

and a clear demonstration of our enduring friendship with the Korean people.

Colombia and Panama are two of the United States' most critical allies in Latin America. With our help, and aided by their own determination, these two countries have made remarkable progress. Mr. Speaker, these two trade deals will build upon the investments that we have already made in these two countries. Colombia has demonstrated—with concrete actions—a genuine commitment to protecting its own people from violence. The rapidly expanding Panama remains a critical strategic partner and a literal gateway to maritime commerce in the Pacific. These new trade deals demonstrate America's long-term commitment to Colombia and Panama.

Mr. Speaker, I urge all my colleagues to support these Free Trade Agreements.

#### A TRIBUTE TO LORRAINE CANCRO

### HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, October 13, 2011*

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute and to honor Lorraine C. Cancro for her outstanding work with Veterans in my Brooklyn District.

Ms. Cancro has been working with returning veterans for most of her professional career—gaining a specialization as a clinician in treatment of returning veterans suffering from Traumatic Brain Injury, TBI, and Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder, PTSD. In this capacity Ms. Cancro has served many in her community that deal with this very serious disorder.

When Ms. Cancro is not dealing with individuals directly she contributes as a mental health editor for Exceptional Parent Magazine, writing articles on topics that include returning veterans who suffer from TBI and PTSD, and chronic pain among other disorders. These articles furthered her efforts to spread awareness of psychiatric disorders which impact the general population as well.

Ms. Cancro also serves as Director of the Global Stress Initiative, GSI, an affiliate of the International Committee against Mental Illness, ICAMI. Together with Emmy Awarding winning Anchor Rita Cosby, they have launched the American Heroes Tour, which is a fundraising arm of the GSI. The Tour will visit Major League Ballparks throughout the country and offer veterans, first responders, and their families' acknowledgement for their heroic efforts to preserve our freedom.

In response to those who suffer from PTSD, Ms. Cancro along with her colleagues spearheaded cutting edge research and treatment for TBI and PTSD. The tour culminated at the 11th Annual World Congress on Disabilities in Atlantic City, New Jersey, September 23rd and 24th, 2011. At last year's event in Dallas, Rita Cosby emceed the event and Admiral Mike Mullen, Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, was the keynote speaker.

Ms. Cancro has a specialty in Journalistic advocacy and development of mental health programs for research and treatment. She is a member of the International Committee Against Mental Illness (ICAMI)—Association for Stress Disorders, The David Lynch Foundation's Operation Warrior Wellness, Autism Speaks and Fountain House, Mental Health Advocacy.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to recognize Ms. Lorraine Cancro for her contribution to the education and awareness of veterans suffering from the various disorders of service can create.

PRESIDENT & CEO OF JEMNI, INC.,  
MARK ELLSON, OF WOODBURY, MN

### HON. MICHELE BACHMANN

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, October 13, 2011*

Mrs. BACHMANN. Mr. Speaker, this month, veteran business owners from across the nation are receiving special training through the National Center for the Veteran Institute for Procurement (VIP). Upon completion of this training, these veteran employers are equipped with the knowledge and skills to compete in the federal government contract process. Today it's my honor to recognize one of those veterans, President and CEO of JEMNI Inc., Mark Ellson, of Woodbury, Minnesota upon his graduation from VIP.

As a small-business owner, Mark brings more than 20 years of experience to providing services and products for his customers. Mark was a perfect candidate for the VIP certification because of his distinction as an Army combat and service disabled veteran and his dedication to hiring other disabled veterans. VIP invests in veteran-owned businesses because they know owners, like Mark, will strongly consider hiring and mentoring a veteran for future business growth. This VIP certification strengthens Mark's ability to secure federal government contracts that will grow his business, and in turn, increase job opportunities for veterans.

Mr. Speaker, Mark's dedication to veterans is admirable in every way and it is my sincere wish that the VIP certification will continue to create jobs for these heroes in Minnesota's Sixth Congressional District and beyond. Please join me in congratulating Mark Ellson of JEMNI, Inc. on his graduation from the National Center for the Veteran Institute for Procurement.

#### UNITED STATES-KOREA FREE TRADE AGREEMENT IMPLEMENTATION ACT

SPEECH OF

### HON. FRED UPTON

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 11, 2011*

Mr. UPTON. Mr. Speaker, thanks to my good friend and Michigan colleague DAVE CAMP for his leadership on this issue. I come from the State of Michigan, where there is no single issue of greater importance than jobs and the economy.

The fact is hundreds of thousands of American jobs rely on exports, and promoting a robust trade agenda will only help bolster our economy and create more jobs. 95 percent of the world's consumers live outside of the United States, so opening up their markets for our manufactured and agricultural goods is a matter of common sense.

In 2010, U.S. exports totaled more than \$1.8 trillion, or 12.5 percent of GDP. Michigan

ranks 8th in the nation for the number of export-dependent jobs. In 2008, nearly 12,000 companies exported goods from locations within our state. And last year, Michigan export shipments totaled some \$44.5 billion.

The three pending free trade agreements are expected to increase Michigan agriculture exports by \$45 million per year—the agreement with South Korea alone will increase Michigan pork exports by \$4.5 million annually.

The medical device industry also stands to benefit greatly from these agreements. Demand for medical devices in South Korea is expected to grow by 10 percent each year, and the new duty-free status given to devices will give companies like Stryker, headquartered in my district, unprecedented access to that market. In fact, it is my understanding that medical device sales may increase as much as \$1 billion. This legislation finally allows us, the United States, to reverse course and export products rather than jobs. Isn't that a good thing? Of course it is!

By removing barriers to U.S. exports, American job creators will have significant new market access: that good news for business, jobs, and Southwest Michigan; and the entire country.

#### A TRIBUTE TO DR. DOUGLAS LAZZARO

### HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, October 13, 2011*

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute and to honor Mr. Douglas Lazzaro for his exceptional service to Brooklyn and the Greater New York area in the field of corneal transplantation and other complex corneal surgeries.

Dr. Lazzaro, the Richard C. Troutman M.D. Distinguished Chair in Ophthalmology and Ophthalmic Microsurgery, serves as Professor and Chairman of the Department of Ophthalmology at SUNY Downstate. Dr. Lazzaro received his MD degree and his residency training in ophthalmology at SUNY Downstate and then completed a cornea and refractive surgery fellowship at the Manhattan Eye, Ear, and Throat Hospital and Cornell Medical Center.

Dr. Lazzaro has been involved in residency training since 1994 and has served in a variety of roles since then. He was director of surgical training at the Kings County Hospital Center for a decade and has been its Chief of Ophthalmology from 2001 to the present time. This eye service is the largest in the NYC Health and Hospitals Corporation and currently sees over 27,000 outpatients regularly. In addition to being responsible for the design of the clinic, Dr. Lazzaro has been serving as President of the Medical Board at Kings county since 2010.

The ophthalmology residency that Dr. Lazzaro directs is one of the largest in the United States and is recognized as one of the top training programs in the NYC area. Dr. Lazzaro serves on the board of the Eye Bank for Sight Restoration and the NY Society for Clinical Ophthalmology, and was recently elected to the NY Ophthalmic Laser Society.

Dr. Lazzaro has also been the recipient of many other awards including: Attending of the

Year in Ophthalmology at Kings County Hospital Center in 2002 and 2007, and Attending of the Year in Ophthalmology at SUNY Downstate Medical Center in 2003 and was the recipient of the Community Service Award for Visions/Services for the Blind and Visually Impaired in 2007, he has been elected to New York Super Doctors in 2008, 2009, and 2010 and was elected a lifetime member of Swathmore's Who's Who. Dr. Lazzaro also received the Outstanding Faculty Award from the Daniel Hale Williams Society at SUNY Downstate Medical Center in 2010.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to recognize Dr. Douglass Lazzaro for his contribution to the health of Brooklyn residents.

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PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. FREDERICA S. WILSON**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, October 13, 2011*

Ms. WILSON of Florida. Mr. Speaker, on Rollcall No. 781 on passage of H.R. 3078. To implement the United States-Columbia Trade Promotion Agreement; Rollcall No. 782 on passage of H.R. 3079, To implement the United States-Panama Trade Promotion Agreement; Rollcall No. 783 on passage H.R. 3080, To implement the United States-Korea Trade Agreement; and Rollcall No. 784 on the motion to concur in the Senate amendment to H.R. 2832, To extend the Generalized System of Preferences, and for other purposes, I am not recorded because of an absence due to illness. Had I been present, I would have voted "nay," "nay," "nay," and "yea," respectively.

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TRIBUTE TO HONOR FLIGHT OF  
EASTERN OREGON

**HON. GREG WALDEN**

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, October 13, 2011*

Mr. WALDEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the 27 World War II veterans from Oregon who will be visiting their memorial this Friday in Washington, D.C. through Honor Flight of Eastern Oregon. On behalf of a grateful State and country, we welcome these heroes to the Nation's capital.

The veterans on this flight from Oregon are: Raymond Kurshner, U.S. Air Force; Lelus Jack Baucum, U.S. Army; Frank M. Chuk, U.S. Army; Audrey J. Johnson, U.S. Army; Albert J. Phillips, U.S. Army, and Harold M. Tucker, U.S. Army; Duane Gilchrist, U.S. Army Air Corps; Truman D. Logan, U.S. Army Air Corps, and Victor E. Mattila, U.S. Army Air Corps; Rex E. Esch, U.S. Coast Guard; Hattie H. Kelley, U.S. Marines; Floyd E. Kirby, U.S. Marines, and Dwight Patit Riggs, Jr., U.S. Marines; Lawrence Bird, U.S. Navy; Phoebe Helen DeGree, U.S. Navy; Anthony Galluzzo, U.S. Navy; Robert P. Maley, U.S. Navy; Lorene F. Mattila, U.S. Navy; Richard J. Nelson, U.S. Navy; Robert Leo Olson, U.S. Navy; Paul R. Scandlyn, U.S. Navy, and George N. Fogg, U.S. Navy/Air Force.

These 22 heroes join more than 63,000 veterans from across the country who, since 2005, have journeyed from their home States

to Washington, D.C. to reflect at the memorials built in honor of our Nation's veterans.

Mr. Speaker, each of us is humbled by the courage of these soldiers, sailors, airmen and Marines who put themselves in harm's way for our country and way of life. As a Nation, we can never fully repay the debt of gratitude owed to them for their honor, commitment, and sacrifice in defense of the freedoms we have today.

My colleagues, please join me in thanking these veterans and the volunteers of Honor Flight of Eastern Oregon for their exemplary dedication and service to this great country.

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A TRIBUTE TO SAMUEL DUNSTON

**HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, October 13, 2011*

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute and to honor Samuel L. Dunston for his financial business that serves the greater Brooklyn community.

Mr. Dunston has been working to improve worker benefits for the better of 40 years, and has lead an outstanding minority operated and owned businesses in New York. Mr. Dunston takes pride in knowing that he offers a highly regarded service to the residents of Brooklyn and has gained the esteemed support of many organizations in his career. Groups such as the Boys Scouts Council, numerous church councils & the Kiwanis Club are as eager for this counsel as are the boards of directors of the Brooklyn Chamber of Commerce, for which he is chairman of the Women & Minority Business Development Committee, the Brooklyn District Attorney's Office, the Central Brooklyn Coordinating Council, the Brooklyn Hospital Community Advisory Board and New York City Technical College Small Business Advisory Council.

Mr. Dunston works equally as comfortably with the neighborhood as he does with Corporate Leaders. He puts as much energy into protecting the family of a client who can only afford \$4.00 a week for a Life Insurance policy as he does for an impressive list of companies on his clients' roster. Several companies he represents are Amalgamated Union, Bethel Baptist Church, and Social Concern Community Development Corp.

In addition to his advocacy through his organization, Mr. Dunston sits on the boards of the Greater New York Chapter of the 100 Community Advisory Board; the CABS Nursing Home, the Brooklyn Sports Foundation, Brooklyn Hospital and the United States-New Independent States Chamber of Commerce. Mr. Dunston cherishes his family which consists of his own children, grandchildren and great grandchildren. Mr. Dunston and his wife, Pastor Patricia Dunston, are long time residents of Freeport, New York.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to recognize Mr. Samuel Dunston for his financial services expertise and community partnerships he has built with Brooklyn and its residents.

RECOGNIZING THE UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI FOR CELEBRATING ITS 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF HOMECOMING

**HON. BLAINE LUETKEMEYER**

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, October 13, 2011*

Mr. LUETKEMEYER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the University of Missouri for celebrating its 100th anniversary of Homecoming.

In 1891, Missouri and Kansas began what is believed to be the oldest college football rivalry west of the Mississippi River. After 20 years of playing at neutral sites, the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) passed legislation to move collegiate games to campus football fields. This was the birth of a vision for the first Homecoming celebration at Mizzou.

That vision began with two words from athletic director and head football coach Chester Brewer in 1911. Determined to add excitement to the rivalry with the Jayhawks, Coach Brewer called on graduates to 'come home.'

And come home they did—with a spirit rally, parade and, of course, a football game. And so the Homecoming tradition at Mizzou began.

Mizzou still has its annual parade and rally and holds the world record for the largest peacetime blood drive on a college campus, which occurs during Homecoming. Also part of the celebration are community service projects, a talent competition and the Homecoming Hall of Fame.

In closing, I ask all my colleagues to join me in offering the University of Missouri congratulations on the 100th anniversary of Homecoming.

Go Mizzou!

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PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. LOUISE McINTOSH SLAUGHTER**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, October 13, 2011*

Ms. SLAUGHTER. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably detained and missed Rollcall vote numbers 780, 781, 782, 783, 784, 785. Had I been present, I would have voted "aye" on Rollcall vote numbers 780, 784, and 785. I would have voted "no" on Rollcall vote numbers 781, 782, 783.

H.R. 3078, Motion to Recommit, No. 780, "aye."

H.R. 3078, Final Passage, No. 781, "no."

H.R. 3079, Final Passage, No. 782, "no."

H.R. 3089, Final Passage, No. 783, "no."

H.R. 2832, Motion to Concur, No. 784, "aye."

H.R. 2433, Motion to Suspend Rules, Pass, No. 785, "aye."

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A TRIBUTE TO REV. ROBERT  
WATERMAN

**HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, October 13, 2011*

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute and to honor Rev. Robert Waterman for his leadership as a pastor, doctor,