

Gary and Vicinity, Vice President-at-Large for the General Missionary Baptist Convention of Indiana, Incorporated, teacher of the National Baptist Congress of Christian Education Youth Division, President of the Gary Police Chaplain Association, and Secretary of the Gary/Chicago Airport Board. Currently, Reverend Emery serves as President of the General Missionary Baptist Convention of Indiana, Incorporated. He continues to work hard for people most in need and does not hesitate to get involved in the tough struggles that face the surrounding community. For his constant and passionate devotion to public service, Reverend Emery is worthy of the highest praise.

Mr. Speaker, Reverend Charles Emery is a man of God and a man concerned with creating a just society for his congregation, his community, and our nation. He has selflessly devoted his life to the service of others and it is an honor to consider Pastor Emery a friend. For his uncompromising dedication over the past 34 years, Reverend Emery is truly an inspiration to us all, and it is right to honor him today.

#### TRIBUTE TO CINDI VAN PETTEN

### HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 27, 2012*

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute and to honor Cindi Van Petten, a highly motivated educator at The Dr. Ronald E. McNair, Public School 5, under the leadership of Principal Lena S. Gates and Assistant Principal Kesha Townsel. Ms. Van Petten has more than ten years of accomplishments in education and is fiercely committed to her students who call her Ms. Van. Under her watch, students have participated in debates, Meet Our Community Leaders Workshops, and participated in the Adelaide Sanford Institute Oratory Contest and Public School 5's first annual National Urban Alliance Literacy Workshop for Children, just to name a few. She believes that with the right formula every child can be successful by using innovative ways to meet the needs of all students and their learning styles.

Ms. Van Petten's devotion to education extends beyond the classroom as a participant in the Principal Aspiring Leaders Program through the Grapevine Network, sponsored by Margarita Nells, the network leader. Ms. Van Petten is a member of Caring Educators In Action, Inc. and is a member of the National Science Teacher Association, NSTA, and The City College of New York tech program where she conducts workshops in teaching engineering in elementary schools in Pennsylvania, Washington DC, California, and Texas. Ms. Van trains new teachers and mentors up and coming teachers helping them to blossom into great educators. As a member of the Adelaide Sanford Institute, she conducts parent workshop on new and exciting educational trends, especially the new common core curriculum in literacy and math. She gives back to her community by teaching GED classes through the Brooklyn Adult Learning Center. She is a member of The Brown Memorial Baptist Church over which Pastor Clinton Miller presides. On top of all that she is the mother of

two beautiful children, Calynn and Caleb, IV. Her dedication to her craft is second to none.

Cindi Van Petten's philosophy about work can be found in a quote by John Ruskin: "Education . . . is a painful, continual and difficult work to be done in kindness, by watching, by warning . . . by praise, but above all, by example."

Mr. Speaker, I would like to recognize Cindi Van Petten for her tremendous contributions to the community.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in paying tribute to Cindi Van Petten.

#### IN RECOGNITION OF MR. JOHN CUBBA'S 25 YEARS OF SERVICE TO OUR COMMUNITY AS A LEADER IN MUNICIPAL FINANCE

### HON. DAVID ALAN CURSON

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 27, 2012*

Mr. CURSON of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mr. John Cubba, Finance Director for the Charter Township of Redford, on his retirement. As a Member of Congress, it is both my privilege and honor to recognize Mr. Cubba for his many years of service and his contributions which have enriched and strengthened our community.

Mr. Cubba brings a lifetime of experience to his current position with the Charter Township of Redford, a career which began nearly 34 years ago on the finance staff in the city of Detroit. In November of 1987, Mr. Cubba was hired as the Finance Director for the Charter Township of Redford, and served with distinction in that position for the last 25 years. During a tenure which has seen many economic changes in the region, Mr. Cubba maintained a reputation of providing sound financial guidance which has promoted stability and progress in Redford Township.

Mr. Cubba believes in his community and has shown a commitment which has exceeded the years of his tenure as Finance Director. Mr. Cubba has been a long-time member of the Redford Rotary, and is a past President. He has volunteered his time in a broad array of capacities in community organizations including The Goodfellow's Paper Drive, St. Valentine's Parish, Catholic Central, the Michigan Municipal Risk Management Authority, the Government Finance Officers Association, the Michigan Townships Association, Boy Scouts, March of Dimes, and the Clean-up Redford Township Committee, among others. In addition to his service to the community, Mr. Cubba is the proud husband to his wife Candy, father to four sons and a daughter, and proud grandfather to nine grandchildren.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me today to honor Mr. John Cubba for his dedicated public service. I wish him many more years of health, happiness, and productive service to our community.

#### TRIBUTE TO CARMEN WARSCHAW

### HON. HENRY A. WAXMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 27, 2012*

Mr. WAXMAN. Mr. Speaker, I join my colleague HOWARD BERMAN in paying tribute to

our lifelong and dear friend, Carmen Warschaw. Carmen passed away on Election Day, November 6, a fitting day for an activist who viewed politics as a participatory sport, in which she was a master player as well as a passionate fan.

Carmen loved political gossip and good jokes. Her home was a veritable salon, where elected officials, old and new friends, and family members gathered for very good food and even better conversation and camaraderie.

She was literally woven into the tapestry of Democratic politics and the California State Party. Always a leader, Carmen attained recognition on the national stage but played a large role in shaping party politics on the state level.

Carmen and her college sweetheart and husband, Louis, who passed away in 2000, were truly a team to be reckoned with. They were actively involved in politics from their youth when the State of California was growing in Democratic representation. As leader of the state Democratic Party, Carmen played a central role as California's governor and legislature worked to create a model public education system with world famous universities, and highways and waterways that fed the thriving economy of the Golden State. She was a mentor, supporter, and strategy expert to a whole generation of politicians and public servants. She never shied away from taking sides and plunged wholeheartedly into the fray when she felt that those she had helped were not living up to her expectations.

Carmen's reach went much further than politics. She leaves a remarkable legacy of interest in and generosity to the Jewish community. She was an indispensable leader in the Jewish Federation, the Los Angeles Music Center and the Otis Art Institute.

Carmen and Lou also established the Carmen H. and Louis Warschaw Chair in Practical Politics at the University of Southern California, their alma mater. She established the Louis Warschaw Prostate Cancer Center at Cedars-Sinai Medical Center and they both also helped to establish the USC Casden Institute for the Study of the Jewish Role in American Life.

Carmen is survived by a large and loving family, her daughter Hope and son-in-law, John Law, her daughter Susan and son-in-law, Carl Robertson, and grandchildren Jack Law-Warschaw, Cara Robertson and Chip Robertson and great-grandchildren Louis Harvey Robertson and Rose Frances Harvey Robertson.

We ask our colleagues to join us as we celebrate and remember the legendary life of Carmen Warschaw.

#### CELEBRATING THE 36TH ANNUAL GALA OF THE ASIAN AMERICAN MEDICAL ASSOCIATION

### HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKY

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 27, 2012*

Mr. VISCLOSKY. Mr. Speaker, it is with sincere admiration that I recognize the Asian American Medical Association, which hosted its 36th Annual Gala on Saturday, November 3, 2012, at the Avalon Manor in Merrillville, Indiana. Each year, the Asian American Medical