

science, and other fields where women and girls have historically faced considerable barriers to access and involvement.

Prior to Title IX, sex discrimination was rampant. Many colleges limited the number of women by requiring higher grades and test scores than men, pregnant students were frequently expelled from high schools, and athletic programs for females were virtually nonexistent.

Today, women comprise over half of undergraduate students, roughly half of students in medical and law schools, and girl's participation in high school sports has increased tenfold.

To commemorate this landmark legislation, I am introducing a Resolution to Commemorate the 40th Anniversary of Title IX along with Reps. GWEN MOORE, MARCIA FUDGE, ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON, BARBARA LEE, FREDERICA WILSON, BETTY MCCOLLUM, LAURA RICHARDSON, EDOLPHUS TOWNS, RUSS CARNAHAN, LYNN WOOLSEY, JIM MCDERMOTT and JIM MCGOVERN. The countless girls and women that have benefited from Title IX are a testament to the importance of gender fairness and the obstacles girls and women still face in overcoming the wage gap, sexual harassment and shattering ceilings in lines of work that still favor men.

It's my great hope that we will use this momentous occasion to affirm the equal treatment of men and women and boys and girls and endeavor to work towards a time when women and girls can achieve true equality in athletics, education, and employment.

HONORING UNITED WAY'S 125TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. ROBERT A. BRADY

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 20, 2012

Mr. BRADY of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Pennsylvania's First District Chapter of United Way, in honor of the nonprofit's Annual Day of Action and 125th anniversary.

In 125 years, United Way has become the world's largest privately supported nonprofit dedicated to combating social welfare issues in cities across the country. The organization now boasts nearly 1,800 community-based United Way chapters in 41 countries, raising more than \$5 billion dollars annually. The nonprofit's efforts have translated into a nationwide campaign to create programs that foster healthy children, families and communities.

United Way and its partners are a leading community impact organization as they increase public awareness of social welfare issues affecting our nation. Dedicated to improving education, income stability and healthy lives, the organization has relentlessly challenged the system to create better opportunities for all. United Way's ability to make connections between individuals and government agencies, have made it easier to address the pressing needs of local communities.

Thousands of individuals across the country will participate in United Ways Annual Day of Action to advance the common good by creating strategies to improve education, income and health. More than 125 years later, United Way still honors its original mission that fo-

cuses on utilizing the resources of local communities to make a difference in people's lives.

I ask that you and my other distinguished colleagues join me in honoring the First District Chapter of United Way for their commitment to improving the lives of families and communities of millions of people in Philadelphia and beyond.

RECOGNIZING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE GIRL SCOUTS

HON. ADAM SMITH

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 20, 2012

Mr. SMITH of Washington. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the 100th Anniversary of the Girl Scouts of the United States of America and the designation of 2012 as the Year of the Girl.

In 1912, Daisy Low began the Girl Scouts Movement with only 18 girls. Low's mission was to give girls the opportunity to develop skills in self-reliance and resourcefulness that will help them as professional women and citizens.

Over the years, more than 50 million girls and women have participated in the Girl Scouts, giving them the tools to lead with courage, confidence and character. Some of the most accomplished women in public service, business, science, education and the arts are alumnae of the Girl Scouts.

Today, Girl Scouts of the USA is developing more programs to help girls become more involved in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM), environmental stewardship, healthy living, financial literacy, and global citizenship. Across the country, Girl Scouts dedicate over 70 million hours of service to their communities annually. Girls who achieve their Gold Award, the highest achievement a Girl Scout can earn, take extraordinary steps to solve a problem and make a lasting impact on their community.

Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I honor the great accomplishment of the Girl Scouts of the USA. I know today's Girl Scouts will be part of the next generation of women leaders in our country.

HONORING DIANE NUNN FOR SERVICE TO CALIFORNIA

HON. KAREN BASS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 20, 2012

Ms. BASS of California. Mr. Speaker, today I honor a remarkable constituent of California, Diane Nunn, for receiving the First Annual Mark Hardin Award for Child Welfare Legal Scholarship and Systems Change. Ms. Nunn is characterized by her leadership, humility, and her deep driving compassion for the lives of families and children in California.

Ms. Nunn was recognized for this award because of her lifetime commitment to improving the lives of families and children in California as a teacher and through her work at the Administrative Office of the Courts.

Ms. Nunn joined the Administrative Office of the Courts in 1986 as an attorney in private

practice with an emphasis on family and criminal law, including domestic violence prevention and intervention. Since 2000, Ms. Nunn has been the Division Director of the Center for Families, Children & the Courts, and the Administrative Office of the Courts. During her time in this office, Ms. Nunn also served as a juvenile court referee for the Superior Court of Los Angeles and has published influential written material for her field.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to have such a pioneering and inspirational community leader like Diane Nunn in my home state of California and I congratulate her on the receipt of this award.

RECOGNIZING STAFF SERGEANT MITCHELL CORBIN

HON. PETE OLSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 20, 2012

Mr. OLSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Staff Sergeant Mitchell Corbin of the Texas Air National Guard for his immense bravery and heroism. After Houston, Texas resident Marie Decker's car crashed and flipped on its side on Beltway 8, Corbin saved her life by pulling her out of the vehicle moments before it caught on fire. Corbin put his own safety in jeopardy to help a stranger. He is a true hero.

When Decker's vehicle crashed, Corbin, who was traveling with a friend, pulled over to help. After multiple attempts to get Decker out of the car, Corbin used a fire extinguisher that a bystander brought to the scene to break the passenger window. He then pulled Decker to safety moments before the vehicle burst into flames.

Corbin joined the Texas Air National Guard in 2005 and is a technician for the 147th Reconnaissance Wing, located at Ellington Field Joint Reserve Base in Houston. Using his military skills, Corbin provided first aid to Decker and made sure she was safe until paramedics arrived. Decker suffered a concussion and a broken heel in the crash, but her life was saved because of Corbin.

Staff Sergeant Mitchell Corbin exhibited true military bravery on behalf of a stranger. His actions are a tremendous source of pride for our community and our nation. On behalf of the 22nd Congressional District of Texas, I thank him for his incredible valor.

OUR UNCONSCIONABLE NATIONAL DEBT

HON. MIKE COFFMAN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 20, 2012

Mr. COFFMAN of Colorado. Mr. Speaker, on January 20, 2009, the day President Obama took office, the national debt was \$10,626,877,048,913.08.

Today, it is \$15,784,676,619,110.62. We've added \$5,157,799,570,197.54 to our debt in just over 3 years. This is debt our nation, our economy, and our children could have avoided with a balanced budget amendment.

On this day in 1782, the Great Seal of the United States was adopted. This seal represents the freedom that we as Americans so

cherish. Let us not relinquish the freedom depicted by our seal by shackling ourselves to the national debt.

A TRIBUTE TO DR. LAWRENCE E. GARY

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 20, 2012

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Lawrence E. Gary, Ph.D., LICSW, on the occasion of his retirement as a full professor from Howard University School of Social Work.

Dr. Gary has enjoyed a long and distinguished career as a scholar, researcher, educator, author, administrator, and clinical counselor spanning more than half a century. He is recognized as one of the nation's preeminent scholars on the impact of mental health issues on African American males and African American families. Dr. Gary received his Bachelor of Science degree with high honors from Tuskegee University and earned his Master of Public Administration degree, Master of Social Work degree, and Ph.D. from the University of Michigan. Dr. Gary has received appointments at the School of Social Work at the University of Michigan and Howard University School of Social Work and was the Samuel S. Wurtzel Professor at Virginia Commonwealth University School of Social Work.

Dr. Gary has received funding for research totaling more than \$8 million, authored and published hundreds of scholarly articles and papers, and has presented lectures at more than 50 universities and colleges throughout the United States and in South Africa. He has provided consultation to scores of public and private entities in the areas of mental health and substance abuse.

Dr. Gary is a devout Christian and has been a devoted member of the Saint Paul African Methodist Church in Washington, DC where he has provided exemplary leadership as a servant leader on the Board of Trustees and the Steward Board for several decades. He is a devoted husband to Dr. Robenia Gary and father to three children: Lisa, Andre and Jason.

Dr. Gary received the 2002 Distinguished Alumni Service Award from the Alumni Association at the University of Michigan, the 2001 Distinguished Alumni Award from the School of Social Work at the University of Michigan, the 2001 Scholarly Contribution to Mankind Award from Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, inc., as well as awards and distinction from numerous organizations, and is listed in *Who's Who in America* and *Who's Who in the World*.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to recognize the outstanding contributions Dr. Lawrence E. Gary has made to the social work profession and to the well-being of citizens of the United States of America.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in paying tribute to Dr. Lawrence E. Gary.

A TRIBUTE IN HONOR OF THE LIFE OF NANCY TAKAHASHI HATAMIYA

HON. ANNA G. ESHOO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 20, 2012

Ms. ESHOO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the tragically abbreviated life of an extraordinary woman, Nancy Takahashi Hatamiya, who passed on May 15, 2012, at the age of 52. She was a woman of integrity, a great professional, a passionate advocate for human rights, a true and loyal friend, an exceptional mother and a devoted wife. She will be missed by everyone who was privileged to know her, and I count myself among those so blessed.

Nancy Hatamiya was born in Rome, Italy, lived in Pakistan as a child, attended elementary and junior high school in Washington, D.C., and graduated from the Jakarta International School before attending Stanford University, where she studied architecture and urban design. She became a Coro Foundation Fellow and it was from Coro that she was assigned to my 1982 campaign for the San Mateo County Board of Supervisors as an aide. After winning the election, Nancy served as my capable Administrative Assistant for four years. She went on to serve as an advisor to President Clinton, Vice President Gore, Defense Secretary William Cohen, and Assemblyman John Vasconcellos. She was a senior advisor at Manatt, Phelps and Phillips, and with her husband Lon, formed the Hatamiya Group, an economic, strategic and communications firm. She proudly served as a member of the Board of Directors of the California Council for the Humanities for nine years and as the Board's Chair. Her accomplishments were many, and her career was a most distinguished one.

The center of Nancy's life was her family. She adored her sons, Jon and George, and reveled in all of their activities. She was their most ardent supporter and biggest booster. She had a team of her own. From bands to baseball, she was there for them. Just days after Nancy died, her son George played in a baseball game at Sacramento City College. He said,

'Something allows us to fight adversity. My Mom loved watching us play. We were her team. She was a role model for so many, especially to my older brother (Jon) and me. She talked about education, music, sports. She wanted the best for us.'

Just a week before she died, Nancy wrote the following words:

I am convinced that it is the white, healing light, healing thoughts, and prayers that are keeping me uplifted. I feel my role is to appreciate every moment in response to the universal support you are giving me. [. . .] Every visit literally helps save my life and there is nothing more precious than being alive!

Mr. Speaker, I ask the entire House of Representatives to join me in extending our deepest sympathy to Nancy Hatamiya's beloved husband Lon, her sons Jon and George, her sister Tina Takahashi, her brother Joseph Takahashi, and to all those who were part of her large community of friends. Nancy's life is one of an accomplished, exceptional citizen. Her passion for public service, her abiding de-

votion to her community, her love of our country and her service to it, have inspired everyone who knew her. She deepened our patriotism, and made us better individuals because of her shining example of a life lived exceedingly well.

HONORING DR. WILLIAM S. KNOWLES, NOBEL PRIZE WINNING PHYSICIAN FROM CHESTERFIELD, MISSOURI

HON. W. TODD AKIN

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 20, 2012

Mr. AKIN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of the late Dr. William S. Knowles.

Dr. Knowles of Chesterfield, MO passed away on June 13 at the age of 95, but not before contributing something of significant value to the world. In the 1960's Dr. Knowles began working as a chemist at Monsanto Co. in St. Louis. After years of research he and his colleagues were able to formulate a process that produces L-Dopa, a molecule that effectively limits the tremors associated with Parkinson's disease. For his successful efforts, in 2001 he was awarded the Nobel Prize in chemistry for having helped open a completely new field of research.

Though he is no longer with us today, Dr. Knowles' legacy lives on. With his discovery, the nearly 500,000 Americans who are afflicted with Parkinson's disease are now able to better treat their symptoms. They and their loved ones are able to live richer, fuller lives than was previously thought possible.

Dr. William Knowles and his research represent the thoughtful innovation that Missouri has to offer the world. His ingenuity and dedication to his field, and the people he has helped, will long be remembered and recognized as an honorable service. It is without question that Dr. Knowles helped make this world a better place. I ask my colleagues to join me in recognition of his contributions.

SGT. WARREN WATTS TRIBUTE

HON. SCOTT R. TIPTON

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 20, 2012

Mr. TIPTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Sgt. Warren Watts of Pueblo, Colorado. Sgt. Watts was a highly respected and distinguished 18-year veteran of the Pueblo County Sheriff's Department, who tragically passed away last Saturday at the age of 53, after falling ill during his routine morning jog.

One of Pueblo County's finest, Sgt. Watts spent much of his career in patrol and investigations. He was also the commander of the SWAT unit, and served for two years with the Federal Bureau of Investigation's Joint Terrorism Task Force. After years of outstanding service he was appointed to the position of Inspector of Internal Affairs.

Sgt. Watts was recognized for his professionalism and commitment to the people of Pueblo County when he received the Medal of Valor in 2004. Sgt. Warren Watt's was a devoted husband to his wife of 32 years, Lori,