

From my perspective, it is vitally important that we continue to support institutions such as the U.S. Botanic Garden not only because of its ability to preserve rare and vital plants essential to life but also for its potential to inspire the entrepreneurial spirit. We know its visitors will one day lead to increased economic output and job creation in the agricultural sector of our economy so dependent on innovation and advanced technology.

Therefore, I urge my colleagues to reject any amendment that would reduce funding to the U.S. Botanic Garden.

IN RECOGNITION OF DR. HERBERT PARDES

**HON. CHARLES B. RANGEL**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, July 22, 2011*

Mr. RANGEL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor, recognize, and celebrate my dear friend, Dr. Herbert Pardes, on his retirement as President and Chief Executive Officer of New York-Presbyterian Hospital.

Dr. Herbert Pardes has dedicated his life to advancing the medical profession and patient care. He received his medical degree from the State University of New York in Brooklyn and completed his residency in psychiatry at Kings County Hospital. He also received additional psychoanalytic training at the New York Psychoanalytic clinic.

Since 1999, Dr. Pardes has been President and CEO of New York-Presbyterian Hospital. Under his guidance the hospital has achieved an incredibly impressive record; it is top-ranked in the New York metropolitan area and is consistently ranked among the best academic medical institutions in the Nation. The Hospital is the largest not-for-profit hospital and one of the most comprehensive hospitals in the world.

Dr. Pardes has always been an active advocate for academic medicine and advancing medical technology. The importance he places on academic medicine has helped to produce a generation of new highly skilled doctors to combat emerging health issues. He participates at the State and local level by supporting legislation that increases the quality of care in hospitals. He is a passionate supporter for achieving the best possible medical care for all who need it.

Dr. Pardes was appointed by Congress and President George W. Bush to serve on the Commission on Systemic Interoperability, which initiated action to develop a national health information technology infrastructure. During the Clinton administration he served on an advisory commission on consumer protection and quality in the health care industry. He is Chairman Emeritus of the eHealth Initiative and serves on the boards of the Macy Foundation and Markle Foundation, which are dedicated to improving quality, safety and efficiency in health care.

Dr. Pardes is devoted to enhancing patient care. He implemented a campaign called We Put Patients First to humanize the hospital experience for patients and their families. He also launched myNYP.org, a website which allows patients and families to access personal health records online. Dr. Pardes has also strived towards fostering close interaction be-

tween the hospital and communities in New York. He initiated the Lang Youth Medical Program, a six-year science education and mentoring program for middle and high school students, and helped start the WIN for Asthma outreach program along with other community health screening events.

I greatly admire the leadership that Dr. Pardes has provided to the medical community. He has demonstrated great care for his patients and has tirelessly worked to improve their experience and the quality of their health care. He is an extraordinary example of the tremendous changes that can be accomplished through the dedication of one individual.

I ask my colleagues and a very grateful Nation to join me in this special Congressional Recognition of Dr. Herbert Pardes.

A TRIBUTE IN HONOR OF AUDREY RUST ON THE OCCASION OF HER RETIREMENT FROM PENINSULA OPEN SPACE TRUST

**HON. ANNA G. ESHOO**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, July 22, 2011*

Ms. ESHOO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Audrey Rust, a highly distinguished constituent, a nationally recognized leader of land preservation and a cherished friend on her 24 years as President, CEO and Executive Director of Peninsula Open Space Trust (POST).

Under her exceptional leadership since 1987, Ms. Rust has led POST, the Palo Alto, California based nonprofit land trust and has worked successfully in partnership with public agencies and private landowners to bring permanent protection to thousands of acres of open space lands in San Mateo, Santa Clara and Santa Cruz counties. Recognized across the country as a conservation innovator and champion, she has helped protect local landscapes that are now part of the National Park System, the National Wildlife Refuge System, the California State Parks, as well as county and city parks, regional open space preserves and private farmlands.

Before coming to POST, Ms. Rust worked with the Sierra Club, Yale University and Stanford University. She has served on the boards of numerous local, State and national organizations, primarily in the conservation and housing arena. She has received the Times Mirror-Chevron National Conservationist of the Year Award; the League of California Voters Environmental Leadership Award; the Cynthia Pratt Laughlin Medal; the Garden Club of America's top environmental honor; and the Jacqueline Kennedy Award from JFK University for her achievements in land conservation. Ms. Rust is a graduate of the University of Connecticut at Storrs.

I've been privileged to know and work with Audrey Rust for many years. She has been a friend, a mentor, and an inspiration to me and to thousands more. Audrey is one of the great environmental heroes of our Nation. Her determination and focus have shaped an extraordinary legacy and our entire Nation is grateful to her for leading the way in saving and preserving the world-class beauty and natural integrity of the Peninsula, South Bay and Coastside of California for generations to come.

Mr. Speaker, I'm very proud to have my Bay Area colleagues—Leader NANCY PELOSI; Representative SAM FARR; Representative MIKE HONDA; Representative ZOE LOFGREN; Representative JERRY MCNERNEY, and Representative JACKIE SPEIER join me in honoring Audrey Rust. I ask the entire House of Representatives to join me in honoring and thanking Audrey Rust for her unparalleled record of leadership and wish her a joyful retirement. Audrey Rust is indeed a national treasure and it is a privilege to represent her and call her my friend.

COMMENDING THE U.S. WOMEN'S SOCCER TEAM

**HON. LOUISE McINTOSH SLAUGHTER**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, July 22, 2011*

Ms. SLAUGHTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commend our U.S. Women's Soccer Team in their thrilling race to the World Cup Final. Although it was ultimately Japan who captured the World Cup Trophy, as a country we could not be more proud of our team, their tremendous effort throughout the Cup, and their grace in accepting defeat. Regardless of the outcome, there is much to be said about how their playing inspired a country. The attention of the world has turned to women's sports, and these women are serving as positive role models to young girls across the globe. It has been a long twelve years since the heroics of the victorious US Women's National Team in the 1999 World Cup, and I want to congratulate the 2011 team for exemplifying champions, win or lose. The image of Brandi Chastain, fists clenched, basking in the glory of a World Cup victory that captivated our spirits all those years ago still hangs on the wall of my office.

As a representative from western New York, I especially want to congratulate the amazing performance of Abby Wambach, a native of my hometown: Rochester, New York. She scored her 100th career international goal in Rochester and she carries with her the support of Rochesterians wherever she goes. She is a four-time winner of the U.S. Soccer Athlete of the Year award, and is currently the fourth all-time leading scorer in international soccer history. She scored the gold-medal-winning goal in the 2004 Olympics and saved the quarterfinal match in this year's cup against Brazil when she scored a gut-wrenching equalizer off her head in the final moments. In the semi final victory over France, she tallied two more scores, including the go-ahead goal against France in the 79th minute. Of the two amazing goals scored by the U.S. in the finals, Abby scored the go-ahead header in extra time, and Alex Morgan, a player for the Western New York Flash, scored the other.

Alex, a 22-year-old phenom, has impressed the world with her quick feet and prominence as a striker, and she is being heralded as the future star of U.S. women's soccer. The entire Upstate New York area is beaming with pride and admiration of these two players as they represented our area so well.

The fervor and enthusiasm for our team was encapsulated in the hero's welcome Abby received when she returned to Rochester, with