experience in public affairs and media relations. Ms. Rohn-Nelson has dedicated herself to dozens of important causes and has been an exemplary volunteer.

Her ability to publicize and popularize a program or issue is a rare talent. If not for Ms. Rohn-Nelson's efforts, the famous ''Bells Across America'' event would never have been launched, nor a number of other, similar events. She also played an instrumental role in the United States Bicentennial celebration, several political campaigns and many nonprofit groups.

Perhaps her most admirable characteristic is her passion for connecting to people. The warmth and care she shows towards all is commendable. It is one of the reasons she has displayed such affluence in public affairs.

She launched campaigns to help the homeless, created volunteer awards, and fought for education across the country.

Mr. Speaker, it is an honor to stand and recognize Elizabeth Rohn-Nelson. She has spent a lifetime helping the less fortunate and I have no doubt that she will continue to provide leadership to communities across the country.

CELERATING REPUBLIC OF AZERBAIJAN 93RD REPUBLIC DAY

HON. SUE WILKINS MYRICK

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 25, 2011

Mrs. MYRICK. Mr. Speaker, on May 28, the Republic of Azerbaijan will celebrate its 93rd Republic Day, as well as the 20th anniversary of its freedom from the Soviet Union and the start of diplomatic relations with the United States.

Located between Russia and Iran in the strategic region between Europe and Asia, Azerbaijan is a stable and secular country, and is one of the few places in that part of the world where Muslims, Jews and Christians live together in peace.

Additionally, Azerbaijan has always been a great ally of the United States, offering assistance after the attacks on 9/11, and supporting action in the Middle East to protect the United States and the world from the threat of terrorism.

My colleagues are encouraged to join me in honoring Azerbaijan on the occasion of its 93rd Republic Day and celebrating the continuation of the great United States-Azerbaijan relationship.

NATIONAL SMALL BUSINESS WEEK

HON. LOU BARLETTA

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 25, 2011

Mr. BARLETTA. Mr. Speaker, once again, I rise this morning to share with my colleagues in the House what my neighbors at home shared with me during the May Constituent Work Period.

The week at home coincided with National Small Business Week. I was happy to meet with a number of small business owners.

And I participated in the ribbon-cutting of the newest small business in my hometown of Hazleton—a little sandwich shop. Small businesses like that are the lifeblood of this country. More than 50 percent of Americans either work for or own a small business.

And while big business usually gets the press, businesses with more than 100 employees make up less than one half of one percent of all of the businesses in the United States.

I'm a former small business owner. My wife and I started a business with twenty-nine dollars and ninety-five cents. I know what it takes to grow a business.

I know how burdensome overregulation and high taxes cripple small business owners and prevent them from expanding and hiring more people.

We in Congress need to support businesses of all sizes. Back home, I toured the Packerton Yards, a brownfield site in Carbon County.

Local economic developers hope to turn an abandoned railroad station into a 57-acre industrial park that would employ hundreds of people. Of course, one of the things we need to do to grow business in the future is to provide a skilled workforce.

During my week at home, I was privileged to participate in the commencement exercises of about 1,000 students from King's College and Lackawanna College. Some of these students are just starting their professional careers. Some are adults who returned to college to improve their chances at a better career.

All are to be commended for their hard work and dedication, and I know my neighbors back home join me in wishing them luck.

I also had the chance to interact with future graduates at McCann School of Business and Technology in Lackawanna County, and with students who are making the most of their educational opportunity at the Keystone Job Corps Center in Drums, Luzerne County. It was inspiring to talk with them and hear about their hopes for the future.

And as this Congress continues to debate the future of health care, I toured facilities in my district that help people suffering from the ravages of cancer and from autism. Both the Northeast Regional Oncology Center and the Friendship House of Lackawanna County provide compassionate care, and their employees are to be commended for their work.

Finally, on May 17, thousands of people across Pennsylvania went to the polls and cast their votes for local and county races. I'd like to congratulate all those candidates who were successful in the primary election races, and I'd like to commend everyone who sought public office.

As anyone in this Chamber can attest, running for office is not easy. It requires a tremendous amount of sacrifice, for the candidates and their families.

Public service is a noble cause. It is the cornerstone of our democracy. And as we head into this Memorial Day weekend, we must remember that serving the public—and even voting itself—honor the memories of all those who died defending our freedom.

INTRODUCING THE RECOVERING MISSING CHILDREN ACT

HON. FORTNEY PETE STARK

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 25, 2011

Mr. STARK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today with my colleagues and fellow Ways and Means members ERIK PAULSEN (R–MN) and PATRICK TIBERI (R–OH), and my colleague JOE COURTNEY (D–CT), to introduce the Recovering Missing Children Act. Today, May 25th is National Missing Children's Day. This legislation will help state and local law enforcement access the resources they need to bring missing children home safely.

Each year, more than 200,000 children are abducted by family members. These are usually not the stories that make national headlines, but the effects can be just as devastating. Even when there is a happy ending and young people are returned home, challenges remain. As one young woman who experienced a family abduction explains, ''I had to get to know my mother from scratch, while at the same time dealing with my own prejudices and fear I had built up toward this stranger from years on the run and the negative messages from my father.''

In the case of a missing child, any information that might lead to the child's return is crucial. Recently, the U.S. Treasury Department studied 1,700 parental abductions and found that in over one third of the cases, tax returns were filed using the missing child's Social Security number. Hundreds of those tax returns had a new address for the child and the abductor. Tragically, law enforcement officers were not allowed access to this information.

The Recovering Missing Children Act amends the Internal Revenue Code to add the case of a missing or exploited child to the list of exceptions allowing the release of Internal Revenue Service, IRS, tax return information. The privacy of one's IRS information is vital and must be protected. However, the law makes exceptions for the release of select information in specific cases, such as for child support enforcement, verifying information for Medicare benefits, or if someone has defaulted on a student loan. The chance to find a missing child and bring him or her home deserves such an exception.

The Recovering Missing Children Act requires a Federal court order for the release of this information to ensure that taxpayers' rights to privacy are respected. It also limits the release of such information to only Federal, state and local law enforcement agents personally and directly involved in the investigation of a missing or exploited child. The vast majority of missing children cases are investigated by state and local law enforcement. They need all possible resources at their disposal to make sure these children are safe and home where they belong.

I urge my colleagues to stand with myself, Mr. PAULSEN, Mr. TIBERI and Mr. COURTNEY on behalf of missing children and the law enforcement officers who diligently work for their safety. I ask for your support of the Recovering Missing Children Act.

PAUL SCHAUER TRIBUTE

HON. SCOTT R. TIPTON

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 25, 2011

Mr. TIPTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize University of Colorado Regent Paul Schauer for his lifelong commitment to the state of Colorado and its people. Mr. Schauer has devoted much of his career to serving the citizens of the Centennial state and is one of its proudest residents.

Mr. Schauer was born and raised in DeKalb, Illinois, but it didn't take long for him to make Colorado his permanent home. He attended Doane College, in Nebraska, where he received a bachelor of arts in economics, and finished his post graduate studies at the University of Colorado at Denver.

After graduation, Mr. Schauer became an immensely successful businessman in Centennial and committed himself to public service. In 1979 he was elected to the state legislature and held his seat for nearly 20 years. He was popular among his colleagues at the state Capitol and he focused his efforts on such crucial issues as education, the environment and the state economy.

Following his stint in the Colorado General Assembly, Mr. Schauer became a University of Colorado Regent. He established himself quickly and became the board's chairman for a brief period. His guidance has contributed to the University's tremendous success.

Mr. Speaker, it is an honor to stand and recognize one of Colorado's foremost businessman and public figures. He has spent a lifetime fighting for the issues facing Colorado and its higher education system.

HONORING CLOUD, WILD STALLION OF THE ROCKIES

HON. RAÚL M. GRIJALVA

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 25, 2011

Mr. GRIJALVA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the wild horse stallion known as Cloud, born May 29, 1995 in the Pryor Mountain Wild Horse Range of Montana.

This majestic stallion has become the most famous wild horse in the world, and serves as the ambassador and emblem of wild horses and burros living free and protected on public lands.

No other wild horse in United States history has had his life story known and shared throughout the world.

Filmed as a tottering newborn foal beside his mother, the citizens of our great nation watched him grow into a bachelor stallion living among other young males, testing his strength, honing the skills he would one day need to start his own family.

Eventually, Cloud became a band stallion, winning mares and fathering his own foals. Cloud's history, captured on film and books by Ginger Kathrens, filmmaker and documentarian, has been shown throughout the United States on Public Broadcasting as part of the Nature Series, and throughout the world on numerous channels and networks.

Cloud symbolizes the spirit of the West and links us with our heritage. The study of his life

has brought recognition and appreciation of wild horses and burros on our public lands. Cloud has taught us that what wild horses and burros cherish most is not so different than for all Americans, freedom and family.

HONORING ATHENS OLD FIDDLERS CONTEST AND REUNION 80TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. JEB HENSARLING

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 25, 2011

Mr. HENSARLING. Mr. Speaker, I would like to recognize the 80th Anniversary of the Athens Old Fiddlers Contest and Reunion in Henderson County, Texas.

Founded in 1932 in Bethel, the contest was moved to Athens in 1933 and found a permanent home at the Henderson County Courthouse on the square in downtown Athens.

The Athens Old Fiddlers Reunion is one of the oldest continuous fiddle reunions in the United States, and it is devoted to the preservation of the style of music that once brought courage to our starving troops at Valley Forge, earned devoted admirers like Benjamin Franklin and Thomas Jefferson, and today continues to delight millions.

On behalf of the Fifth Congressional District of Texas, I commend the volunteers who generously donate their time and talents to ensure the future of this festival.

HONORING JOEL ARNIER

HON. PETER J. ROSKAM

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 25, 2011

Mr. ROSKAM. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to rise today to recognize the valiant efforts of Joel Arnier, an 18-year firefighter-paramedic from Addison, Illinois.

A few weeks ago, while fishing on the Fox River, Joel heard a woman screaming for help in the distance. Sensing trouble, Joel rushed to the scene and discovered that the woman's infant daughter had fallen into the water. Joel immediately recognized the urgency of the situation and quickly began performing mouth-to-mouth resuscitation. After a few critical minutes of attentive care, Joel was able to successfully revive the infant and save her life.

Although Joel was off-duty that day, he did not hesitate to come to the mother's assistance. Joel's training and expertise allowed him to respond promptly and effectively to such an urgent and terrifying incident. Every day, heroic men and women like Joel keep our communities safe, and they deserve to be recognized.

Mr. Speaker and Distinguished Colleagues, please join me in commending Joel Arnier for his extraordinary effort.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. BLAINE LUETKEMEYER

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 25, 2011

Mr. LUETKEMEYER. Mr. Speaker, on May 23, 2011, I missed three rollcall votes (Nos. 330–332)—H.R. 1627, H.R. 1383 and H.R. 1657—because of a delayed flight due to inclement weather. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea" on each of the aforementioned rollcall votes.

HONORING MONTGOMERY COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARIES

HON. CHRIS VAN HOLLEN

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 25, 2011

Mr. VAN HOLLEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 60th anniversary of the Montgomery County Public Libraries, a nationally recognized library system that I am proud to have located in Maryland's Eighth Congressional District.

Libraries have provided service to Montgomery County residents for generations. The first private library was established in 1838, stimulating wealthy patrons, clubs, civic associations and municipalities to begin libraries for their own communities. The Montgomery County Public Libraries system began operations in 1951 with the formerly independent libraries in Four Corners, Gaithersburg, Garrett Park, Noyes, Sandy Spring, Silver Spring, and Wheaton.

Today, Montgomery County has one of the leading library systems in the nation. It has grown to 21 branches, reaching every corner of the county. I am proud that these libraries, staffed by a combination of trained and dedicated professionals and volunteers, are able to serve so many people. In fact, two-thirds of the residents of Montgomery County are active library users.

Libraries have changed a great deal over the decades. While books and printed materials are still vitally important, Internet access, e-books and databases are playing an increasingly important role in how libraries serve their communities. The Montgomery County Public Libraries system has adapted well over the last 60 years, and I am confident that it will continue to do so as it enriches the lives of county residents, from the youngest to the oldest, by helping to teach new skills and providing information, education and recreational materials.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me not only in recognizing the six decades of achievement by the Montgomery County Public Libraries, but of the outstanding achievements of public libraries in each congressional district throughout our Nation.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JOHN C. CARNEY, JR.

OF DELAWARE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 25, 2011

Mr. CARNEY. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall No. 331, I was present, but I was distracted and missed the second vote in the three vote series. Had I been present, I would have voted "yes."

HONORING PRIVATE FIRST CLASS PHILLIP WYSOCKI

HON. GEOFF DAVIS

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 25, 2011

Mr. DAVIS of Kentucky. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and pay tribute to Private Class Phillip Wysocki of Hebron, Kentucky.

Phillip has served honorably with the United States Army's 101st Airborne Division during two deployments to Afghanistan, in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.

He joined the United States Army after graduating from Conner High School in Boone County, Kentucky in 2009. He played Varsity football for the Cougar football team and was a standout athlete. He is also a volunteer firefighter with the Hebron Fire Protection District which he joined during his junior year of high school.

On November 1st, 2010, while serving in Kandahar Province, Afghanistan, Phillip and other members of his unit came under attack from Taliban fighters. An IED exploded, critically injuring several soldiers. Phillip contributed significantly to facilitating the evacuation of casualties under heavy enemy fire and repelling the enemy attack.

In February of 2011, he was awarded the Silver Star for gallantry in this combat action. His actions were in keeping with the proud military heritage of Kentucky and the heroism of Kentuckians in the defense of our Nation for over two centuries.

I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing the outstanding heroism of Private First Class Phillip Wysocki, Jr. in service to the United States Army and our Nation.

THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA TAX PARITY FOR NON-RESIDENT PROFESSIONAL ATHLETES ACT OF 2011

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 25, 2011

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, today, I introduce the District of Columbia Tax Parity for Non-Resident Professional Athletes Act of 2011, at the request of the D.C. Council, which unanimously passed a Sense of the Council resolution, introduced by D.C. Council members Jack Evans and Harry Thomas, Jr., calling on me to introduce the bill in Congress. The bill would amend the District of Columbia Home Rule Act to allow the District to impose a tax on income earned in the District by non-resident professional athletes, just as a number of states currently do. For example, California received $102 million in tax revenue from income earned by non-resident athletes in 2006–2007. Tennessee raised $1.1 million in tax revenue from visiting athletes, which was used for municipal parks and recreation projects. The bill does not tax the income of citizens of neighboring states. It is those states, not visiting athletes, that Congress intended to protect with the Home Rule Act provision that prohibits D.C. from taxing non-resident income.

The District continues to be responsible for providing state-like services to D.C. residents,

in addition to providing services to non-residents and the federal government, despite congressionally imposed restrictions on the District's revenue-raising capacity. The prohibition on taxing non-resident income should not be stretched to cover visiting athletes, a group not intended to be covered by the prohibition in the Home Rule Act. I urge my colleagues to support the bill.

TO HONOR THE TRAGIC PASSING OF HECTOR R. CLARK AND EDUARDO ROJAS, JR.

HON. RAÚL M. GRIJALVA

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 25, 2011

Mr. GRIJALVA. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor U.S. Border Patrol Agents Hector R. Clark and Eduardo Rojas, Jr.

Hector R. Clark and Eduardo Rojas, Jr., agents of the U.S. Border Patrol, sadly lost their lives on Thursday, May 12, 2011 in Gila Bend, AZ.

The agents were out on patrol in this rural area of Southern Arizona when their patrol car was struck by a train.

They were rushing to the aid of fellow agents and, due to the remote nature of the area, there was no warning sign of the incoming train.

Border Patrol Agents put their life on the line every day they report for duty.

It is not an easy job and it takes an honest commitment to the values and ideals that make the United States such a great country.

Each agent exhibits a true sense of patriotism, service and honor.

The work of the Border Patrol is not only vital to the security of the communities adjacent to the border, but also to the nation as a whole.

Without their bravery and dedication, Arizona and the United States would be a less safe place to live. Nothing can prepare us for the tragic passing of those who serve our nation.

Their sacrifice will never be forgotten.

REPEALING MANDATORY FUNDING FOR GRADUATE MEDICAL EDUCATION

SPEECH OF

HON. ALLYSON Y. SCHWARTZ

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 1216) to amend the Public Health Service Act to convert funding for graduate medical education in qualified teaching health centers from direct appropriations to an authorization of appropriations:

Ms. SCHWARTZ. Mr. Chair, I rise today in opposition to H.R. 1216.

This legislation is yet another Republican attack on health care innovations that promise to increase patient access to care. We must make a successful transition to a more efficient, high-quality health system and, through health care reform, we can.

Instead, Republicans are making every effort to undermine this mission by chipping away at the graduate medical education system.

H.R. 1216 threatens progress toward patient-centered health care delivery, in which primary physicians ensure that patients receive preventive, comprehensive and ongoing care.

Academic medical centers have long been integral to developing innovative treatments and assuring access to care for Americans who need the most help. As we begin to implement health care reform, these institutions are seeking to become leaders in biomedical science as well as innovators in new delivery models.

The Albert Einstein Healthcare Network in Philadelphia, for example, was recently approved as a patient-centered medical home. The Hospital and its network of physicians is now offering patients a new model of coordinated, continuous care in an academic setting, all while improving quality and reducing costs.

Community-based training, such as the teaching health center program, is a valuable supplement to our Nation's prestigious teaching hospitals.

Our Nation faces a crisis in access to primary care—more than 1.3 million Medicare beneficiaries have difficulty finding a new primary care physician.

In 1961, half of U.S. physicians were generalists, primarily general practitioners. Since then, the percentage has dramatically declined, while the cost of delivering care has increased substantially.

While our Nation's hospital-based teaching programs yield thousands of highly trained physicians, we simply do not have the capacity to meet demand—specifically when it comes to primary care.

The teaching health center program is uniquely positioned to address primary care training for underserved populations.

Community-based training models, such as teaching health centers, will serve the Nation by creating new capacity in our graduate medical education system, which will lead to an increase in the total number of primary care physicians.

Primary care and community-based health centers, particularly, produce excellent outcomes at lower costs, and have the potential to save the system billions of dollars annually by preventing avoidable emergency room visits.

If every American made use of primary care, the health care system would see $67 billion in savings annually.

Yet this bill would create uncertainty and unpredictability in a program intended to move us toward this ideal.

I urge my colleagues to support training of primary care physicians and cost-saving innovations by opposing H.R. 1216.

IN MEMORY OF REAR ADMIRAL GEORGE STROHSAHL

HON. ELTON GALLEGLY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 25, 2011

Mr. GALLEGLY. Mr. Speaker, I rise in memory of an American military icon and my friend, Rear Admiral George Strohsahl (Ret.), who passed away this week after a lifetime of service to his country.

Admiral Strohsahl had a storied career from the time he entered the Naval Academy in 1955 until he retired in 1994. Among his many accomplishments, George Strohsahl flew jet attack aircraft from aircraft carriers in both the Pacific and Atlantic fleets, which included two tours of combat flying in Vietnam and command of an A–6 squadron. He was the Air Boss on USS *Nimitz* and played himself in the popular Kirk Douglas movie Final Countdown.

He conducted operational testing of weapons systems at China Lake, California, and was the director of the Tactical Air Analysis office in the Pentagon, which was a part of the McNamara systems analysis team known as the "Whiz Kids." He was Program Manager for the F/A–18 Hornet family of aircraft, which was and still is the largest aircraft acquisition program in the Navy.

From 1988 to 1990, Admiral Strohsahl commanded the Pacific Missile Test Center at Pt. Mugu, in my congressional district. As senior naval officer for the South Central California area, he was active in many civic organizations in Ventura County at that time.

Following Navy retirement, Admiral Strohsahl spent more than seven years in fighter aircraft design, testing, and logistic support management positions at the Boeing Development Center in Seattle, Washington. He provided consulting services to industry and the Navy and contributed as a volunteer to Ventura County organizations involved in community support of Naval Base Ventura County.

I testified with Admiral Strohsahl before the 2005 Base Realignment and Closure Commission. I believe his testimony was instrumental in minimizing the amount of technical work being moved from the base.

Admiral Strohsahl was married for 44 years to the late Marvalyn Fiske. They raised three children, one of whom resides now in Ventura with her husband and family. After Marvalyn passed away, he married Mary Anne Vernallis, whose late husband, Sam, was a longtime associate of the admiral's in the Navy and a well-respected civic leader in Ventura County. Together, they share five children and eight grandchildren.

Mr. Speaker, I know my colleagues join me in honoring the memory of Rear Admiral George Strohsahl and in offering our condolences to his family.

HONORING PADUCAH MIDDLE SCHOOL'S NATIONAL SCIENCE BOWL TEAM

HON. ED WHITFIELD

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 25, 2011

Mr. WHITFIELD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the team of students from Paducah Middle School who won second place in the U.S. Department of Energy's 21st Annual National Science Bowl. Team members Erin Burba, Reese Butler, Grant Hutcheson, Parker Lloyd, and Palmer Stroup were led by Cindy Glisson and Dianne Cypret in their successful creation of a hydrogen-fueled model car.

After placing first in the regional competition in February, the team of seventh and eighth

graders had only 5 weeks to create the hydrogen-fueled vehicle and prepare for competition with 41 middle school teams from across the country. In addition to building the car, the students also prepared for a quick recall competition and wrote a research paper about their project. Energy Secretary Steven Chu noted at the event that our Nation is in need of outstanding young researchers and scientists, and I am extremely proud of these young students for their ingenuity and dedication to scientific knowledge.

The National Science Bowl is the largest academic competition of its kind, and tests students' knowledge in all areas of science, including biology, chemistry, earth science, physics, astronomy, energy, and math. After the day of question and answer rounds, students had the opportunity to race their hydrogen-fueled cars against one another. Through their innovative design, Paducah Middle School's team finished the ten-meter race in a mere 3.84 seconds as the runner-up in the competition.

Congratulations to the Paducah Middle School team members for their accomplishment at the Regional and National Science Bowl competitions, and best wishes for you in your next academic endeavors.

HONORING KEVIN AND SARAH DIAMOND

HON. PETER J. ROSKAM

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 25, 2011

Mr. ROSKAM. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to rise today to recognize Kevin and Sarah Diamond of Elmhurst, Illinois, for their outstanding display of service.

On May 5, 2011, Kevin and Sarah were presented with the Elmhurst Jaycees Distinguished Service Award. Each year, this award is given to a resident in recognition of one's dedication to bettering the City of Elmhurst. Typically, the Distinguished Service Award is reserved for a single person, but in this case, both were seen as deserving of this honor.

Kevin and Sarah have been involved with numerous improvement projects in Elmhurst. In particular, Kevin led the passage of a referendum that brought new classrooms to every school in District 205. Kevin is especially active with the Elmhurst Children's Assistance Fund, which provides assistance to families with children impacted by a serious medical or disabling condition. Sarah serves on the board of the local YMCA and has assisted with the organization's fundraising efforts. She previously served on the District 205 Foundation Board, and has recently joined the Hospital Board. In addition to participating in all these volunteer activities, Kevin and Sarah are also busy raising three daughters.

The Diamonds have demonstrated exceptional civic service, and I am proud to represent them. Mr. Speaker and Distinguished Colleagues, please join me in commending Kevin and Sarah Diamond for their extraordinary commitment to their community.

RECOGNIZING PINE FOREST HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS' TRACK AND FIELD TEAM AS FLORIDA STATE CLASS 3A CHAMPIONS

HON. JEFF MILLER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 25, 2011

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Pine Forest High School girls' track and field team on their recent victory as Florida State Class 3A champions for the second consecutive year.

Bringing home the trophy for the 2011 state championship is an accomplishment these young women earned through their unwavering determination and hard work. Returning to the competition this year, they knew that steadfast commitment to their team, coach and community would be what it would take to win yet another state championship and maintain their title.

Under the leadership of their head coach, Paul Bryan, the true grit and determination it took for these young women to bring home a state championship is inspiring. The victory did not come easily for the Lady Eagles. Once they took flight, they were faced with injuries and trials; however, just like any great athletes, they overcame these setbacks and soared to 59 points, crossing the finish line as champions. Their dreams of keeping their title became a reality, and the Lady Eagles made history. As the first team from the Pensacola area to win two consecutive state team titles, they made Northwest Florida proud.

On behalf of the United States Congress, I congratulate the Pine Forest High Lady Eagles for their outstanding accomplishments. My wife Vicki joins me in offering our best wishes to the team, coaches, faculty, and students at Pine Forest High School for their continued success.

COMMENDING THE RESNICK FAMILY OF HUNTERDON COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

HON. LEONARD LANCE

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 25, 2011

Mr. LANCE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to join the Chabad of Hunterdon County, New Jersey in honoring the Resnick family.

This year, Carl, Ted and Martin Resnick of Flemington, New Jersey will receive the Chabad of Hunterdon County's prestigious Community Leadership Award during a community celebration that will be held on Thursday, June 2 at the Grand Colonial in Hampton, New Jersey.

Each year the Chabad of Hunterdon County presents its Community Leadership Award to recognize individuals, families and businesses who take leadership roles in the community, by giving back to the community and being involved to improve the overall community.

As a lifelong resident of Hunterdon County, I have known Carl, Ted and Martin Resnick and their family for most of my life. In addition to owning the Flemington Department Store—which is a successful family-owned business—the Resnick family have been active members of our community for more than 50 years.

Over the years, the Resnicks have been involved with local sports teams, clubs, service organizations, wildlife refuge efforts, the arts and area first responders. In 2009 the Resnicks deservingly received the Distinguished Citizen Award from the Central New Jersey Council of the Boy Scouts of America for their community involvement.

I am proud to join the Chabad of Hunterdon County in praising Carl, Martin and Ted Resnick for their hard work and devotion to the Hunterdon County community. I am also pleased to praise their accomplishments and share their story with my colleagues in the U.S. House of Representatives and with the American people.

PROCLAMATION FOR CHARLIE SHERMAN FOR HIS TRADITION OF COMMUNITY SERVICE AND DEDICATION TO THE GRANITE STATE

HON. FRANK C. GUINTA

OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 25, 2011

Mr. GUINTA. Mr. Speaker, here in New Hampshire, we have a strong tradition of community service and dedication to our fellow Granite Staters, and no one exemplifies this better than my friend Charlie Sherman.

For over 21 years, from radio to television, Charlie has become one of New Hampshire's most recognizable personalities. Whether it has been covering a high school football game on the 11 o'clock news or interviewing a presidential hopeful bright and early on his radio talk show, he has always exhibited an immense passion for the Granite State.

Along with countless hours of bettering our community via the airwaves, Charlie Sherman has devoted his life to helping others through the dozens of charitable causes he has been involved with throughout the years. One such organization, the Special Olympics of New Hampshire, has been the biggest recipient of Charlie's big heart where he has helped raise over a million dollars for the cause through the annual Penguin Plunge.

Charlie Sherman will now continue his commitment to our state through a new phase of his life as Executive Director of New Horizons. The Manchester-based adult homeless shelter and soup kitchen will certainly benefit from Charlie's life-long experience in devoting his life to helping others. Today, we wish him well in his new path and take this moment to thank him for all he has done and will continue to do for New Hampshire.

RECOGNIZING ANTHONY J. PACK FOR TWENTY-ONE YEARS OF SERVICE TO THE EASTERN MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT

HON. DARRELL E. ISSA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 25, 2011

Mr. ISSA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the civil service of Anthony Pack and commend his tenure of twenty-one years with the Eastern Municipal Water District (EMWD).

Joining the water district team in 1990 as the project coordinator, followed by the role of Deputy General Manager, Mr. Pack was appointed to the post of General Manager on September 4, 2001. Over the last decade, Mr. Pack's management and leadership has been instrumental to EMWD's success on critical projects that have made a tremendous impact throughout the District.

As the General Manager, Mr. Pack introduced the District to the superior principles of the Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Program and the State counterpart, the California Award for Performance Excellence. Under his guidance and expertise, Mr. Pack implemented and administered these principles to ensure they were met at every level. As a result of this rigorous program for performance measurement and continuous improvement, EMWD has attained the highest level of any public agency in the State.

During his tenure with EMWD he has provided assistance to the State, Federal and local legislators in addressing complicated water related issues and worked cooperatively with government agencies in implementing policies and projects.

Among his many roles, Mr. Pack has served as president and vice president of the California Municipal Utilities Association, a statewide association of publicly owned utilities, a board member of the Santa Ana Watershed Project Authority, and currently serves as a board member for the California Council for Excellence.

Prior to joining the District, Mr. Pack served 20 years with the U.S. Marine Corps in posts throughout the United States, Japan and the Middle East, retiring as a Lieutenant Colonel in 1990. I would also like to extend my appreciation for his years of military service.

Through his work at EMWD he has assisted the community and the California water industry. I offer Mr. Pack my congratulations and may he enjoy a rewarding retirement with his wife Kelly, their two sons and four grandchildren.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you to please join me in paying tribute to Mr. Pack's dedicated and loyal service to the Eastern Municipal Water District.

2011 NATIONAL STROKE AWARENESS MONTH

HON. LOIS CAPPS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 25, 2011

Mrs. CAPPS. Mr. Speaker, I rise in recognition of May as National Stroke Awareness Month, the time each year that we as a nation reaffirm our support in the fight against stroke, a leading cause of death and disability.

National Stroke Awareness Month plays an important role in educating Americans on the warning signs and risk factors for strokes, as well as how the latest neuroscience discoveries enhance our understanding of strokes and lead to new and exciting treatments.

According to the American Stroke Association, a stroke occurs every 40 seconds, affecting roughly 795,000 Americans each year—killing approximately 136,000 people a year, and costing the nation through healthcare services, medications, and missed days of work.

As a co-chair of the Congressional Heart and Stroke Coalition, and through my experience as a nurse and health care advocate, I know firsthand the importance of educating the American people to recognize the warning signs of a stroke and be ready to act fast.

Moreover, the most effective method to combat stroke is to prevent it, and that to do that, we need to place a greater focus on educating the American people on the risk factors associated with an increased risk of stroke: high blood pressure, atrial fibrilliation, diabetes, heightened cholesterol, lack of exercise, and smoking.

Family history of stroke, gender, and place of residence are also factors.

While strokes are one of the major reasons that quality of life can diminish as people get older, they are not inevitable.

The same steps that contribute to keeping physical vigor—regular exercise, a healthy weight, and a balanced diet—can maximize the chances of staying sharp and alert for decades to come.

Mr. Speaker, based on basic science findings, neuroscientists have developed several options for treating stroke, including clot-busting drugs and minimally invasive surgery techniques.

Yet despite numerous advances, the global and national prognosis for stroke is dire.

According to a study by the American Heart Association and the American Stroke Association published earlier this year, stroke prevalence is projected to increase by 25 percent in the U.S. by 2030, and direct medical costs for treating stroke are expected to increase by 238 percent, to $95.6 billion within the same time period.

This makes continued strong and sustainable funding for the National Institutes of Health even more critical.

By supporting the National Institutes of Health, researchers will be able to discover better ways to protect the brain from potential strokes, minimize the damage that occurs, and develop better ways to repair and reorganize the brain after a stroke.

For all of these reasons, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing National Stroke Awareness Month, celebrating the outstanding contributions the field of neuroscience is making to learn more about stroke; the contributions of the American Stroke Association in educating the public about stroke warning signs and treatment; and the investments made in scientific research through the National Institutes of Health to develop treatments for those suffering from this devastating disease.

HONORING MR. RONALD SHELLEY

HON. W. TODD AKIN

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 25, 2011

Mr. AKIN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Mr. Ronald Shelley of Boeing Defense, Space & Security. Ron will be retiring this coming June after more than thirty years with the company.

In his more than three decades with Boeing, Ron has held a number of leadership positions; with ever increasing responsibilities. During the development and first flight of the C–17 Globemaster III, today the backbone of our air mobility, Ron served as General Manager, Supplier Management, in Long Beach, California.

Ron also served as program manager for the F/A–18 Super Hornet, responsible for directing, planning, organizing, leading and controlling development, production and cost support for all Super Hornet programs in St. Louis. Ron clearly knows his business, because the Super Hornet program has consistently delivered aircraft to the United States Navy on time and on budget.

Additionally, Shelley held a number of director-level Supplier Management and Procurement positions in Naval Systems, Production Operations and Phantom Works—the advanced prototyping arm of Boeing Defense, Space & Security.

Today, Ron Shelley serves as vice president of Global Sourcing for The Boeing Company and as vice president of Supplier Management for Boeing Defense, Space & Security, based in St. Louis. He leads an organization of more than 2,800 employees in 30 States and 10 countries; and he's responsible for annual purchases of nearly $17 billion in products and services. Clearly you don't just put anyone in charge of spending $17 billion!

My staff and I have had the honor of working with Ron on a number of occasions over the past decade. Through his work on C–17 and Super Hornet, he has contributed much to our national security. His fellow citizens are more secure today because of the contributions Ron Shelley made to these vital defense programs.

Thank you, Ron. I wish you all the best in your retirement and God's blessing.

RECOGNIZING THE 125TH ANNIVERSARY OF ST. PATRICK CATHOLIC CHAPEL OF CLIFFORD, MI

HON. CANDICE S. MILLER

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 25, 2011

Mrs. MILLER of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, it is my distinct privilege to properly acknowledge a special event occurring in the 10th Congressional District. On Sunday, June 5, 2011, St. Patrick Catholic Church of Lapeer County in Clifford, Michigan will celebrate a significant and historic milestone—its 125th Anniversary Celebration. This achievement will begin with a 1 p.m. Celebration Mass presided by special guest, Archbishop Allen H. Vigneron of the Archdiocese of Detroit. Following mass, the celebration will continue with an open house and reception for all to enjoy. Although I will be unable to personally attend this festive occasion, I certainly wanted to recognize this extraordinary accomplishment and offer my heartfelt congratulations.

Mr. Speaker, I believe it would be fitting to share some history about St. Patrick Chapel. However, first let me start with the Archdiocese of Detroit which was formally established in 1833, but can trace its Catholic lineage back to 1701 when the first French traders arrived in the region. The history of St. Patrick Chapel shares a similar story in that the Church was first built in 1886, but Father Clement Krebs started offering masses inside the homes of local residents in 1879—seven prior to the church being constructed.

Despite lacking an official diocese or church, both stories exemplify a Catholic presence and influence which exceeds the creation of physical infrastructure. It is a testament to an often repeated adage which states that the people inside the church are the church; a church without people is just an empty building.

St. Patrick Catholic Church has been an important resource for Michigan's Thumb Region, and has always worked to improve the community. It has always answered the call of service and almsgiving. And despite the struggles and obstacles faced along the way, St. Patrick has remained steadfast and resilient exhibiting its core values and trust in God.

Currently, over 1.4 million Catholics embody the Archdiocese of Detroit and St. Patrick Church has been a strong part of its history and the history of Lapeer County. Parishioners can be extremely proud of this keystone anniversary and have every reason to celebrate. Reaching this notable achievement is a strong reflection of the faith and commitment of the people who attend religious services and worship every Sunday.

Lastly Mr. Speaker, I commend the leadership, parish staff, event coordinating committee and everyone who had a helping hand in seeing this day come to fruition. Their hard work is recognized and greatly appreciated. I extend my best wishes to St. Patrick Catholic Church on a successful and wonderful celebration.

AMERICAN JEWISH HERITAGE MONTH

HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 25, 2011

Mrs. MALONEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise in honor of American Jewish Heritage Month. For more than 350 years, members of the Jewish faith have lived in this country, built this country and contributed to this country.

From colonial days to the present, the course of American history would be profoundly different if it were not for the contributions of American Jews. The early settlers arrived in New York in 1654 and won official toleration, despite the objections of Peter Stuyvesant, marking America as a place where Jews would be free to practice their religion. America's toleration was unusual. Elsewhere in the world the Spanish Inquisition was in full swing; Italian Jews were confined to ghettos; Jews had not yet officially been readmitted to England or France; and they were banned from Scandinavia. Toleration became accepted practice in New England and the South as well, and Jewish communities began to form in many parts of America. A Jewish doctor, Samuel Nunez Ribiero, kept the settlers of the new colony of Georgia from being ravaged by malaria in 1733, which persuaded the founder of the colony, James Edward Oglethorpe, to allow Jewish people to settle in Savannah.

Jews played an important role in the Revolutionary War and the establishment of the fledgling United States. From the merchants who carried supplies and arms to Hayim Solomon who helped bankroll the new government at a crucial time, Jews contributed to the birth of our country. And, as the country grew, Jews found opportunities and freedom in the new towns and cities that were built in the West.

Jews began to immigrate to the United States in large numbers during the 1880s. And their language, customs and stories were incorporated into American culture. What could be more American than nosh on a bagel while watching a Woody Allen movie? Thanks to comedians like Milton Berle, Jack Benny, Fanny Brice, Mel Brooks, Carl Reiner, Neil Simon, Phil Silvers, Jerry Seinfeld, Roseanne Barr, Sacha Baron Cohen, Gilda Radner and thousands of others, American comedy often seems to have a distinctly Jewish humor.

Jews have made their mark in American literature, music and the arts. Saul Bellow, Herman Wouk and Michael Chabon are among the 14 percent of Pulitzer Prize winners in literature who are Jewish; Barbara Tuchman, Studs Terkel and Jared Diamond are among the 51 percent of Pulitzer Prize winners for non-fiction who are Jewish. From Leonard Bernstein to Aaron Copeland, some of America's most famous composers are Jewish. And many of the most influential artists of the last 100 years have been Jewish, including Man Ray, Helen Frankenthaler and Mark Rothko.

Jewish scientists have expanded our knowledge of the world and have helped discover new cures. From Albert Einstein to Jonas Salk, Carl Sagan to Mark Zuckerberg, Jews have used their scientific knowledge to change our understanding.

Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to join my colleagues in celebrating Jewish American Heritage Month, and the myriad of ways in which Jewish Americans have influenced our lives.

INTRODUCING THE SMALL BUSINESS TAX EQUITY ACT

HON. FORTNEY PETE STARK

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 25, 2011

Mr. STARK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today with my colleagues Mr. POLIS (D–CO), Mr. FRANK (D–MA), Mr. ROHRABACHER (R–CA), and Mr. PAUL (R–TX) to introduce the Small Business Tax Equity Act.

Our tax code currently undercuts legal medical marijuana dispensaries by preventing them from taking the full range of deductions allowed for other small businesses. While unfair to these small business owners, the tax code also punishes the thousands of patients who rely on them for safe, legal, reliable access to medical marijuana as recommended by a doctor.

The Small Business Tax Equity Act would create an exception to Internal Revenue Code Section 280E to allow businesses operating in accordance with state law to take tax deductions associated with the sale of medical marijuana. This legislation is one in a series of bills being introduced today that would help ensure the fair treatment of medical marijuana businesses and the patients they serve.

Forty years after the start of the War on Drugs, 16 states and the District of Columbia now regulate and allow the sale of marijuana for medical purposes. Our tax laws have not kept pace with these changes in state law. My legislation would amend a portion of the Internal Revenue Code that was intended to prevent criminal drug dealers from claiming tax benefits. Under this bill, dispensaries operating legally under state law will no longer be prohibited from taking tax deductions and credits attributed to the sale of marijuana to patients.

Medical marijuana dispensaries operate legally in my home state and pay federal, state, and local taxes. California now collects over $100 million in state taxes annually from these small businesses. They should be able to claim the full range of benefits under the U.S. tax code just like other businesses that operate legally under state law. I urge my colleagues to join us in support of fair tax treatment for the medical marijuana industry and to ensure safe access to the patients it serves.

IN MEMORY OF KEN MORGAN

HON. MICHAEL H. MICHAUD

OF MAINE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 25, 2011

Mr. MICHAUD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a great voice for labor, a great Mainer and most importantly, a great friend, Ken Morgan.

For 35 years, Ken worked at the AFL–CIO fighting for the rights of Maine's hard-working men and women. As a union brother of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local 1837, Ken believed that united in solidarity, we could all move our society forward.

In the late 1960s, Ken's principles led him to refuse his doctorate from Northwestern University because of a dispute regarding the extension of civil rights based upon sexual orientation. Ken carried this strong commitment to justice and solidarity into all aspects of his life and was a trail blazer in the civil rights community. During his long career, Ken served as a member of the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights, was an award-winning member of the Maine Gay and Lesbian Political Alliance and a member of the Board of Directors of the Maine Center for Economic Policy. These are only a few of the many organizations Ken was involved with, all of which worked to help those who might otherwise be forgotten.

However, Ken is best remembered by his friends and family as a great man, with a mind that was deep, broad and keen. His heart was huge. He was a gentle soul who leaves a huge void and who so richly filled the lives of his many friends and family. Above all, Ken was a loving friend, mentor, brother, son and partner.

On the 40th anniversary of the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King, President Obama declared, "Dr. King once said that the arc of the moral universe is long but it bends towards justice. It bends towards justice, but here is the thing: it does not bend on its own. It bends because each of us in our own ways put our hand on that arc . . ." Ken's work and life embodied this active engagement with our nation's, and our world's, struggle to be a place of equality and freedom.

Ken leaves behind his partner of more than three decades, Rick Strout, his brother Charles, his sister-in-law Jerie, and many cousins, nieces and nephews.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in remembering a great American, Ken Morgan.

RECOGNIZING NATIONAL SENIOR HEALTH AND FITNESS DAY

HON. LORETTA SANCHEZ

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 25, 2011

Ms. LORETTA SANCHEZ of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of National Senior Health and Fitness Day, the nation's largest annual health promotion event for older Americans.

The contributions and sacrifices made by the senior citizen community are invaluable. Some have proudly served our country overseas and abroad. Others, through their ingenuity and innovations, have paved the way for the United States' leadership in technology. They are the very foundation of this country's evolution.

By the year 2030, approximately one in five U.S. residents will be a member of the senior citizen community and we must ensure that our seniors will have access to resources that will aide them in living strong and healthy lives.

Today, I'm proud to partner with the H. Louis Lake Senior Center, Acacia Adult Day Services and Community SeniorServ to host the National Senior Health and Fitness Day in my district.

In celebration of this important day, seniors in my district will have access to free fitness classes, healthy foods cooking demonstrations and brain stimulating exercises.

In honor of National Senior Health and Fitness Day, I encourage all our seniors to join in on the exciting activities taking place throughout our respective communities and to stay active physically, mentally and spiritually.

HAL DAVID'S 90TH BIRTHDAY

HON. NANCY PELOSI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 25, 2011

Ms. PELOSI. Mr. Speaker, I rise to celebrate the 90th birthday of a great songwriter, lyricist, advocate, and leading voice of America's artistic community: Hal David.

The child of immigrants blessed with an extraordinary talent, Hal David has lived—and continues to live—the American dream. He used his musical gifts in service of our country as part of the U.S. Army Entertainment Section on the Pacific front during World War II. He returned home to write songs for the nation's top performers; produce Grammy-winning Broadway masterpieces and Oscar-winning lyrics; and partner with great composers to create soundtracks for stage and screen, and popular hits that remain classics to this day.

For his achievements, his success, his creativity, and his contributions to our history and society, Hal David was inducted into the Songwriters Hall of Fame and the Nashville Songwriters Hall of Fame.

On behalf of his colleagues—whether leaders in the field, famous faces, or those struggling to earn their place in the pantheon of great artists—Hal David has advocated for the rights of all performers and writers in the halls of Congress and in our nation's public discourse.

As President of the American Society of Composers, Authors and Publishers, he focused on key legislative issues facing music creators, led the charge against source licensing efforts, and oversaw the organization's increased presence in the field of country music. As Chairman and CEO of the Songwriters Hall of Fame, he invested in new technologies and an expanded digital presence for the institution, and strengthened the Grammy Museum in Los Angeles.

Hal David has spent his career enriching our music, our culture, our society, and our nation. His story is a tribute to his desire to do what he loved, his willingness to work hard, his ability to succeed and thrive across generations, and his creativity. I join my colleagues in the House of Representatives, and fans of music across the country, in wishing Hal David a happy and healthy 90th birthday.

RECOGNIZING THE 175TH ANNIVERSARY OF ATHERTON COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

HON. DALE E. KILDEE

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 25, 2011

Mr. KILDEE. Mr. Speaker, Atherton Community Schools will celebrate the 175th anniversary of the school district's start on May 29th in Burton, MI. An All School Class Reunion is planned to celebrate the occasion.

The Atherton Settlement was founded by three brothers: Perus, Shubael and Adonijah. The settlement grew to 30 farming families and the Settlement school was founded in 1836. The first teacher was Adonijah's daughter, Betsey Atherton. She held the teacher's position in the single-room schoolhouse for 20 years. The Atherton Agricultural School, as it was known at the time, remained a 1 room schoolhouse for over 100 years. In 1940, an 8-room schoolhouse was built to accommodate the growing community. In 1946, the Atherton School District combined with the Howe and Casper districts. Until 1954 classes were only offered through the eighth grade. If a student wanted to continue their education beyond that grade level, they had to transfer to Bendle, Flint Central or Davison High Schools. In 1954, Atherton Schools graduated its first high school class of about 18 students.

Currently, the Atherton School District holds classes in the Vern Van Y Elementary School, Atherton Middle School and Atherton High School. Graduates have gone on to fill roles in the spectrum of society including doctors and judges.

Mr. Speaker, I ask the House of Representatives to join me in congratulating the alumni, educators, students, staff, parents and supporters for their commitment to education and community. I commend them for 175 years of continuous education, and I wish them the best in the coming years.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. BRUCE L. BRALEY

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 25, 2011

Mr. BRALEY of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I regret missing floor votes on Tuesday, May 24, 2011. Had I registered my vote, I would have voted:

1. "Nay" on rollcall 333, On Ordering the Previous Question on the Rule—Consideration of H.R. 1216 to amend the Public Health Service Act to convert funding for graduate medical education in teaching health centers from direct appropriations to an authorization of appropriations; consideration of H.R. 1540, the National Defense Authorization Act, FY 2012; and waiving clause 6(a) of rule XIII.

2. "Nay" on rollcall 334, On Agreeing to the Resolution (H. Res. 269)—Consideration of H.R. 1216 to amend the Public Health Service Act to convert funding for graduate medical education in teaching health centers from direct appropriations to an authorization of appropriations; consideration of H.R. 1540, the National Defense Authorization Act, FY 2012; and waiving clause 6(a) of rule XIII.

3. "Nay" on rollcall 335, On Motion that the Committee Rise—To amend the Public Health Service Act to convert funding for graduate medical education in qualified teaching health centers from direct appropriations to an authorization of appropriations.

4. "Yea" on rollcall 336, On Agreeing to the Amendment—Tonko of New York Amendment No. 2.

5. "Yea" on rollcall 337, On Agreeing to the Amendment—Cardoza of California Amendment No. 9.

HONORING CLAUDETTE VIOLETTE

HON. MICHAEL H. MICHAUD

OF MAINE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 25, 2011

Mr. MICHAUD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Claudette Violette of Lewiston, ME, on her graduation after having earned her GED.

This achievement is a great personal accomplishment for Claudette. She has faced many obstacles in her life, but her work ethic and tenacity allowed her to persevere, raise her family and volunteer thousands of hours for the Lewiston/Auburn community.

She has truly found her voice with her volunteer work. Claudette volunteers for the Good Shepherd Food Bank, Red Cross Blood Drives and Salvation Army fundraising. She delivers promotional posters for L/A Arts and the Public Theatre, and assembles a multi-thousand piece mailing in hours. Claudette also helps organize a monthly French luncheon for the Franco-American Heritage Center, making 300 plus calls each month to invite attendees.

Claudette is an inspiration to both me and my staff. Her commitment and dedication to completing her high school education speaks to the strength of her character. I am so proud of Claudette's achievement and her personal growth over the 10 years that I have known her. Claudette is a well-known and well-loved member of the community, and I know she will continue to play an active role in the lives of Lewiston/Auburn residents, my staff and myself.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in congratulating Claudette on her outstanding personal achievement.

THE CHASE FOR THE CHAMPIONSHIP

HON. HOWARD COBLE

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 25, 2011

Mr. COBLE. Mr. Speaker, inspiration can come in many forms for athletes and teams when they are seeking fame, glory, records and titles. It is rare, however, when a team dedicates its quest for a championship to a teammate who didn't see a single minute of action.

The lacrosse team from Northwest Guilford High School, located in the Sixth District of North Carolina, dedicated its season and its title hopes to a teammate who was tragically killed last fall. On October 29, 2010, Chase Bunting died following a skateboarding accident. Northwest Guilford dubbed its quest for a state title the ''Chase for the Championship'' in honor of Chase Bunting.

With an ending only Hollywood could have imagined, the Vikings of Northwest Guilford completed their mission for Chase with a 13-9 win over East Chapel Hill High School to capture the 2011 North Carolina High School Athletic Association lacrosse championship.

On May 14, 2011, at the WakeMed Soccer Park in Cary, Northwest Guilford started out strong with a 7–0 lead after the first period of play. The Vikings never let East Chapel Hill within 4 goals to capture their first lacrosse championship. The team knew all along it was playing for more than just themselves. ''The death of Chase changed our season in a big way,'' sophomore starter Robert Lincks told The Northwest Observer. ''It brought our team a lot closer together and motivated us even more to win it for him.''

The players of the championship team are Captain and tournament MVP Jay Goldsmith, Dre Baskerville, Conner Dillion, Ethan Tingler, Jacob Marrapese, Brian Ha, Braden Payne, Nolan Carper, Travis Price, Robert Lincks, Trenton Ankenbruck, Diego Rengel-Parrish, Kyle Dorr, Reid Baxter, Chase Bunting, Conner Burkett, John Pappas, Jon Duncan, Hector De Jesus, Tammer Aboughalyoun, Adam Griffin, Zach Leicht, Cole Anderson, Cole Abourjilie, Parker Scaggs, Brandon Safrit, Will Ross, Payne Dunlap, Grant Simpkins, Brandon Sumner, Nick Nawrocki, Thomas Harris, Zach Sprague, Parker Leonard, Dallas Joyce, and Seth Hendrix.

The Vikings were led by Head Coach Mark Goldsmith. Coach Goldsmith actually captured his second North Carolina high school lacrosse championship. In 2000, he was the head coach when Southeast Guilford captured the state title. With the death of Chase Bunting prior to the start of the season, Coach Goldsmith told the Raleigh News & Observer that his current team had a special mission because of Chase's death. ''That brought us together,'' he told the newspaper, ''with one goal in mind. We dedicated the season to Chase. The kids worked so hard for everything we got. I'm just glad we're able to bring home the hardware.''

We are sure that Coach Goldsmith would agree that he was ably assisted by Assistant Coach Vern Schmidt, Second Assistant Coach Robbie Innella and managers Tara Murphy, Morgan Eddins, Chamberlain Staub, and Mia Furfaro. In addition, those aiding the title hunt were members of the Northwest Vikings Lacrosse Booster Club, including President Darrel Pappas, Vice President Karen Abourjilie, Trish Hendrix, Robin Lincks, Neil Dorr, Robin Bunting, Marc Dillon, Tim Ankenbruck, Stacy Leicht, Kristin Sprague, and Todd Sprague.

The Vikings finished their magical season with a record of 20–2 and the satisfaction of knowing that they completed their mission. On behalf of the citizens of the Sixth District of North Carolina, we congratulate the Northwest Guilford lacrosse team for winning the 2011 state title, but more importantly, for completing the ''Chase for the Championship.'' We know that Chase Bunting is smiling approvingly.

HONORING DONALD G. LEY SR., VETERAN AND WOODBURY HEIGHTS FIRE MARSHAL

HON. ROBERT E. ANDREWS

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 25, 2011

Mr. ANDREWS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Donald G. Ley Sr. for his five decades of service with the Woodbury Heights Fire Department. Currently serving as Fire Marshal and Safety Officer for the borough of Woodbury Heights, Mr. Ley is an inspirational example of American courage and heroism.

Some aspire to retire young from their profession, but not Mr. Ley. At seventy-nine, Mr. Ley is still a firefighter. You will find him at the Woodbury firehouse any time throughout the day. A graduate of Drexel University, Mr. Ley found his calling in serving his community and country. As an Army veteran of the Korean War, Mr. Ley returned to the United States a decorated veteran and continued his tireless public service.

In the Woodbury Heights Fire Department, Mr. Ley fought for the donation of an ambulance to begin emergency life support service in the 1960s. He has held several positions within the company, including assistant chief, deputy chief, safety officer, fire marshal and secretary for relief associations. His public service record includes time as a disaster volunteer with the Red Cross and Mayor of Woodbury Heights.

Over the years, Mr. Ley has been given several awards to recognize his consistent contributions to our community. The awards include the Jaycees Distinguished Service Award, the Certificate of Special Congressional Recognition and Distinguished Citizen Award, the Exceptional Duty Award in Gloucester County Fire Chiefs Association, the Unsung Hero Award—Russell Berrie Foundation and the Lifetime of Service Presidential Award.

It takes tremendous valor to run into a burning building while everyone else is running out. As he begins his fifty-second year at Woodbury Heights Fire Department, let us take a moment to honor the dedication, professionalism and bravery Don demonstrates every day. The core values we aspire to teach our children are all exemplified by his courage and selflessness.

HONORING COLBY HARRISON SCROGGINS

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 25, 2011

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Colby Harrison Scroggins. Colby is a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 87, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Colby has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Colby has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community. Most notably, Colby has contributed to his community through his Eagle Scout project. Colby refinished the floor of the Firemen's Memorial in Cameron, Missouri, and also constructed two 8′ × 10′ planters on either side of the memorial.

Mr. Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Colby Harrison Scroggins for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

LESTER B. LAVE

HON. MICHAEL F. DOYLE

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 25, 2011

Mr. DOYLE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the life of Carnegie Mellon University professor Lester B. Lave, who passed away on May 9th at the age of 71.

Dr. Lave spent most of his career at CMU, where he distinguished himself as one of the world's most influential contributors to economics and environmental science. In addition to his title as University Professor, the highest distinction a faculty member can achieve at Carnegie Mellon, Dr. Lave served as the Harry B. and James H. Higgins Professor of Economics at the Tepper School of Business, director of the Green Design Initiative, and co-director of the Carnegie Mellon Electricity Industry Center.

In a career that spanned more than 40 years, Dr. Lave tackled some of the most important questions relating to health, safety, energy, and the environment. By applying principles from economics and risk analysis, he performed ground-breaking research on a wide range of topics including global warming, automobile and transportation safety, dam safety, and the environmental effects of fuel additives.

Dr. Lave first gained attention from scholars and policy-makers in the 1970's when he and Eugene Seskin published research showing that air pollution was linked to increased death rates in American cities. Lave and Seskin's work was highly controversial. But it was supported by further research, and we now know that approximately 1 percent of all deaths in the United States stem from small-particle air pollution. This research later served as a basis for EPA clean air regulations.

Among other significant studies he performed throughout his career, Dr. Lave and his colleagues showed in the 1990's that electric cars run on lead-based batteries were actually more harmful to the environment than cars that burned leaded gasoline. In recent years, his work focused on green design and improving the electricity system. Along with his colleagues, he helped found the Carnegie Mellon Electricity Industry Center, which is the largest electric power research group of its kind.

In addition to teaching and researching at CMU, Dr. Lave was a senior fellow at the Brookings Institution. In 1982, he was elected to the Institute of Medicine, and in 1985, he was named president of the Society for Risk Analysis. Dr. Lave served on and chaired numerous committees of the National Academies, where he most recently oversaw a study entitled ''Real Prospects for Energy Efficiency in the United States.''

As a CMU professor, Dr. Lave served as the economics department chair for eight years and served as the primary mentor to 40 doctoral students.

Dr. Lave is remembered by his colleagues and students as a caring teacher and untiring researcher who was dedicated to objective, thorough analysis. He should be remembered by this nation as a talented researcher whose body of work has improved U.S. public policy markedly and will continue to do so for years to come.

I want to take this opportunity to express both my sincere admiration for Dr. Lave and my condolences to his wife, Judith, and his two children, Jonathan and Tamara.

ALDERMAN MARY ANN SMITH—A REMARKABLE RECORD OF ACHIEVEMENT

HON. JANICE D. SCHAKOWSKY

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 25, 2011

Ms. SCHAKOWSKY. Mr. Speaker, I would like to honor Alderman Mary Ann Smith, who represented Chicago's wonderful 48th Ward for 21 years before her retirement this May. Alderman Smith has dedicated over 30 years of her life to public service.

As Alderman, she was especially active in public safety, community-directed development, transit and walkability, lakefront planning, animal rights, health care, seniors' issues, affordable housing and public sector accountability. Her recent groundbreaking advocacy to combat Medicare and Medicaid fraud and the exploitation of the mentally ill has helped make nursing homes and our communities safer.

Alderman Smith was chair of the City Council Committee on Chicago Parks where she worked to restructure the Chicago Park District and its management, improve programming, secure the parks and increase access to recreation for all Chicagoans with an emphasis on teenagers and youth. She was also a member of the City Council Committees on Traffic Control and Safety, Buildings, Rules and Ethics, Budget, Finance, Historical Landmark Preservation, License and Consumer Protection and the Mayoral Task Forces on Lake Michigan and on Transportation. She served on the city's Advisory Council on Chicago ''Green'' development and as a commissioner of both the Northeastern Illinois Plan Commission and the Chicago Plan Commission.

Mary Ann is extremely proud of the diversity of the 48th Ward. She worked to integrate immigrant groups into the mainstream business, financial and social structure of the neighborhood. An early supporter of the Human Rights Ordinance, she interacted closely with advocacy groups to protect the rights of all people. She served as vice chair of the Illinois Citizens for Better Care, a group which advocates for nursing home residents' rights and was founder of the Committee Against Nursing Home Election Fraud.

Internationally recognized as a leader on building livable communities and protecting the environment, particularly around Chicago's lakefront, Alderman Smith represented the city of Chicago on the International Council on Local Environmental Initiatives. She served as vice-chair of the City Council Subcommittee on the Chicago Lakefront, as a vice-chair of the Lake Michigan Federation (now the Alliance for the Great Lakes), and was a founding member of PCB's Gone. Her leadership on environmental issues earned her a United Nations Environment Programme Award for Citizen Action to Protect the Global Environment and a fellowship from the German Marshall Fund of the United States to study urban planning in several European cities. Alderman Smith's commitment to employ new alternative energy and flood control technologies in the 48th Ward includes the installation of the nation's first water-permeable alley in 2001 and the creation of rain gardens.

Her work on public safety and transportation in the community include unsnarling longstanding traffic and transportation problems. She was instrumental in helping to organize the state's first city/suburban traffic and transportation and in obtaining funding for a project to improve pedestrian safety and neighborhood walkability.

Alderman Smith is a passionate advocate against cruelty to animals, and, in response to information about the cruel treatment of elephants by trainers, she introduced legislation that would outlaw the use of disciplinary methods that inflict pain and/or cause injury to the animal.

I have had the pleasure of sharing an office with Alderman Smith since 1999, and our offices have collaborated closely on issues and projects including environmental concerns, animal rights, community safety, nursing homes and seniors, education, and youth. I consider her a treasured friend and wish her fulfillment and success as she embarks in a new direction.

Mary Ann and her husband Ronald, a professor at John Marshall Law School who recently served as chairman of the American Bar Association Criminal Justice Section, have lived in the Edgewater and Uptown communities for more than 30 years. They have two sons, Michael, a software engineer in Portland, Oregon, and Matthew, a clinical psychologist who also lives in the 48th Ward, and many beloved pets.

HONORING EDWIN K. ''NED'' ZECHMAN, JR.

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 25, 2011

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to ask the House of Representatives to join me in recognizing Edwin K.''Ned'' Zechman, Jr. for over 30 years of service, with 16 years as President and CEO, at Children's National Medical Center in Washington, DC, often referred to as Children's Hospital.

Under Mr. Zechman's leadership, Children's Hospital, which serves children from the District of Columbia, this region, and across the country, has become a national and international leader in pediatric care, advocacy, research and education. Children's Hospital is technologically advanced, community oriented, and fiscally responsible.

Mr. Zechman's retirement marks a milestone in the hospital's history of great service and quality healthcare. Last year alone, Children's Hospital had more than 370,000 outpatient visits in 45 specialties. The hospital performed nearly 15,000 surgeries on children of all ages, from babies a few hours old to high school students. Children's Hospital leads the way in developing and providing innovative treatments for childhood illnesses and injuries, with a cardiac intensive care unit, a neuro-intensive care unit, and a Level I pediatric trauma center, as well as with its Research Institute, Heart Institute, and Brain Tumor Institute.

Last fall, Children's Hospital opened a new emergency department at United Medical Center (UMC) in Southeast Washington, DC, staffed by doctors, nurses and clinical team members from Children's Hospital, providing children and families east of the Anacostia River with a full range of emergency care services. Children's Hospital used to see 8,000 to 10,000 emergency visits per year from patients near UMC, but now, these patients can receive the same level of care closer to home, instead of commuting to Northwest, where Children's Hospital is located.

In addition to the commitment and service of all staff and personnel at Children's Hospital, Mr. Zechman's wonderful leadership has taken Children's National Medical Center to the next level of quality healthcare, making it a national and international model for children's hospitals.

I ask the House to join me in congratulating Edwin K. ''Ned'' Zechman, Jr. on his retirement from Children's National Medical Center and thanking him for his years of commitment and service to the children and families of the District of Columbia.

RECOGNIZING DR. HOWARD ALLEN CHUBBS FOR HIS 45 YEARS OF SERVICE AS PASTOR OF PROVIDENCE BAPTIST CHURCH IN GREENSBORO, NORTH CAROLINA

HON. MELVIN L. WATT

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 25, 2011

Mr. WATT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Reverend Howard Allen Chubbs for

his 45 years of service as pastor of Providence Baptist Church in Greensboro, North Carolina.

Dr. Chubbs, an excellent leader, has led the church from a small congregation without a building to a six million dollar edifice with a membership of approximately 1300. In addition to his important religious role as the leader of a dynamic congregation, he is recognized as a leader in race and interfaith missions. The members of Dr. Chubbs' congregation always share their expertise with those in need without having to be asked and Dr. Chubbs spends substantial time mentoring young ministers in the community. Under Dr. Chubbs' leadership, Providence Baptist Church has provided opportunities for young people to prepare themselves to become the best that they can be through SAT preparation, Girl Scouts, exercise and other programs. And he has provided adults continuous opportunities to reinforce all the positive attributes needed to be assets to the church, the community, the State of North Carolina and the nation.

Dr. Chubbs is also recognized as an outstanding husband and father and was honored by the National Diabetes Association as a "Father of the Year" recently.

Dr. Chubbs has also been an active force internationally. He has worked diligently with the National Conference of Community and Justice, NCCJ, and the Jewish Federation to promote peace and mutual respect among ethnic groups, cultures and religious groups and travelled to Israel in 1994, 1997, 2000, and 2010.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in wishing Reverend Dr. Howard Allen Chubbs and the Providence Baptist Church congregation a great pastoral 45th anniversary and best wishes in the years to come.

HONORING ERIC BRIAN HALLMARK

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 25, 2011

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Eric Brian Hallmark. Eric is a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 900, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Eric has been very active with his troop, participating in many Scout activities. Over the many years Eric has been involved with Scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community. Most notably, Eric has contributed to his community through his Eagle Scout project.

Mr. Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Eric Brian Hallmark for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

JOYCE ROTHERMEL AND GREATER PITTSBURGH COMMUNITY FOOD BANK

HON. MICHAEL F. DOYLE

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 25, 2011

Mr. DOYLE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to announce several milestones in southwestern Pennsylvania.

On June 7, the Greater Pittsburgh Community Food Bank will celebrate its 30th anniversary and observe Hunger Awareness Day. On that day, the Greater Pittsburgh Community Food Bank will also celebrate the important work done by its co-founder and CEO, Joyce Rothermel, who is retiring after 25 years.

Hunger is a widespread problem that affects millions of households across the United States. In 2009, one out of every eight Americans required emergency food assistance, and in 2010, over 40 million people relied on Food Stamps for their daily meals. According to the U.S. Department of Agriculture, approximately 17 million of the nation's hungry are children. In Pennsylvania, roughly one in seven people are not getting enough to eat.

Hunger has a drastic effect on the health of those who suffer from it. Children from food-insecure households are more likely to fall behind in school, show signs of depression, exhibit cognitive disabilities and behavioral problems, and are more likely to be hospitalized with preventable illnesses. Similarly, hungry seniors are also more likely to suffer from poor health compared to food-secure seniors.

That's why it's so important to raise public awareness about the problem of hunger our nation faces today with events like Hunger Awareness Day. It's essential that every community across the country take action to eradicate the scourge of hunger.

I'm proud to say that in our region, a lot of our friends and neighbors have stepped up to meet this challenge. The Greater Pittsburgh Community Food Bank has tirelessly fought hunger in southwestern Pennsylvania for the past 30 years. With the help of more than 400 affiliate food banks and member agencies, the Greater Pittsburgh Community Food Bank is able to serve more than 122,000 hungry people each month.

The Food Bank has done an outstanding job at providing much-needed healthy food to the hungry of southwestern Pennsylvania. During fiscal year 2009–2010, it distributed more than 22 million pounds of food throughout 11 counties. Despite declining food donations nationwide, the Food Bank has managed to supply more than 50 percent of the food offered by local soup kitchens, 87 percent of the food distributed by the region's food pantries, and 43 percent of the food distributed by local shelters in recent years. I would like to commend the Food Bank for the fantastic work it has done on behalf of southwestern Pennsylvania.

Much of the Food Bank's success can be traced to the work of one person—Joyce Rothermel, who co-founded the Greater Pittsburgh Community Food Bank in 1980 and became its CEO in 1987.

During her 25 year tenure, Joyce oversaw the growth of the Food Bank into one of the most respected non-profit groups in the nation. Among other honors, the Food Bank has won awards from America's Second Harvest, received a four-star rating from Charity Navigator, and obtained the Pennsylvania Association of Nonprofit Organization's Standards of Excellence Certification under Joyce's leadership.

This year, in recognition of her leadership and service, Joyce received both the Dick Goebel Public Service Award from Feeding America and the John E. McGrady Award from the Catholic Youth Association of Pittsburgh. In past years, Joyce's commitment to service has been recognized by a variety of organizations, including the YWCA, the Pennsylvania Hunger Action Center, the Public Relations Society of America, and the United Nations Association.

I can add from personal experience that Joyce has been an effective and tireless advocate on hunger issues with the region's Congressional delegation as well. My staff and I have worked closely with Joyce over many years to support and improve federal anti-hunger programs. It was always a pleasure to work with her, and we will miss her.

I want to commend Joyce Rothermel for her decades of commitment to eliminating hunger in the greater Pittsburgh community, and I want to congratulate her on the beginning of her much-deserved retirement. And in closing, I want to express my sincere appreciation to the Greater Pittsburgh Community Food Bank for the extraordinary work it has done on behalf of the people of southwestern Pennsylvania.

NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION ACT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2012

SPEECH OF

HON. MIKE QUIGLEY

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 24, 2011

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 1540) to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2012 for military activities of the Department of Defense and for military construction, to prescribe military personnel strengths for fiscal year 2012, and for other purposes:

Mr. QUIGLEY. Mr. Chair, I rise today in opposition to H.R. 1540, the National Defense Authorization Act for FY 2012.

More specifically, I rise in fierce opposition to provisions of this bill which seek to deter and derail the repeal of Don't-Ask-Don't-Tell.

A repeal, which has been implemented only after the Department of Defense completed a comprehensive review of the issues associated with the repeal.

A repeal, which has been implemented only after DOD solicited the views of nearly 400,000 active duty and reserve component Servicemembers.

A repeal, which has been implemented only after DOD conducted one of the largest surveys in the history of the U.S. military.

Still, we stand here today to consider a measure that demonstrates that this body doesn't believe that Secretary Gates and Admiral Mullen, Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, are right to support the repeal.

I believe in our military's ability to evaluate and make recommendations, and I fully support their plan to implement repeal.

I urge my colleagues to do the same and oppose this bill.

HONORING WALTER THOMPSON

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 25, 2011

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Walter Thompson. Walter is a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 161, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Walter has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Walter has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community. Most notably, Walter has contributed to his community through his Eagle Scout project.

Mr. Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Walter Thompson for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth inachieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

SENATE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Title IV of Senate Resolution 4, agreed to by the Senate on February 4, 1977, calls for establishment of a system for a computerized schedule of all meetings and hearings of Senate committees, subcommittees, joint committees, and committees of conference. This title requires all such committees to notify the Office of the Senate Daily Digest—designated by the Rules Committee—of the time, place, and purpose of the meetings, when scheduled, and any cancellations or changes in the meetings as they occur.

As an additional procedure along with the computerization of this information, the Office of the Senate Daily Digest will prepare this information for printing in the Extensions of Remarks section of the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD on Monday and Wednesday of each week.

Meetings scheduled for Thursday, May 26, 2011 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED

JUNE 7

10 a.m.

Energy and Natural Resources

To hold hearings to examine S. 512, to amend the Energy Policy Act of 2005 to require the Secretary of Energy to carry out programs to develop and demonstrate 2 small modular nuclear reactor designs, and S. 937, to repeal certain barriers to domestic fuel production.

SD–366

Foreign Relations

To hold hearings to examine the nominations of Geeta Pasi, of New York, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Djibouti, Donald W. Koran, of California, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Rwanda, and Lewis Alan Lukens, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Senegal, and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador to the Republic of Guinea-Bissau, all of the Department of State, and Ariel Pablos-Mendez, of New York, to be an Assistant Administrator of the United States Agency for International Development.

SD–419

2:30 p.m.

Foreign Relations

To hold hearings to examine Protocol Amending the Convention between the United States of America and the Swiss Confederation for the Avoidance of Double Taxation with Respect to Taxes on Income, signed at Washington on October 2, 1996 (Treaty Doc. 112–01), Protocol Amending the Convention between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg for the Avoidance of Double Taxation and the Prevention of Fiscal Evasion with Respect to Taxes on Income and Capital, signed on May 20, 2009, at Luxembourg (the ''proposed Protocol'') and a related agreement effected by the exchange of notes also signed on May 20, 2009 (Treaty Doc. 111–08), Convention between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Republic of Hungary for the Avoidance of Double Taxation and the Prevention of Fiscal Evasion with Respect to Taxes on Income, signed on February 4, 2010, at Budapest (the ''proposed Convention'') and a related agreement effected by an exchange of notes on February 4, 2010 (Treaty Doc. 111–07), Treaty between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Republic of Rwanda Concerning the Encouragement and Reciprocal Protection of Investment, signed at Kigali on February 19, 2008 (Treaty Doc. 110–23), and Treaty between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of Bermuda relating to Mutual Legal Assistance in Criminal Matters, signed at Hamilton on January 12, 2009 (Treaty Doc. 111–06).

SD–419

JUNE 8

9:30 a.m.

Foreign Relations

To hold hearings to examine the nomination of Ryan C. Crocker, of Washington, to be Ambassador to the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan, Department of State.

SD–419

Veterans' Affairs

To hold hearings to examine pending calendar business.

SR–418

2:30 p.m.

Foreign Relations

To hold hearings to examine the nominations of D. Brent Hardt, of Florida, to be Ambassador to the Co-operative Republic of Guyana, James Harold Thessin, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Paraguay, Jonathan Don Farrar, of California, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Nicaragua, and Lisa J. Kubiske, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Honduras, all of the Department of State.

SD–419

JUNE 9

9:30 a.m.

Energy and Natural Resources

To hold hearings to examine S. 963, to reduce energy costs, improve energy efficiency, and expand the use of renewable energy by Federal agencies, S. 1000, to promote energy savings in residential and commercial buildings and industry, and S. 1001, to reduce oil consumption and improve energy security.

SD–366

10 a.m.

Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

Disaster Recovery and Intergovernmental Affairs Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine border corruption, focusing on assessing customs and border protection and the Department of Homeland Security Inspector General's office collaboration in the fight to prevent corruption.

SD–342

JUNE 15

10:30 a.m.

Appropriations

Department of Defense Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine the Secretary of Defense and the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

SD–192

JUNE 16

10:30 a.m.

Energy and Natural Resources

To hold hearings to examine S. 343, to amend Title I of PL 99–658 regarding the Compact of Free Association between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of Palau, to approve the results of the 15-year review of the Compact, including the Agreement Between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Republic of Palau Following the Compact of Free Association Section 432 Review, and to appropriate funds for the purposes of the amended PL 99–658 for fiscal years ending on or before September 30, 2024, to carry out the agreements resulting from that review.

SD–366

JUNE 29

10 a.m.

Veterans' Affairs

Business meeting to consider pending calendar business.

SR–418