

young women across the country to become strong and powerful, compassionate and wise themselves.

Those honored have helped women's rights evolve over the last century. Starting with Juliette Gordon Low, who in 1912 registered 18 girls to create the first troop of American Girl Guides, who later became the Girl Scouts.

The Girl Scout movement brought girls into the out-of-doors, and helped to develop their self-reliance and resourcefulness. Today it is still going strong, and continues to be an organization that is accepting of people from all backgrounds, with a membership that has grown to 3.7 million girls. Although she passed away in 1927, Ms. Low's efforts are still being felt today, and her memory will continue in the lives of the remarkable Girl Scouts who serve their communities.

Madeline Albright was born in Prague, Czechoslovakia, in the years right before World War II. Her family was forced to flee with the rise of Hitler, and after a number of years spent in Europe, Ms. Albright found her way to America. While raising a family she was able to earn her Ph.D. and eventually work her way up to the position of U.S. Ambassador of the United Nations.

In 1997 she was sworn in as the first female Secretary of State, and therefore became the highest ranking woman in America's history. Ms. Albright broke into a male dominated world and rose to the top. She has inspired many young women to do the same, and truer words were never spoken when she said, "Only in America can a refugee become the Secretary of State."

Toni Morrison's first novel was *The Bluest Eye*. This controversial book brought about a frank conversation on ideas of beauty in relation to race and class. These kind of issues made people uncomfortable, and it was placed on multiple banned book lists. However, Ms. Morrison understood the necessity of speaking openly about these issues in order move forwards from them. She went on to win the Nobel Prize in Literature and continues to bring important issues to the table through her writings.

Pat Summitt has won more championships than any other coach in NCAA history. Even with a recent diagnosis of Alzheimer's disease she is still coaching, claiming that the players are her "best medicine." Outside of her tremendous athletic accomplishments, every single one of her players has either graduated, or is currently on her way to a degree. She is a true teacher and inspiration to all women and those suffering from dementia alike.

Mr. Speaker, we should all be proud to be fellow citizens of these women. I would also like to recognize the great Delores Huerta, co-founder of the Farm Workers Union who also received the Medal of Freedom. I will describe her contributions and achievements later today.

The significant contributions of these extraordinary women have influenced people across the world. They have shown us that it is okay to be strong and commanding, and that a woman has as much right as a man to hold a position of power. These women have influenced generations of people with their words and actions, and they truly deserve this honor.

CONGRATULATIONS TO MOUNT WASHINGTON CRUISES ON THEIR 140TH ANNIVERSARY

### HON. FRANK C. GUINTA

OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 31, 2012*

Mr. GUINTA. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I congratulate Mount Washington Cruises on reaching your 140th Anniversary.

New Hampshire is proud to be home to some of the most beautiful sights in the Northeast. The White Mountains and Lakes Region have attracted tourists from all over the world, and the beauty and grandeur of Lake Winnepesaukee has been shared with thousands of visitors thanks to the M/S *Mount Washington*.

The M/S *Mount Washington* is truly one of New Hampshire's greatest treasures and continues to be one of the state's leading tourist attractions in the Lakes Region and for Weirs Beach. The daily in season tours give visitors the chance to view firsthand the beauty and majesty of Lake Winnepesaukee. With the ability to hold 1250 passengers, the "*Mount*" has also been a popular venue for parties, weddings and various celebrations. Today Mount Washington Cruises is owned and operated by local individuals ensuring that this fine vessel and her operations maintain in New Hampshire and are run by New Hampshire's great citizens.

I congratulate the owners, officers and crew of the Mount Washington Cruises for their continued success and their dedication to maintain the great legacy of the M/S *Mount Washington* here in the Granite State. I wish you all the best for continued success in the future.

### HONORING THE AROOSTOOK MEDICAL CENTER

### HON. MICHAEL H. MICHAUD

OF MAINE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 31, 2012*

Mr. MICHAUD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize The Aroostook Medical Center in advance of its 100th anniversary. The City of Presque Isle has proclaimed June 9th TAMC Day to commend the medical center's outstanding work on behalf of the community.

The Aroostook Medical Center began as the Presque Isle General Hospital in 1912. Established to meet the healthcare needs of the growing Northern Maine community, the hospital has since expanded to include top services and facilities in many Aroostook communities including Presque Isle, Mars Hill, Fort Fairfield, Caribou, and Ashland. TAMC is one of the area's largest economic drivers, employing over 1000 staff members and 60 physicians. The hospital is also a member of the Eastern Maine Healthcare Systems allowing TAMC to connect its patients with specialty physicians and advanced services.

Providing access to quality health care in rural areas like Maine can be a challenge for many health providers, yet TAMC continues to thrive in Aroostook County. The hospital was recognized nationally last year for the positive feedback it received from patient satisfaction

surveys. After receiving the award, TAMC went back to work on finding new ways to improve patient comfort.

On June 9, 2012, the State of Maine will express its thanks to TAMC for its many years of tremendous service. I am pleased to share in the celebration of TAMC Day and the 100th anniversary of the hospital's establishment.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in congratulating The Aroostook Medical Center on its outstanding service to the people of Maine.

### A TRIBUTE IN HONOR OF THE LIFE OF CAROLINE OTTEN SHEA

### HON. ANNA G. ESHOO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 31, 2012*

Ms. ESHOO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the tragically abbreviated life of an extraordinary woman, Caroline Otten Shea, who passed on May 11, 2012, at the age of 63. She was a loving wife, a devoted mother, a doting grandmother, a beloved sister, a teacher, and a community leader. She will be missed by every person who had the good fortune to know her, and I count myself among those so blessed.

Caroline Shea, a fourth generation San Franciscan, was raised on Potrero Hill and attended St. Theresa's Elementary School and Presentation High School. Caroline was a stalwart in her Millbrae community. Her door was always open to the children she loved so much and to so many others who were made to feel that her home was their own. Caroline was named Millbrae's Woman of the Year in 2004; served on the Millbrae School Board since 1993; was President of the Mills Booster Club; and the Mills PTA. She also served on the Board of the Meadows Swim Club where she spent her summers. She loved spending time at the beach with her family. She also served capably as Banquet Manager at Kokkari Estiatorio in San Francisco.

Her family wrote of Caroline "She was our diamond; the strongest and brightest rock in every situation, making sure everything went smoothly for those around her." This captures Caroline, and it is an eloquent statement about the loving, caring, selfless woman she was. Caroline said, "Remember, whether you are a teacher, secretary custodial staff, instructional aide, anyone who works with children—you do make a difference."

Caroline is survived by her loving husband James, her children Tracy Montserrat (Paul), Kevin (Christie), and Brian. Caroline lost her beloved daughter Kelly Gallo 8 years ago, and in her honor established the Kelly Shea Gallo Foundation. Caroline is survived by her adored grandchildren Mia, Chloe, Alyssa, Thomas, Claire and Kiley. She will be sorely missed by her sister Judy (George) and brother Pete. She also leaves nieces Jennifer, Mary Jane, Demetra, and Alexandria and nephews John and Mike.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in extending our most sincere sympathy to Caroline Shea's entire family and to the many who were part of her large Millbrae community of friends. Caroline Otten Shea's life was one of an exceptional citizen. As she strengthened her community in countless ways, she strengthened our country as well.