

works diligently to improve the lives of individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities and their families. In the past, proceeds from the gala have gone to such noble causes as cancer research, educational scholarships, the American Red Cross, tsunami relief, and to aid victims of Hurricane Katrina and the earthquake in Kashmir, India, and most recently, the Carmelite Home for Girls.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you and my other distinguished colleagues join me in commending the board and members of the Indian American Cultural Center of NWHRC for their outstanding contributions to society. Their commitment to improving the quality of life for the people of Northwest Indiana and throughout the world is truly inspirational and should be recognized and commended.

HONORING TADASHI YAMAMOTO

HON. DIANA DeGETTE

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 17, 2012

Ms. DEGETTE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Mr. Tadashi Yamamoto. At the age of 76, Mr. Yamamoto died from cancer on April 15, 2012. He left behind four sons, four daughters-in-law, and eight grandchildren. He left behind a legacy and enduring partnership with his friends in the United States.

As Japan rose in world influence in the 1960s and '70s, Tadashi Yamamoto created one of his country's first nongovernmental organizations in the field of international affairs. In 1967, he organized the first Shimoda Conference, designed to bring together U.S. and Japanese leaders to discuss issues of mutual interest to both countries. Out of that conference, he founded and became president of the Japan Center for International Exchange (JCIE). Since 1970, JCIE has enabled more than 1,000 U.S. and Japanese political leaders to engage in meaningful dialogue and problem-solving, strengthening our relationship and paving the way for decades of productive endeavors.

In February 2011, Mr. Yamamoto, recognizing the necessity for continued bilateral cooperation, decided to revive the concept of a frank discussion between political, business, and media leaders. He convened the New Shimoda Conference in Tokyo. I was pleased to lead the bipartisan, bicameral U.S. delegation to that historic event. Less than one month later the depths of the U.S.-Japan relationship were affirmed by the outpouring of assistance in the wake of the devastating earthquake in March 2011.

Tadashi Yamamoto was a pioneer. In the decades before the Internet brought together people from diverse cultures to connect and exchange ideas, inspired individuals like Tadashi Yamamoto built bridges that made our world stronger. At a time when both countries were in the midst of change and protest, discovering post-war identities and ideals, Tadashi Yamamoto made our world safer. He led us to a brighter future. The United States and Japan has a distinct partnership today because of his vision, and those like him, who work tirelessly and optimistically toward peace and security for all of humanity.

Today, I ask my colleagues to join me and the House delegation to the New Shimoda

Conference, Congressman TOM PETRI, Congresswoman NITA LOWEY, Congresswoman SUSAN DAVIS and Steve Davis, and Congresswoman MAZIE HIRONO, in remembering Tadashi Yamamoto. May his work and his legacy live on in continued cooperation between the United States and Japan and the open exchange between our leaders.

JOE LYLE

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 17, 2012

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Joe Lyle for his distinguished service to the Savannah Rural Fire Protection District in Missouri. Joe is one of the founding board members for the district, and has served 32 years as the board's chairman.

During Joe's tenure as chairman, the district has overseen the construction of three new fire houses and purchased numerous fire trucks and fire equipment. The district has also acquired top of the line safety equipment to assist in the protection of the residents of the district. Joe's leadership and vision have been instrumental to the district's efforts to expand service and protection to the community. Joe has also been heavily involved in organizing fire protection services to the communities surrounding the City of Savannah.

Mr. Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in recognizing Joe Lyle, a dedicated volunteer, whose service to the Savannah Rural Fire Protection District is to be commended. I wish to congratulate Joe on his contributions accomplishments and I am honored to serve him in the United States Congress.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 20TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE SALVATION ARMY GUAM CORPS

HON. MADELEINE Z. BORDALLO

OF GUAM

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 17, 2012

Ms. BORDALLO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Salvation Army Guam Corps for their 20 years of community service to the island of Guam. Since their establishment on Guam in 1992, the Salvation Army has built a strong network of services to individuals and groups in need of assistance in our island community.

The Salvation Army is an international non-profit organization that provides non-discriminatory humanitarian support throughout the world. In 1992, the Salvation Army Guam Corps was started by Lieutenants Ted and Debby Horwood. Since then, several Corps Officers have assumed the leadership of this organization on Guam. From July 1995 to June 2006, Captains Dave and Linda Harmon were instrumental in expanding the Salvation Army's size and services. After the Harmons relocated from Guam in June 2006, Captains Brian and Leticia Saunders served as Corps Officers for Guam until June 2007, and were succeeded by the current Corps Officers, Captains Thomas and Christina Taylor.

The Salvation Army has offered a variety of humanitarian services to the people of Guam. Its Family Services Center provides emergency assistance to families in need of food, clothing, rent or utilities, and donates toys to more than 1,500 children on Guam during the Christmas season. The Salvation Army also runs the Lighthouse Recovery Center, which began as a 16-bed residence for substance abuse recovery in 1998 and has since expanded to a state of the art facility with a bed capacity of 30. The Lighthouse Recovery Center facility is also utilized for after school activities, day camp, summer camp, youth councils, and the annual Community Thanksgiving Feast, which feeds more than 1,100 people in need. The Salvation Army also actively participates in the Guam Homeless Coalition's annual island-wide Homeless Count and Passport to Services programs, which assists our island's homeless community as well as those at risk of becoming homeless. Further, the Salvation Army Thrift Store offers clothing, furniture, and other household goods to the community at a low price.

Over the last 20 years, the Salvation Army has coordinated with federal and local officials in providing disaster recovery and relief assistance through its Emergency Disaster Services Team. This team has assisted Guam residents whose homes and belongings were destroyed as a result of natural disasters, by donating thousands of dollars of food, clothing, and supplies. Further, the Salvation Army provided humanitarian services to Kurdish refugees who were evacuated from Iraq to Guam as part of Operation Pacific Haven in 1996, and also supported Burmese refugees who were seeking political asylum in 2000.

The Salvation Army has worked with many local community organizations and businesses in their charitable efforts, including the Guam Symphony Society, the Rotary Club of Tumon Bay, the Guam Women's Club, the Guam Council of Women's Club, the Soroptimist International of Guam, the Guam Naval Officers' Spouse Connection, the Andersen Officers Souses Club, Chinese Ladies Association, Korean Women's Association of Guam, KUAM Care Force, Chinese Chamber of Commerce Guam, Marine Corps Toys for Tots, the Guam Homeless Coalition and the Council on Homelessness, Bank of Hawaii, Citibank, First Hawaiian Bank, and Wells Fargo Financial.

I congratulate the Salvation Army Guam Corps on their 20th anniversary, and I commend them for their years of providing humanitarian services to the people of Guam and the Micronesia region. I also commend the efforts of the Corps Officers, Advisory Board Members, and all volunteers, for their commitment to the mission and vision of the Salvation Army. I look forward to the continued growth and expansion of this organization for many years to come.

CONGRATULATING POLICE CHIEF WILLIAM VILLANOVA FOR RECEIVING THE 2012 POLICE CHIEF OF THE YEAR AWARD

HON. DANIEL LIPINSKI

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 17, 2012

Mr. LIPINSKI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Chief William Villanova for receiving the