

soon be retiring after nearly forty-eight years of service to our nation.

Robert G. Mahony was born and raised in Chicago, Illinois, and attended the University of Notre Dame. When he graduated, in 1961, Bob was commissioned a 2nd Lieutenant in the United States Army. He attended law school at Loyola University Chicago and earned his J.D. in 1965. For the following two years, Bob served on active duty, including a combat tour in Vietnam. After returning home, he became a member of the Army Reserves and transferred to the Judge Advocate General Corps.

Service in the military was only the beginning for Bob. In 1967, he began work as a trial attorney for the Criminal Division of the Department of Justice here in Washington. After nine years there, he spent a year in private practice and was subsequently appointed as an Administrative Law Judge at the Department of Labor, serving in that capacity for twenty years. Since 1997, Bob has been an Administrative Law Judge at the Securities and Exchange Commission.

Throughout his civilian career, Bob remained in the Army Reserves, serving with distinction as the Commander of the 10th Military Law Center and later as Staff Judge Advocate for the 97th Army Reserve Command at Fort Meade. He retired as a Colonel in 1991 and received the Legion of Merit for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services and achievements. Bob is also a holder of the Vietnam Service Medal, the National Defense Service Medal, and the Vietnam Campaign Medal from the former South Vietnamese government.

Bob's commitment to public service extends as well to involvement in the community. He has served for over three decades as an official of the Northern Virginia Swimming League and for over twenty-five years as a basketball coach with the Braddock Road Youth Club, Saint Mary's Academy in Alexandria, the Holy Spirit Catholic Church in Annandale, and the Holy Trinity School in Washington.

Bob and his wife, Margaret, have been married for forty-four years and instilled in their four children a love of public service. I have borne witness to this, since their daughter, Gina, used to work on my staff.

Bob Mahony will retire from government service on January 3 after forty-seven years, eleven months, and twelve days. I join in thanking him for his dedicated service to our country and wishing him all the best in his retirement. Like all of our public servants, he can look back on his career and know he made a real difference in the lives of many Americans and the life of our nation.

CONGRATULATING MARLENE
BLUM FOR RECEIVING THE 2011
LAWRENCE V. FOWLER AWARD

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 6, 2011

Mr. CONNOLLY of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Marlene Blum on receiving the Lawrence V. Fowler Award. The Fairfax County, Virginia, government gives the Fowler award annually to a citizen volunteer who has served on a County board, authority

or commission and who has demonstrated exceptional service to the community.

Marlene has committed herself to volunteer service on the often-overlooked advisory boards and commissions that are nonetheless so vital to the functioning of a caring community. She has, through mastery of areas like health care and human services, given us a model of how a single person can affect policy and programs that improve the lives of our entire community. Her wisdom and counsel continue to be indispensable in everything Fairfax County does in health and human services.

I have been privileged to call Marlene a friend for many years now, and I have worked very closely with her on countless issues. Her dedication and hard work have been inspirational. Marlene has been a truly transformative figure, leading by deed and example, improving the lives of the very youngest to the very oldest.

Over the years, Marlene has served in a number of different roles on a number of different boards and committees, generously giving of her time and expertise. She was President of the Fairfax County Council of Parent Teacher Student Association and promoted student needs. As Chairman of the Fairfax County School Health Task Force, Marlene led the effort to place public health nurses in every school. She led the effort to create the Community Health Care Network which provides primary health care to uninsured and underinsured individuals. Marlene helped create the County's HIV/AIDS Task Force in 1989 providing prevention and education assistance. She served on the Planning Committee to End Homelessness, providing blueprint recommendations. Marlene was instrumental in the creation of the Medically Fragile Respite Program in 2006, providing medically needy homeless individuals with critically needed care. Marlene served as the first Chairman of the Consolidated Community Funding Pool Advisory Committee, providing funding allocation recommendations for the County's various human services needs and helping to establish a professional, nonpartisan procedure for allocating human services funding.

One cannot overstate the profound impact Marlene Blum has had on the daily lives of Fairfax County residents over her more than 20 years of service, and she is an indispensable resource for our community. She truly represents a living example that one determined citizen does make a difference. I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Marlene Blum for receiving the 2011 Lawrence V. Fowler award and to take this opportunity to recognize all of our tireless citizen volunteers who give of themselves to better our communities.

RECOGNIZING MRS. AUDREY
QUARLES ANDERSON FOR HER
CONTRIBUTIONS TO EDUCATION
AND SERVICE IN HOLMES COUN-
TY, MISSISSIPPI

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 6, 2011

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mrs. Audrey Quarles Anderson of Lexington, Mississippi.

Mrs. Anderson is the wife of Mr. Matt Anderson, mother to Shakita Quarles and Shakemia Anderson and grandmother to Cason Hughes. Mrs. Anderson is an active member of the Durant Church of Christ where she serves as Sunday school teacher and coordinator for several of the church's special events and projects.

Mrs. Anderson has devoted a great deal of her life to supporting and encouraging the youth of her community. She was named Mississippi's Second Congressional District Parent of the Year in recognition of her many contributions to protect the welfare of the children of her community.

She is co-founder of Coats for Kids, a program that provides coats to children who are in need within the Holmes County area. She is an adult volunteer with the Girl Scouts, area cheerleading squads, and the Community Students Learning Center After-School Tutorial program.

Mrs. Anderson is a 1989 graduate of Jacob J. McClain High School and is a strong proponent of education. She stands firmly on her beliefs in regard to education and is not afraid to vocalize it. Mrs. Anderson is not only a wife, parent, and grandparent, but she is also a very valuable asset to the Holmes County community.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you and our colleagues join me in expressing my appreciation to Mrs. Audrey Quarles Anderson of Lexington, Mississippi for her commitment and servitude to the cause of education.

HONORING MARIE CLARKE ARTURI
AND HER DAUGHTER, DANIELLA
MARIA ARTURI

HON. CAROLYN MCCARTHY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 6, 2011

Mrs. MCCARTHY of New York. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Mrs. Marie Clarke Arturi of Laurel, Suffolk County, New York, the recipient of the 2011 American Society of Hematology (ASH) Outstanding Service Award in recognition of her efforts over more than a decade to raise public awareness and increase scientific research for the rare bone marrow failure disorder, Diamond Blackfan Anemia (DBA).

Mrs. Arturi founded the Daniella Maria Arturi Foundation with her husband, Manny, in honor of their daughter Daniella's short but beautiful life, whose death from treatment complications of DBA on this day sixteen years ago, December 6, 1995. This marked the beginning of the Arturis' tireless efforts to improve the clinical care environment for those living with this disorder and to inspire a remarkable and growing field of researchers now dedicated to this field of science.

Mrs. Arturi's efforts have helped shine a light on the value of understanding rare diseases. By demonstrating DBA's complex link to red cell aplasia, birth defects, cancer predisposition, and the first human disease identified as a ribosomal protein defect disorder, her work has made DBA an important area of focus within the National Institutes of Health, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and clinical and research communities worldwide. These efforts are now leading to

improvements in care and research for patients with blood disorders like DBA, while also leading to advanced research initiatives that are yielding clues to other, more widespread disease populations.

The 2011 Outstanding Service Award will be presented to Mrs. Arturi during the 53rd American Society of Hematology Annual Meeting in San Diego, California, on December 11, 2011.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me today in congratulating Mrs. Marie Clarke Arturi and her family for their outstanding public service to rare disease communities and those living with Diamond Blackfan Anemia in honor of Daniella Maria Arturi.

RECOGNIZING MR. DENNIS ROBERTS, RECIPIENT OF THE DYNACORP INTERNATIONAL CHAIRMAN'S PURPLE STAR AWARD

HON. ADAM SMITH

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 6, 2011

Mr. SMITH of Washington. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mr. Dennis Roberts for being the recipient of the DynCorp International Chairman's Purple Star Award. This award recognizes Mr. Roberts' courage and sacrifice while working as a security coordinator in Afghanistan.

The Chairman's Purple Star Award is the highest honor given by DynCorp to its employees. It recognizes individuals who have been killed or wounded while supporting a customer's mission for their exceptional sacrifice.

In February of 2010, Mr. Roberts was supporting our Armed Forces at Kandahar Air Field, Afghanistan. During a sudden rocket attack that was launched upon the installation, Mr. Roberts was struck and severely injured by the motor that separated from the rocket. It penetrated a nearby vehicle before striking Mr. Roberts, who suffered severe injuries to his chest, hand, and shoulder.

In the time since the attack, Mr. Roberts has overcome great hardship, undergoing numerous surgeries and completing extensive physical rehabilitation to recover from his injuries. He is also working towards his bachelor's degree and upon his expected graduation next year, hopes to use his education and experience to continue working to support America's security.

Mr. Speaker, it is an honor to recognize Dennis Roberts for receiving this award and I ask that my colleagues in the House of Representatives please join me in congratulating him.

COMMEMORATING WORLD WIDE SIRES 40TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. DEVIN NUNES

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 6, 2011

Mr. NUNES. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to extend my congratulations to World Wide Sires as they celebrate their 40th anniversary.

World Wide Sires was established in 1971 in Hanford, California, a small town in the San

Joaquin Valley. From his home farm, founder Bill Clark recognized the benefits of genetic potential and its role in producing the most efficient and highest quality livestock. Today, World Wide Sires is the world's leading cattle genetics marketing organization with active markets in over 70 countries.

In 2001, World Wide Sires Inc. was purchased by Accelerated Genetics and Select Sires and became World Wide Sires Ltd. Still operating as a stand-alone company, World Wide Sires has continued to use the San Joaquin Valley as the hub for their growing international sales, maintaining headquarters in Visalia, California. During its 40 years, World Wide Sires has sold products in 108 countries, all from only a few miles away from founder Bill Clark's original home farm.

A leading exporter of US bovine genetic material, World Wide Sires remains committed to providing dairy and beef producers throughout the world with the highest quality genetics and services available. I applaud World Wide Sires for their hard work and dedication to the agricultural community, and I congratulate them on their 40th anniversary.

BURMA

HON. JOSEPH R. PITTS

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 6, 2011

Mr. PITTS. Mr. Speaker, I am deeply concerned about the international community's recent trust in assurances that Burma is opening up to the world and becoming a true democracy in which the rights of all people in Burma are protected. There have been some positive steps taken recently by the dictators, however, until we see permanency in these changes, we would all do well to remain deeply cautious.

One important issue the Secretary of State addressed during her visit this week to Burma regarded the attacks by the dictatorship's troops against the ethnic minorities. It is vital, and I cannot emphasize this enough, that leaders of the various ethnic groups be included in any and all discussions, dialogue and decision about the future of Burma. I would call your attention to the call by the U.N. for a tri-partite dialogue—all three parties, the dictatorship, the democracy groups and the ethnic groups, must be included fully in all negotiations and agreements in order for true change to come to Burma. This is even more important when, during this visit and the recent ASEAN meetings, the dictatorship was violently attacking one or more ethnic groups.

A few years ago, I submitted a Statement for this Record describing the Advanced Light Helicopters that India sold to Burma. The dictators of Burma used these, plus other military hardware sold to them by a variety of nations against the ethnic minority civilian populations. The brutality of Burma's Generals against the ethnic minorities has not stopped, even during this time when they are allegedly making democratic reforms. Therefore, we as a democratic, free nation must be extremely careful of what the Generals are really up to—they haven't proven themselves trustworthy in the past.

I would like to submit for the RECORD, a short letter to the Secretary from Ms. Zipporah

Sein, Secretary General of the Karen National Union.

I urge the Secretary of State, when engaging in further dialogues with the Burmese government, to proceed with the utmost caution.

OFFICE OF THE SUPREME HEAD-
QUARTERS, KAREN NATIONAL
UNION, KAWTHOOLEI,

November 25, 2011.

Hon. HILLARY RODHAM CLINTON,
Secretary of State,
Washington, DC.

DEAR MADAM SECRETARY: Thank you for your constant support and encouragement for the people of Burma.

The leaders of the Karen National Union (KNU), welcome your engagement with the government of Burma and your leadership alongside Daw Aung San Suu Kyi to bring to the forefront the need to see an end to the ongoing conflicts in the ethnic states and an end to the oppression of all people inside Burma.

We the KNU would like to ask you to take the lead to recognize the desires of all the ethnic groups, both armed and unarmed, to be treated as equals in the effort to establish a genuine federal union: A union that recognizes the rule of law and recognizes the equality of all.

We invite you to meet with ethnic leaders from all of the ethnic organizations both armed and unarmed as we move forward to work toward a peaceful and stable nation where our citizens can truly be free from governmental oppression. We need your help and your engagement with all of us.

Sincerely,

ZIPPORAH SEIN,
General Secretary, Karen National Union.

CONGRATULATING THE ROCK BRIDGE HIGH SCHOOL BRUINS BOYS CROSS COUNTRY TEAM

HON. BLAINE LUETKEMEYER

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 6, 2011

Mr. LUETKEMEYER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating the Rock Bridge High School Bruins Boys Cross Country team for winning the Class 4 Missouri State Championship.

The young men and their coaches should be commended for all of their hard work throughout the regular season and bringing home the state title to their school and community. At the State Cross Country Championships in Jefferson City, the Bruins won the state title with a score of 61, 28 points better than second place. They have made history for the school, as it is the Rock Bridge boys' first state title.

I ask that you join me in recognizing the Rock Bridge Bruins for a job well done!

HONORING LARENCE C. "LARRY" MAXWELL

HON. JEFF DENHAM

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 6, 2011

Mr. DENHAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Veterans of Foreign Wars Chowchilla Post 9896 Life Member Larence C. "Larry"