

ranging from civil rights to energy conservation. One of his hallmark initiatives was to build a student body that turned "awareness into activism." In 2009, he dedicated the school-year to learning about genocide, which enabled powerful levels of student activism to aid the cause in Darfur. Teaming up with Danbury High School in Connecticut, the student body was able to raise \$100,000 to help build schools in Sudan.

I was proud to welcome Principal Jones to Washington when he was formally recognized as Michigan's Principal of the Year in 2009, an award that was well deserved for an educator that has poured so much of his time, energy and heart into his students, teachers and the community as a whole. Principal Jones' dedication to the school has earned him numerous other awards for his diligence and interactive teaching methods. He has also earned teacher of the year honors four times, the "Great Seal of Michigan" award and the Chair Award from the Farmington Multicultural Multiracial Council. He has been recognized countless times for his unwavering focus on the education and moral growth of his students. In 2009, Principal Jones was also presented with the "Anne Frank Outstanding Educator Award," for his initiatives to educate his students on standing up for what is right.

Mr. Speaker, as a parent of public school students, I am proud to know such an outstanding and dedicated educator and it is my privilege to honor his work to improve the quality of education in Michigan. I know that I stand with many in saying Rick is a great leader, teacher and friend. I ask my colleagues to join me today as I honor Mr. Richard Jones for his lifetime commitment to educating and nurturing the development of thousands of students, on the occasion of his retirement from North Farmington High School.

CONGRATULATING CHRISTIAN SVETICS FOR OBTAINING THE RANK OF EAGLE SCOUT

HON. SANDY ADAMS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 22, 2011

Mrs. ADAMS. Mr. Speaker, I would like to congratulate Christian Svetics for achieving the rank of Eagle Scout.

Throughout the history of the Boy Scouts of America, the rank of Eagle Scout has only been attained through dedication to concepts such as honor, duty, country and charity. By applying these concepts to daily life, Christian has proven his true and complete understanding of their meanings, and thereby deserves this honor.

I offer my congratulations on a job well done and best wishes for the future.

REAL MEN COOK

HON. DANNY K. DAVIS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 22, 2011

Mr. DAVIS of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, Sunday, Father's Day, June 19, 2011, Real Men Cook was once again presented by the nonprofit,

Real Men Charities, Inc. for the 22nd consecutive year. Real Men Cook is the largest national service day event on Father's Day in the United States, demonstrating that real men are nurturing: providing sustenance, care, love, and work to build healthy families and communities.

It all began when Kofi Moyo and Yvette Moyo were joined by 10 women and 100 men in 1989 to create a commonsense way to increase male involvement, and to celebrate and demonstrate the rewards of family and community service.

Real Men Cook family celebrations are the nation's longest-running urban Father's Day family event, featuring male volunteers from neighborhoods in Atlanta, Chicago, Dallas, Houston, Los Angeles, Memphis, New Orleans, New York, Philadelphia, and Washington, DC, raising funds, and devoting time and resources to cook and serve samples of their favorite dishes to help nonprofit organizations.

Real Men Cook has transformed Father's Day globally into an exciting and highly anticipated day, growing the tradition of individual and group service and family celebrations around food. Real Men Cook turns the spotlight on the bonus fathers and father-figures who step in when biological fathers are not involved in the lives of children, and encourages the celebration of those men.

Real Men Cook generates national media attention each Father's Day, recognizing fathers and father-figures beyond grandfathers and uncles to coaches, ministers, teachers, neighbors and any man who has donated time and talent to help children and Real Men Cook events have been responsible for raising more than \$1 million for the Boys & Girls Clubs, Community Mental Health Council, the South Side YMCA, foundations, museums and family service organizations. In addition, Real Men Cook, through Real Men Charities, presents a Health & Wellness Pavilion in several cities on Father's Day, providing free health screenings, nutritional education, and fresh fruits and vegetables.

This year, Real Men Cook is co-sponsored by Verizon, K&G Fashion Superstore, Illinois Lottery, Moo & Oink, Provident Hospital of Cook County, the Urban Health Initiative of the University of Chicago Medical Centers, Blue Cross/Blue Shield of Illinois, and the Illinois Department of Children and Family Services.

I take special pride and satisfaction from my own longtime participation in Real Men Cook and I would encourage all Americans to follow this family tradition of volunteerism, family and community contribution on this Father's Day and Father's Days to come.

EQUAL RIGHTS AMENDMENT

HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 22, 2011

Mrs. MALONEY. Mr. Speaker, nearly 40 years have passed since the Congress passed the Equal Rights Amendment (also known as the Women's Equality Amendment). This historic Constitutional Amendment was intended to ensure equality for women and men in all areas of society.

The 27th amendment to the Constitution, which concerns Congressional pay raises, was

accepted after a 203 year ratification period. When Congress passed the ERA in 1972, it provided that the measure had to be ratified by the necessary number of states (38) within 7 years. This was later extended to the still tight deadline of 10 years, but unfortunately the ERA was just three states shy of full ratification when the deadline passed in 1982. We believe Congress should give the states another chance.

In the past several decades, women have made extraordinary strides toward achieving equality—but this progress is not irreversible. Without the ERA, women have often been denied the ability to seek justice when they have experienced discrimination. The Supreme Court decision in the Virginia Military Institute case (Virginia v. United States) helped clarify that gender "classifications may not be used . . . to create or perpetuate the legal, social, and economic inferiority of women." However, laws can still perpetuate gender classifications that keep women from achieving their full potential. Passage of the ERA is the Constitutional affirmation of the Supreme Court decision.

Our democracy rests on the principle of "liberty and justice for all." We need the ERA to ensure that this concept applies equal to women. I am pleased to introduce this bill with 158 bipartisan original cosponsors and urge my colleagues to support it.

REMEMBERING LEROY NESBIT, JR.

HON. DALE E. KILDEE

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 22, 2011

Mr. KILDEE. Mr. Speaker, it is with great sadness that I rise today to pay tribute to a dear friend, Leroy Nesbit, Jr. Leroy passed away on Monday, June 20th.

When I was a teacher at Flint Central High School, Leroy was a student there. My wife, Gayle, had Leroy as a student in her French class. Even in those early days, we could see his potential for leadership and vision, and Leroy lived up to his full potential. He went on to earn his Associates Degree in Business from Baker Business University, a Bachelor of Science Degree in Business Administration from Ferris State College, and a Masters Degree in Administration from Central Michigan University. He started working for AC Spark Plug as an auditor and worked his way up to a position on General Motors Government Relations Staff.

As an active volunteer in the credit union movement, Leroy served on the Dort Federal Credit Union Board of Directors since 1975. He held several leadership positions at Dort Federal Credit Union and he was active with credit unions on a national level. He served as the National President of the Council of GM Credit Unions, Chief Coordinator of the Combined Council of Automotive Credit Unions, he was active with the Michigan Credit Union League and the African-American Credit Union Coalition.

Leroy served as Chairman of the Flint Area Convention and Visitors Bureau, past Polemarch of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Chairman of the Northern Province Senior Kappa Affairs Committee and Northern Province Achievement Committee. He was a member of the Michigan Travel Commission, a

board member of the Flint Disability Network, and 3rd Vice President of the Mariah Consulting Group in Washington DC. He was awarded the General Motors Chairman's Award for Excellence in Community Affairs, the Michigan Credit Union League Hall of Fame—Distinguished Service Award, and the Robert L. Gordon Achievement Award from Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc.

A devout Christian, Leroy accepted Christ as his personal Savior and worshiped with the Macedonia Missionary Baptist Church where he is a former member of the Highlight Gospel Chorus and the Progressive Laymen. He leaves behind another church family to treasure his memory, the Mt. Olive Missionary Baptist Church.

Mr. Speaker, I ask the House of Representatives to join me in expressing condolences to Leroy's wife Gwendolyn, and his daughter, Jacqueline, his relatives, friends, and the many persons Leroy touched over the years. I have known Leroy since he was a child, watched him grow into an exemplary man, and valued his advice and his friendship. Leroy Nesbit, Jr. is a shining example of a man with the aptitude to excel and the vision to turn his dreams into reality. I will deeply miss him, his wisdom, and his enthusiasm for life.

A TRIBUTE TO THOMAS B.
SCHREIBEL

HON. F. JAMES SENSENBRENNER, JR.

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 22, 2011

Mr. SENSENBRENNER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of one of my longest-serving staff, Thomas B. Schreiber. Tom has been by my side for the past 27 years, serving in several roles, including my Chief of Staff for the past 10 years. While Tom's work ethic and guidance have earned him the title Chief of Staff, his loyalty, sense of humor and dedication have earned him the additional titles—friend, family and my peer.

Tom is a natural leader who has demonstrated his capabilities by setting examples and providing sound guidance and mentorship. For the past 27 years, Tom has worked with scores of interns, staffers and Members of Congress. No matter the person, he would treat everyone the same. He would avail himself to his colleagues to work through challenges when they needed his astute judgment or spend precious time with aspiring young staffers who knew that Tom's unique characteristics and insight would aid them in their own lives. Tom has also provided guidance to my colleagues in the House of Representatives who recognized that his expertise and experience in many areas have no equivalent. Throughout his career, Tom has turned many such working relationships into lasting friendships.

Tom's commitment to public service and Wisconsin's Fifth Congressional District has served our country well. As the Chairman of the House Committee on the Judiciary, I relied on Tom's depth of knowledge, counsel and political sense as I shepherded numerous bills through the House of Representatives. Tom was with me when the USA PATRIOT Act, Voting Rights Act, the Americans with Disabil-

ities Amendments Act and the REAL ID Act were passed by Congress and presented to the President for his signature. These, and many other laws I worked on, have made America safer, guaranteed the rights of the disabled, and protected the right to vote. Upon leaving this institution, Tom should know that he played a significant role in these important pieces of legislation.

Tom's departure from the U.S. House of Representatives will leave a void. He has been a rock that I have relied on throughout much of my tenure in Congress. Tom leaves behind a legacy of leadership and dedication that will be a saving grace to my staff, and indeed this institution, long into the future. His example will serve as a beacon of light to all those on Capitol Hill who wish to serve this nation and her people. I hope that future leaders in Congress will be as blessed as I have been.

Please join me in wishing Tom, his wife Dana, and son Brent, all of the best as Tom leaves Congress for new challenges and opportunities. On behalf of my family, the House of Representatives and my staff, I thank Tom for his service to this nation and her people, and congratulate him on a job well done.

CONGRATULATING MASON DOWDY
FOR OBTAINING THE RANK OF
EAGLE SCOUT

HON. SANDY ADAMS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 22, 2011

Mrs. ADAMS. Mr. Speaker, I would like to congratulate Mason Dowdy for achieving the rank of Eagle Scout.

For his Eagle Scout project, Mason provided trail markers for a youth ranch to help hundreds of young adults who re-enact a pioneer lifestyle. Throughout the history of the Boy Scouts of America, the rank of Eagle Scout has only been attained through dedication to concepts such as honor, duty, country and charity. By applying these concepts to daily life, Mason has proven his true and complete understanding of their meanings, and thereby deserves this honor.

I offer my congratulations on a job well done and best wishes for the future.

HONORING THE CITY OF SOUTH
BEND, INDIANA

HON. JOE DONNELLY

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 22, 2011

Mr. DONNELLY of Indiana. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the City of South Bend, Indiana, which was named a 2011 All-America City Award winner. South Bend received the honor for a second time, having previously won the award in 1967. The city was also a finalist in 2009.

South Bend was one of ten cities receiving the honor, after a delegation from the city told their stories of successful change, innovation and community pride. Highlights included the revitalization of the Northeast Neighborhood, a \$215 million mixed-use development and new

housing partnership between Indiana University and the University of Notre Dame, the redevelopment of a former hospital site, and the dedication of the Indiana University-South Bend Civil Rights Heritage Center. In addition, South Bend was honored for 212 Degrees Stars, a program in which teens influence their peers to stay in school and strive for excellence.

The All-America City competition was created in 1949 by the National Civic League (NCL), which is a non-partisan, non-profit organization that focuses on building healthy and prosperous communities. The competition recognizes cities for civic achievements. A national panel of jurors who are local government, business and nonprofit experts, recognizes the cities that effectively engage their residents, demonstrate environmental stewardship, and encourage job creation.

Once again, I offer my congratulations to Mayor Stephen Lueke, the members of the delegation team, the citizens of this fine city, and all those who have supported South Bend on the road to becoming an All-America City.

A TRIBUTE TO "KID" KELLY
COLOME

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 22, 2011

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize "Kid" Kelly Colome.

Kelly Colome was born in Rio Piedras, Puerto Rico to hard working parents who traveled from Dominican Republic in search of a better life. His father, who had a partial college education, took a job as a cook to support his young family. Kelly's mother was a hard working Christian mother who always made sure to take her four children to school, church, and family activities despite her constant suffering from chronic asthma since childhood. Kelly learned the value of hard work and efforts from having to go to school with his older brother at the age of 3. He fought and worked hard with his mother on progressing and skipping a grade to attend the same school as his brother.

In 1988, his parents moved with the family of six to Washington Heights, New York, where his father found a good art school for his son Kelly to continue his education and love for art and design.

In 1990, Kelly was accepted to the High School of Art and Design without having taken any formal art classes. He joined the high school baseball team and began practicing the sport of boxing simultaneously. He was able to pay for his boxing membership costs with his part time Saturday job at Isabella Geriatric Center on the Meals on Wheels neighborhood elderly meals program. Later that year, he continued practicing only boxing because he was more passionate towards this sport and the personal challenges involved with practicing the sport.

In 1994, he graduated from high school at the age of sixteen. He studied advertising design at New York City College of Technology while practicing boxing, working part time, and still finding time to socialize with family and friends. In 1997, he obtained an Associate's degree and in 2001, he earned a Bachelors of Technology in Communications Design.