

follower of Jesus Christ, she has taught Sunday school to several generations of Pahoee children. She still faithfully attends Sunday school and worship service each week. She still lives in her own home in Pahoee, where she enjoys spending time with friends, participating in church activities, and working in her yard. Helen says the secret to her longevity is hard work and eating right.

Mr. Speaker, Mrs. Helen Henderson is a fine citizen, and I am proud that she continues to make a positive impact on the Glades community. I am delighted to join her family, friends and many admirers in wishing her a very happy 100th birthday and continued good health and happiness for years to come.

IN RECOGNITION OF ELIAS BOU SAAB

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 6, 2012

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Honorable Elias Bou Saab, the Mayor of Dhour Shweir and Ain Al Sindyaneh, and welcome him to the City of Cleveland.

Born and raised in Dhour Shweir, Mayor Bou Saab earned his Bachelor of Business Administration in Marketing from The American College in London and his Master of Arts in International Relations from Boston University. In 1992, he established and served as the first president of the Lebanese Graduates of Britain.

Dedicated to higher education and improving relations between the United States and the Arab world, in 1995 Bou Saab moved to Dubai and founded the American University in Dubai. Today he serves as the executive vice president of the university overseeing the implementation of policies and long-term planning.

In 2010, Bou Saab was elected as the Mayor of his hometown of Dhour Shweir and Ain Al Sindyaneh. He is also an active member of the Clinton Global Initiative, co-founder of the Emirates Lebanese Friendship Association and former Member of the Board of Directors of the Young Arab Leaders.

Mr. Speaker and colleagues, please join me welcoming Mr. Elias Bou Saab to the City of Cleveland.

RECOGNIZING OXFORD HEALTHCARE OF JOPLIN

HON. BILLY LONG

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 6, 2012

Mr. LONG. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in celebration of the reopening of Oxford HealthCare in Joplin, Missouri.

Oxford HealthCare is a home care provider that serves more than 50 counties in southwest and central Missouri. In 1975, Oxford HealthCare began operations in Joplin and Springfield, Missouri. On May 22, 2011, a tornado struck the Joplin community and destroyed Oxford's office. It was very important to Oxford HealthCare that they get to a new normal as quickly as possible because their

patients and employees were dependent on them, and in their business there is no excuse not to show up for work.

Hours after the tornado tore through Joplin, Destiny Church opened its doors to Oxford. By the next morning the Joplin and Springfield staff converged on the church with everything needed to do business. For weeks Oxford staff worked out of plastic tubs that held office and medical supplies and they used cell phones and laptops using a computer system that their IT Department was able to establish on the spot. Oxford was back to business as usual. The Zimmer Radio Group helped Oxford get word to their staff and patients that they were working out of Destiny Church.

With the help of the entire company, within three days of the storm all 650 employees and patients were accounted for. Some had been in the path of the storm and lost their homes. Many suffered injuries.

Immediately after the tornado employees who were suffering themselves continued to see their patients without fail. In those first days after the storm many Oxford staff stayed with the patients they were with during the storm, without going to their own homes, until they knew the patients were safe and had family to watch over them. In an effort to ensure that the community's clinical needs were being met, Oxford set up makeshift first aid stations throughout the neighborhoods that were in the path of the tornado. Volunteer nurses from the entire company took their vacation time to staff the tents from 8–5, seven days a week for a number of weeks, where 1,400 tetanus shots were given and first aid was administered.

Oxford eventually left Destiny Church and set up a temporary office in Carthage as plans were being made to return to Joplin. The resilience of Oxford and its employees is amazing and I am honored to help Oxford celebrate the reopening of their new facility in Joplin.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. MIKE McINTYRE

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 6, 2012

Mr. McINTYRE. Mr. Speaker, I was unable to be present for votes on June 5, 2012. Had I been present, I would have voted in the following ways: "no" on rollcall vote No. 315, "no" on rollcall vote No. 316, "no" on rollcall vote No. 317, and "yes" on rollcall vote No. 318.

TRIBUTE TO HONOR FLIGHT OF EASTERN OREGON AND HONOR FLIGHT OF PORTLAND, OREGON

HON. GREG WALDEN

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 6, 2012

Mr. WALDEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the 54 World War II veterans from Oregon who will be visiting their memorial this Friday in Washington, D.C. through Honor Flight of Eastern Oregon and Honor Flight of Portland, Oregon. On behalf of a grateful State and country, we welcome these heroes to our Nation's Capital.

The veterans on this flight from Oregon are: Theodore Baumeister, U.S. Army; William Burgess, U.S. Army; Warren F. Ebersole, U.S. Army; Walter J. Forsea, U.S. Army; Teresa Fortino, U.S. Army; Jay L. Garrison, U.S. Army; Zoella Hickmon, U.S. Army; James E. Monroe, U.S. Army; Walter S. Saunders, U.S. Army; Joseph W. Sharpe, U.S. Army; Frank K. Walsh, U.S. Army; Earl C. Williams, U.S. Army; Glenn A. Wrede, U.S. Army; Arthur J. Blumberg, U.S. Army Air Forces; John Bogen, U.S. Army Air Forces; Merrit S. Kelsay, U.S. Army Air Forces; Daniel F. McAllaster, U.S. Army Air Forces; Robert J. Miller, U.S. Army Air Forces; Arthur Perkins, U.S. Army Air Forces; Gene Woodward, U.S. Army Air Forces; Jerry Benson, U.S. Coast Guard; Charles L. Burgess, U.S. Marine Corps; Golda F. Fabian, U.S. Marine Corps; William Gordon, U.S. Marine Corps; Charles R. Holmes, U.S. Marine Corps; Keith C. Tucker, U.S. Marine Corps; Dwain E. Whitney, U.S. Marine Corps; Levi D. Chamberlin, U.S. Merchant Marine; John Alford, U.S. Navy; Robert Barber, U.S. Navy; Eldon Bartlett, U.S. Navy; Sylvine Elie Bourque, U.S. Navy; John E. Curran, U.S. Navy; Bruce L. Dickman, U.S. Navy; Richard M. Finch, U.S. Navy; Louis Fortino, U.S. Navy; Ted S. Georgioff, U.S. Navy; Dale D. Halm, U.S. Navy; Merrily Kurtz Hewett, U.S. Navy; Jack Hilbourne, U.S. Navy; Leslie H. Horn, U.S. Navy; Robert J. Huesby, U.S. Navy; Charles H. Kies, U.S. Navy; Robert L. Lee, U.S. Navy; Leo Moore, U.S. Navy; Thomas Mummy, U.S. Navy; Walker D. Nicholson, U.S. Navy; Raymond Quimby, U.S. Navy; Richard G. Ray, U.S. Navy; George Reiner, U.S. Navy; Louis Stone, U.S. Navy; Robert B. Stuart, U.S. Navy; Helmer C. Wallan, U.S. Navy; Aurther L. Welch, U.S. Navy.

These 54 heroes join more than 81,000 veterans from across the country who, since 2005, have journeyed from their home states to Washington, D.C. to reflect at the memorials built in honor of our Nation's veterans.

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

My colleagues, please join me in thanking these veterans and the volunteers of Honor Flight of Eastern Oregon and Portland, Oregon for their exemplary dedication and service to this great country. I especially want to recognize U.S. Army veteran Dick Tobiason and the Bend Heroes Foundation, whose tireless work will result in over 100 World War II veterans from Oregon visiting the memorials and U.S. Capitol.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. GRACE F. NAPOLITANO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 6, 2012

Mrs. NAPOLITANO. Mr. Speaker, on Tuesday, June 5, 2012, I was absent during rollcall vote No. 316 due to a family medical issue. Had I been present, I would have voted "aye" on the Hirono of Hawaii Amendment.