

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

HONORING EAST TEXAS BAPTIST UNIVERSITY FOR ITS 100TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. LOUIE GOHMERT

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 27, 2012

Mr. GOHMERT. Mr. Speaker, tucked away in northeast Texas is the historic city of Marshall, Texas. As the seat of Harrison County, Marshall is also home to East Texas Baptist University, a respected institution of higher learning. In its one hundred year history, student enrollment at ETBU has grown from a few hundred students to a vibrant, bustling campus filled with more than twelve hundred young men and women seeking a college degree. This year marks the one hundredth anniversary of the trustees' application for a charter from the State of Texas in 1912 to begin what was then known as the College of Marshall, and it is a great privilege to recognize this momentous centennial event.

In 1944 the College of Marshall, under the direction of the Baptist General Convention, changed its name to East Texas Baptist College. Then in 1957, the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools granted accreditation to the institution which helped establish its enduring academic credibility. The University Charter was revised in 1984, changing the institutional name to what we now know as East Texas Baptist University.

ETBU boasts a number of notable alumni including two former members of this esteemed body: John Dowdy, Texas, Member of the United States House of Representatives (1967–1973) and Sam B. Hall, Member of the United States House of Representatives (1976–85) and United States District Judge (1985–94).

ETBU stands by its commitment to the “development of intellectual inquiry, social consciousness, wellness, and skills for a contemporary society, global awareness, and Christian character.” Its focus is on “quality academic programs in the humanities, natural and social sciences, fine arts, and selected professional areas.” Staff and faculty of ETBU “affirm that the liberal arts form the surest foundation for education and that the Christian faith provides the surest foundation for life.”

As a Baptist university, ETBU is committed to the integration of learning and Christian faith in the pursuit of truth. The beautiful campus of ETBU is located at the highest elevation in Harrison County, and represents a beacon of higher learning to students who venture to the piney woods of east Texas in pursuit of a quality, upper level, truly Christian based liberal arts education.

It is an enormous honor to represent the students and faculty of ETBU, so it brings me great pride today that to recognize East Texas Baptist University on its century of instilling academic excellence while integrating faith with learning. Following the years of loyal service by Dr. Samuel W. “Dub” Oliver as

President, ETBU is well poised for continued success in the future.

Heartfelt congratulations are extended to the faculty, staff, students and alumni of East Texas Baptist University, as their legacy of distinction is now recorded in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD that will endure as long as there is a United States of America. Their excellence in faithfully sustaining the ethical, spiritual and intellectual foundations of a God centered education makes it my great honor to be their servant in the United States House of Representatives.

COMMEMORATING THE SUMGAIT POGROMS AGAINST AZERBAIJANI ARMENIANS

HON. ANNA G. ESHOO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. ESHOO. Mr. Speaker, February 27th marks the 24th anniversary of a violent and horrific attack against Azerbaijani citizens of Armenian descent. The 1988 attacks began in the town of Sumgait in Soviet Azerbaijan. Dozens of Armenians were killed, and hundreds more were wounded. During what even the Soviet government officially described as a “pogrom”—an organized massacre of helpless people—Armenian women and children were raped, and people were set on fire and beaten to death, all while police stood by.

Tragically, the events in Sumgait presaged further pogroms in Kirovabad in November of 1988 and Baku in January of 1990. This violence initiated a broader attack against Azerbaijan's Armenian population, resulting in thousands of deaths. The conflict persists today, and the Azeri military blockade of the Nagorno-Karabakh Republic and other aggression sadly continues.

For me, it is also a very personal remembrance. My own family fled the slaughter of the Armenian Genocide under the Ottomans, and when we learned of the massacres against Armenians in 1988, we saw history repeating itself. These vicious acts of murder targeted at ethnic groups, must be forcefully condemned whenever and wherever we see them. Yet 96 years after the slaughter of Armenians, the U.S. House of Representatives has yet to officially recognize the Armenian genocide.

Without our recognition and our forceful condemnation, the cycle of violence will continue. Today, Christians and other minority groups are being driven from Iraq by extremists, and the once large and diverse ethnic communities are being eradicated. Without our attention and action by the world community, there will be no end to this senseless violence around the world.

Today, let us remember the Armenians who lost their lives in Azerbaijan in 1988, and pray that the world will finally take greater account of these atrocities and work together. Let us

take up the work that our principles demand of us, standing united against ethnic violence, discrimination, extremism and brutality, wherever we find it.

RECOGNIZING THE ACHIEVEMENTS OF JOHN R. BAILEY

HON. JIM GERLACH

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 27, 2012

Mr. GERLACH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate John R. Bailey of Chester County, Pennsylvania on his retirement after 34 years of law enforcement service with the Tredyffrin Township Police Department.

Detective Sergeant Bailey began his law enforcement career with Tredyffrin Township on December 5, 1977. In 1986, he joined the Detective Division and became Detective Supervisor in 1994, eventually being promoted to Detective Sergeant in 2002.

In June 2002, Detective Sergeant Bailey founded the Tri-County Regional Investigators group, a network of law enforcement agencies who work together by sharing information about criminal activity resulting in the successful resolution of crimes that would otherwise remain unsolved. A graduate of the FBI National Academy Session #223, he has served as an Adjunct Professor at Wilmington University, Delaware County Community College and Immaculata University.

Recently elected to the position of Magisterial District Judge after being certified by the Pennsylvania Minor Judiciary Board, Detective Sergeant Bailey holds a Masters Degree in Administrative Science from Farleigh Dickinson University.

Mr. Speaker, in light of his years of exemplary service to his community and litany of sterling accomplishments too long to record, I ask that my colleagues join me today in recognizing Detective Sergeant John R. Bailey for his invaluable contributions to the quality of life of the citizens of Tredyffrin Township, Chester County, Pennsylvania and our entire nation.

REMEMBERING FORMER CONGRESSWOMAN KATIE HALL

HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKY

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 27, 2012

Mr. VISCLOSKY. Mr. Speaker, it is with deep sadness and great respect that I take this time to remember one of Northwest Indiana's most valued citizens and my predecessor, former Congresswoman Katie Beatrice Hall. Throughout her prestigious career, Katie's contributions to the people of Northwest Indiana and across the nation are exemplary, and she is worthy of the highest praise. Mrs. Hall passed away on Monday, February

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20, 2012, but her legacy will live on forever in the hearts and minds of those she served.

Congresswoman Hall grew up in Mound Bayou, Mississippi, during the pre-civil rights era. Segregation laws were strict in the South during that time, and she learned early in life how to succeed despite great opposition. In 1960, Katie earned a bachelor's degree from Mississippi Valley State University. Later, she moved to Indiana and continued her education, earning a master's degree from Indiana University, Bloomington, in 1968.

The Congresswoman's involvement in politics began when she campaigned for former Mayor of Gary Richard Hatcher. Her work on the campaign further fueled her desire to serve others and inspired her to run for elected office. Prior to becoming a Member of Congress, she served in the Indiana House of Representatives from 1974 to 1976 and was then elected to the Indiana Senate, serving from 1976 to 1982. As a member of the Indiana General Assembly, Mrs. Hall was influential in establishing the Genesis Center, Hudson-Campbell Fitness Center, and the Adam Benjamin Metro Center, in Gary. Katie also served as the Chair for the Lake County Democratic Committee from 1978 to 1980 and for the Indiana Democratic Convention in 1980. In 1982, following the untimely passing of United States Congressman Adam Benjamin, Jr., Katie won the special election to complete his term in office and to represent the First Congressional District of Indiana in the 98th Congress, becoming the first African American from Indiana elected to serve in the United States House of Representatives. While in office, Katie served as Chairwoman of the Post Office and Civil Services Subcommittee on Census and Population. During her time in Congress, Representative Hall made a truly historic contribution through her sponsorship of the bill that made Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s birthday a national holiday. This bill had been stalled in the House for fourteen years, and through her passion and persistence, Katie was successful in establishing this recognition of Dr. King.

Mrs. Hall was a trailblazer for the Civil Rights Movement and a devoted public servant to her community, state, and nation. In the years following her term, Katie continued her life of public service as City Clerk for Gary, Indiana, from 1988 to 2003.

Katie Hall leaves behind a loving family. She is survived by her cherished husband, John Henry Hall, as well as her adoring daughters, Jacqueline and Junifer, and her beloved granddaughter, Kristina. She also leaves behind many other dear friends and family members, as well as a saddened community and a grateful nation.

Mr. Speaker, I respectfully ask that you and my other distinguished colleagues join me in remembering the Honorable Katie Hall for her tremendous contributions to the people of her community, the State of Indiana, and the United States of America. Her life of public service is to be admired. Her legacy will serve as an inspiration to us all.

A TRIBUTE TO KALE RYAN
RENDER

HON. TOM LATHAM

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 27, 2012

Mr. LATHAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Kale Render of Indianola for achieving the rank of Eagle Scout.

The Eagle Scout rank is the highest advancement rank in scouting. Only about five percent of Boy Scouts earn the Eagle Scout Award. The award is a performance-based achievement with high standards that have been well-maintained over the years.

To earn the Eagle Scout rank, a Boy Scout is obligated to pass specific tests that are organized by requirements and merit badges, as well as completing an Eagle Project to benefit the community. Kale's project included landscaping and renovating Indianola's National Balloon Classic Launch Field. The work ethic Kale has shown in this project, and every other project leading up to his Eagle Scout rank, speaks volumes of his commitment to serving a cause greater than himself.

Mr. Speaker, the example set by this young man and his supportive family demonstrates the rewards of hard work, dedication and perseverance. I am honored to represent Kale and his family in the United States Congress. I know that all of my colleagues in the House will join me in congratulating him on obtaining the Eagle Scout ranking, and will wish him continued success in his future education and career.

A TRIBUTE TO GAVINA
GAUDARRAMA

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 27, 2012

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute and to honor Mrs. Gavina Guadarrama on her 101st birthday. Mrs. Guadarrama has been fortunate that God has graced her with good health and her full faculties to reach this wonderful centennial.

Mrs. Guadarrama was born in Hato Tejas, Puerto Rico on February 19, 1911 as the eldest daughter of Jose and Victoria Acevedo. Raised in a household of 10 siblings, many of the responsibilities fell upon her as her parents worked. Those siblings still alive tell stories of how special she made each one of them feel with the little she had to share.

Mrs. Guadarrama would marry her husband Juan Guadarrama at the age of 29 and begin a life together that would span close to 50 years. They had two lovely daughters—Maria and Honoria—and built a lovely house with a full veranda in their hometown. Years later due to the economy, they would move to Brooklyn, New York where she gave birth to her youngest daughter Rosie. Mrs. Guadarrama would remain in Brooklyn for the rest of her life as she raised and schooled her children.

Mrs. Guadarrama had a true skill for sewing and had always dreamed of being a fashion designer. She created patterns from brown

bags and made designer dresses for herself and her daughters—always receiving high praise and recognition for her talents. Most of her career was as a homemaker, caring for her husband, children, and seven grandchildren.

In 1988, Mrs. Guadarrama lost the love of her life, Juan, to lung cancer. They had a loving relationship that spanned nearly half a century. Even with the loss of her husband, Mrs. Guadarrama continues to maintain the strong familial bonds that have spanned four generations. Mrs. Guadarrama is blessed to have her family and the gracious home attendants that care for her with love and respect.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to recognize Mrs. Guadarrama for her extraordinary strength as the anchor of her family and on the celebration of her 101st birthday.

CONGRATULATORY REMARKS FOR
OBTAINING THE RANK OF EAGLE
SCOUT—TREVOR PHILIP CONTE

HON. SANDY ADAMS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 27, 2012

Mrs. ADAMS. Mr. Speaker, I would like to congratulate Trevor Philip Conte 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, Trevor 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.

CELEBRATING THE 100TH BIRTHDAY OF HADASSAH OF GREATER BALTIMORE

HON. JOHN P. SARBANES

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 27, 2012

Mr. SARBANES. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the 100th birthday of Hadassah of Greater Baltimore. Hadassah, founded in 1912, is a volunteer women's organization that strives to enhance the quality of American and Jewish life through educational programs, promoting health awareness, and aiding the personal enrichment and growth of its members and surrounding communities.

Established in 1912 by Henrietta Szold, the daughter of a rabbi at Temple Oheb Shalom in Baltimore, Hadassah has over 300,000 members and is the largest Jewish organization in America and one of the largest women's volunteer organizations in the world.

Upon returning from a trip to Israel, Ms. Szold took it upon herself to create an organization that could aid the people of the region who were afflicted with starvation and disease. By 1918, Hadassah had sent an entire medical unit to Israel where they helped to develop the beginning of the Israeli healthcare system.

In 1934, Hadassah helped to create Youth Aliyah, a child rescue program that saved tens

of thousands of children from war torn Eastern Europe. Today Youth Aliyah is helping to re-settle children of the Ethiopian and Russian migrations as well as Israeli children who are living on the streets.

Throughout World War II, the organization sold \$200 million in war bonds and was rewarded with 100 Air Force bombers who were given the names of different Hadassah chapters. By 1942 the U.S. State Department named Hadassah one of the largest contributors to overseas relief, especially due to the efforts of Ms. Szold to rescue thousands of children from Nazi Germany.

Over the years, Hadassah has established itself as a powerful voice for change. They have argued for federal and state funding of stem cell research and called for legislation that supports medical privacy and freedom from genetic discrimination by insurance companies and employers. In Israel, they have established and maintained two state-of-the-art medical centers, created the Hadassah College Jerusalem, and run the country's largest touring and residency program for American Jewish youth.

Today, the hundreds of thousands of women in Hadassah have upheld Henrietta Szold's commitment to improving the world we live in today. I hope my fellow members will join me in congratulating them on their 100th birthday and thanking them for the wonderful contributions they've made in Baltimore and throughout the world.

IN RECOGNITION OF LAVADA
DILLARD

HON. PHIL GINGREY

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 27, 2012

Mr. GINGREY of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, in celebration of Black History Month, I rise today to recognize Lavada Dillard, an African-American from Georgia's 11th Congressional District who has had a major impact on her community.

At the age of 16, Lavada displayed great courage when she carried out a successful downtown lunch counter sit-in demonstration.

Jailed for 5 days for this act, Ms. Dillard never ceased advocating for equal rights for all individuals.

She has been honored twice by the Southern Christian Leadership Conference and most recently compiled the history of Rome's Civil Rights Movement for the permanent community archives.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Ms. Dillard's outstanding accomplishments and her unwavering commitment to civil rights.

HONORING BERTRAND DAVID
MATHIEU

HON. MICHAEL H. MICHAUD

OF MAINE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 27, 2012

Mr. MICHAUD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Bertrand David Mathieu of Lewiston, Maine for his decades of work in Maine's shoe industry.

Bert was born in 1922 in Lewiston, Maine. By the time he was sixteen years old, he had already started working with heavy industrial equipment in a shoe factory. Bert earned his place in the "Greatest Generation" when he answered the call to service during World War II. Originally joining the Maine National Guard in 1939, he would go on to serve in the European theater and fight in the Battle of the Bulge.

After the war, Bert returned to the shoe manufacturing career that would be a part of his life for more than seven decades. With little formal training, he mastered his craft by listening, asking questions and vigilantly researching the technical aspects of the job. A committed family man, Bert also repaired televisions on the side for nearly fifty years in order to help pay for the schooling of his daughters.

I've always known that Mainers are of sturdy stock, and I strongly suspect that our healthy Maine air and peaceful surroundings have something to do with it. Today at the age of 90, Bert still displays the hard work, creativity and ingenuity which have sustained him throughout his life. You can still find him working at Pamco Shoe Machinery in Lewiston, sorting and organizing machine parts. His energy and his positive attitude remain an inspiration to all who know him.

Mr. Speaker, please join me again in recognizing Bertrand David Mathieu for his many years of good work.

RECOGNIZING PAUL BASCOMB, A
2011 FBI DIRECTOR'S COMMUNITY
LEADERSHIP AWARD RECIPIENT

HON. ADAM SMITH

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 27, 2012

Mr. SMITH of Washington. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor Mr. Paul Bascomb for being named a recipient of the 2011 FBI Director's Community Leadership Award in recognition of his work on crime prevention.

Since 1990, the FBI has honored local leaders and organizations with the Director's Community Leadership Award. Honorees are recognized for their efforts in making extraordinary strides in the areas of crime prevention, violence prevention, and education in their communities. Every year, each FBI field office selects one individual or organization to receive this prominent award.

As the chair of the African-American Community Advisory Council to the Seattle Police Department and a board member for the East Precinct Crime Prevention Coalition, Mr. Bascomb has been a leader for cooperation between the African-American community and local law enforcement. Through open and considerate conversation, Mr. Bascomb and the African-American Community Advisory Council work with the Seattle Police Department to give diverse communities access to the police department and promote cultural competency training for officers.

Mr. Bascomb served as a correctional officer for more than 16 years in the Washington State juvenile justice system. In 2011, he completed the rigorous Citizen's Academy Program, which gives community leaders an overview of the FBI. This in-depth study includes

practical exercises, discussion of case studies and legal issues, and presentations from specialized units.

Mr. Speaker, it is with great honor that I recognize the accomplishments of Mr. Paul Bascomb. His dedication to improving the relationship between law enforcement and local African-American communities sets a positive example for everyone who works for crime prevention.

HONORING WILLARD "BILL"
LINEWEAVER

HON. FRANK R. WOLF

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 27, 2012

Mr. WOLF. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to recognize and honor Willard "Bill" Lineweaver, who served as a mayor and councilman of Warrenton, VA. Mr. Lineweaver passed away on February 15, at the age of 89.

Bill Lineweaver was a great public servant, model citizen and a personal friend of mine. He will be honored and remembered by many, especially his wife, Elizabeth "Bizz", his three daughters Beth, Babs, and Bitsy, his many friends, colleagues and all who knew him.

Mr. Speaker I submit the following obituary.

[From Fauquier.com, Feb. 16, 2012]

FORMER WARRENTON MAYOR LINEWEAVER
DIES AT AGE 89

Retired Warrenton businessman J. Willard "Bill" Lineweaver, who served on the Warrenton Town Council from 1959 until 1974, then was mayor from 1974 until 1998, died Feb. 15.

Lineweaver, 89, had recently fallen at his home on Winchester Street, suffering a head injury. He was taken first to Fauquier Hospital before being transferred to the ICU at the University of Virginia Medical Center in Charlottesville.

He was later taken to a rehabilitation facility in Lexington, Va., near the home of his daughter, Beth Knapp.

News of his death has shocked the community, as there was great hope and expectation for his recovery and return to Warrenton.

Lineweaver's nearly 40 years as a councilman and mayor of Warrenton was unprecedented. In fact, he ran unopposed for his last three terms on town council, as well as all six terms as mayor.

He led the town through periods of great change, and after his last term as mayor, he continued to be involved with other important issues, including the acquisition and reuse of Vint Hill Farms Station, the U.S. Army post east of Warrenton.

Originally from the Shenandoah Valley, Lineweaver came to Fauquier County when he was six years old. His father managed Whitewood Farm near The Plains, and Lineweaver grew up on the farm and attended public schools.

On Dec. 7, 1942, he enlisted in the U.S. Army. After Basic Training, he was sent to Ft. Benning, Ga., where he received training as a communications specialist and was promoted to the rank of sergeant.

Home on leave, Lineweaver married the former Elizabeth "Bizz" Carter of Warrenton in May 1943.

His training complete, Sgt. Lineweaver was assigned to the Antitank Company of the 393rd Infantry Regiment of the 99th Infantry Division, and mid-October 1944, his unit was sent to fight in the European Theater of Operations.

Shortly after arriving, the 99th was positioned along the Seigfried Line near Krinkelt, Belgium, defending a 19-mile front from advancing German forces.

On Dec. 16, 1944, the Germans launched what became known as the Battle of the Bulge, a massive assault on the Allied lines.

Sgt. Lineweaver's unit was pushed back to the hills west of Krinkelt, where they held the line until the weather cleared and Allied airpower stopped the attack.

Later, the 99th was involved in the battle for the Remagen Bridge and the clean up of German resistance in the Rhur Pocket during March and April 1945.

He was awarded the Bronze Star medal with three battle stars and other military decorations for his combat service.

Returning home to Warrenton after the war, Lineweaver got into the retail business, operating the H. B. Carter furniture store on Main Street for many years.

In 1959, he was convinced by then-Mayor Richard Marriott to run for town council and won, beginning a long career representing the people of Warrenton, and later providing vision and leadership as mayor.

In his role as mayor, Lineweaver became well known in the commonwealth, serving on a number of statewide boards and committees, and working with mayors of other towns and cities sharing his response to the problems and opportunities as he encountered in Warrenton.

He served as president of the Virginia Municipal League in 1988–89.

Celebrating their 68th wedding anniversary last May, Mr. and Mrs. Lineweaver were the proud parents of three daughters, six grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

He was a long-time member of St. James Episcopal Church and served as a vestryman for many years. He also belonged to the Warrenton Rotary Club and the Fauquier Club.

Lineweaver's funeral will be held at 11 a.m., Monday, Feb. 20, at St. James Episcopal Church. The family will receive friends from 1 to 3 p.m., Sunday, Feb. 19, at Moser Funeral Home.

RECOGNIZING THE 65TH COMMEMORATION OF TAIWAN'S "2-28 MASSACRE"

HON. SCOTT GARRETT

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 27, 2012

Mr. GARRETT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 65th commemoration of Taiwan's "2-28 Massacre."

On February 28, 1947, the brutal arrest of a female civilian in Taipei led to large-scale protests by the native Taiwanese against the repression of Chiang Kai-shek's Chinese Nationalists, who occupied Taiwan on behalf of the Allied Forces after Japan's defeat in 1945.

During the following days, Chiang's government sent troops from mainland China to the island. The Chinese soldiers began capturing and executing leading Taiwanese lawyers, doctors, students, and other citizens.

It is estimated that at least 18,000 people lost their lives during the turmoil. During the following four decades, the Chinese Nationalists continued to rule Taiwan under a martial law system that lasted until 1987.

The 2-28 Massacre has had far-reaching implications. Over the next half-century, the Taiwanese democracy movement that grew out of the incident helped pave the way for

Taiwan's momentous transformation from a dictatorship under the Chinese Nationalists to a thriving and pluralistic democracy.

I urge other Members to join me in commemorating this important historical event.

SAN FRANCISCO STATE UNIVERSITY PRESIDENT ROBERT A. CORRIGAN

HON. NANCY PELOSI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 27, 2012

Ms. PELOSI. Mr. Speaker, on behalf of my constituents in San Francisco, I am proud to honor Dr. Robert A. Corrigan in his final year as President of San Francisco State University. He has been a visionary leader in higher education and has made enormous contributions to San Francisco, California, and indeed, to our entire nation.

During his 24-year tenure, President Corrigan transformed San Francisco State University into a premier urban university that reflects the diversity of the city it serves, works on behalf of social justice, and educates a 21st century workforce.

President Corrigan has studied and taught at a number of prominent universities; how proud we were when he chose to come to San Francisco State University.

President Corrigan was an early pioneer for diversity in education. At San Francisco State, he made a steadfast commitment to diversity of background, ethnicity, and gender in faculty hiring. He established groundbreaking initiatives to incorporate women and minorities into the faculty, resulting in one of the most diverse faculties of any U.S. university.

Under President Corrigan's direction and guidance, San Francisco State evolved into the "College with a Conscience," boasting a multicultural campus, and a faculty and student body that are actively engaged in public service. San Francisco State's Institute for Civic and Community Service is recognized as a national model. In 2001, San Francisco State assumed management of the City's Head Start Program, one of the few universities to do so, serving 1,800 low-income children.

Corrigan made access to a quality education a priority of his presidency. With his wife, he established the Robert and Joyce Corrigan SF Promise Endowed Scholarship Fund that places higher education within reach of students from underserved, low-income neighborhoods. Joining forces with the City of San Francisco, they created an initiative that ensures admission and financial assistance to qualified San Francisco high school graduates, many of whom are the first in their family to attend college. Indeed, San Francisco State boasts one of the highest percentage of first-generation college students in the nation.

President Corrigan's visionary leadership has been recognized by many. Most notably, he was handpicked by President Bill Clinton to chair the Steering Committee of College and University Presidents for the "America Reads Challenge" and "America Counts" initiatives.

President Corrigan has been an educator, a role model, and a dynamic leader. On behalf of many of my constituents, I express gratitude for his 24 years of service at San Francisco State University.

RECOGNIZING THE INNOVATIVE AND LIFE-SAVING EFFORTS OF THE WOODBURY FIRE DEPARTMENT OF WOODBURY, MINNESOTA

HON. MICHELE BACHMANN

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 27, 2012

Mrs. BACHMANN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge the innovative efforts of the Woodbury Fire Department. Throughout America's history, firefighters have always been our hometown heroes, and I am happy to share with this body the unique efforts of the Woodbury Fire Department.

Woodbury firefighters keep track of their ability to respond to various scenarios in training or real emergencies on a scorecard. Since the department relies on a small number of full-time firefighters as well as crossed-trained police officers to meet their requests, these scorecards allow each individual to have an instant and uniform way of measuring the best practices for each situation. Most importantly, it minimizes the human risk in new and potentially dangerous conditions.

Innovation has always been a priority for firefighters. While prevention is the best way to improve a home's safety, Woodbury firefighters take fire control one step further using a method called Positive Pressure Attack. This method allows fans to generate pressure to remove heat, smoke and dangerous gases before firefighters enter a burning building. Not only is this beneficial for firefighters, it helps to keep hazardous elements away from anyone who may be trapped inside.

The Woodbury Fire Department has consistently won 100 percent approval from its citizens, and it is easy to see why. They are the model of professional development and technological innovation. Mister Speaker, I am proud to represent such a fine group of people in my district and I ask this body to join me in recognizing their achievements.

IN RECOGNITION OF MARVIN WILLIAMS

HON. PHIL GINGREY

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 27, 2012

Mr. GINGREY of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, in celebration of Black History Month, I rise today to recognize Marvin Williams, an African-American from Georgia's 11th Congressional District who has had a major impact on his community.

Quality teachers are vital to ensuring children are afforded the best education possible. Mr. Williams is one such educator.

For the past 30 years, Mr. Williams has worked as a teacher to inspire children and help them reach their full potential.

Marvin currently serves as the Superintendent of the Polk County School District and I am grateful for his expertise as a member of my Education Advisory Board.

A gifted musician, Mr. Williams also serves as Minister of Music for Thankful Baptist Church in Rome.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing the contributions and accomplishments of this great community and church leader.

HONORING LORRAINE BROWN

HON. MICHAEL H. MICHAUD

OF MAINE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 27, 2012

Mr. MICHAUD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Lorraine Brown of Leeds, Maine for her years of work in the shoe industry.

Born in 1933, Lorraine grew up with her three siblings between Auburn and Lewiston. Her father had passed away when she was still very young, and as a result Lorraine was primarily raised by her mother, her grandmother and her aunts. At the age of 15, she and her girlfriends started working in the shoe industry to pay for a set of roller skates. Lorraine met her future husband on those roller skates at the Beacon Roller Rink on Park Street.

Lorraine has spent over 50 years in the shoe industry, stitching for Koss, Hammon, Eastland, LL Bean, Knapp, and most recently, Falcon shoes. In a 2010 interview for the Shoe Industry Oral History Project, Lorraine tells the story of what it was like to work for these companies with a particular focus on the people in her life. Whether it was a childhood friend who never missed a birthday card, a boss who lent her his car because they used to skate together, or the new friendships she forged with her coworkers, it is clear that Lorraine has been a special person to a great many individuals.

Before he passed away, Lorraine's husband told her to keep working so she wouldn't go "downhill". Today, she is still stitching fire boots for Falcon Shoes, a company she has been with since the birth of her great granddaughter. Through good times and bad, Lorraine's kindness and energy have been an inspiration to the whole community.

Mr. Speaker, please join me again in recognizing Lorraine Brown for her years of work in the shoe industry.

HONORING THOMAS L. HARVEY

HON. LEE TERRY

OF NEBRASKA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 27, 2012

Mr. TERRY. Mr. Speaker, it is my pleasure to rise during Black History Month to remember the important contributions that African Americans have made to our nation—and to honor the extraordinary people who continue to help shape my community of Omaha. Today, I would like to pay special tribute to Thomas L. Harvey, one of the thousands of successful and talented African Americans in the Second Congressional District of Nebraska.

Thomas Harvey always wanted to be a positive influence in children's lives. He first did so as a fifth grade elementary school teacher in Monroe, Louisiana; later, in addition to teaching, he took on school football and basketball coaching duties. An Omaha Public

Schools Recruiter was encouraged by Teacher Corp's positive evaluation of Thomas, to convince Thomas that his work could be continued in Omaha, where an underserved youth community could truly benefit from his presence.

Mr. Harvey moved to Omaha, and the rest is history. He went on to become the principal of Omaha North High's magnet school. After his time at the magnet school, Mr. Harvey served as a principal at the Omaha area's first magnet middle school, McMillan, and he later returned to North High to serve as the principal of its general student body. Under his guidance and direction, the magnet school programs at these schools quickly went from initial planning stages to implementation and success. These days, Harvey is well known for being a motivational educator who has contributed greatly to his schools' rise to excellence, as well as an inspirational leader in the community.

During Mr. Harvey's tenure as principal of North High School, the school was cited for its excellent academic programs—in both Newsweek and Redbook magazines—and was featured as a premiere high school on numerous television shows, including NBC's Nightly News. Under Mr. Harvey's management, North High was deemed a Magnet School of Excellence in 1997, by the Magnet Schools of America. Mr. Harvey continues to promote excellence in education—currently serving as the Assistant Superintendent of Student and Community Services for Omaha Public Schools.

In addition to his service to students, Mr. Harvey is active in several local, state, and national organizations. He is a board member of Magnet Schools of America, and Communities in Schools of Omaha. He also serves as a member of the Site Visitation Team for the U.S. Department of Secondary Education, and is a member of the Metropolitan Community College Advisory Committee.

I am proud to recognize and honor this highly esteemed and dedicated educator for his four and a half decades of selfless service to the Omaha Community.

CONGRATULATORY REMARKS FOR OBTAINING THE RANK OF EAGLE SCOUT—JACK EHRHARDT, JR.

HON. SANDY ADAMS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mrs. ADAMS. Mr. Speaker, I would like to congratulate Jack Ehrhardt, Jr., 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. For his Eagle Scout Project Jack labeled over 400 storm drains to educate the community about the potential hazards of pollution to local waterways and wetlands. By applying these concepts to daily life, Jack 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.

MR. MIKE DOLAN

HON. LOU BARLETTA

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. BARLETTA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Mr. Mike Dolan as the Elk of the Year for 2011–2012 at Hazleton BPO Elks Lodge #200. The Elks Lodge was founded in 1868 and is one of the leading fraternal orders in the United States, with almost 1 million members. Elks invest in their communities through programs that help children grow up healthy and drug-free, through projects that address unmet needs, and through honoring the service and sacrifice of our veterans.

Mr. Dolan has been a member of Hazleton BPO Elks Lodge #200 for 23 years, and he was its exalted ruler in 2008. He graduated in the last class of St. Gabriel's High School and studied electrical engineering at Temple University where he worked on ENIAC—the world's first computer. After joining the Dryfoos Insurance Agency in 1975, he received the coveted Insurance Designation of Chartered Property Casualty Underwriter from the CPCU Society in San Antonio, Texas, in 1987, and he was named the agency's vice president in 1988.

Mr. Dolan has also served as Lecturing Knight, Loyal Knight, and Leading Knight. The Veteran's and Fallen Heroes Monument at the Hazleton lodge originated during Mike's term as exalted ruler. Mike has chaired the Elks Basketball Hoop Shoot Committee for the past 10 years and serves on the Youth, Veterans, Soccer Shoot, Community Activities, Orientation, DARE, House, and Breakfast committees.

Today, Mr. Dolan is very active with community service groups such as the Hazleton Chapter of the American Red Cross. He is a charter member of the Quinn Foundation, and serves as an usher at Holy Annunciation Parish at St. Gabriel's Church. He is also highly involved in coaching youth sports including Hazle Township Little League for five years, the Greater Hazleton Youth Soccer Association for six years, and the junior high boys' basketball team at Holy Family Academy for 13 years.

Mr. Speaker, Mr. Mike Dolan stands as a pillar of the community in Hazleton, Pennsylvania. I commend him for his years of dedicated service to the Elks Lodge #200, the community, and the country.

HONORING WILT CHAMBERLAIN FOR HIS 100-POINT GAME 50 YEARS AGO

HON. CHAKA FATTAH

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. FATTAH. Mr. Speaker, I call to the attention of my colleagues—and not just those who are basketball fans—that on March 2 in Philadelphia we will celebrate a once-in-the-universe athletic feat that occurred precisely 50 years ago.

On March 2, 1962, in a game between the Philadelphia Warriors and the New York Knicks on a neutral court in Hershey, Pennsylvania, Wilt Chamberlain—perhaps the greatest

and most influential player in basketball history—scored exactly 100 points. No one had done it before. No one has done it since. No one ever will.

But for Wilton Norman Chamberlain, born in Philadelphia August 21, 1936, and already a national superstar when he played for Overbrook High School in the early 1950s, astonishing feats on the hardwood were the commonplace. Basketball has been utterly and permanently changed since he first attracted notice on—and above—the courts of West Philly in neighborhoods I have been privileged to represent in Congress.

Even in the quintessential big man's game of basketball, Wilt Chamberlain towered over his on-court contemporaries and truly loomed larger than life. These days, "game changer" has become a cliché. Wilt might as well have authored the term. Not just 7-foot-1 but agile, competitive and creative, he transformed "the city game." He invented and perfected a style that has become another cliché: "above the rim."

The Warriors-Knicks game that historic day was otherwise unremarkable. The Knicks were in last place. The "crowd" in Hershey was 4,124. There was no TV or video, and press coverage was scant. The Warriors' statistician Harvey Pollack was drafted to cover the game for the Philadelphia Inquirer and two wire services—and he's the guy who penciled "100" onto scrap paper for the iconic post-game photo that's gone 'round the world. Wilt said later he had been up all night the night before, and was a bit embarrassed to have taken 63 shots to reach 100, with teammates feeding him the ball and Knicks fouling him at every opportunity.

It seemed like no big deal at the time—Wilt scored at least 70 points five other times, and that season averaged 50.4 a game. But it's a big deal now in his home town, the subject of ESPN and NBA-TV specials, and exalted wherever fans gather. Philadelphia's team, the Sixers, will be hosting Wilt's old team, now the Golden State Warriors, on the night of March 2, with an amazing giveaway—two-inch squares of the long abandoned Hershey Sports Arena oak-wood court where Chamberlain scored those 100 points.

Leading the tributes in Philadelphia is Donald Hunt, the respected and tireless sportswriter for the Philadelphia Tribune, who has led efforts to commemorate the game and have Wilt Chamberlain honored on a U.S. postage stamp. Keep putting up those shots, Donald.

Basketball has come a long way since that evening a half century ago. The American game has gone global, from Belarus to China, from Argentina to Zaire, at the Olympics, on aircraft carriers, against garage walls and on a million playgrounds, wherever a hoop can hang and a roundball sent skyward. Its heroes and innovators are figures of historic and cultural import. Wilt Chamberlain, take a bow.

OUR UNCONSCIONABLE NATIONAL
DEBT

HON. MIKE COFFMAN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 27, 2012

Mr. COFFMAN of Colorado. Mr. Speaker, on January 26, 1995, when the last attempt at

a balanced budget amendment passed the House by a bipartisan vote of 300–132, the national debt was \$4,801,405,175,294.28.

Today, it is \$15,437,987,849,460.91. We've added \$10,636,582,674,166.63 to our debt in 16 years. This is \$10 trillion in debt our nation, our economy, and our children could have avoided with a balanced budget amendment.

A TRIBUTE TO ATTORNEY ED
HALES

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 27, 2012

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute and to honor Attorney Ed Hales. A native of Kiskimere, Pennsylvania, Attorney Hales has a long history of mediation and arbitration between unions and other labor groups and their employers. He has also contributed greatly to the administration of higher education and been active in many civic responsibility groups.

It all started when Mr. Hales was a high-schooler at Vandergrift High School, in Vandergrift, Pennsylvania where he was a three letter sports player in football, basketball and baseball for the Vandergrift Lancers. Educationally speaking, it took one of his teachers, Mr. Bernardo to help him realize his talents and potential, thus paving the way for Mr. Hales to attend the historically white "University of Nevada" in Reno on a football scholarship. After the football team was deemphasized, he transferred to Baldwin-Wallace College where he graduated with a bachelor's degree in Government and History. Once seeing what he could accomplish, he went into law school at the University of Wisconsin in Madison where he joined the Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity while earning his law degree. He went on to become a practicing lawyer in Wisconsin and had a long and prodigious career, until his retirement in 2000.

As an attorney, he worked tirelessly to mediate between labor groups and their employers. He filled such roles as Permanent Umpire for the Ford Motor Co. and United Auto Workers, Panel Member for U.S. Steel Corp. and United Steel Workers; Panel Member for U.S. Postal Service and National Association of Letter Carriers; and Panel Member for the City of Los Angeles and Los Angeles Public Employees Union.

In addition to his work as an arbitrator and mediator, he was affiliated with many civic and educational organizations in various capacities. Attorney Hales served as the Chairman of the Board of Regents at the University of Wisconsin in Madison, the Director of the Association of Governing Boards of Universities and Colleges in Washington, D.C. and the Board of Attorneys Professional Responsibility in Madison, WI as well as with several other esteemed organizations.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to recognize Attorney Ed Hales for his lifelong contributions to higher education, civic responsibility, and his work to resolve conflict and mediate difficult issues within the labor industry.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in paying tribute to Attorney Ed Hales.

HONORING DR. AND MRS. DICK
C.E. DAVIS

HON. LEE TERRY

OF NEBRASKA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 27, 2012

Mr. TERRY. Mr. Speaker, it is my pleasure to rise during Black History Month—to acknowledge the important contributions that African-Americans have made, and continue to make to American society. Today, I honor some of the extraordinary citizens who have shaped Nebraska's Second District, and our great nation. Let's pay special tribute to Dr. and Mrs. Dick C.E. Davis, two highly respected and successful members of my community of Omaha.

This couple has long been recognized as dedicated supporters of projects and causes that improve the lives of Nebraskans—particularly those hit hardest by poverty and the declining economic heft of our minority communities. Late last year, the couple celebrated the 40th anniversary of Davis Companies: a family business that has long been recognized as a pillar in Omaha's business community, recently being acknowledged as one of the ten fastest-growing Omaha businesses.

Rather than resting on the success of Davis Companies, the Davis family has turned a laser-like focus to restoring a vibrant economic renaissance in Omaha's minority sectors.

In 1989, the Davis family pioneered the State's first public/private funding allocated to addressing the underrepresentation of all minority students—in every sector of public post-secondary education. Since its inception, the Davis-Chambers scholarship fund has grown to a more than 3 million dollar endowment. It has fully funded undergraduate educations for more than 300 of Nebraska's "best and brightest" minority students.

Dr. Davis also helped acquire and disperse more than \$385 thousand dollars in grants—to test a groundbreaking entrepreneurship education program in Omaha's public schools.

On the business front, the couple has spearheaded a private capital fund to provide seed money for minority-owned small businesses. The program identifies promising small businesses, coaches them through growth, provides initial start-up funds, and stands behind them as they grow into their own creditworthiness and financial maturity. More than 86 businesses have gone through the process, and in the initial run, reported a default rate of less than 3 percent—an excellent rate, considering that the national trend shows over half of these type of loans failing.

These are just a sample of the myriad achievements and selfless actions in education, community service, and wealth-building endeavors that the couple has undertaken to leave an indelible mark on the economy and future of my hometown. I am proud to recognize and honor Dr. Dick C.E. Davis and Mrs. Charon Davis for their service to our community, and the nation.

RECOGNIZING THE MT. VIEW-
EDGEWOOD WATER COMPANY

HON. ADAM SMITH

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 27, 2012

Mr. SMITH of Washington. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the Mt. View-Edgewood Water Company, of Edgewood, Washington and its General Manager, Marc Marcantonio, for winning the gold medal at the National Great American Water Taste Test and being judged the best tasting water in the United States.

Each year, the National Rural Water Association sponsors the Great American Water Taste Test to honor small community drinking water supplies from across the United States who provide the public with safe, clean, and affordable water. The goal of the competition is to judge great tasting water that comes directly from the tap.

Prior to the national contest, water providers participate in state events. The Mt. View-Edgewood Water Company competed against 19 other water samples from all over the State of Washington to be named the Washington State winner at the Evergreen Rural Water of Washington Fall Conference and Tradeshow. The company was honored for the water's clarity, bouquet, and taste.

The Mt. View-Edgewood Water Company has now earned itself the honor of winning the gold medal at the National competition against 40 other water companies. Judges tasted unidentified samples of water and ranked the samples based on clarity, bouquet, and taste before naming the Mt. View-Edgewood Water Company the 2012 Winner of the Great American Water Taste Test.

Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I recognize the Mt. View-Edgewood Water Company and Marc Marcantonio for winning this national competition and providing customers with the best tasting water in the United States.

IN RECOGNITION OF TIM HOUSTON

HON. PHIL GINGREY

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 27, 2012

Mr. GINGREY of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, in celebration of Black History Month, I rise today to recognize Tim Houston, an African-American from Georgia's 11th Congressional District who has had a major impact on his community.

As a native of Acworth and pastor of Joshua Gospel Tabernacle, Tim has dedicated his life to helping others.

In his outreach with the Acworth Community Revitalization program, Tim works to improve his local communities and make Georgia a better place for families to thrive and prosper. In his free time, Tim supports the Acworth Football and Baseball Association, as well as the local after-school enrichment programs.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Tim Houston's contributions to his community and church.

HONORING THE TOWN OF
PHILLIPS

HON. MICHAEL H. MICHAUD

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 27, 2012

Mr. MICHAUD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the bicentennial of the town Phillips, Maine. Two hundred years ago, local families petitioned the General Court of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts for the right to become a township and determine their future. Phillips was incorporated on February 25, 1812.

At the time of its incorporation, Phillips was home to more than 50 families. With all the advantages the Sandy River and its valley offered, the town quickly grew and the people of Phillips established a community which flourished. Among other things, Phillips is especially known as being the birthplace of Cornelia "Fly Rod" Crosby, Maine's first registered guide, as well as being the headquarters and hub of the Sandy River and Rangeley Lakes Railroad.

Today, the more than 1,000 proud residents of Phillips celebrate the bicentennial of their town filled with the same spirit and sense of common purpose that filled the founding families as they petitioned to have their community recognized. These individuals embody the hardworking people of Maine who throughout our history have embraced the challenges and opportunities of living in our state.

It is an honor and a privilege to represent the people of Phillips, and I am pleased to have the opportunity to help this community celebrate its 200th anniversary.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in wishing all the citizens of Phillips well on this joyous occasion.

CONGRATULATING COLONEL
DAVID CHESSER FOR HIS YEARS
OF SERVICE AT FORT MCCOY,
WISCONSIN

HON. RON KIND

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 27, 2012

Mr. KIND. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the distinguished service of Colonel David E. Chesser, whose tenure as Garrison Commander at Fort McCoy, Wisconsin, concludes February 29, 2012. Colonel Chesser assumed his duties as Garrison Commander on April 3, 2008.

Colonel Chesser's 30 years of dedicated service in the U.S. Army is noteworthy in every respect. He is a graduate of the Infantry Officer Basic Course, U.S. Army Airborne School, Engineer Officer Advanced Course, Combined Arms and Services Staff School, Command and General Staff Officer Course, the Army Management Staff College Sustaining Base Leadership & Management Course, and the Army War College.

Colonel Chesser has committed his life to serving our country and has received many deserving awards and decorations, including the Bronze Star, Meritorious Service Medal with seven Oak Leaf Clusters, Army Commendation Medal with two Oak Leaf Clusters,

Army Achievement Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster, the Bronze Order of the de Fleury Medal, the Presidents Hundred Tab, the Distinguished Rifleman Badge, the Combat Action Badge, and the Meritorious Unit Citation, as well as various campaign and service medals.

Under Colonel Chesser's outstanding leadership, Fort McCoy became one of the most capable and desirable Reserve Component training installations in the Army, providing stellar base operations support to over 120,000 Soldiers annually. During his tenure, Colonel Chesser launched and led one of the most dramatic community transformations in the installation's history, propelling Fort McCoy to win the FY09 Army Communities of Excellence competition and again in FY10; a direct reflection of his leadership, strategic planning and thinking. He took an installation that had one of the most difficult records for food service and within one year improved it through sound management and leadership technique which led to the Garrison's Connelly Food Service Awards in 2009, 2010 and 2011. Fort McCoy was also recognized as one of the Army's best in maintenance of military equipment, having won the Army Maintenance of Excellence Award in 2009 and achieving first runner-up in 2010. Colonel Chesser transformed an underperforming mobilization training center into one recognized as one of the Army's best and most effective of the seven active Army Power Projection Platforms.

It has been an honor for me to serve as U.S. Representative for Wisconsin's Third Congressional District during Colonel Chesser's tenure at Fort McCoy. I know Colonel Chesser's leadership will be greatly missed at the base and surrounding communities, but I am thankful for his leadership and contributions to ensuring that Fort McCoy remains a shining star in the nation's military training infrastructure.

On behalf of my constituents in Wisconsin and a grateful nation, I would like to thank and commend Colonel David Chesser for his years of dedicated service in the U.S. Army and in particular as Garrison Commander at Fort McCoy.

RECOGNIZING ROBERT FOY

HON. WALLY HERGER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 27, 2012

Mr. HERGER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the work and accomplishments of Robert Foy, as he prepares to retire this year as Chairman of the California Water Service Group's Board. The California Water Service Group (CWSG) provides water utility services to over two million people in five states, including the cities of Chico, Marysville and Willows, which are located in the Northern California congressional district I represent.

Mr. Foy is a fourth-generation Californian and was born in San Francisco. He attended San Jose University and served our nation in the U.S. Army. Following the Army he worked for Pacific Storage and Moving where he eventually took over as head. On January 1, 1996, he was named as Chairman of the CWSG where he worked to streamline the utility's operations and improve customer service. One project was the construction and consolidation of the CWSG's customer and operations service center in Chico, which I was

able to tour upon its completion in 2002. The utility's operations were previously spread among multiple facilities. The consolidation benefited the California Water Service Group's customers in Chico by allowing them to go to one central location for resolving their service issues.

Mr. Foy also served as Chairman of the Government Relations Committee for the National Association of Water Companies (NAWC) for four years. In the NAWC's Annual Report to Congress, the organization presents their comments on the numerous issues facing private water utilities across the country.

Mr. Foy continues to be an extraordinary individual who has made significant and lasting contributions to our community through his exemplary leadership and service as Chairman of the California Water Service Group's Board.

I am extremely grateful for Bob Foy's service to our nation and community-at-large. I am pleased to celebrate and honor the accomplishments of this impressive American as he retires this year.

HONORING JANET BALL FOR 30
YEARS OF VOLUNTEER SERVICE

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 27, 2012

Mr. CONNOLLY of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I wish to include an article in the Fairfax Times from May 6, 2011, recognizing the tremendous service Janet Ball has given to the Fairfax County community for 30 years. I have known Janet for years, and have seen her dedication to helping others firsthand. She is an unbelievable example of the value of volunteerism.

GREENSPRING RESIDENT HONORED FOR 30
YEARS OF VOLUNTEER SERVICE

(By Kali Shumitz, Staff Writer)

During her 29-year career working for the Department of Defense, Janet Ball said she never did much to give back to her community.

So, soon after retiring, she responded to an ad in the Golden Gazette that said the Fairfax County Juvenile and Domestic Relations Court was looking for volunteers.

Now 90, Ball is still going strong as a volunteer office assistant for the court system. She also volunteers to sort mail at the Greenspring Retirement Village in Springfield, where she now resides, and helps out at her church.

"I'm one that likes to keep busy," she said. "If I had to sit around doing nothing, I would be going to St. Elizabeth's," referring to the psychiatric hospital in Washington, D.C.

Last month, the court staff honored her for 30 years of volunteer service.

Her supervisor at the courthouse, Loida Gibbs, described Ball as "the admin assistant of the century."

Ball also used to volunteer to do office work for U.S. Rep. Gerald Connolly (D-Dist. 11) when he represented the Providence District on the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors.

After he was elected board chairman, she asked him, "Do I get a promotion?" Indeed, she continued to volunteer for Connolly doing office work until he was elected to Congress.

When Ball began volunteering for the court, there were only two judges and the juvenile court operated out of a small building

behind the historic county courthouse building. The Juvenile and Domestic Relations Court now has eight judges and recently moved into the remodeled main court building.

Her first volunteer job was collecting contact information and other details from families as they exited the courtroom, a task designed to save probation officers time.

For the past decade, Ball has volunteered for the Volunteer Interpreter Program, logging the hours and types of cases for which interpreters are requested, and producing a monthly report on volunteer contributions.

"In the courthouse, there is more work than even staff can do," said Gibbs, coordinator of the Volunteer Interpreter Program. "Without [volunteers], it would get done, but it would take double the time."

Ball said the mostly Spanish-speaking volunteers tease her sometimes because she is the only person involved with the program who is not bilingual. But Gibbs sees that as an asset, because her skilled volunteer interpreters often get pulled to other tasks.

"I have told her she's not allowed to learn any other language," Gibbs joked.

When Ball had double bypass surgery about five years ago, Gibbs recalled, court staff and volunteers visited her at the hospital every day. They also threw a big surprise party for her when she turned 90.

"It's my family away from home," Ball said.

TRIBUTE TO DR. WILLIAM F.
OWEN, JR., PRESIDENT AND CEO,
UMDNJ

HON. DONALD M. PAYNE

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 27, 2012

Mr. PAYNE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to offer my best wishes to Dr. William F. Owen as he concludes his tenure at the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey. It is my distinct pleasure to thank Dr. Owen for all he has done for the students, staff and the Greater Newark community for the past four years in his capacity as President and CEO of UMDNJ. I am proud to add my congratulations to that of his family, friends and colleagues as they celebrate in honor of a man who has been an integral part of the changing landscape of Newark. For all the leadership he has shown and the contributions he has made, Dr. Owen is a worthy recipient of the accolades he received on February 22, 2012 during a reception held in his honor.

Fortunately, my office has always been able to collaborate with Dr. Owen and his staff to bring informative programs to residents of the 10th Congressional District at various events including the bi-annual Health and Wellness Expo hosted by the Congressional Black Caucus Foundation. Dr. Owen's involvement was instrumental in making the 2011 Expo a success. Dr. Owen also guided UMDNJ through a tumultuous period of instability. His leadership was key in bringing the institution back to a prominent position within the Newark Collegiate and Healthcare Community.

Although Dr. Owen was very successful during his tenure at UMDNJ, there was one partner who was an invaluable assistant, his wife Alice Owen. Through their combined efforts, they were able to work with the UMDNJ Hospital Auxiliary to help raise funds for several new rooms. These additions helped patients

and families have a more pleasant and comfortable experience during their time at the hospital. The greater Newark community as well as the UMDNJ family will truly miss this wonderful team.

Mr. Speaker, I know my fellow members of the House of Representatives agree that Dr. William F. Owen has been an integral part of UMDNJ. He has had a stellar career here in Newark and we wish him well in his future endeavors.

SUMGAIT POGROMS

HON. HOWARD L. BERMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 27, 2012

Mr. BERMAN. Mr. Speaker, two of the least noticed and most dangerous trends of recent years have been Azerbaijan's rapidly growing military budget and its increasing bellicosity toward Armenian-populated Nagorno-Karabakh. Last June, during Azerbaijan's largest military parade since the Soviet era, President Aliyev vowed to avenge the deaths of Azerbaijani soldiers killed during the 1988-1994 Nagorno-Karabakh war and declared that "the war isn't over yet; only the first stage is over." He then boasted that Azerbaijan's defense budget is twenty times larger than it was just eight years previously and larger, in fact, than the entire budget of Armenia.

Mr. Speaker, it is particularly appropriate that today, February 27—the anniversary of the 1988 Azerbaijani pogrom directed against its own Armenian population in Sumgait—that we commit ourselves to stopping these ugly threats. Armenian history is drenched in tragedy. Everybody knows about the Armenian Genocide, even if, sadly, only a minority of my colleagues has been willing to recognize it officially. But fewer know about the hundreds of thousands of Armenians murdered under the Ottoman regime in the nineteenth century. And fewer still, it seems, know about the pogroms and ethnic cleansing that Armenians living in Azerbaijan suffered at the hands of Azerbaijanis as the Soviet Union was breaking up.

The Sumgait pogrom that we recall today lasted three days and resulted in the murder of hundreds of Armenian civilians. Other anti-Armenian pogroms took place in Kirovobad November 21-27, 1988, and in the Azerbaijani capital Baku January 13-19, 1990. During this era, there were media reports of Armenians being hunted down and killed in their homes. The systematic pattern of all these attacks suggested that something even more sinister than a mob uprising was at work.

Mr. Speaker, Azerbaijan seems bent on destroying every last vestige of the Armenian presence in Azerbaijan. For example, there is videotaped evidence of the Azerbaijani government's December 2005 systematic desecration and destruction of an ancient Armenian cemetery, including thousands of intricately-carved grave-stones in Djulfa, in a section of Azerbaijan near the Turkish border. I believe our State Department still has not adequately examined this incident, and I call on it to do so.

Today is a solemn day as we recall this history of murder, displacement, and destruction, but it is this very history that underscores the

importance of self-determination for Nagorno-Karabakh. I call on the Administration to press the Azerbaijani government to cease its belligerent rhetoric and to stop its headlong rush to war now and to adhere strictly to the principled basis of the Minsk Process, namely, the search for a peaceful, negotiated solution for Nagorno-Karabakh. I likewise call on the Administration to redouble its efforts to achieve a solution for Nagorno-Karabakh. And, on this day when we once again reflect on the brutality Armenians have suffered, and endured, for centuries, I once again call on the Administration simply to acknowledge history and to recognize the Armenian Genocide.

RECOGNIZING PAUL JOHN SANDOVAL

HON. DIANA DeGETTE

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 27, 2012

Ms. DEGETTE. Mr. Speaker, I would like to recognize the wonderful life and exceptional accomplishments of a remarkable man in the 1st Congressional District of Colorado. It is both fitting and proper that we recognize this distinguished citizen for his impressive record of civic leadership and invaluable service. It is to commend this eminent citizen that I rise to honor Senator Paul John Sandoval.

Paul John Sandoval says that he is, "just a tamale maker." And indeed, he is a wonderful tamale maker. I have had the opportunity to bring some of those fine tamales to this fair city. But he is much more than just a tamale maker. He has worn so many other hats in his distinguished life: salesman, entrepreneur, politician, elected official, family man, confidant and a person of the utmost integrity. Paul believes, "a person should be true to his word and look after the people." Looking after people is something that Paul has been doing his entire life.

Paul John Sandoval was born on June 29, 1944, to Jerry and Camilla Sandoval, the ninth of 11 children. Born in North Denver, he learned early a strong work ethic. His first enterprise was selling newspapers and his most notable customer was President Eisenhower. Paul, having tracked down the President to get his famous sale, was rewarded with a 5 dollar bill from the President himself. Never one to miss an additional opportunity, Paul asked the President to sign the bill, which he did. Then he promptly sold that five dollar bill for 10 dollars, doubling his money. Paul graduated from high school in 1962 and got a scholarship to Louisiana State University—New Orleans, where he studied Russian, hoping to go into the Foreign Service. He returned to Colorado a year later and earned his degree in international affairs in 1968. Although he never served in the Foreign Service, his life has been dedicated to looking after the people. Among other endeavors, Paul fought for fair housing as part of the federal War on Poverty and with the Chicano Education Project, which pushed for voter registration and bilingual education. Paul's first language growing up was Spanish.

Throughout his whole life, Paul has made many friends and they have become part of his network. As one person put it, "Paul was Facebook before Facebook existed." Paul was

elected to the Colorado State Senate and the Denver School Board, making more friends and connections along the way. Paul's negotiation skills are legendary. Talk to anyone who has worked with him and you will be told stories of Paul's ability to build coalitions and get things done. He is the go-to person for personal and political advice. He has been a mentor to Senators, Governors, Congress people and our own current Secretary of the Interior, Ken Salazar. But his advice is not just to famous or high-elected officials; it is warmly available to anyone who asks.

He is also involved in quiet philanthropy. He has personally been responsible for numerous scholarships for students at local high schools as well as supporting many school events. And he is a family man; he is the one who is there for his 5 children and his brothers and sisters, never giving them less than he gives to his business and his community.

Politics and education are a significant part of his make-up—and that tamale shop. When you talk to Paul, you talk about history, education and politics. In that tamale shop, where everyone gathers to eat, talk and get advice, you can count on getting two things: wonderful tamales and straight-forward advice from a man who will tell you exactly what he thinks, a man who cares about people, a man who is true to his word.

The contributions of Senator Paul Sandoval are numerous, and on behalf of the citizens of the 1st Congressional District of Colorado, I wish to express our gratitude. His service and accomplishments command our respect and admiration. Please join me in paying tribute to Senator Paul Sandoval, a distinguished citizen.

IN RECOGNITION OF DR. KENNETH L. HALL

HON. PETE SESSIONS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 27, 2012

Mr. SESSIONS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Dr. Kenneth L. Hall as his family, friends, and colleagues gather to celebrate his retirement and 19 years of dedicated service at Buckner International.

After earning his bachelor's degree from the University of Texas at Tyler, Dr. Hall attended Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary and graduated with Master of Divinity and Doctor of Ministry degrees. Prior to his leadership role at Buckner, Dr. Hall served as Pastor for four churches in Texas. In 1994, he joined Buckner as President and Chief Executive Officer.

Founded in 1879, Buckner International has devoted itself to helping orphans, vulnerable children, and their families. As a global Christian ministry, they annually serve over 400,000 people in 69 countries. They offer a variety of family, empowerment, and community programs, as well as retirement services, and humanitarian aid. Under Dr. Hall's leadership, Buckner extended its reach outside of the borders of Texas for the first time. In 1996, Buckner launched its international ministry, supporting children living in orphanages in other countries. Aside from his duties at Buckner, Dr. Hall has also devoted himself to serving his local community. He has served as

a Board Member for numerous organizations, including Children's Medical Center, the Alliance for Children and Families, and Baylor Specialty Health Centers. Dr. Hall's legacy reflects his selfless service, enduring faith, and commitment to caring for those in need.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my esteemed colleagues to join me in congratulating Dr. Hall on his retirement and 19 years of service to Buckner International. I wish him all the best in his future endeavors.

RECOGNIZING JEFFREY PRIBBLE AS THE 2013 ESCAMBIA COUNTY, FLORIDA TEACHER OF THE YEAR

HON. JEFF MILLER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 27, 2012

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mr. Jeffrey Pribble as the 2013 Escambia County, Florida Teacher of the Year. Mediocre teachers tell, good teachers explain, excellent teachers demonstrate, and the best teachers inspire. As portrayed by today's award and his students' achievements, Mr. Pribble is someone who has been an inspiration to his students, driving them to realize their potential and achieve excellence, and I am proud to recognize the accomplishments that place him among the best of Northwest Florida.

Mr. Pribble has been an educator for 16 years and currently serves his students, parents, and community as the AP English Literature and Composition, Dual Enrollment English, and Multimedia Communications Instructor at Escambia High School. During his tenure at EHS, Mr. Pribble has excelled in teaching students from diverse backgrounds, while also helping to facilitate the publication of the school's yearbook and newspaper. As someone who has the uncanny ability to combine a force of intellect with superb interpersonal, problem solving, and leadership skills, he has exceeded expectations.

With a vast list of accomplishments, it is hard to highlight them all. In the classroom, he increased 2011 Florida Comprehensive Assessment Test (FCAT) scores by 79 percent with his standardized classes and 67 percent with his advanced classes. Outside of the classroom, his yearbook and newspaper staff has received numerous accolades. The National Journalism Education Association awarded Mr. Pribble and his multimedia students 18 National Edition and Featured Video Awards for their work. Mr. Pribble and his students have also produced and screened films. Last May, he organized a formal screening of one of his class's student films, Never Miss a Beat, where over 300 students, parents, teachers, and community members attended.

On a personal level, Mr. Pribble does not believe in settling, and he strives to constantly evolve as a teacher, mentor, and motivator. While some are defensive to constructive criticism, Mr. Pribble welcomes it as a way to improve his efficacy. Likewise, while some teachers are unwilling to take academic risks, Mr. Pribble attributes some of his greatest successes to the use of a novel approach. He incorporates innovative teaching practices such as the use of technology and multimedia

tools to supplement daily lessons. Mr. Pribble's ambition and willingness to accept challenges motivates his students to strive for excellence in their academic life.

Mr. Pribble's greatness lies well beyond his title as Escambia County Teacher of the Year—it lies in the hearts and minds of those who have been deeply affected. Teachers such as Mr. Pribble leave a perpetual impact on their schools, and due to Mr. Pribble's ambition and success, Escambia High School is initiating a multimedia academy for 2012–2013. The multimedia academy will help ensure that his legacy will continue to be felt by Escambia High students for years to come. Great teachers are an invaluable asset to our nation's students, and to be honored as Teacher of the Year is a reflection of Mr. Pribble's inexorable dedication to the students of Escambia County. He has proven himself to be among the most exceptional teachers in our nation.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the United States Congress, I take great pride in recognizing Jeffrey Pribble's enthusiasm for teaching, talent for inspiring, and commitment to excellence. My wife Vicki joins me in congratulating Mr. Pribble, and we wish him all the best as he continues to be an exemplary role model to others who follow in his footsteps.

TRIBUTE TO THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF REAL ESTATE BROKERS (NAREB) ON THEIR 65TH ANNUAL MID-WINTER CONFERENCE

HON. FEDERICA S. WILSON

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 27, 2012

Ms. WILSON of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the National Association of Real Estate Brokers (NAREB) on their 65th Annual Mid-Winter Conference.

The National Association of Real Estate Brokers was formed in 1947 by twelve pioneer African American real estate professionals from seven states across the country: Nanie Black, Detroit, Michigan; Macco Crutcher, Detroit, Michigan; Carleton Gains, Detroit, Michigan; W.D. Morrison, Jr., Detroit, Michigan; O.B. Cobbins, Jackson, Mississippi; W.H. Hollins, Birmingham, Alabama; George W. Powell, Jacksonville, Florida; J.R. Taylor, Miami, Florida; F. Henry Williams, Jacksonville, Florida; Horrace Sudduth, Cincinnati, Ohio; J.W. Sanford, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma; A. Maceo Smith, Dallas, Texas. NAREB was formed out of a need to secure the right to equal housing opportunities regardless of race, creed, or color.

The goal of NAREB is to bring together the Nation's minority professionals in the real estate industry to promote the meaningful exchange of ideas about their business and how best to serve the community. NAREB strives to create an environment where creativity flourishes in both the workplace and the marketplace.

NAREB is the oldest minority trade association in America. Since 1948, when the first Conference was held in Atlantic City, New Jersey, NAREB has continued to voice their opinions and take stands against inequity and injustice in housing.

This year's conference theme, "A New Era of Leadership" signifies NAREB's commitment to creating a better tomorrow for the real estate industry and for our economy as a whole. It is exciting to know that this year's conference will be held in sunny South Florida. I thank them for their advocacy over the years and wish NAREB a successful conference.

RECOGNIZING PAUL KREBBS

HON. NITA M. LOWEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 27, 2012

Mrs. LOWEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mr. Paul Krebbs for a life's work in Catholic education that has had a significant impact on countless students, families, and fellow educators. On Wednesday, January 25, 2012, Mr. Krebbs was honored by the White House as a "Champion of Change," and today it is our privilege to echo this commendation.

For nine years, Paul Krebbs has served his community with distinction as the President of All Hallows High School in the Bronx, New York. In his capacity as President, Mr. Krebbs has also served as the institution's CEO and has worked tirelessly to maintain the standards of excellence that have come to be associated with All Hallows High School. All Hallows routinely places its entire graduating class, which is 98% students of color, into four-year colleges.

During Mr. Krebbs's tenure at All Hallows, the school's academic standards and Catholic identity have been maintained while enrollment has steadily increased. Meanwhile, the school has become financially stable and self-sufficient.

Beyond All Hallows, Mr. Krebbs has contributed his passion for education by founding the Office of Educational Development at the Archdiocese of New York. As the White House declared last month, champions like Mr. Krebbs, "inspire all of us to build up our communities and our Nation's young people."

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to recognize my constituent, Paul Krebbs, for his remarkable service to All Hallows High School and his lifelong commitment to enriching the lives of others through education and self-betterment. I urge my colleagues to join me in honoring his accomplishments and thanking him for his tremendous contributions.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO THE LIFE OF UNA MULZAC

HON. CHARLES B. RANGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 27, 2012

Mr. RANGEL. Mr. Speaker, it is with great sadness that I rise to honor the life of Una Mulzac, a small business owner and political activist from my district. Una was a civil rights leader and an active educator in her community.

Born in Baltimore on April 19, 1923, Una inherited a fighting spirit from her father, Hugh Mulzac, who became the first African American to command a ship in the United States merchant marines. In 1961, Hugh's political

beliefs were investigated by the House Committee on Un-American Activities.

After graduating from Girls High School in Brooklyn, Una worked as a secretary at Random House and developed a strong passion for publishing. She combined a love of books with a commitment to political activism, and moved to Guyana in 1963 to open a bookstore and to help with the revolution. While in her store one day, Una was severely wounded when a package containing a bomb exploded, killing a colleague.

Una eventually returned to New York, and in 1967 opened Liberation Bookstore in Harlem to promote causes aimed at ending South African apartheid. Her establishment quickly became a Harlem landmark, and provided the community with a vast collection of literature. For four decades, Una was an inspiration to the people of Harlem and her bookstore became the destination for generations of people interested in race. On one side of the door to her bookstore, a sign stated, "If you don't know, learn." On the other side: "If you know, teach."

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you and my colleagues join me in paying tribute to the life of this very honorable woman. She is the definition of a true Harlemit, and her presence will be missed in my district.

RECOGNIZING HARDYSTON TOWNSHIP, NEW JERSEY

HON. SCOTT GARRETT

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 27, 2012

Mr. GARRETT. Mr. Speaker, today I recognize Hardyston Township, New Jersey, in beautiful Sussex County, upon the momentous occasion of the Township's 250th anniversary.

In late October, 1761, a ship traveling from Europe ended its trans-Atlantic voyage in New York. On that ship was Josiah Hardy, eldest son of Sir Charles Hardy and his wife, Elizabeth Burchett, and brother to five siblings. Just a few months earlier, Josiah had been "appointed Captain General and Governor in Chief of His Majesty's Province of New Jersey. . . ." Hardy would hold this position for fewer than two years, yielding his title to William Franklin in February 1763 and setting sail for England in September of that same year. While Governor Hardy's tenure was brief, it saw the formation by Royal Charter of Hardyston Township in 1762.

Today, little is known of Josiah Hardy, but his name and legacy live on in the Township of Hardyston.

Throughout its history, Hardyston has played a central role not only in the story of Sussex County but also in the story of America. During the Revolutionary War, General George Washington and the Continental Army camped in Hardyston. And in the Township's earliest days, the work of farmers, millers, and blacksmiths signaled the building of the nascent nation.

Today, Hardyston Township residents contribute in areas ranging from finance, education, and construction to health care, entertainment, and retail services, to name just a few. The Township offers diverse recreational opportunities and is home to scenes of pristine beauty that undoubtedly mirror the beauty of

Hardyston's earliest days. Additionally, Hardyston holds the distinction of being the discovery place of Hardystonite, a fluorescent mineral discovered in 1899 in the Franklin Furnace Mine.

Two hundred fifty years after its formation, Hardyston Township continues to be a vibrant community that invites residents and visitors alike to enjoy all that it offers and to become a part of its ongoing history.

As Hardyston Township Celebrates its 250th Anniversary, I offer my congratulations and my heartfelt wish for a future for Hardyston Township that is as bright as—and even brighter than—its rich and notable past.

HONORING THE LIFE OF NORTHWEST FLORIDA'S BELOVED JOSEPH CRONA

HON. JEFF MILLER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 27, 2012

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the United States Congress it is an honor for me to rise today to recognize the life of Northwest Florida's beloved Joseph Crona.

Mr. Crona was a native of Pensacola, Florida and a longtime leader in the Northwest Florida community. He was a true patriot. After graduating from Pensacola High School, Mr. Crona answered the call of duty, serving with honor and distinction during World War II in the European Theater. When he returned home, Mr. Crona attended Florida State University, where he played offense, defense, and special teams on Florida State University's inaugural football team. He continued to follow his beloved Seminoles, taking in games around the country, and he was honored by the University as part of a special ceremony recognizing the Fiftieth Anniversary of the school's first football team.

After graduating from FSU with a degree in economics, Mr. Crona moved back to his hometown where he translated his success in the classroom and on the football field to the boardroom. He began working in the Trust Department at Citizens and Peoples National Bank, rising to become a Trust Officer. In 1971, he joined Commercial National Bank as Executive Vice-President, and shortly thereafter, Mr. Crona became President of Commercial National Bank. He went on to serve as President of Charter National, Century National and finally Sun Bank, where he worked as President/CEO until his retirement in 1994.

Mr. Crona was an avid sportsman, and he pursued his passion for the outdoors through years hunting and fishing. As an active member of the Pensacola Sports Association, Mr. Crona helped to bring world class sporting events to Northwest Florida. He served as President and Tournament Director of the Pensacola Open, which saw world class PGA golfers, including legendary winners such as Arnold Palmer, Gary Player and Pensacola's own Jerry Pate, compete at the highest level in front of Northwest Florida's passionate fans.

In addition to his tireless efforts promoting sports throughout the area, Mr. Crona was an active member of Northwest Florida's civic society. He was a member of the Pensacola Chamber of Commerce, the United Way, Navy League and numerous Mardi Gras organiza-

tions. He served as President of the Fiesta of Five Flags, which commemorates Pensacola's founding as the first European settlement in America, and in 1989 he wore the mask of Don Tristan De Luna, as the ceremonial head of the festivities.

As a patriot and a veteran, Mr. Crona also recognized the importance of honoring and thanking the brave men and women who sacrifice so much so that we may be free, and he was a part of a small group who secured financing and oversaw the construction of the World War II Memorial at Veterans Memorial Park in Pensacola.

Mr. Crona is survived by Diane, his wife of 57 years; his daughter, Susan Smart; as well as two grandchildren, Joseph and Sydney Smart. To some Joseph Crona will be remembered as a patriot and a leader in the Northwest Florida community. To others he will be remembered as a lifelong Florida State Seminole. To his friends and family, he will most fondly be remembered as a loving and devoted family man. His tireless work and immense contributions to his community cannot be overstated. Northwest Florida has truly suffered a great loss with his passing.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the United States Congress, it gives me great pride to honor the life of Joseph Crona. My wife Vicki joins me in extending our most sincere condolences to the entire Crona family.

RECOGNIZING JEANNE MILSTEIN

HON. JOE COURTNEY

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 27, 2012

Mr. COURTNEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the retirement of Connecticut's Child Advocate, Jeanne Milstein, and celebrate her years of service to the State and, more importantly, to Connecticut's children and their families.

For over a decade, Jeanne has headed the Office of the Child Advocate (OCA), which oversees the protection and care of the State's most vulnerable children. Under Jeanne's leadership, the OCA has reviewed and acted on thousands of requests for assistance ranging from safety and health to education. Most recently, the OCA participated in the Children and Recession Task Force, leading an effort on transitioning young adults leaving the care of the state Department of Children and Families. OCA has also led oversight on children in congregate care settings and transitional supports for confined youth. Beyond overseeing the care and protection of Connecticut's children, Jeanne and the OCA have been fierce watchdogs of taxpayer resources.

Jeanne's hard work and dedication have been an invaluable resource for Connecticut and should serve as an example for all those in public service. Again, I ask that my colleagues join me in applauding Jeanne's service and recognizing her retirement.

CONGRATULATING SERGEANT FIRST CLASS CHRISTINE K. TULLOCH ON HER RETIREMENT FROM THE UNITED STATES ARMY

HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 27, 2012

Mr. HASTINGS of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today and ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating SFC Christine K. Tulloch for her retirement from the United States Army after 22 years of devoted service. She has also been nominated for the Legion of Merit Award to commemorate her faithful and courageous service. I am honored to recognize SFC Tulloch today for these accomplishments and also take a moment to acknowledge her birthday she recently celebrated on February 17th.

During her distinguished career, SFC Tulloch displayed thrift and foresight in her position as a Movement Supervisor conducting rail, airport, and sea operations. This position required SFC Tulloch to oversee supply chains in order to facilitate the movement of goods and services across significant distances. This work is a vital component of any successful military operation. She performed this duty from 2001 to 2002 in Fort Eustis, Virginia; from 2002 to 2004 in Bamberg, Germany; and from 2004–2005 in Tallahassee, Florida, where she also served as Training NCO.

Throughout her career, SFC Tulloch demonstrated an admiral commitment to the efficiency and effectiveness of military activities. For example, in December 2002 when her team was deployed as an advanced party in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom, she administered the safe receipt and transit of more than 5,000 containers. In a conflict as hazardous as the war in Iraq, this was a logistical feat and one that she would repeat many times. In March 2003, her team would preside over the reception, staging and movement of over 40,000 combat and support troops. This would be an influential movement just prior to the second invasion.

SFC Tulloch also served in the U.S. Army Human Resources department where she administered assignments for as many as 12,000 soldiers. It was also necessary to coordinate the Joint Domicile and Married Couple's Program in which SFC Tulloch demonstrated her compassion as well as a high level of competence in arranging over 1,300 personal assignments a year. From 2009 to 2010, SFC Tulloch was promoted to Chief Movement Supervisor for the U.S. Armed forces in CENTCOM in Doha, Qatar. Her performance was such that she meticulously managed the transfer of millions of dollars worth of resources without waste or inaccuracy.

What made the work of SFC Tulloch exceptional was her ability to see opportunities to eliminate excessive bureaucracy in order to maximize the impact of expenditures. For instance, during her time in Iraq, SFC Tulloch was able to investigate some 2,000 overdue invoices and credit card purchases which meant that more than \$3 million dollars was refunded to the U.S. Government. While being posted in Afghanistan, SFC Tulloch was placed in charge of equipment and vehicles valued above \$24.6 million dollars. She was

able to direct the movement of these resources in a timely manner, even when given limited notice in which to organize herself and her team.

Mr. Speaker, on June 1, 2012 Sergeant First Class Christine K. Tulloch will retire from the United States Army. She should be proud of the fact that her record of accomplishments is truly commendable. Throughout her career, SFC Tulloch was able to execute the tasks assigned to her in a capable manner in spite of conditions that were often pressurized and hostile. It is my great honor to recognize SFC Tulloch and I wish her all the best in her retirement and hope that she may continue to use her talents to the betterment of those around her.

RESEARCH WORKS ACT

HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 27, 2012

Mrs. MALONEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to offer the following statement along with my colleague from California, Rep. DARRELL ISSA:

The introduction of H.R. 3699 has spurred a robust, expansive debate on the topics of scientific and scholarly publishing, intellectual property protection, and public access to federally funded research. Since its introduction, we have heard from numerous stakeholders and interested parties on both sides of this important issue.

As the costs of publishing continue to be driven down by new technology, we will continue to see a growth in open access publishers. This new and innovative model appears to be the wave of the future. The transition must be collaborative, and must respect copyright law and the principles of open access. The American people deserve to have access to research for which they have paid. This conversation needs to continue and we have come to the conclusion that the Research Works Act has exhausted the useful role it can play in the debate. As such, we want Americans concerned about access to research and other participants in this debate to know we will not be taking legislative action on H.R. 3699, the Research Works Act. We do intend to remain involved in efforts to examine and study the protection of intellectual property rights and open access to publicly funded research.

HONORING THE VICTIMS OF SUMGAIT

HON. ADAM B. SCHIFF

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 27, 2012

Mr. SCHIFF. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the scores of Armenian lives lost in the vicious attacks perpetrated by Azerbaijani pogroms against Armenian civilians in the town of Sumgait, Azerbaijan 24 years ago. Beginning on February 27, 1988 and for three days, Azerbaijani mobs assaulted and killed Armenians. Hundreds of Armenians were wounded, women and young girls were brutally raped, and victims of all ages were beat-

en and tortured and eventually burned to death. Thousands were driven from their homes and forced to become refugees. Armenian homes and businesses were left to be looted and destroyed.

In the years that followed this heinous event, Armenians living in Kirovabad and Baku suffered a similar fate. These pogroms were only part of a pattern of anti-Armenian activities occurring throughout Azerbaijan, setting the stage for two decades of aggression during which the Azerbaijani government initiated a war against the people of Nagorno-Karabakh. Thousands of people lost their lives and hundreds of thousands of Armenians were displaced as a result of the fighting. A once thriving population of 450,000 Armenians living in Azerbaijan virtually disappeared.

A cease-fire agreement, brokered in 1994, remains in place today. However, Azerbaijan's continued war-mongering, recent cease-fire violations, and dramatic increase of its military budget threaten to destabilize the Nagorno-Karabakh peace talks. In January 2008, Azerbaijani President Ilham Aliyev warned Armenians living in Nagorno-Karabakh, "We are re-enforcing our army because we must be ready to free our lands . . . at any moment and by any means." Such rhetoric is detrimental to the peace process and is further evidence that this conflict is ongoing and must be resolved. It is my sincerest hope that a democratic and peaceful resolution can be reached, and Nagorno-Karabakh's right to self-determination affirmed.

This April will mark the 97th anniversary of the Armenian Genocide, an event the Turkish government, Azerbaijan's closest ally, goes to great and tragic lengths to deny. We must not let such crimes against humanity go unrecognized. Today, let us pause to remember the victims of the atrocities of the Sumgait pogroms. Mr. Speaker, it is our moral obligation to condemn crimes of hatred and to remember the victims, in hope that history will not be repeated.

RECOGNIZING DUSCHA ROSS AS THE 2012 OKALOOSA COUNTY, FLORIDA TEACHER OF THE YEAR

HON. JEFF MILLER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 27, 2012

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Ms. Duscha Ross as the 2012 Okaloosa County, Florida Teacher of the Year. Good teachers educate, but the best teachers make a difference and inspire. For eleven years, Ms. Ross has made a significant impact in the lives of her students, colleagues, and community. I am proud to recognize her achievements.

Ms. Ross joined the Okaloosa County, Florida School District in 2002, with a background in Political Science and Military Studies from Pennsylvania State University. Her career as a teacher and mentor began at the Department of Juvenile Justice in Okaloosa County where she taught Language and Reading. Since then she has served the Okaloosa County School District in various capacities as a 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade teacher and a Remedial and Advanced Reading teacher at Northwood Ele-

mentary School. Ms. Ross has proudly served as a 5th grade teacher at Mary Esther Elementary School for the past two years.

Ms. Ross makes a difference by never settling for mediocrity. While some are afraid of change and are unwilling to take risks, Ms. Ross attributes some of her greatest successes in the classroom to the use of a novel approach. She incorporates innovative teaching practices, such as the use of the Balanced Literacy Model, Discovery Education Assessment (DEA) Probes, and technology to supplement daily lessons. Using these methods, she is able to better address the needs of her students and provide them a pathway to success. She strives to share teaching methods with her colleagues to ensure that all can benefit from these successful techniques. She also combines education with community involvement and often invites various community members, including members of the military and local Kiwanis Clubs, to participate in her lessons and interact with other members of Mary Esther Elementary School.

Out of her passion for teaching and her love for children, Ms. Ross sets high standards for all of her students and works with them to achieve their goals and the desired results of the overall academic performance of the class. She is the positive force behind each student's growth of mind, by giving them the confidence, knowledge, and inspiration needed to succeed. Teachers like Ms. Ross leave a perpetual impact on their schools and community.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the United States Congress, I take great pride in recognizing Ms. Duscha Ross as one of Northwest Florida's finest educators, and I congratulate her on her recent accolade as Okaloosa County, Florida Teacher of the Year. This is an outstanding achievement, and her service to the area should stand as an example to those who follow in her footsteps. My wife Vicki joins me in wishing her all the best for continued success.

HONORING DR. EDUARDO JOSE PADRON

HON. FREDERICA S. WILSON

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 27, 2012

Ms. WILSON of Florida. Mr. Speaker, on the occasion of the Greater Miami Chamber of Commerce's Sand In My Shoes Commitment to the Community award ceremony tonight, I rise to recognize and honor one of our nation's top education leaders, Dr. Eduardo Jose Padron. For nearly 20 years, Dr. Padron has served as the president of Miami Dade College, MDC, the nation's largest higher education institution. He has garnered recognition for his leadership from six American presidents and from organizations throughout the world.

Dr. Padron was born on June 26, 1944, in Santiago, Cuba. After arriving in the United States as a refugee at the age of 15, Dr. Padron capitalized on his educational opportunities by earning a Ph.D. in Economics from the University of Florida. A decade later, Dr. Padron would become the president of Miami Dade College's Wolfson Campus. There, he implemented revolutionary initiatives that earned him a stellar reputation and propelled

him to the presidency of our nation's largest higher education institution.

President Padron's transformational undertakings at Miami Dade College, resulting in 174,000 students enrolled, greater student access, retention, graduation and overall achievement, have been hailed as the model for innovation in higher education. Currently, MDC enrolls the most minorities nationally—including the most African Americans and Hispanics. The recent list of awards applauding MDC's achievements includes the 2011 Council for Higher Education Accreditation "Award for Outstanding Institutional Practice in Student Learning Outcomes" and the "U.S. President's Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll."

President Padron's achievements in higher education have earned him hundreds of coveted awards, commendations and appointments. Six American presidents have nominated him to nationally prominent posts. Recently, President Obama selected him to represent the United States at the UNESCO's World Conference on Higher Education and appointed him as chair of the White House Commission on Educational Excellence for Hispanic Americans. President Clinton named him one of America's foremost educators and President George W. Bush nominated him to the National Institute for Literacy Advisory Board and the National Economic Summit. Among his list of prestigious awards are the "2008 Charles Kennedy Equity Award," "2008 Reginald Wilson Diversity Leadership Award," and the "2008 Innovator of the Year" from the League for Innovation.

Please join me in honoring Miami Dade College President Eduardo J. Padron for his commitment to making quality education accessible to minorities and for his revolutionary contributions to higher education.

RESEARCH WORKS ACT

HON. DARRELL E. ISSA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 27, 2012

Mr. ISSA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to offer the following statement along with my colleague from New York and the original cosponsor of H.R. 3699, Representative CAROLYN B. MALONEY:

The introduction of H.R. 3699 has spurred a robust, expansive debate on the topics of scientific and scholarly publishing, intellectual property protection, and public access to federally funded research. Since its introduction, we have heard from numerous stakeholders and interested parties on both sides of this important issue.

As the costs of publishing continue to be driven down by new technology, we will continue to see a growth in open access publishers. This new and innovative model appears to be the wave of the future. The transition must be collaborative, and must respect copyright law and the principles of open access. The American people deserve to have access to research for which they have paid. This conversation needs to continue and we have come to the conclusion that the Research Works Act has exhausted the useful role it can play in the debate. As such, we want Americans concerned about access to

research and other participants in this debate to know we will not be taking legislative action on H.R. 3699, the Research Works Act. We do intend to remain involved in efforts to examine and study the protection of intellectual property rights and open access to publicly funded research.

H.R. 1433, THE PRIVATE PROPERTY RIGHTS PROTECTION ACT OF 2012

HON. EARL BLUMENAUER

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 27, 2012

Mr. BLUMENAUER. Mr. Speaker, I strongly oppose H.R. 1433, the "Private Property Rights Protection Act of 2012." This bill is a solution in search of a problem. Its sweeping prohibition against the use of eminent domain for economic development that would cripple community efforts at a time when they're needed more than ever.

There are time honored principles for the exercise of eminent domain by State and local governments. I support the Constitutional protections already in place to prevent taking of private property without fair compensation. Governments should certainly exercise great care in using eminent domain.

Many major economic and ecological initiatives would be difficult, if not impossible, without eminent domain. I believe economic development is a legitimate use of this tool; my community has used it for a number of critical developments, including key high tech projects that have laid the foundation for decades of prosperity.

I would support action to prevent abuse and capricious use of eminent domain. But this bill would make it nearly impossible for communities to use it. This bill is too restrictive and will become an impediment to economic development. Its financial penalties could bankrupt communities and even the risk of potential future violation of the law could affect a jurisdiction's borrowing power today.

I urge my colleagues to reject this bill.

PATRICK H. DALY, JR.

HON. ANDY HARRIS

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 27, 2012

Mr. HARRIS. Mr. Speaker, today I offer my sincerest thanks and appreciation to my District Director, Patrick H. Daly, Jr., for his seven years of service to me. Pat has been a vital part of my staff from before I was even elected to Congress, serving in my Maryland State Senate office as a Legislative Assistant. As District Director to a House freshman, he took on the many logistical challenges of setting up my three district offices in Kent Island, Salisbury, and Bel Air. He also oversaw my case-work operations, which provided help to 1,200 constituents in the last year. He coordinated many constituent events and town hall meetings to keep me in tune with my District and hear the voice of the people. Simply put, Pat has always been there to see that the job is done, no matter how large or small the task may be. Pat has crossed the First Congress-

sional District too many times to count in the name of constituent service, and provided goodwill among its residents that is immeasurable. I offer my very best wishes to Pat and his family for his bright future ahead.

RECOGNIZING JEFFREY BAUGUS AS THE 2013 SANTA ROSA COUNTY, FLORIDA TEACHER OF THE YEAR

HON. JEFF MILLER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 27, 2012

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Jeffrey A. Baugus as the 2013 Santa Rosa County, Florida Teacher of the Year and the first Santa Rosa County Middle School teacher to ever win the award.

Benjamin Franklin once said, "Tell me, and I forget. Teach me, and I remember. Involve me, and I learn." It is with great honor that I recognize Jeffrey Baugus for his ability to not only teach, but to involve and inspire those around him. The best teachers are those who not only educate, but those who strive every day to actively engage their pupils. Mr. Baugus embodies this spirit. By supplementing lessons with humor and advanced technology, Mr. Baugus gives mathematics a whole new meaning to his students. Through his innovative teaching practices, he gives his students the tools to succeed.

Mr. Baugus's impact is felt both inside and outside the classroom. He proves that education is never ending, and teaches his students there is always room for improvement. Following this mantra, in 2010, Mr. Baugus completed a Masters in Education in Curriculum and Instruction with an emphasis in Middle School Mathematics. In addition to his role teaching Algebra I, he is also an active member of the National Council of Teachers of Mathematics, the Florida Council of Teachers of Mathematics, the Air Force Association, and the Santa Rosa County Council of Teachers of Mathematics, where he serves as President. Today's award is not Mr. Baugus's first, and I am sure it will not be his last. Over the last few years, he was awarded the 2009 Air Force Association (Hurlburt Chapter) Teacher of the Year, the 2009 Santa Rosa County Middle School Math Teacher of the Year, the 2009 QWBMS Rookie of the Year, and 2012 Teacher of the Year for Woodlawn Beach Middle School.

The title of Teacher of the Year is an immense honor and is evidence of Mr. Baugus's tireless work and dedication to his students and his profession. Mr. Baugus has proven himself to be among Northwest Florida's finest teachers. The Santa Rosa County, Florida School District is honored to have him as one of its own.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the United States Congress, I am proud to recognize Jeffrey Baugus on this achievement and his exemplary service in the Santa Rosa County School District. My wife Vicki joins me in congratulating Mr. Baugus, and we wish him and his family all the best.

HONORING COMMANDER PAUL B. SPOHN, USN

HON. LARRY BUCSHON

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 27, 2012

Mr. BUCSHON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to offer my most heartfelt congratulations to Commander Paul B. Spohn, United States Navy, for a distinguished career. Commander Spohn recently retired as the Commanding Officer, Naval Support Activity Crane, one of the many command posts throughout his career. I would like to especially recognize Commander Spohn for his leadership at NSA Crane, the world's third largest Naval Installation, based in Indiana's 8th Congressional District.

Commander Spohn began his 35 year career by enlisting in the Navy as a Boiler Technician in January 1977 and received his commission in June 1990 through the Limited Duty Officer Program.

His many achievements in academics and the Navy have made him an officer that all sailors and citizens should emulate. His dedication to our nation has spanned many decades and many posts and for that I would like to thank Commander Spohn.

HONORING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE USO CENTER AT THE TAMPA INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT

HON. RICHARD B. NUGENT

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 27, 2012

Mr. NUGENT. Mr. Speaker, on January 18th, 2012 the USO Board of Governors voted to approve the establishment of the USO Center at the Tampa International Airport.

This has been a long process, but thanks to a hardworking team of volunteers, the USO in Tampa is excited about serving the roughly 40,000 active military and their families living in the Tampa Bay area that may use Tampa International Airport as well as the approximately 300,000 that fly in and out of the Tampa International Airport on a yearly basis.

As both a Congressman and a father of three sons in the U.S. Army, I know how important the USO services are to our men and women in uniform. When I visit with the veterans in my district, I hear their stories of watching Bob Hope in the USO Concerts and receiving packages with urgent supplies from the USO on Christmas. Today's USO centers give our active duty heroes a place to relax, if only for a few minutes.

The new facility in the Tampa International Airport will allow members of our local communities the opportunity to recognize the service and sacrifice of this Nation's proud active duty servicemembers and their families.

I am a proud supporter of this outstanding institution and welcome its arrival in the Tampa International Airport.

AZERBAIJAN

HON. VIRGINIA FOXX

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 27, 2012

Ms. FOXX. Mr. Speaker, since declaring its independence from the Soviet Union, Azerbaijan has been a valuable ally to the United States in a turbulent region. In the true spirit of friendship, it seems appropriate for Congress to note the 20th anniversaries of two important events in their country's history which take place in late-February.

February 26 marked the 20th anniversary of the Khojaly Tragedy which is the largest of Azerbaijani civilians in the country's history.

The town of Khojaly is located in the Nagorno-Karabakh region of Azerbaijan and was then home to some 7,000 Azerbaijani citizens. On February 25–26, 1992, in a period of less than 12 hours, 613 citizens were slain at the hands of Armenian forces.

In the wake of these atrocities, Human Rights Watch described the advancing forces as committing "unconscionable acts of violence against civilians as they fled." Given our deepening ties with Azerbaijan it is important for American citizens to remember this event.

February 28 is the 20th anniversary of the establishment of Azerbaijani-American diplomatic relations, which is an event forming a partnership which of importance to both countries.

The initial focus of these relations was on trade between the two countries and, in particular, Azerbaijan's abundant natural resources. Today, Azerbaijan is a full partner to the United States, working with us and our allies to safeguard our combined security and prosperity.

One of the most telling examples of their commitment to this partnership came in the wake of the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001, when Azerbaijan pledged to stand by the United States as in our efforts to secure the homeland and bring justice to the perpetrators of this tragedy.

True to its word, Azerbaijan has supported allied efforts in the War on Terror by allowing unrestricted access to its territory for American aircraft, troops and supplies, as well as committing its own troops to fight alongside our own.

As these two important anniversaries come to pass, I join Azerbaijan in mourning those who died in Khojaly, celebrating 20 years of shared diplomatic relations, and hoping for the continued security and prosperity of our nations in an ever-more dangerous world.

HONORING DWIGHT AND SHARON POAGE AND THE MAYAN FAMILIES

HON. STEVE STIVERS

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 27, 2012

Mr. STIVERS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and thank Dwight and Sharon Poage and the Mayan Families for their extraordinary passion for causes that have made enduring positive differences in people's lives in the Lake Atitlan region of Guatemala.

This record recognizes the Mayan Families' strong partnership with the Upper Arlington Rotary Club in jointly creating sustainable humanitarian focused projects that provide opportunities, hope and a future for the indigenous and impoverished people in Guatemala.

Your commitment to potable water, children and adult nutrition, education and improving basic essential living conditions in the underserved communities has had a profound impact. On behalf of the citizens of Ohio's 15th Congressional District I commend your dedicated efforts for the families of Guatemala.

HONORING THE LIVES OF CAPTAIN RYAN P. HALL OF COLORADO SPRINGS, COLORADO; CAPTAIN NICHOLAS S. WHITLOCK OF NEWNAN, GEORGIA; FIRST LIEUTENANT JUSTIN J. WILKENS, OF BEND, OREGON; AND SENIOR AIRMAN JULIAN S. SCHOLTEN OF UPPER MARLBORO, MARYLAND

HON. JEFF MILLER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 27, 2012

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Mr. Speaker, it is with deep sympathy and solemn gratitude that I rise to pay tribute to four of our nation's fallen heroes: Captain Ryan P. Hall of Colorado Springs, Colorado; Captain Nicholas S. Whitlock of Newnan, Georgia; First Lieutenant Justin J. Wilkens, of Bend, Oregon; and Senior Airman Julian S. Scholten of Upper Marlboro, Maryland.

These four brave, young men paid the ultimate price in defense of our nation's freedom when their U-28 aircraft went down near Djibouti, Africa on Saturday, February 18, 2012. They were members of the United States Air Force Special Operations Command. Of their dedication to duty, courage of heart, and commitment to their nation, there can be no doubt. They were living examples of the Airman's Creed, "I am an American Airman, guardian of freedom and justice, my nation's sword and shield, its sentry and avenger. I defend my Country with my life." Upon the altar of freedom, they have fulfilled their vow to defend their country and paid the ultimate price.

The report of this tragic incident pierced the hearts of their families, friends, and the AFSOC community. It reminds us that there is no greater sacrifice than that in which one gives his life for others.

While there are no words that we can say here on the floor today that will bring back Ryan, Nicholas, Justin, and Julian to those who love them and know them best, we can and will honor their service and sacrifice. We have heard many times and know in our hearts the truth that Freedom often demands of us a heavy and at times unbearable price. It is a burden of loss that rests heavily upon those who love them.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of a grateful United States Congress, I stand here today to honor these four men and all of the heroes we have lost. My wife, Vicki joins me in offering our deepest, most sincere condolences and prayers to their families and friends. May God continue to bless them, the AFSOC community, and the United States Armed Forces.

HONORING THE LIFE OF DAVID N.
BODDIE

HON. DONNA F. EDWARDS

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 27, 2012

Ms. EDWARDS. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute and honor the life of David N. Boddie, a resident of Bowie in the Fourth Congressional District of Maryland, who passed away on February 16th. As he is interred at Arlington National Cemetery today, I want to remember the legacy he leaves behind.

For more than 40 years, Dave—as he was affectionately known to his colleagues—was an employee of the U.S. Government Printing Office (GPO), which supplies us with the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD and the documents to conduct the business of this House.

Before arriving at the GPO, Dave Boddie served as a U.S. Marine in Vietnam, where he was seriously wounded in combat and received the Purple Heart. After returning home, he worked at the Afro-American Newspaper Company in Baltimore.

Dave joined the GPO in 1970 as an apprentice and three years later was converted to a career employee. In 1976, he was promoted to a new position as a Photocomposition Machine Operator, taking his place within one of the greatest technology changes in the GPO's history, as the agency converted from hot metal typesetting to electronic photocomposition. Two years later, Dave entered the management and supervisory ranks at GPO, and he became a Foreperson in 1987. In August 1999, Dave was named Foreperson-in-Charge, and in 2003, he was promoted to Assistant to the Production Manager, Night Operations, on the second shift. He continued to rise through the management ranks, becoming Printing Officer and Assistant Production Manager in December 2005.

In 2006, Dave was named the third-shift Assistant Production Manager, effectively becoming GPO's Night Production Manager, with the key responsibility for ensuring the completion of the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD and other congressional work by morning. Dave was the first African American employee ever named to this position in GPO's 150-year history of service to Congress and this Nation. He retired from Federal service in 2011.

Dave Boddie's record of service to our country, both as a Marine and through his accomplished career as a Federal employee at GPO, was characterized by sacrifice, by hard work and dedication to duty, and most of all by achievement, which was recognized by his promotions leading ultimately to one of the most critically important positions of leadership within GPO. He leaves behind a legacy of service that others can aspire to.

Now that his time on earth has come to an end, it is my hope that David N. Boddie has found the peace he has earned. On behalf of this House, I extend our sincere condolences to his wife, Kim and daughter Monica, and the thanks of a grateful Nation.

TRIBUTE TO DR. SUNEDRA KUMAR
KAUSHIK

HON. NITA M. LOWEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 27, 2012

Mrs. LOWEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Dr. Sunedra Kumar Kaushik, the founder and chairman of the Mrs. Helena Kaushik Women's College in Rajasthan, India, and a constituent in the 18th Congressional district of New York. On March 2, Dr. Kaushik will be honored by the Indian Consul General in New York after receiving the Pravasi Bharatiya Diwas Samman Award, India's highest honor for natives living overseas, from President Pratibha Patil. For decades, Dr. Kaushik's work as a Professor of Finance at Pace University and his exceptional leadership at Mrs. Helena Kaushik Women's College have made an extraordinary impact at home, in the Lower Hudson Valley, and abroad, in his native India.

For more than 35 years, Dr. Kaushik has led a distinguished academic career, shaping the minds of generations of young Americans at Pace, Boston University, Northeastern University, Babson College and other institutions. Over this period of time, Dr. Kaushik has published an impressive number of academic works in economics and finance.

While completing his PhD at Boston University, Dr. Kaushik met the love of his life, Helena Pokotnicki, of Detroit, Michigan, and the two were married in September of 1973. For decades, Mrs. Kaushik employed her skills as a health professional to promote children's health and education issues in India. On her very first day in India, Mrs. Kaushik wasted no time making her voice heard, lobbying the head of the World Health Organization in Delhi on the need to improve health conditions in India and to mitigate the adverse effects of open sewers on the Indian population at large.

In 1991, Mrs. Kaushik tragically suffered a devastating stroke and since has been cared for by her husband at their home in Westchester County, New York. Inspired by his wife's commitment and work on behalf of the children and women of India, Dr. Kaushik founded the Mrs. Helena Kaushik Women's College in Rajasthan, India, in 1999. Watching his wife in action, Dr. Kaushik understood the tremendous impact hard-working women could have on their communities across the globe. In his native Rajasthan, one of the most poverty-stricken regions of India, Dr. Kaushik was concerned by the lack of educational opportunities for women. He was especially upset by the fact that his hometown of Malsisar, Rajasthan, lacked even a male or co-ed college within a 35 kilometer radius.

For over a decade, the Mrs. Helena Kaushik Women's College has empowered countless women from rural India, training them to become integral parts of the Indian economy and Indian society. Since its establishment, over 900 of the college's graduates have gone on

to serve their communities as teachers and civil servants, and in an array of other critical professions. Moreover, by operating solely on generous private donations and not charging any tuition fees, the Mrs. Helena Kaushik Women's College has made obtaining a higher education possible for numerous low-income women.

Given Dr. Kaushik's inspiring work, it comes as no surprise that President Patil has awarded him one of India's highest honors and that his achievements have been celebrated by both the New York State Assembly and the New Jersey General Assembly. It is time for Congress to also recognize Dr. Kaushik's extraordinary efforts both at home and abroad, and I urge my colleagues to join me in doing so.

TRIBUTE TO CLARENCE LEONARD
EDWARDS

HON. FREDERICA S. WILSON

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 27, 2012

Ms. WILSON of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Mr. Clarence Leonard Edwards, a lifelong South Florida community activist, U.S. Soldier, entrepreneur, pioneer, beloved son, husband, father, neighbor and friend.

Mr. Edwards was born in Jacksonville, Florida on March 3rd, 1930. After attending Edward Waters College in Jacksonville, he moved to Miami. At the age of twenty, he began a career of community service that spanned decades.

Following his service in the U.S. Army, during the Korean War, Mr. Edwards and his first wife of 38 years, Olivia Love, settled in Overtown and became instrumental in community organizing, voter registration and mentoring youth. For thirty six years, they ran a community pharmacy that served as a long-standing community gathering place.

Mr. Edwards had a forty year career with the Seaboard Coastline Railroad (Amtrak). He is also noted for pioneering blacks in the sport of race car driving. He has received numerous local, state and national awards for community and political service including: Governors recognition for his service during Hurricane Andrew, Florida Annual Civil Rights Conference Community Relations award, Proclamation of Clarence Edwards Day from Dade County Mayor, Stephen Clark and City of Opa Locka Mayor, Robert Ingram. Mr. Edwards has also received several letters of appreciation from Presidents, Congressmen and State Representatives.

We, the citizens of the 17th Congressional District, pay tribute to Mr. Clarence Leonard Edwards for his stellar service to the people of Miami-Dade County.

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 Tuesday, February 28, 2012 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED
FEBRUARY 29

- 9:30 a.m.
Appropriations
Department of the Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Subcommittee
To hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2013 for the Department of the Interior. SD-124
- 10 a.m.
Budget
To hold hearings to examine putting health care spending on a sustainable path. SD-608
Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions
Primary Health and Aging Subcommittee
To hold hearings to examine dental crisis in America, focusing on the need to expand access. SD-430
Judiciary
To hold hearings to examine the "Due Process Guarantee Act", focusing on banning indefinite detention of Americans. SD-226
Veterans' Affairs
To hold hearings to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2013 for Veterans' Programs. SR-418
- 10:30 a.m.
Appropriations
Department of Defense Subcommittee
To hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2013 for the Department of the Army. SD-192
- 11 a.m.
Foreign Relations
To receive a closed briefing on the crisis in Syria. SVC-217
- 2:30 p.m.
Judiciary
To hold hearings to examine the nominations of Richard Gary Taranto, of Maryland, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Federal Circuit, Gershwin A. Drain, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Michigan, and Robin S. Rosenbaum, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Florida. SD-226

MARCH 1

- 9:30 a.m.
Armed Services
To hold hearings to examine U.S. European Command and U.S. Africa Command in review of the Defense Authorization request for fiscal year 2013 and the Future Years Defense Program; with the possibility of a closed session in SVC-217 following the open session. SH-216
- 10 a.m.
Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs
To hold hearings to examine the semi-annual Monetary Policy Report to the Congress. SD-538
Budget
To hold hearings to examine tax reform to encourage growth, reduce the deficit, and promote fairness. SD-608
Commerce, Science, and Transportation
To hold an oversight hearing to examine the cruise ship industry, focusing on if current regulations are sufficient to protect passengers and the environment. SR-253
Foreign Relations
To hold hearings to examine Syria, focusing on the crisis and its implications. SD-419
Judiciary
Business meeting to consider S. 1002, to prohibit theft of medical products, and the nominations of Andrew David Hurwitz, of Arizona, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Ninth Circuit, Patty Shwartz, of New Jersey, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Third Circuit, Jeffrey J. Helmick, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Ohio, Mary Geiger Lewis, to be United States District Judge for the District of South Carolina, Timothy S. Hillman, to be United States District Judge for the District of Massachusetts, and Thomas M. Harrigan, of New York, to be Deputy Administrator of Drug Enforcement, Department of Justice. SD-226
Appropriations
Transportation and Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Subcommittee
To hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2013 for the Department of Housing and Urban Development. SD-138
- 2:30 p.m.
Appropriations
Legislative Branch Subcommittee
To hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year for 2013 for the Office of the Architect of the Capitol, the Library of Congress, the Office of Compliance, and the Open World Leadership Center. SD-138
Intelligence
To hold closed hearings to examine certain intelligence matters. SH-219

MARCH 6

- 9:30 a.m.
Armed Services
To hold hearings to examine U.S. Central Command and U.S. Special Operations Command in review of the Defense Authorization request for fiscal year 2013 and the Future Years Defense Program; with the possibility of a closed

session in SVC-217 following the open session. SH-216

- 10 a.m.
Budget
To hold hearings to examine perspectives on the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2013 for the Department of Defense. SD-608
Energy and Natural Resources
To hold hearings to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2013 for the Forest Service. SD-366
Finance
To hold hearings to examine tax reform options, focusing on incentives for capital investment and manufacturing. SD-215
- 10:30 a.m.
Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs
To hold hearings to examine the nomination of Tony Hammond, of Missouri, to be a Commissioner of the Postal Regulatory Commission. SD-342
- 2:30 p.m.
Foreign Relations
To hold hearings to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2013 for international development priorities. SD-419
Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs
To hold hearings to examine the nominations of Mark A. Robbins, of California, to be a Member of the Merit Systems Protection Board, and Roy Wallace McLeese III, to be an Associate Judge of the District of Columbia Court of Appeals. SD-342

MARCH 7

- 9:30 a.m.
Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry
To hold hearings to examine healthy food initiatives, local production, and nutrition. SH-216
- 10 a.m.
Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry
To hold hearings to examine risk management and commodities in the 2012 farm bill. SH-216
Veterans' Affairs
To hold joint hearings to examine a legislative presentation from the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW). SD-G50
- 2:30 p.m.
Energy and Natural Resources
National Parks Subcommittee
To hold hearings to examine S. 29, to establish the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta National Heritage Area, S. 1150, to establish the Susquehanna Gateway National Heritage Area in the State of Pennsylvania, S. 1191, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to carry out a study regarding the suitability and feasibility of establishing the Naugatuck River Valley National Heritage Area in Connecticut, S. 1198, to reauthorize the Essex National Heritage Area, S. 1215, to provide for the exchange of land located in the Lowell National Historical Park, S. 1589, to extend the authorization for the Coastal Heritage Trail in the State of New Jersey, S. 1708, to establish the John H. Chafee Blackstone River Valley National Historical Park, H.R. 1141, to authorize the Secretary of

the Interior to study the suitability and feasibility of designating prehistoric, historic, and limestone forest sites on Rota, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, as a unit of the National Park System, and H.R. 2606, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to allow the construction and operation of natural gas pipeline facilities in the Gateway National Recreation Area.

SD-366

MARCH 8

9:30 a.m.

Armed Services

To hold hearings to examine the Department of the Army in review of the Defense Authorization request for fiscal year 2013 and the Future Years Defense Program.

SD-106

10 a.m.

Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

To hold hearings to examine the key to America's global competitiveness, focusing on a quality education.

SD-430

2:15 p.m.

Indian Affairs

To hold hearings to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2013 for Native Programs.

SD-628

MARCH 13

9:30 a.m.

Armed Services

To hold hearings to examine U.S. Southern Command and U.S. Northern Command in review of the Defense Authorization request for fiscal year 2013 and the Future Years Defense Program; with the possibility of a closed session in SVC-217 following the open session.

SD-G50

10 a.m.

Energy and Natural Resources

To hold hearings to examine the report of the Independent Consultant's Review with Respect to the Department of Energy Loan and Loan Guarantee Portfolio.

SD-366

10:30 a.m.

Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

Contracting Oversight Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine contractors, focusing on how much they are costing the government.

SD-342

Judiciary

To hold hearings to examine the Freedom of Information Act, focusing on safeguarding critical infrastructure information and the public's right to know.

SD-226

MARCH 14

10 a.m.

Veterans' Affairs

To hold hearings to examine ending homelessness among veterans, focusing on Veterans' Affairs progress on its five year plan.

SR-418

2 p.m.

Armed Services

Personnel Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine the Active, Guard, Reserve, and civilian personnel programs in review of the Defense Authorization request for fiscal year 2013 and the Future Years Defense Program.

SR-232A

MARCH 15

9:30 a.m.

Armed Services

To hold hearings to examine the Department of the Navy in review of the Defense Authorization request for fiscal year 2013 and the Future Years Defense Program; with the possibility of a closed session in SVC-217 following the open session.

SD-G50

2:15 p.m.

Indian Affairs

To hold an oversight hearing to examine Indian water rights, focusing on promoting the negotiation and implementation of water settlements in Indian country.

SD-628

MARCH 20

9:30 a.m.

Armed Services

To hold hearings to examine the Department of the Air Force in review of the Defense Authorization request for fiscal year 2013 and the Future Years Defense Program; with the possibility of a closed session in SVC-217 following the open session.

SD-G50

MARCH 21

10 a.m.

Veterans' Affairs

To hold joint hearings to examine the legislative presentations of the Military Order of the Purple Heart, Iraq and Afghanistan Veterans of America (IAVA), Non Commissioned Officers Association, American Ex-Prisoners of War, Vietnam Veterans of America, Wounded Warrior Project, National Association of State Directors of Veterans Affairs, and The Retired Enlisted Association.

SD-G50

2 p.m.

Judiciary

Antitrust, Competition Policy and Consumer Rights Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine Verizon and cable deals.

SD-226

MARCH 22

10 a.m.

Veterans' Affairs

To hold joint hearings to examine the legislative presentations of the Paralyzed Veterans of America, Air Force Sergeants Association, Blinded Veterans Association, American Veterans (AMVETS), Gold Star Wives, Fleet Reserve Association, Military Officers Association of America, and the Jewish War Veterans.

345, Cannon Building

MARCH 28

10 a.m.

Veterans' Affairs

To hold hearings to examine the nominations of Margaret Bartley, of Maryland, and Coral Wong Pietsch, of Hawaii, both to be a Judge of the United States Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims.

SR-418

2 p.m.

Armed Services

Personnel Subcommittee

To resume hearings to examine the Active, Guard, Reserve, and civilian personnel programs in review of the Defense Authorization request for fiscal year 2013 and the Future Years Defense Program.

SR-232A