

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION ON
THE BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR
2014

SPEECH OF

HON. SUZANNE BONAMICI

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 20, 2013

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union had under consideration the concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 25) establishing the budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2014 and setting forth appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2015 through 2023:

Ms. BONAMICI. Mr. Chair, I rise today in support of the Democratic budget alternative offered by Ranking Member VAN HOLLEN, and I thank you for allowing me the opportunity to be heard on this important issue. Today I am supporting the Van Hollen Budget and opposing the budget blueprint laid out by Budget Committee Chairman RYAN. The Van Hollen budget acknowledges the concerns that have been expressed to us loudly and clearly by constituents since sequestration took effect March 1st; the Ryan budget exacerbates the problems caused by across-the-board cuts and attempts to recycle ideas that the American people have repeatedly rejected.

According to the Congressional Budget Office, half of our current budget deficit is attributable to high unemployment and lagging economic growth. The approach taken by Chairman RYAN's budget would make the problem worse by cutting investments in education, research, and infrastructure. Implementing this kind of harmful austerity approach will handicap our fledgling economic recovery. The budget I voted for makes strategic cuts, closes tax loopholes, and lays a foundation for economic growth going forward. And perhaps most importantly, the Van Hollen budget ends the damaging sequester and puts our country on a sustainable fiscal path without ending the guarantee of Medicare.

In the months preceding our self-imposed March 1st deadline, sequestration was a central theme in almost every conversation I had with constituents. I spoke with researchers at universities across Oregon who expressed concern about the impact cuts would have on scientific advancement, business leaders who told me they had not hired new workers because of the uncertainty caused by sequestration, and teachers who worried about cuts to vital special education programs. Oregonians, like most Americans, do not support this detrimental approach to policymaking.

In the weeks following the implementation of the sequester, my offices in Oregon and here in Washington, DC continue to hear numerous additional stories of the hardships brought about by budget uncertainty. For those who rightly raise concern, the budget proposed by

Chairman RYAN is another example of DC putting politics over solutions. My constituents want fiscal responsibility from their elected officials; not a budget balanced on the back of the working class and the elderly.

Congress has reduced projected deficits by about \$2.7 trillion since August 2010 by cutting discretionary spending, increasing tax rates for families with taxable income over \$450,000 a year, and eliminating related debt servicing. The combination of deficit reduction included in Ranking Member VAN HOLLEN's budget and the total deficit reduction achieved to date meets the \$4 trillion goal set forth by the bipartisan Simpson-Bowles Commission. Further, the Van Hollen alternative I am supporting today achieves this deficit reduction without implementing the Ryan budget's Medicare voucher plan, while also preserving the Affordable Care Act reforms that currently provide seniors with reduced prescription drug costs and free preventive health care.

Our constituents sent us here to solve the problems created by our predecessors, not to make them worse. The Van Hollen budget alternative puts us on the road to economic recovery while preserving the social safety net. For this reason I am proud to support it.

TRIBUTE TO EAGLE SCOUT BRYON
KOSTER

HON. TOM LATHAM

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 9, 2013

Mr. LATHAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Bryon Koster of Van Meter, Iowa for achieving the rank of an Eagle Scout.

The Eagle Scout rank is the highest advancement rank in scouting. Only about five percent of Boy Scouts earn the Eagle Scout Award. The award is a performance-based achievement with high standards that have been well-maintained over the past century.

To earn the Eagle Scout rank, a Boy Scout is obligated to pass specific tests that are organized by requirements and merit badges, as well as completing an Eagle Project to benefit the community. For his project, Bryon designed and constructed a prayer labyrinth at the St. Boniface Church in Waukee, Iowa. The work ethic Bryon has shown in his Eagle Project and every other project leading up to his Eagle Scout rank speaks volumes of his commitment to serving a cause greater than himself and assisting his community.

Mr. Speaker, the example set by this young man and his supportive family demonstrates the rewards of hard work, dedication and perseverance. I am honored to represent Bryon and his family in the United States Congress. I know that all of my colleagues in the House will join me in congratulating him on obtaining

the Eagle Scout ranking, and I wish him continued success in his future education and career.

RECOGNIZING THE 20TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE NEW HAMPSHIRE RIVERS COUNCIL

HON. ANN M. KUSTER

OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 9, 2013

Ms. KUSTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the New Hampshire Rivers Council as it celebrates its 20th Anniversary. The Rivers Council grew out of the New Hampshire Rivers Campaign, a group of concerned citizens and conservation organizations that united in 1985 to create a voice for New Hampshire rivers. Thanks to the Campaign and the Council, the Rivers Program is celebrating its 20th anniversary with 1000 miles of rivers designated into the state program since 1988. Recognizing the need for a permanent and active voice for river protection in the state, the participants in the campaign formed the New Hampshire Rivers Council.

Over the last 20 years, the New Hampshire Rivers Council has made many significant contributions to river and watershed conservation in the Granite State. For example, the Rivers Council worked with grassroots organizations to implement minimum water levels on protected rivers, worked with the Governor's Commission on Land and Community Heritage to recommend a new, permanent and adequately funded program for land conservation, and joined other New Hampshire organizations to negotiate a creative license agreement for the 15-Mile Falls Dam on the Connecticut River that provides better protection to the river ecosystem and preserved nearly 12,000 acres of land on the river and surrounding the Connecticut Lakes.

The history and character of New Hampshire is largely defined by its rivers and the directors and growing membership of the Rivers Council continue to make significant contributions to river and watershed conservation and restoration, ensuring New Hampshire's natural resources will be enjoyed for generations to come.

Today, the New Hampshire Rivers Council is the only statewide organization dedicated to the protection and conservation of New Hampshire's river resources and whose leadership was instrumental in the establishment of the New Hampshire Rivers Management and Protection Program. I ask the House of Representatives to join me to acknowledge and thank those individuals who had the vision to create the Rivers Campaign nearly thirty years ago and to celebrate the 20th Anniversary of the New Hampshire Rivers Council today.

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RECOGNIZING THE WHITE OAK ROUGHNECKS FOR WINNING THE TEXAS CLASS 2A BASKETBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

HON. LOUIE GOHMERT

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 9, 2013

Mr. GOHMERT. Mr. Speaker, it is with enormous pride that I recognize and congratulate the White Oak Roughnecks on an outstanding basketball season in which they captured the Texas State Class 2A Basketball Championship for the second year in a row.

The entire east Texas community of White Oak and all Roughneck fans have a vast storehouse of exciting memories as a result of the Roughnecks' dominating two year stretch of championship basketball. The team went undefeated in district and compiled an impressive 74–2 record over the past two seasons. Going into the championship game with an impressive 37–1 record this year as they also had in 2012, there was no doubt the White Oak Roughnecks were a powerful force in Texas and a basketball team with which to be reckoned.

The all important game of 2013 saw White Oak ultimately defeat the Brock Eagles just as they had in 2012 to claim the Class 2A State crown for the second straight year. White Oak led most of the game, but Brock rallied in the second half turning up the heat and bringing the fans to their feet in a heart stopping final ten seconds through which White Oak emerged the victor, 56–54.

Clearly a team does not get to the ultimate and lofty plateau of excellence without a coaching staff that knows its players. There is no doubt that each of the individual players, coaches, and supporting personnel involved with the success of the Roughnecks will benefit from having participated and witnessed the level of success that is achieved when each individual gives all they have while working together with such dedication and passion.

This tribute goes out to all of the athletic staff including Superintendent Mike Gilbert, Athletic Director Gerry Stanford, High School Principal Dan Noll, and Coaches Ron Boyett, Billy Terry and Brett Cloud.

The team members achieving this memorable accomplishment included Slade Sutton, Skylar Sutton, Dylan Gale, Kris Anderson, Josh Benson, Cass Carr, Tanner Sharp, Hayden Nichols, Gabe Michael, and Levi Yancy.

No athletic team ever becomes a champion without unwavering support, and that is exactly what the Roughnecks experienced from the entire community of White Oak, Texas. That is why congratulations go to all who contributed in any way to the success of the Roughnecks during this championship season.

May God continue to bless all of their efforts both in school and as they one day finish high school and use that same drive and determination to make this country even stronger. Congratulations to the State Basketball Champions, the White Oak Roughnecks, as their legacy is now recorded in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD that will endure as long as there is a United States of America.

IN RECOGNITION OF RITA WILLIAMS

HON. JACKIE SPEIER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 9, 2013

Ms. SPEIER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor Rita Williams, an exceptional journalist whose image and voice have been beamed into Bay Area living rooms for four decades. She is retiring from KTVU after 35 years at the station.

Rita is a top-notch reporter and superb storyteller. I know from first-hand experience that she is fair, professional and that she won't give any elected official a pass. Rita has earned the adoration and admiration from her colleagues, her interviewees and her viewers.

But don't just take my word for it; this is what other people are saying: Greg Suhr, the San Francisco Police Chief says, "If there was a 'how to' book on how to be the most gracious fair objective 'cool under fire' reporter in the world, Rita Williams' picture would be on the cover." Ed Chapuis, her news director for over 10 years says, "Her stories were always the hardest for her editors to edit, because each word was placed with such purpose and precision." Bill Drummond, journalist and husband of the late Faith Fancher, Rita's long-time friend and colleague, says, "With Rita the reporting came first, and because of that commitment, her stories transcended the usual limitations of the television news medium."

Rita grew up in Lubbock, Texas. She was the first in her family to earn a college degree. After she graduated from Texas Tech University with a B.A. in journalism, she worked as the press secretary for the late Texas Congressman George Mahon, Chairman of the House Appropriations Committee. She then earned her Master's degree in political science/international affairs from George Washington University. Rita worked as a news reporter at KSAT-TV in Texas from 1975–1978 and then moved to California. She was a reporter for KQED-TV before she joined KTVU in 1980. From 1985–86, she was also a Knight Fellow and taught broadcast news writing at Stanford.

When Rita entered the broadcast world, it was dominated by men. Surviving and even thriving in this testosterone-driven environment was no small accomplishment, but Rita did it with grace and tenacity. She calls herself the "first broadcast broad." She opened KTVU's San Francisco bureau in the Hall of Justice.

Rita has reported thousands of social, economic and political stories, treating each one as the most important story at the time. Her work has earned her several Emmies, Tellies, a PASS award from the National Council on Crime and Delinquency, a public service award from the Society of Professional Journalists and many other awards. She was one of the lead investigative reporters in the Oakland BART shooting stories that contributed to a prestigious Peabody award and Edward R. Murrow award to KTVU.

While Rita takes utmost pride in her profession and work, she views her family as her biggest accomplishment. Rita and her husband of 37 years, Lindsey, are the proud parents of Brad who is now a law student in San Francisco. Brad and my children grew up around the same time, so Rita and I often compared notes and shared school referral options.

Mr. Speaker, I ask the House of Representatives to rise with me to honor one of the finest journalists and human beings I know. On her last day on the air at KTVU, Rita humbly thanked her viewers and said, "You have entrusted me with one of the biggest responsibilities anybody could ever have, to be a reporter and to be your eyes and ears."

I hope that I have used that trust well and that you have learned something in return." The answer to that hope is a resounding yes!

RECOGNIZING THE ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF TOM FILLIPPO

HON. JIM GERLACH

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 9, 2013

Mr. GERLACH. Mr. Speaker, on behalf of my colleagues, Congressman PAT MEEHAN and Congressman JOE PITTS, I rise today to congratulate Tom Fillippo of Malvern, Pennsylvania on receiving the Chester County Economic Development Council's Hall of Fame Award for his outstanding accomplishments within the Chester County business community and the entire area community. The litany of his accomplishments and contributions is amazing.

In addition to his role as President and Chief Executive Officer of Devault Foods, Tom served as Chairman of the Board of the Chester County Chamber of Business and Industry from 2002 to 2006. Tom also serves as Chairman of the West Chester University's Council of Trustees, a Board Member of the West Chester University Foundation and Sturzebecker Foundation, and a Board Member of the Paoli Hospital Foundation. Additionally, he serves on the Central and Western Chester County Industrial Development Authority and the Chester County Industrial Development Board of Directors.

Tom is a member of the West Chester University Football Hall of Fame and has received numerous awards for his service to the business community and community at large including the Chester County Boy Scouts' Community Service Award, the Great Valley Chamber's Business Leader of the Year Award, the West Chester University Distinguished Alumni Award, the American Meat Institute's Community Service Award, and the Order of the Purple Heart's Outstanding Citizen Award.

Mr. Speaker, in light of his outstanding professional accomplishments and exemplary record of service to the Chester County community, we ask that our colleagues join us today in recognizing Tom Fillippo of Malvern, Pennsylvania on receiving the Chester County Economic Development Council's Hall of Fame Award and, on behalf of our constituents, thank him for his tireless and unceasing efforts to make the County a wonderful place to raise a family and succeed in business.

DON MACDONALD TRIBUTE

HON. SCOTT R. TIPTON

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 9, 2013

Mr. TIPTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Don MacDonald of Colorado. Don

MacDonald recently retired as Manager of Energy Service from Molson Coors after a 42 year long career. After serving in Vietnam, Mr. MacDonald and his wife settled in Colorado in 1970, where he began his career with Coors in the Purchasing Department.

Mr. MacDonald acquired his undergraduate degree from Cornell College in Eastern Iowa, where he studied geology. This degree gave him the expertise to support Coors' vertical integration efforts in energy exploration and production. Mr. MacDonald worked tirelessly for several decades on the energy side of Coors business and played a major role in the company's involvement with oil and gas operations, coal exploration and production and the promotion of energy efficiency.

Most recently, Mr. MacDonald spearheaded the reclamation of one of Coors' coal properties. As he moves into retirement, Mr. MacDonald keeps busy with his involvement in the Evergreen Rodeo and his passion for the theater arts.

Although, Mr. MacDonald's professional accomplishments alone are memorable, it is his personality and friendship that will be missed most by his colleagues. Mr. Speaker, it is an honor to recognize Mr. MacDonald for all the incredible work he did for Molson Coors of Colorado.

UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-EAU CLAIRE MEN'S HOCKEY TEAM
NCAA DIVISION III NATIONAL CHAMPIONS

HON. RON KIND

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 9, 2013

Mr. KIND. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to honor the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire men's hockey team, the Bugolds, on winning the NCAA Division III National Championship. Their 5-3 victory over Oswego State on March 16, 2013 was an exceptional display of teamwork.

In winning the team's first National Championship, the Bugolds capped off their best season in program history. Their 14-3-1 record in conference play not only placed them at the top of the standings for the Northern Collegiate Hockey Association Conference, but it also earned them their first conference championship. The Bugolds also finished the season with an overall record of 24-5-2, the best in school history. Their success during the season earned them a spot in the NCAA Championship Tournament for the second time in program history.

The success of the UW-Eau Claire Bugolds did not go unnoticed. Senior forward and captain, Jordan Singer, was named to the All-NCHA team. Head coach Matt Loen received the Edward Jeremiah Award, honoring him as the NCAA Division III coach of the year. Additionally, at the conclusion of the NCAA Division III Tournament, Kurt Weston, Jordan Singer, Drew Darwitz, and Brandon Stephenson were named to the all-tournament team, with Singer named as the Most Outstanding Player of the tournament.

The Bugolds rode the momentum of their season's success by winning their first three games of the tournament, earning an opportunity to compete in the National Champion-

ship game. Nonetheless, heading into the championship off an incredible season, the team found themselves down by two goals in the first period. The Bugolds banded together and rose to the challenge with four unanswered goals.

They tied the game by the end of the first period, with one goal from Jordan Singer during a power-play, and another goal from Andrew Wilcox with less than a minute remaining in the first period. Then, with six minutes remaining in the second period, Daniel Olszewski gave UW-Eau Claire their first lead of the game. Devin Mantha's goal in the final period increased UW-Eau Claire's lead, and although Oswego scored a goal with ten minutes left in the game, Kurt Weston's final goal clinched the title for the Bugolds. Brandon Stephenson, the goalie of the Bugolds, finished the game with 27 saves. When the final buzzer rang through Herb Brooks Arena in Lake Placid, New York, the Bugolds won their first National Championship by defeating Oswego State 5-3.

This momentous win at the end of a very successful season exemplifies the dedication, teamwork, and sportsmanship of each and every member of the UW-Eau Claire men's hockey team. Furthermore, this victory is a source of great pride for the entire Eau Claire community. Once again, I want to congratulate the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire men's hockey team on their incredible season and hard-earned title as NCAA Division III National Champions.

RECOGNIZING ROBERT "BOB" C. REILING

HON. TODD ROKITA

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 9, 2013

Mr. ROKITA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and salute a remarkable Hoosier, Robert "Bob" C. Reiling, whom retired as Tippecanoe Election Board Chairman after 28 years of service. I wish to express my heartfelt gratitude and appreciation for his leadership and service to his county and the State of Indiana.

Mr. Reiling began his service to the voters of Tippecanoe County in 1984. Almost two decades later, I began working with him and the rest of the Tippecanoe County Election Board to help implement the Help America Vote Act. Under his leadership, the county actually began replacing outdated voting systems with new technologies prior to the federal and state mandate to do so. Throughout the past decade, local and state officials with both leading worked in concert to improve election administration and the election experience for voters.

I am most proud of the partnership and friendship we grew as Tippecanoe County became one of three pilot counties to implement the Vote Centers model that is now almost common in Indiana. By introducing this model to the voters of Tippecanoe County, turnout increased, voting wait times decreased, and fewer voters were disenfranchised because there is no wrong place to vote. Tippecanoe County, under the leadership of Bob and the county election board, helped develop a working model that so many other Indiana counties are now emulating.

Mr. Reiling is a family man and remains a good friend even though I am no longer Indiana's Secretary of State. I am honored to have worked with him over the years, and look forward to our continued friendship. While no longer serving on the county election board, I know he will continue to be a leader and serve the people of Tippecanoe County in other ways.

This is Mr. Robert Reiling: a man truly committed to his family, his community, and his country. I value his friendship, counsel, and most of all, his good example. Thank you for your many years of service, Mr. Reiling.

IN RECOGNITION OF FIRE CHIEF DON DORNELL

HON. JACKIE SPEIER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 9, 2013

Ms. SPEIER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor Fire Chief Don Dornell, who is retiring after nearly four decades of service to the people of Burlingame and San Mateo County. His dedication to public service is a credit to his community and to his character as a leader.

Don Dornell is a Peninsula native, born in San Francisco in 1951 and raised in Millbrae as the second of five children, and one of a pair of twins. He attended Capuchino High School in San Bruno, then earned his associate degree in Political Science at the College of San Mateo in 1971.

It was then that Chief Dornell's career in public service began. He served in the Army National Guard for six years, until 1977. During that time, Chief Dornell trained as a plumber, and he began working for the San Carlos Parks Department. But from his first day, he knew that the Parks Department was not for him—his real goal was serving as a firefighter.

After a brief stint in Piedmont, Chief Dornell was hired as a firefighter for the City of Burlingame in March 1977, a community he has served diligently ever since. He has risen swiftly through the ranks, earning a promotion to Fire Captain in 1985, and serving as the B-Shift Training Officer from 1985 to 1997 and co-director of the San Mateo County Fire Recruit Academy from 1996 to 1997. In January 1997, he became Assistant Chief, and he took over responsibility for training and overseeing line personnel.

More recently, Chief Dornell has worked tirelessly to ensure successful transitions as local agencies consolidate fire protection to strengthen the cohesiveness of service and promote administrative efficiency. When the City of Burlingame and the Town of Hillsborough merged fire services in 2004, becoming the Central County Fire Department, he became the first Deputy Fire Chief of the new agency. This is a role he has embraced, as he became the agency's second Fire Chief in December 2006. Last year he took over responsibility for fire departments in Millbrae and San Bruno as well.

Chief Dornell's service to the community has taken other forms as well. He is a long-standing Fire Technology Instructor at College of San Mateo, administrator of the San Mateo County Fire Recruit Academy from 1997 to 2006, and a Member of the San Mateo County

Fire Chiefs Association, where he serves as liaison to a number of adjunct groups. Chief Dornell is also the first inaugural chairman of the Burlingame Adopt-a-Unit program, which since 2004 has supported hundreds of U.S. soldiers through their deployments to Iraq and Afghanistan.

In his retirement, Chief Dornell will be relocating to Calaveras County to enjoy hiking and outdoors activities in the Central Sierra, to continue work on the home he has been rebuilding, and to spend some time travelling around the country with his wife Debra. He will also continue his work as a volunteer for the Calaveras County Sheriff's Search and Rescue Team.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you to join me in congratulating Fire Chief Don Dornell on a remarkable career. His contributions to our community are an example of the best in public service, and his leadership and dedication will be missed. We wish him the best in his retirement.

IN RECOGNITION OF RONALD LABAR FOR 40 YEARS OF DEDICATED SERVICE WITH THE BANGOR, PENNSYLVANIA FIRE DEPARTMENT

HON. MATT CARTWRIGHT

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 9, 2013

Mr. CARTWRIGHT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and thank Ronald Labar, who was recognized on Saturday, April 6, 2013 by his fellow firefighters for 40 years of courageous service and leadership with the Second Ward Fire Company of the Fire Department of Bangor, Pennsylvania.

As part of his four decades with the Second Ward, Mr. Labar served as the Captain of the company. Ronald was also Assistant Chief for 12 years, and then Chief of the fire department. His dedication to the job always created a lasting impression on both his colleagues and the members of the public who relied on his skills.

Firefighters must remain physically and mentally fit for the job and possess the highest levels of honesty and dependability. For administrators in this field, there is also a great need to be a coordinator, budgeter, educator, reviewer, communicator, engineer and counselor—and to be good at all of these roles. Over the last few decades, firefighting has changed, and some practices once considered safe have been replaced by new methods and technologies. Public officers like Ronald Labar, who serve through many such changes, are needed to bring cohesion to our critical civic institutions.

I thank Ronald for his efforts over 40 years on behalf of my constituents, and I salute his distinguished service to his community.

RECOGNIZING DR. ANITA B. ENRIQUEZ ON RECEIVING THE 2013 U.S. SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION'S WOMEN IN BUSINESS CHAMPION AWARD FOR GUAM

HON. MADELEINE Z. BORDALLO

OF GUAM

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 9, 2013

Ms. BORDALLO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commend and congratulate Dr. Anita Borja Enriquez on being awarded the 2013 U.S. Small Business Administration's Women in Business Champion Award for Guam. Dr. Anita Borja Enriquez is Dean of the School of Business and Public Administration at the University of Guam.

Dr. Enriquez periodically serves as Acting Senior Vice President, Academic and Student Affairs at the University of Guam. In addition to this role, she is the Executive Director of the Pacific Center for Economic Initiatives and the principal owner of Strategic Organizational Solutions, a project consulting company, which provides research and strategic planning facilitation.

Dr. Enriquez grew up in a large and modest family in the southern village of Agat. She helped support her family by assisting at her mother's small grocery store. Early in her life, she gained independence and worked hard to achieve success. At the young age of 19, Dr. Enriquez established her own bookkeeping business, providing services to businesses on Guam; this was the first business she would establish on her own.

A strong proponent of economic development, Dr. Enriquez established the UOG Pacific Center for Economic Initiatives in 2006, and has secured over \$1 million in technical assistance grants from the U.S. Department of Commerce Economic Development Administration. These funds helped to establish the Guam Procurement Technical Assistance Center and the new Guam Veterans Business Outreach Center. In addition, funds from the Department of the Interior Office of Insular Affairs helped to support a community and economic development forum in 2009 and to launch the "Buy Local Guam" marketing educational campaign in 2011.

Dr. Enriquez is also an active and passionate member in our island community. She believes that education is the key to sustainable economic success for Guam. She oversees the Women in Business program at the Guam SBDC, mentors the SIGMA Society Soroptimist college club that focuses on "best for women" and counsels up-and-coming female entrepreneurs. She is also a member of the International Economic Development Council, the California Association for Local Economic Development, the U.S. Women's Chamber of Commerce, the Guam Procurement Advisory Council, the Career and Technical Education Task Force Committee, and the Guampedia Board of Directors. She previously served as an appointed member of the Guam Education Board, is a founding member of the Guam Museum Foundation Board, and member of the Guam Chamber of Commerce Small Business Focus and Development Committee, Rotary Club of Tumon Bay Board of Directors (RI District 2750), the Economic Development Subcommittee of the Guam Civilian and Mili-

tary Task Force, and the Junior Achievement Board of Directors. She was also founding Vice President of the Guam Marketing Association in 1997.

In 2011, Dr. Enriquez won the "2011 GCC Alumna of the Year Award," and the Academy of Economics and Economic Education "Distinguished Research Award" for her co-authored work on "The Making of the Pacific Tiger: Lessons from the Celtic Tiger." In 2012, she was awarded the "UOG Administrator of the Year Award" and "UOG Unit of the Year Award."

Ms. Enriquez is married to Noel Enriquez and she has one daughter, Vanessa and two stepsons, Nathan and Nicolas. She earned a B.S. in Management from University of Maryland, a certificate from the Institute for Management and Leadership in Education at Harvard Graduate School of Education, an M.B.A. from the University of Guam, and a Doctor of Business Administration degree in International Business and Marketing from Alliant International University.

I congratulate Dr. Anita Borja Enriquez on receiving the 2013 U.S. Small Business Administration's Women in Business Champion Award for Guam. I join the people of Guam in commending her for her award and thanking her for her many contributions to our island community.

RECOGNIZING NAPERVILLE, ILLINOIS

HON. BILL FOSTER

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 9, 2013

Mr. FOSTER. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride that I rise today to congratulate the city of Naperville, Illinois on its "Sunny Award" for local government transparency. Supreme Court Justice Louis Brandeis once said, "Sunlight is said to be the best of disinfectants," and I believe this statement applies to all forms of government.

The "Sunny Award," awarded by the Sunshine Review, honors the most transparent government websites in the nation. The organization found that the Naperville website contained comprehensive information on meetings, elected and administrative officials, audits, lobbying, public records, contracts, taxes, and the budget.

This honor was received by only 247 of the 7,000 government websites that were ranked during "Sunshine Week," a period of national recognition among civic organizations and the media for achievements in open government. The Naperville government earned an A+ rating.

I would also like to acknowledge the city's continued efforts to establish transparency. A portion of their website is now dedicated solely to updating citizens about how their tax dollars are being spent.

Mr. Speaker, I congratulate the City of Naperville, not only on this honor, but also on its ongoing effort to govern transparently and provide its constituents with unfettered access to information.

HONORING THE RECIPIENTS OF THE MID-MAINE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AWARDS

HON. MICHAEL H. MICHAUD

OF MAINE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 9, 2013

Mr. MICHAUD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the recipients of the Mid-Maine Chamber of Commerce's Annual Awards Dinner.

Each year, the Mid-Maine Chamber of Commerce recognizes local businesses, business leaders, community service projects and individuals who promote and advance a vital and healthy business environment. These individuals and businesses are committed to strengthening opportunity and increasing prosperity in Maine.

This year's award recipients include: Megan Williams, recipient of the Rising Star Award; Bert Languet, recipient of the Outstanding Professional Award; Michelle LePage, recipient of the Customer Service Stardom Award; the Waterville Opera House, recipient of the Community Service Project of the Year Award; Peter Schutte, recipient of the Business Person of the Year Award; Delta Ambulance, recipient of the Business of the Year Award; Shawn Michaud, recipient of the Elias A. Joseph Award; and Scott Bullock, recipient of the Distinguished Community Service Award.

These recipients are among the best that Maine has to offer. Through their leadership and incredible commitment to their communities and the region, Maine is a better place in which to live and do business.

Mr. Speaker, please join me again in congratulating the Mid-Maine Chamber of Commerce and these individuals and businesses on their outstanding service and achievement.

RECOGNIZING MR. MICHAEL P. DOUGLASS FOR 30 YEARS OF SERVICE TO THE WISCONSIN HISTORICAL SOCIETY

HON. RON KIND

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 9, 2013

Mr. KIND. Mr. Speaker, I rise before you today to commemorate and acknowledge a long-time curator from western Wisconsin, Mr. Michael P. Douglass. Michael is a knowledgeable, hard working man from Grant County who is retiring after 30 years of service to the Wisconsin Historical Society as site director at the Villa Louis historic site in Prairie du Chien.

I'm very proud of the extraordinary dedication and positive contributions that Michael has made during his time at Villa Louis—a National Historic Landmark that was the estate of the prominent H. Louis Dousman family in the 19th century. Thanks to the stewardship of Michael, since his very first day at the site on August 4, 1983, the Villa Louis mansion has been restored and renovated to what it once was, making it one of the most well-tended historic sites in Wisconsin. Michael discovered distant Dousman relations and brought back many of the mansion's original furnishings; throughout this process, he helped to preserve and share accurate accounts of Wisconsin's history.

The Wisconsin Historical Society and people of Wisconsin have greatly benefited from his extensive knowledge of the Dousman family and dedication to Villa Louis. Michael excelled in the mission of the Society—to preserve and share stories of Wisconsin history. Good narratives bring past events back to life, and Michael has undoubtedly and successfully championed these efforts in the expansion and enhancement of the collections of Villa Louis. I commend Michael Douglass for his extraordinary efforts in bringing history to life.

Mr. Michael P. Douglass's hard work and 30 years of dedicated service to the people of Wisconsin, the Wisconsin Historical Society, and Villa Louis is truly deserving of recognition. It is with great pride that I rise today and congratulate Michael on a job well done, and I wish him all the best in his retirement.

HONORING THE DEDICATION OF THE FIRST MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH

HON. STENY H. HOYER

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 9, 2013

Mr. HOYER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Rev. Roderick McClanahan, and the dedication of the First Missionary Baptist Church's newest house of worship. For over 20 years the Reverend has served as Pastor of the First Missionary Baptist Church, and has lead this congregation in the Building project which resulted in this church.

Rev. McClanahan was born in Louisiana where he received a calling from God at a young age, preaching his first sermon on September 4, 1984, and eventually becoming ordained at the New Morning Star Missionary Baptist Church, under the leadership of Rev. Willie Minor, on September 21, 1985. He was brought to Maryland shortly thereafter, and has officially served as pastor of the First Missionary Baptist Church since March of 1990.

The First Missionary Baptist Church has a rich history in Maryland. The church was started as a Prayer Band in October of 1945 by Martha Hickenbotom, as a way of giving the African Americans of Lexington Park a place of worship. Service was initially held in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lester Colson, but as the congregation grew, so did their need for space. For a brief time the Prayer Band made their home in the then USO Building, until on April 19, 1947, at the suggestion of Brother Ivory Moore, then the prayer leader for the Prayer Band, they purchased the first acre of land the church calls home today. Since then, through segregation and beyond, the church has continued to grow and faithfully serve the African American community of Southern Maryland.

It is truly my honor to pay tribute today to Rev. Roderick McClanahan, and the First Missionary Baptist Church, a shining beacon for all of Southern Maryland.

IN RECOGNITION OF MERLIN REPSHER FOR 50 YEARS OF DEDICATED SERVICE WITH THE BANGOR, PENNSYLVANIA FIRE DEPARTMENT

HON. MATT CARTWRIGHT

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 9, 2013

Mr. CARTWRIGHT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and thank Merlin Repsher, who was recognized on Saturday, April 6, 2013 by his fellow firefighters for 50 years of brave service and leadership with Rescue Fire Company No. 1 of the Fire Department of Bangor, Pennsylvania.

Within those five decades, Mr. Repsher served as the chief engineer of the company. He also served as Fire Chief for five years. Merlin additionally always served as a mentor and trainer to new recruits, passing on his extensive knowledge to the next generation of firefighters. In that capacity, he worked as a teacher in the Northampton County Fire School.

Firefighters are often known for their dramatic acts of courage and quick-thinking in the field, but I understand that what a small community sometimes needs most is dogged dedication to the basic public-serving roles, including the civic administrative roles, on which everyone in town depends. Being there for one's neighbors—and always being there—is a quality to which we should all aspire. Fifty years in a demanding position, assisting those in need week in and week out, is quite an impressive record.

I ask everyone in Bangor and northern Northampton County to join me in congratulating Merlin Repsher for his decorated service to his community.

TRIBUTE HONORING GREEK INDEPENDENCE DAY

HON. BILL PASCHELL, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 9, 2013

Mr. PASCHELL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the 192nd anniversary of Greece's independence, which we celebrated on Monday, March 25. This event commemorates the day in 1821 when the people of Greece reclaimed their heritage as democratic citizens and restored democracy to their nation.

The ancient Greeks established the world's first democratic government, and contributed to our own understanding of the world in diverse fields such as mathematics, philosophy and medicine. The democratic principles set forth by the ancient Greeks were the archetype for Americans to establish a democracy in 1776 and have guided our nation ever since. These classical ideals inspired our own founding fathers and shaped the United States Constitution which we are sworn to uphold as Members of Congress.

America's relationship with the people of Greece runs deep. Since the birth of our nations, the ties of democracy between Greece and America have been unwavering. The strong partnership between our two countries

has served as vital tool in peacekeeping efforts around the world. Our long, shared history of democracy and peace is an ideal that should be cherished and honored.

Just as my grandparents ventured to the United States from Italy, the first Greek Americans came here to find a better life for themselves and their families. Their descendants have risen to the highest levels of American culture, government and society. Greek Independence Day is a day to honor the contributions, traditions, and successes of our fellow Greek Americans and our Greek friends abroad.

The job of a United States Congressman involves much that is rewarding, and I am truly proud to recognize and commemorate Greek Independence Day alongside the vibrant Greek community in Northern New Jersey.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you join our colleagues, Greek Americans, and all of our Greek friends around the world, in recognizing the 192nd Greek Independence Day.

HONORING SANJEEV "SONNY"
BHAGOWALIA

HON. TULSI GABBARD

OF HAWAII

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 9, 2013

Ms. GABBARD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Sonny Bhagowalia, Hawaii's State Chief Information Officer. Sonny recently received the prestigious "Federal 100 Award" from Federal Computer Week magazine.

This award honors the top leaders in industry, academia and government who have had a significant impact on the government information systems community. This year, Hawaii is the only state government to be recognized for its proactive efforts to maximize the use of technology.

Since 2011, Sonny has served as Hawaii's first CIO, planning and implementing the state's IT transformation, and overseeing its new Office of Information Management and Technology. He has repeatedly been honored for his contributions to IT advancement in Hawaii, including two previous Federal 100 Awards.

Sonny's efforts to modernize and invest in Hawaii's technology infrastructure have laid the groundwork for more effective government service and business processes.

I extend my congratulations to Sonny, his very talented team, and the State of Hawaii for this much-deserved honor.

EAU CLAIRE MEMORIAL HIGH
SCHOOL WISCONSIN INTER-
SCHOLASTIC ATHLETIC ASSOCIA-
TION STATE CHAMPIONSHIP

HON. RON KIND

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 9, 2013

Mr. KIND. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to honor the Eau Claire Memorial High School boy's hockey team, the Old Abes, on winning the Wisconsin Interscholastic Athletic Association State Championship. Their 6-1 victory over Verona on March 2, 2013 was a true display of sportsmanship and teamwork.

After starting 0-2-1 and finishing second to Hudson in the Big Rivers Conference, the team faced a seemingly impossible road to the State Championship. But the Old Abes did not let those set-backs deter them from their dream of being the second team in history to bring home the State Championship for Eau Claire Memorial High School.

With the loss of two key players before the season started, Coach Mike Schwengler and senior team captain Brady Bollinger worked hard to build the young team into a strong, cohesive unit. After reassigning some key players to new positions, the puzzle pieces started to fit together, and the Old Abes won 20 of their last 23 games.

Nonetheless, heading into the championship off of an incredible winning streak, the team still found themselves down 1-0 late in the first period. The team banded together and rose to the challenge. Bollinger answered Verona's goal less than a minute later to tie the score, and the rest of the team stepped up to follow his lead. Jacob Bresser scored two goals, Charley Graaskamp added a goal and two assists, and Dylan Ross added a goal and an assist. Finally, Austin Phippen had the sixth and final goal, while Alex Geving, the goalie, finished the game with a phenomenal 26 saves.

This momentous win at the end of a difficult season exemplifies the dedication, teamwork, and sportsmanship of each and every member of the Eau Claire Memorial High School boy's hockey team. Furthermore, this victory shines as a proud achievement for the Eau Claire community. Once again, I want to congratulate the Eau Claire Memorial High School boy's hockey team on their incredible season and hard-earned title as Wisconsin State Champions.

RECOGNIZING ELIE WIESEL

HON. E. SCOTT RIGELL

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 9, 2013

Mr. RIGELL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to enter a statement into the RECORD on behalf of my constituent, Rabbi Dr. Israel Zoberman. Rabbi Zoberman is the Founding Rabbi of Congregation Beth Chaverim in Virginia Beach, Virginia. He is also the president of the Hampton Roads Board of Rabbis and Cantors. Rabbi Zoberman asked me to enter the following remarks into the RECORD recognizing Elie Wiesel on the occasion of Yom Hashoah, the 65th Anniversary of the State of Israel, and the 20th anniversary of the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum. Rabbi Zoberman's statement follows:

Elie Wiesel, the most distinguished representative of the Holocaust survivors' generation, has risen from Auschwitz's hell which he entered at age fifteen, to become the world's witness to the human condition and humanity's prophetic voice of both sacred remembrance and chastising warning. He even admits to making enemies because of his steadfast stance against trivializing Auschwitz, protectively defining the Holocaust as "the Event."

The 1986 Nobel Peace Laureate—he deserves the literature prize too—and Founding Chairman of the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Council, who as earned our nation's

greatest honors along with foreign high ones, enjoys a special relationship with President Obama and is presently collaborating on a joint literary project. In the latest book of this prolific author, *Open Heart*, Wiesel opens his aching and grateful heart to us following the watershed impact of his open heart surgery on June 16, 2011, at age 82. He utilizes this trying medical and life-changing ordeal to teach us about life's demanding trials and transitions, courageously facing his own mortality at his "greatest pain and darkest anguish."

This master teacher who is the Andrew W. Mellon Professor in the Humanities at Boston University is asking challenging questions: How well has he fulfilled his obligation as a survivor with a consecrated mission to tell a tale of woes without despairing of the Creator nor of a blemished creation, wrestling with a God who deprived him of so much but also blessed him beyond measure? Having contributed immeasurably toward a sane and sacred world, ever standing guard, Wiesel nonetheless doubts if he has done all he could and should have in his struggle against evil. He and fellow survivors believed that the world would change for the better, never allowing for genocides again, and how painful it must be for heart-broken Wiesel to conclude, "The fact is, the world has learned nothing."

May Wiesel fulfill his heart's fondest desire to live to witness the B'nai Mitzvah celebrations of his beloved grandchildren Elijah and Shira, the children of son Elisha who is named for Wiesel's father Shlomo who perished so close to liberation. May he do so along with his wife Marion, faithful soulmate and professional helpmate, herself a survivor from Vienna, Austria. Her brainchild is Beit Tzipora in Israel, the centers to enrich Ethiopian children, named for Wiesel's precious little sister whom he saw with their mother for the last time upon the arrival in Auschwitz. Reading Wiesel's transforming account a few days following the multiple tragedies at Sandy Hook Elementary School in Newtown, Conn., the following line resonates with painfully heart-felt relevance, "We must choose between the violence of adults and the smiles of children, between the ugliness of hate and the will to oppose it."

The 20th Anniversary of the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum, with which Wiesel has been so intimately connected, is testimony to his vision to ensure in the face of Holocaust deniers and the ravages of time's forgetfulness that the indispensable facts and essential lessons of the holocaust will endure for the sake of humanity. The museum has already exposed millions of Americans and other visitors in our nation's capital to its sacred work, shedding light on history's darkest chapter. I'm ever grateful to this U.S. sponsored museum as a son and grandson of Polish Holocaust survivors with heavy family losses in Zamosc, Poland, and Sarny, Ukraine. I was born in Kazakhstan on November 12, 1945 and spent my early childhood in Germany's American zone of the Wetzlar Displaced Persons Camp, before finding refuge and home with my family and most of the survivors in the reborn State of Israel now celebrating its 65th proud anniversary. Wiesel reportedly was invited in the past to be Israel's president.

Israel's accomplishments in all fields of endeavor are astonishing given its humble beginnings and ever trying circumstances. This vibrant democratic oasis and America's trusted ally in a mutually beneficial bond more significant than ever, is surrounded by a wide wilderness and exposed to substantial threats following the "Arab Spring" with its, so far, destabilizing Islamist victory. It is truly an inspiring expression of the Jewish

spirit and the human saga. The vast human tragedy in Syria continues unabated with the international community failing to stop it, while Iran's menacing shadow looms large. May the Middle East and the entire world where the Jewish people first proclaimed an enlightened agenda for all, yet be transformed, with the United States' critical role, in the spirit of eternal Shalom.

HONORING THE LIFE AND SERVICE OF NORTHWEST FLORIDA'S BELOVED REPRESENTATIVE, CLAY FORD, JR.

HON. JEFF MILLER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 9, 2013

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the life and service of Northwest Florida's beloved Representative Clay Ford, Jr., who passed away on March 18, 2013 after a courageous battle with cancer. Throughout his long and distinguished career in the United States Army and public service, Representative Ford served as a mentor and an inspiration to countless individuals. All those who have been blessed by his presence mourn the loss of a great man and unparalleled public servant.

Representative Ford, an Arkansas native, studied at the University of Arkansas, where he received his Bachelor's in Finance as well as his Juris Doctorate. He continued his education at Shippensburg University, where obtained his Master's in Public Administration. He married Carol Ann DeBusk Ford, of Little Rock Arkansas, and together they raised three sons, David, Doug, and Clay.

Representative Ford served proudly for more than 30 years in the United States Army as an infantry officer rising from the rank of Private to retire as Colonel in 1988. During his faithful years of service to our nation's Armed Forces, he filled important roles in both active, reserve, and the National Guard components of the Army. He served our country with honor and distinction, and he helped to protect the freedoms we all enjoy today. His many accomplishments during service include a NRA national record for the high power rifle competition.

In addition to his dedicated service to the Armed Forces, Representative Ford will be remembered for his leadership and contributions as a dedicated public servant. Before settling in Northwest Florida, he served his native state of Arkansas as a Representative of the Arkansas State Legislature from 1975–1976. In 1990 he was elected to the Gulf Breeze City Council in Florida, where he served until his election to the Florida House of Representatives in 2007. Representative Ford was widely respected by those who knew him. He was a man of conviction and compassion.

Aside from his leadership in the Florida House of Representatives, he was involved in a myriad of civic and veterans service organizations, including the Gulf Breeze Methodist Church, Gulf Breeze Rotary Club, Pensacola Bay Area Chamber of Commerce, Gulf Breeze City Council, Florida League of Cities—where he served as president from 2004–2005, National Rifle Association, American Legion, and Military Officers Association of America.

Throughout his life, Representative Ford served his nation and community with the utmost integrity and humility. To some, he will be remembered as a dedicated public official with an unwavering commitment to serving his community. To others, he will be remembered as a patriot who served our nation with honor and distinction. To his family and friends, he will most fondly be remembered as a man of faith and a loving husband, father, grandfather, and great-grandfather. His contributions to Northwest Florida, Arkansas, and our nation were truly exceptional and his legacy will not be forgotten.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the United States Congress, I am privileged to honor the life of Clay Ford, Jr. My wife Vicki joins me in extending our sincerest condolences and our prayers go out to his wife, Carol; sons, David, Doug, and Clay; eight grandchildren; one great-grandchild; and the entire Ford family. He will truly be missed by all.

HONORING OFFICER PIERCE'S RETIREMENT

HON. PHIL GINGREY

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 9, 2013

Mr. GINGREY of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I proudly rise today to honor Detective Bob Pierce for his long and distinguished career in law enforcement.

On March 28th, Detective Pierce will celebrate his retirement from Cobb County Police Department after over 40–years of dutiful service to Georgians.

While he currently works for the Cobb County Police Department's Internal Affairs Division selecting new officers, he's served Georgia communities in many capacities. Since March of 1972, Pierce has worked in uniformed patrol, narcotics, intelligence, burglary, homicide, and corrections.

In 2012, the Cobb Chamber of Commerce awarded him the Distinguished Achievement Award in recognition of service and performance that have exceeded the call of duty. Detective Pierce has played an invaluable leadership role in the community and among his peers for decades. His service will be missed.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of Cobb County, my deepest thanks to Detective Pierce for devoting his life to upholding the law and to the protection of Georgia citizens. I wish him a happy—and well-deserved—retirement from public service.

S. WILLIAM CLARK, III, MD—OUTSTANDING ADVOCATE AWARD RECIPIENT

HON. TOM PRICE

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 9, 2013

Mr. PRICE of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure and pride that I ask all members of the House to recognize a fellow physician and Georgian, S. William Clark, III,

M.D., who has received the American Academy of Ophthalmology's 2012 Outstanding Advocate Award. This honor is bestowed upon Academy members who participate in advocacy-related efforts at the state or federal level. Recipients perform advocacy functions in their capacity as ophthalmologists and demonstrate a pattern of supporting and improving the profession of medicine over a period of years.

Dr. Bill Clark, whom I have had the privilege of knowing for nearly 30 years, is a fitting recipient of this honor. As a general ophthalmologist in Waycross, Georgia, Dr. Clark has long been a committed advocate for ophthalmology, and medicine in general, since before completing his fellowship in 1984. A second-generation ophthalmologist, he learned the importance of being an effective proponent for quality health care from his revered father. With great concern for patients and respect for the principles of the healing arts, he has shared his passion with generations of new physicians.

Dr. Clark is a Past President and Board member of the Medical Association of Georgia (MAG) and has served as Vice President and Academy Councilor representing the Georgia Society of Ophthalmology (GSO). Since 1988, he has served in the American Medical Association (AMA) House of Delegates, representing the AMA Young Physicians Section, the American Academy of Ophthalmology, and Medical Association of Georgia. He currently serves as the Vice-Chair of the Georgia AMA Delegation.

For his commitment and devotion to physicians and patients on the state and federal level, I am so very pleased to take this opportunity to recognize my friend, Dr. Bill Clark, and congratulate him on the occasion of his receiving the American Academy of Ophthalmology's 2012 Outstanding Advocate Award.

JAIR SALAZAR

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 9, 2013

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Jair Salazar for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. Jair Salazar is an 11th grader at Jefferson High School and received this award because his determination and hard work have allowed him to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Jair Salazar is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Jair Salazar for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. I have no doubt he will exhibit the same dedication and character in all of his future accomplishments.

RECOGNIZING EDUARDO ILAO ON RECEIVING THE 2013 U.S. SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION'S FAMILY-OWNED SMALL BUSINESS AWARD FOR GUAM

HON. MADELEINE Z. BORDALLO

OF GUAM

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 9, 2013

Ms. BORDALLO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commend and congratulate Mr. Eduardo Ilaio on being awarded the 2013 U.S. Small Business Administration's Family-Owned Small Business Award for Guam. Mr. Ilaio is the president of Johndel International, Inc. dba JMI-Edison E.R. Ilaio & Associates, Inc.

Johndel International, Inc. dba JMI-Edison was founded in 1978 by Mr. Ilaio's father Mr. John M. Ilaio. Today, Johndel International, Inc. dba JMI-Edison is led by Mr. John Ilaio's children: Eduardo, John Jr., and Beth. Johndel Incorporated dba JMI Edison comprises four separate companies offering products and services to the industrial, commercial, and medical industries serving Guam, the Commonwealth of the Northern Marianas, the Federated States of Micronesia, the republic of the Marshall Islands, and the Philippines.

At the young age of 16, Eduardo and his brother John worked at their family's motor rewinding business. Their introduction to their father's business began by sweeping the floor, cutting paper, and performing other necessary tasks associated with and necessary to the motor rewinding business. His father's work ethic and tireless commitment to satisfying his customers became the foundation for Edward's education in successful business practices. He was inspired by his father's work ethic and tireless commitment to satisfying his customers. Edward knew that his father was the ultimate perfectionist and that his business motto was, "whatever you decide to do, do it right the first time."

Because of their hard work, the Ilaio family's modest motor rewinding business grew into one of Guam's successful family corporations, and, in 1987, when his father retired, Eduardo seamlessly stepped up to the plate. He now leads the JMI Edison group companies with the assistance of his younger siblings, John and Beth, and a dedicated team of loyal, long-time employees.

Eduardo is a 1983 graduate of the Illinois Institute of Technology where he earned a B.S. in electrical engineering. In 1986, the Illinois Institute of Technology awarded Eduardo a Master of Science degree in electrical engineering. Returning to Guam and his family business, Eduardo passed the Professional Engineer examination and was issued his license as a professional electrical engineer in Guam, the CNMI, and California. Eduardo and his wife Genilie Ilaio have been married for over 24 years and they have five children: Geneveive, George, Gerilyn, John Edward, and Gemilie.

Like his father, Eduardo is an active member in our island community, participating in philanthropic organizations, government service, business associations, and professional societies. He previously served as the Chairman of the American Red Cross from 2004 to 2007. He has been a board member of the American Red Cross since 2002 and served as its Chairman from 2004 to 2007. He is the

President of the Batangas and Southern Tagalog Association (BASTA), a board member of the Guam Girl Scouts, a member of the Filipino Community of Guam, and helped in fundraising efforts for the Ajuda Foundation. He is also active in numerous government service agencies. He was previously the Vice Chairman of the Board of the Guam Power Authority, he was on the Board of Trustee for the Guam Community College (GCC), he is a board member of the GCC Endowment Foundation and he is a board member of the Port Authority of Guam. Eduardo is also a member of Guam's business associations, specifically, the Guam Chamber of Commerce, the Guam Contractors Association, and the Guam Hotel and Restaurant Association. His participation in professional societies include: National Society of Professional Engineers (NSPE), Guam Society of Professional Engineers (GSPE), Association of Energy Engineers (AEE), American Solar Energy Society (ASES), National Fire Protection Association (NFPA), and the American Association of Radon Scientists and Technologists.

Eduardo has extensive experience in the design, construction, management, financing, operation, maintenance, troubleshooting, and repairs of a wide array of Electrical Engineering projects and systems. He has expertise in Power, Computer Engineering, Control Systems, and most especially, Electro-Mechanical Machines. He is a Professional Electrical Engineer, a Certified Energy Manager, a Certified Energy Auditor, and a Licensed General and Specialty Contractor.

I congratulate Eduardo Ilaio on receiving the 2013 U.S. Small Business Administration's Family-Owned Small Business Award for Guam. I join the people of Guam in commending him for his award and thanking him for his contributions to our community.

RECOGNIZING MARY STEPHANY

HON. MIKE QUIGLEY

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 9, 2013

Mr. QUIGLEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mary Stephany, a former teacher and current registrar at Guerin College Preparatory High School in River Grove, IL. Guerin College Preparatory High School is a Catholic learning community committed to the education and faith development of young men and women, and these goals are reflected in the work of Ms. Stephany.

Ms. Stephany began her career at Mother Theodore Guerin High School in 1965, and during her tenure she has taught numerous courses in the social science field and was Academic Coordinator for the school. Courses she taught were: Law, Humanities, AP Government, Citizen Politics, U.S. History, AP U.S. History, Interdisciplinary (Theology, English, Social Science), World History, AP European History, Economics, Geographic Concepts, Introduction to the Social Sciences, American Studies, and Sociology. She also coached the volleyball team and developed and moderated Educating Women for Leadership and Life, as well as the Mentor Program.

Ms. Stephany has earned professional honors including The Cardinal's Award for Distinguished Service in Education, recognition in

the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD for work in Education, and selection for the three year program with the National Endowment for the Humanities. She was also chosen as an Ambassador to Chicago's Field Museum for 2003–2004. In this role, Ms. Stephany served on education advisory committees to the museum and mentored other teachers.

Ms. Stephany earned a BA from Marian University in Fond du Lac, WI, with further programs of study at the University of Chicago, University of Illinois, University Colorado (Boulder), Northwestern University, University of New Hampshire, St. Mary's College (Walnut Creek, CA.), Trinity University (San Antonio, TX), Bradley University, Northeastern University, University of Wisconsin (Madison), Kansas University, The Art Institute of Chicago, and Loyola University Chicago.

Since 1999, Mary has served on the Illinois 5th Congressional District Academy Review Board. She has evaluated many nominees on their qualifications for a Congressional Nomination to our U.S. Service Academies. These qualifications include character, leadership, academic preparation, community service, and extracurricular participation.

Thanks to Ms. Stephany's dedication, many young men and women in the 5th Congressional District have received "Offers of Appointment" to the U.S. Service Academies and are in leadership positions serving our Nation today.

Mr. Speaker, I ask all of my colleagues to join me in recognizing the years of dedication Mary Stephany has shown in education and service. Ms. Stephany has helped change the lives of many young women and men by providing them with the tools they need to succeed in their future endeavors. She is truly an inspiring figure in our community and I thank her for her years of service.

CONGRATULATING THE BOWIE STATE UNIVERSITY MEN'S BASKETBALL TEAM

HON. STENY H. HOYER

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 9, 2013

Mr. HOYER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and congratulate an extraordinary team of young men from Maryland's Fifth Congressional District. The Bowie State University Bulldogs won the CIAA Men's Basketball Championship on March 2, 2013. This is their second conference championship in team history and second NCAA Tournament berth in three seasons. This incredible achievement was made all the more significant given the caliber of their competition.

Once in tournament play, the Bulldogs emerged victorious over Chowan University, Lincoln University, and Winston Salem State University to ultimately meet Livingston College in the conference championship game at Time Warner Cable Arena in Charlotte, North Carolina. The Bulldogs prevailed, overcoming the Livingston Blue Bears with a final score of 85–74.

This victory demonstrates that with determination, willpower, and discipline we can work to overcome any obstacle in the path of achieving success. After entering the tournament as a fourth seed, the Bowie State

Men's Basketball team has gone above and beyond expectations. The Bulldogs end their 2013 season not only with a conference championship, but also a berth into the NCAA Division II Tournament.

Fifteen student-athletes contributed to this triumphant season, remaining focused and determined to continue the success of Bowie State Men's Basketball.

Mr. Speaker, I offer my heartiest congratulations to the members of the championship team—Julian Williams, Ray Gatling, Trawn Rogers, Cameron Knox, Dameatric Scott, Najee White, Tyrone Lawson, Jr., Carlos Smith, Byron Westmorland, Justin Beck, Bryan Wilson, Julian Harrell, David Golladay, Joel Clemmons, and Branden Doughty—on their victory. And, I also want to applaud Head Coach Darrell Brooks and his coaching staff—Larry Stewart, Sedric Baker, Darius Wilson, and Delmar Carey—for their dedication and commitment while guiding these talented student-athletes.

Like all Marylanders, I am very proud of these young men and I congratulate all of those involved in bringing home a conference title. I ask that my colleagues join me in applauding this great accomplishment.

HONORING THE DEPAUW UNIVERSITY LADY TIGERS BASKETBALL TEAM

HON. TODD ROKITA

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 9, 2013

Mr. ROKITA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the DePauw University Lady Tigers basketball team, who defeated Wisconsin-Whitewater 69–51 on March 16 to win the Division III National Championship, their second national title in seven years.

DePauw became one of only seven Division III teams to complete an undefeated season, and the only team in Division III history to win 34 games in a single season. DePauw's other recent accomplishments include 14 NCAA appearances in 18 years, including 4 quarter-finals, 14 conference championships in 17 years, and 20 or more wins in 16 of the last 17 years.

Seniors Ellie Pearson, Kate Walker and Kathleen Molloy completed their college careers with a combined record of 112 wins and just 15 losses at DePauw. The rest of the roster includes Ann Sarkisian, Jenna Stoner, Emma Ondik, Lauren Abendroth, Chelsea Francis, Morgan Skordos, Savannah Trees, Colleen McDonagh, Angela Hacker, Alex Gasaway, Hannah Lukemeyer, Ali Ross, Alison Stephens, Erin McGinnis, Abby Keller, and Colleen Frost.

Head coach Kris Huffman is a selfless leader who always redirects any credit for the team's success back to her players. Her .820 career winning percentage is the highest winning percentage ever for a DePauw women's basketball head coach, and she has been named National Coach of the Year 3 times and Conference Coach of the Year 11 times. In addition to Coach Huffman, the coaching staff includes Assistant Coach Mary Smith, volunteer coaches Donna Ferguson and Doug Miller, and Team Trainer Kara Campbell.

Located in Greencastle, Indiana, DePauw is well known for a deep tradition of social en-

gagement by its students and faculty alike, and its women's basketball team has earned much attention for their success on the basketball court as well. Incidentally, DePauw University is a friendly rival to my alma mater 30 miles to the north, Wabash College. This rivalry notwithstanding, I join basketball fans from across the Hoosier State in congratulating the 2013 DePauw women's basketball team on their remarkable accomplishments.

RECOGNIZING CONGRESSMAN JOHN R. LEWIS AS THE RECIPIENT OF THE NATIONAL PEACE MEDAL AND THE GLOBAL AND INTERNATIONAL CIVIL RIGHTS AWARD

HON. JON RUNYAN

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 9, 2013

Mr. RUNYAN. Mr. Speaker, it is my distinct honor to recognize Congressman JOHN R. LEWIS as the recipient of the National Peace Medal and the Global and International Civil Rights Award. I thank him for his service and invaluable contributions to making our country a better place for all Americans.

I am pleased that National Stop the Violence Alliance, Inc. is presenting Congressman LEWIS with these two coveted awards at a ceremony in my home district.

Congressman LEWIS has dedicated his life to the principles of non-violence as a means of social change. He believes in non-violence, but unlike so many, has actually lived accordingly, putting his own life at risk to show his commitment.

Congressman LEWIS is known as one of the most courageous leaders of the Civil Rights Movement and played a pivotal role in the struggle to end segregation and legalized racial discrimination. He knew from a very young age that the America he was living in was not the best that our country had to offer. Inspired by Rosa Parks and the non-violent message of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., Congressman LEWIS would later recall, "It seemed like he was saying to me, John Lewis, you too can make a contribution."

Mr. Speaker, Congressman LEWIS' contributions are invaluable. Because of his courage and steadfast commitment to ensuring freedom and equality for all Americans, our country is closer than ever before to living up to the ideals of our founders.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in offering our sincere thanks and appreciation to the distinguished gentleman from Georgia, the Honorable JOHN R. LEWIS.

JACQUELINE DELGADO

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 9, 2013

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Jacqueline Delgado for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. Jacqueline Delgado is a 10th grader at Jefferson High School and received this award because

her determination and hard work have allowed her to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Jacqueline Delgado is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Jacqueline Delgado for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. I have no doubt she will exhibit the same dedication and character in all of her future accomplishments.

HONORING VPP STATUS AT L.L. BEAN WORKPLACES

HON. CHELLIE PINGREE

OF MAINE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 9, 2013

Ms. PINGREE of Maine. Mr. Speaker, I would like to recognize a corporation based in my district, L.L. Bean, for achieving the highest standards of workplace safety through OSHA's Voluntary Protection Program (VPP) at its Desert Road Service Center in Freeport, Maine.

VPP is OSHA's official recognition of the outstanding efforts of employers and employees who have achieved exemplary occupational safety and health. Achieving the status requires a rigorous onsite evaluation to ensure that a workplace meets high performance-based standards of preventing occupational safety and health hazards. With missed workdays well below their industries' averages, VPP worksites are some of the safest places to work in the country.

L.L. Bean has shown an incredible commitment to the program and its employees. Since 2007, the company has achieved VPP status at its Brunswick, Maine, manufacturing facility, its call centers, Freeport outlet store, and now Star Status at the Desert Road Service Center, which employs 200 people and handles returns for its vast global business. The company continues to work toward VPP status at all its facilities.

I am not only proud of L.L. Bean for these accomplishments, but also for the way it has involved its employees in achieving them. By fully engaging them in the process, the company has made employees feel safer at work, as well as more appreciated, prized, and respected.

My congratulations and appreciation go to all of the company's owners, managers, and staff for their incredible leadership in workplace safety.

A TRIBUTE TO HONOR THE ASIAN AMERICAN PROSECUTORS ASSOCIATION

HON. ERIC SWALWELL

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 9, 2013

Mr. SWALWELL of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Asian American Prosecutors Association, AAPA, for their dedication

to promoting justice and advancing the interests of Asian American prosecutors in California's 15th Congressional District and throughout the state of California. Their willingness to advocate for victims' rights within the Asian American community, while advocating for fairness, equality, and justice for the public at large, is a testament to their workmanship, leadership, and unwavering dedication to the community they serve.

The Asian American Prosecutors Association seeks to empower its members and all prosecutors through education and training about the needs of the Asian American community. AAPA's acting board members are a wealth of knowledge, each having many years of experience working with the Asian American community, and they are all eager to strengthen and support the roles of Asian Americans in all aspects of law and the criminal justice system. Those who serve on the board include, Annie Saadi as President, Sharon Carney as Vice President, Huy Luong as Treasurer, Michael Carney as Secretary, David Lim as Executive Board Member, Amy Deng in Public Relations & Marketing, Lauren Hashimoto in Membership & Recruitment, Mas Morimoto in Community Affairs and Glenn Kim in Information Technology.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that the entire House of Representatives join me in honoring the Asian American Prosecutors Association. AAPA's dedication to the community is an inspiration to us all and it is a high privilege to represent them, and I am glad to take this opportunity to pay tribute to their inaugural reception.

HONORING THE ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF MAYOR BETSY PRICE

HON. KENNY MARCHANT

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 9, 2013

Mr. MARCHANT. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to inform you and my fellow colleagues of Fort Worth Mayor Betsy Price's recent accomplishment of being recognized by the Zonta Club of Fort Worth as the distinguished 2013 Professional Woman of the Year.

The Zonta Club of Fort Worth was chartered in 1927 with the objective of improving the status of women through promoting goodwill, human rights, and justice throughout the community, country, and world. Each year since 1971, the Zonta Club of Fort Worth has honored an outstanding professional woman in the Fort Worth community. This celebration recognizes the honoree's achievement while thanking her for being a shining example for other women.

Mayor Betsy Price was elected as the 44th Mayor to her native City of Fort Worth. Throughout her early tenure, Mayor Price has focused on fiscal responsibility, creating a stronger economy through public-private partnerships, and strengthening neighborhoods through her faith-based and citywide health engagement initiatives.

As a proponent of civically active young adults, Mayor Price created the SteerFW program to organize young professionals into task forces focused on resolving local issues. The program has four areas of focus—education, public transportation, employment, and urban development. There are currently over 300

young citizens participating in the program where they learn about current challenges and work to find creative solutions.

Prior to her life in public service, Mayor Price owned and managed Price Cornelius Title Service for 17 years. In 2000, she was elected as the Tarrant County Tax Assessor, where she used her business experience to make her department one of the most efficient in Texas and saved taxpayers millions of dollars.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the 24th Congressional District of Texas, I ask all my distinguished colleagues to join me in congratulating Mayor Betsy Price on her accomplishment as the 2013 Fort Worth Zonta Club Professional Woman of the Year.

RECOGNIZING CAMBODIAN DAY OF REMEMBRANCE

HON. MIKE QUIGLEY

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 9, 2013

Mr. QUIGLEY. Mr. Speaker, as this April marks the 38th anniversary of the brutal Khmer Rouge regime's rise to power in Cambodia, I join Cambodian Americans to commemorate this tragedy in the community's past. Yet even as we solemnly recognize this moment, we can also look at the hopeful future that lies ahead for the Cambodian American community.

The Khmer Rouge regime seized power in Cambodia on April 17, 1975, and began a reign of terror and systematic genocide. Upwards of 3.4 million innocent men, women and children lost their lives at mass grave sites now known as the Killing Fields. Thousands of refugees escaped these atrocities and were given sanctuary in the United States; many came to the state of Illinois.

Thanks to the Cambodian Association of Illinois and our strong Cambodian-American community here in the United States, we are aware of the Cambodian genocide and its devastating effects. Organizations such as the Cambodian American Heritage Museum and the Killing Field Memorial carry out the vital mission of ensuring that we do not forget the atrocities of this period. The Cambodian community is committed to remembering and paying tribute to those lost in the Killing Fields while enhancing the public's awareness of these atrocities and healing the survivors and their families.

As Illinois and other states recognize April 17th as the Cambodian Day of Remembrance, I rise today to join my Cambodian American friends to commemorate the atrocities of the Killing Fields and to provide comfort and hope to the victims' families. Let us take this moment to recognize that group-targeted violence and bigotry still exist in nations across the world, and we cannot ignore its presence.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in solidarity with the Cambodian-American community in remembering those who were lost to the Khmer Rouge regime and in recognizing our hope for a more peaceful future.

ISSA GRIMES

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 9, 2013

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Issa Grimes for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. Issa Grimes is an 8th grader at Oberon Middle School and received this award because his determination and hard work have allowed him to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Issa Grimes is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Issa Grimes for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. I have no doubt he will exhibit the same dedication and character in all of his future accomplishments.

CELEBRATING CESAR CHAVEZ'S BIRTHDAY

HON. SHEILA JACKSON LEE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 9, 2013

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to express my deepest appreciation for the life, legacy, and actions of Mr. Cesar Estrada Chavez.

The changes that Cesar Chavez fought for throughout his life have dramatically changed the way that farm workers are treated in our country. Cesar Chavez was one of the Nation's greatest civil rights activists and the tireless champion of migrant farm workers fighting for humane working conditions.

As a young man Cesar Chavez worked in the fields where he saw firsthand the dangerous conditions which farm workers were forced to endure. In 1952 he became an organizer for the Community Service Organization (CSO), a Latino civil rights group, and eventually became the national director of the organization.

In 1965, Chavez co-founded the National Farm Workers Association with Dolores Huerta which evolved into the United Farm Workers union. The National Farm Workers Association was successful in securing fair wages and safe working conditions for farm workers. The UFW also led a worldwide grape boycott that helped ensure farm workers had a voice in contract negotiations.

Cesar Chavez is also known for his fasts which he used as a nonviolent method of promoting his beliefs. In 1972 Chavez fasted in response to Arizona's passage of legislation that prohibited boycotts and strikes by farm workers during the harvest season.

On April 23, 1993 Cesar Chavez died, bringing great sadness to the farm workers community that he spent his life fighting for. With his death also came a great sense of pride for all the progress that Chavez brought as a direct result of his unwavering commitment to farm workers' rights.

I urge my colleagues in joining me in celebrating Cesar Estrada Chavez's life and legacy. America is a better place because of Cesar Chavez.

GABRIELLE BOND

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 9, 2013

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Gabrielle Bond for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. Gabrielle Bond is a 7th grader at Oberon Middle School and received this award because her determination and hard work have allowed her to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Gabrielle Bond is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Gabrielle Bond for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. I have no doubt she will exhibit the same dedication and character in all of her future accomplishments.

THE BRIDGE TO JOBS ACT

HON. JANICE HAHN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 9, 2013

Ms. HAHN. Mr. Speaker, as every American knows, we have a jobs crisis in this country. While unemployment has improved within the past year, it is still strangling our economy. Approximately 40 percent of jobless Americans—who lost their jobs through no fault of their own—have been out of work for six months or longer, and the longer they wait, the harder it is for them to find jobs. The fact of the matter is that we will not see robust economic growth again until we put Americans back to work.

We also have an infrastructure crisis. According to Transportation for America, there are 69,223 bridges that have been classified as "structurally deficient" by the Federal Highway Administration. Leaving these bridges in their current state of disrepair poses a grave threat not only to our safety, but also to our economy. As the President noted last year, "Our aging transportation infrastructure costs American businesses and families about \$130 billion a year . . . and if we don't act now, it could cost America hundreds of billions of dollars and hundreds of thousands of jobs by the end of the decade." Additionally, studies have shown that our crumbling infrastructure threatens our competitive edge in the world economy. As the Washington Post reported last summer, if nothing is done to improve our infrastructure, "U.S. businesses would pay an added \$430 billion in transportation costs, household incomes would fall by more than \$7,000, and U.S. exports will fall by \$28 billion." Mr. Speaker, we can't afford to wait until the end of the decade; we need action now.

Alleviating both of these crises is not a mutually exclusive endeavor. That's why I've introduced the "Bridge to Jobs Act," a much-needed "win-win" for the American economy and public safety. The act provides states with grants to put Americans back to work by repairing crumbling bridges. Not only will this legislation put Americans back to work and bolster our ailing economy, it will also ensure the safety of the millions who use these bridges each and every day. I urge my colleagues to support this crucial investment in our workforce, our economy, and our safety.

HONORING GREENSBURG HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL TEAM

HON. LUKE MESSER

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 9, 2013

Mr. MESSER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the accomplishment of the Greensburg Community High School boys basketball team in Greensburg, Indiana. As a 1987 graduate of GCHS, my Pirate Pride beams proud.

The Greensburg boys varsity basketball team recently made school history by securing the school's first team state championship. The Pirates came back from a 10-point deficit at halftime to force overtime and won the Indiana Class 3A State Basketball Championship 73–70 over Fort Wayne Concordia Lutheran.

Greensburg started with five underclassmen, and was led in scoring in the title game by junior Bryant McIntosh with 25 points and in rebounds by junior Sean Sellers with 12. In addition, Sean set an Individual IHSAA Record for Highest Title Game Free Throw Percentage, making 11 of 11 in the game. The team finished the season 26–1 with the best winning percentage in the State.

I want to congratulate this team for showing great resolve and teamwork throughout the state tournament and in the title game. I also want to commend the team for representing yourselves with class throughout the season, the tournament, and the remainder of the year.

Congratulations go to starters Macy Holdsworth, Bryant McIntosh, Colin Rigney, Sean Sellers, and Ryan Welage, along with teammates Riley Billieu, Tyler Burcham, Tye Fleetwood, Shane Ploeger, Drew Foster, Tom Lawrence, and Brad Wilson. For the leadership of this championship team, congratulations and accolades go to the 7th-year head coach, Stacy Meyer, and assistant coaches, Scott Holdsworth, Jason Simpson, Scott McIntosh, Scott Ferguson, and Dave Lawrence.

I am thrilled to see a championship banner raised at my alma mater, and I ask the entire 6th Congressional District to join me in congratulating the Greensburg Community High School boys varsity basketball team for their dedication, execution, and excellence this season.

FRANKIE OLIVAREZ

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 9, 2013

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Frankie Olivarez for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. Frankie Olivarez is an 11th grader at Jefferson High School and received this award because his determination and hard work have allowed him to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Frankie Olivarez is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Frankie Olivarez for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. I have no doubt he will exhibit the same dedication and character in all of his future accomplishments.

RECOGNIZING FREDERICK J. HORECKY ON RECEIVING THE 2013 U.S. SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION'S MINORITY SMALL BUSINESS CHAMPION AWARD FOR GUAM

HON. MADELEINE Z. BORDALLO

OF GUAM

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 9, 2013

Ms. BORDALLO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commend and congratulate Mr. Frederick J. Horecky on being awarded the 2013 U.S. Small Business Administration's Minority Small Business Champion Award for Guam. Mr. Horecky is the proprietor and managing attorney of his law firm, the Law Offices of Horecky & Associates. Fred has been practicing law in Guam almost immediately after earning his juris doctor degree from the University of Virginia School of Law.

Quick to learn the dynamics of a successful legal practice, Fred opened Horecky & Associates in 1983, a general practice law firm. Horecky & Associates quickly grew from sole practitioner to six attorneys specializing in a several areas of jurisprudence.

Currently, Fred practices law as a sole practitioner specializing in corporate law and the incorporation of Guam Business Corporations and Limited Liability Companies. He provides legal advice to numerous minority-owned, women-owned, and veteran-owned businesses on corporate issues. Additionally, he serves as Legal Counsel to the Guam Public Utilities Commission and Administrative Law Judge for power, telecommunications, and solid waste matters. He is the owner and Chief Executive Officer of two businesses, Buena Vista Realty LLC and Buena Vista Environmental LLC.

Fred was born in Washington D.C. and spent the majority of his formative years in Alexandria, Virginia. He was the only child born to parents who both were career employees at the Library of Congress in Washington D.C.

He attended Groveton High School south of Alexandria, Virginia graduating in 1970. In 1974 he graduated from Grinnell College, Iowa where he obtained a bachelors of arts in American History and Political Science. From 1974 to 1975 he attended one year of graduate study in Public Administration at the University of Virginia Graduate Department of Government just before pursuing a degree in law. In 1978, he became a juris doctor from the University of Virginia School of Law. Ten years later he married his wife Mary Louise Wheeler.

Fred is also an active member in our island community. He previously served as a member of the Guam Election Commission from 1996–2000 and Chairman of the Election Commission from 2002 to 2007. He also served as the Chairman of the Legislative and Government Relations Committee. Since 1980, he has been a member in Hafa Adai Kiwanis Club of Guam as well as member of Toastmasters Club of Guam from 1983 to 1987. His corporate legal service expertise was instrumental in renaming and reorganizing the Chinese Chamber of Commerce of Guam (CCCG) enabling the CCCG to become a prominent organization on Guam. Fred also provided volunteer legal services to the Guam Association of Realtors from 2008–2010 and he currently serves as a director of the Board of Committee Chair of the Legislative Committee. He is also a licensed real estate broker and the Director of the Guam Association of Realtors.

I congratulate Frederick J. Horecky on receiving the 2013 U.S. Small Business Administration's Minority Small Business Champion Award for Guam. I join the people of Guam in commending him for his award and thanking him for his contributions to our community.

HONORING THE LIFE OF ESTHER
PADILLA

HON. JIM COSTA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 9, 2013

Mr. COSTA. Mr. Speaker, today I pay tribute to the life of Esther Padilla who passed away at the age of 69. Her character exemplified the very best of what our nation has to offer—she was honest, generous, and possessed a strong work ethic.

Esther grew up in Fresno, California and was the youngest of 12 children. She attended Washington Union High School and then went on to California State University, Fresno where she earned her undergraduate and graduate degrees in social work. As a young woman, Esther knew she wanted to help others and serve in her community.

Esther truly loved social work, and she served at a few different organizations. She worked for Fresno County's Department of Social Services, Fresno County Head Start, and Centro La Familia. Esther met her husband, Gilbert Padilla, while she was at a meeting for Head Start. They were married for 43 years and have one daughter, Adele.

After years of dedicating her life to social work, Esther decided to go work with Gilbert at the United Farm Workers (UFW). Her position at the UFW allowed her to become heavily involved with politics. Esther organized boy-

cotts, negotiated union contracts, and lobbied at our Nation's Capital.

The experiences she had and the knowledge she gained prepared Esther to serve on the Fresno City Council. Esther was the first and only Hispanic woman to ever be elected to the City Council. During her time on the council, Esther was passionate about improving the lives of her constituents. Making Fresno a better place was a priority of hers, and she played an integral part in getting Highways 180 and 168 built.

Beyond her service for the community, Esther will also be remembered for her advocacy of organ and tissue donation. Seventeen years ago, Adele donated a kidney to her mother. Esther understood that importance of organ donations because she was able to live almost two more decades due to the kindness of her daughter.

Mr. Speaker, it is with great respect that I ask my colleagues in the House of Representatives to pay tribute to the life and service of Esther Padilla. She was a shining example of a true public servant and proud American.

INTRODUCING THE VETERANS
PENSIONS PROTECTION ACT OF
2013

HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 9, 2013

Mr. HASTINGS of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to reintroduce the Veterans Pensions Protection Act of 2013, which will help protect our nation's veterans from unfairly losing their pensions benefits because they received payments to cover expenses incurred after an accident, theft, loss or casualty loss.

When assessing a veteran's eligibility for a pension, the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) considers a variety of sources of revenue to determine a veteran's annual income. If such income exceeds the income limit set by the VA, the veteran does not qualify for a pension or loses their benefits. Currently, the VA considers any reimbursement that compensates a veteran for his/or her expenses due to accidents, theft or loss as income. Only reimbursements of expenses related to casualty loss are currently exempted from determination of income.

Under current law, if a veteran is seriously injured in an accident or the victim of a theft and receives insurance compensation to cover his/or her medical expenses, or the cost for pain and suffering, he or she will likely lose their pension. This means that the law effectively punishes veterans when they are involved in an accident or theft.

Such a tragedy happened to one of my constituents, a Navy veteran with muscular dystrophy who was hit by a truck when crossing the street in his wheelchair. His pension was abruptly cut-off after he received an insurance settlement payment to cover medical expenses for himself and his service dog, as well as material expenses to replace his wheelchair. As a result, he could not cover his daily expenses and mortgage payments and almost lost his home.

There is clearly something wrong with a law that cancels veterans' pensions following the award of an insurance payment, which was

only intended to cover exceptional medical expenses. I am distraught that the VA can cancel the pensions of unemployed and disabled veterans without further notice. The VA has a moral responsibility to care for our veterans and ensure that they live decent lives.

This happens, because the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) considers a variety of sources of revenue to determine a veteran's annual income, when assessing a veteran's eligibility for a pension, including medical expenses reimbursements/pain and suffering reimbursements. If a veteran's income exceeds the limit set by the VA, then the veteran does not qualify for a pension or loses his/or her benefits.

For this reason, the bill is being reintroduced to include language from the original bill that addresses the issue of medical expense/pain and suffering reimbursements.

The majority of the original bill, H.R. 923, was passed into legislation in the form of PL 112–154. However, while the law addresses veterans' eligibility for pensions (and surviving spouse/children) in regard to their reimbursements (for any accident, theft or loss, or casualty loss), it does not specify medical expenses or pain and suffering reimbursements.

Mr. Speaker, this legislation will ensure that pensions are issued to veterans who legitimately meet the income criteria and rely on such benefits to survive. We must enact regulations that help veterans live better lives, not hurt them. At a time when our nation's servicemen and women are fighting two wars abroad, we have a duty to our past, present, and future veterans to provide them with the very best services and benefits. We owe our veterans an enormous debt, and cannot thank them enough for their service. On behalf of the unfortunate veterans who have slipped through the cracks due his punitive law, such as my aforementioned constituent, I ask for your support of this important legislation.

FRANK CURIEL

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 9, 2013

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Frank Curiel for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. Frank Curiel is a 12th grader at Jefferson High School and received this award because his determination and hard work have allowed him to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Frank Curiel is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Frank Curiel for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. I have no doubt he will exhibit the same dedication and character in all of his future accomplishments.

IN CELEBRATION OF THE ONE-HUNDREDTH ANNIVERSARY OF DELTA SIGMA THETA SORORITY, INC

HON. GARY C. PETERS

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 9, 2013

Mr. PETERS of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the members of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. as they celebrate a century of sisterhood and service. Over the past one-hundred years, the members of Delta Sigma Theta have guided many young women through the transition to adulthood, instilling values that have allowed them to reach their potential as publicly active members in their communities.

This enduring fellowship began on January 13, 1913, when twenty-two young women at Howard University in Washington, D.C. founded the sorority. Brought together in their shared life experiences, these young students envisioned an organization of women brought together in pursuit of promoting academic excellence, providing support to the underserved, and cultivating an interest and active involvement in public policy debates, with the goal of creating solutions to issues affecting their communities. As a testament to their dedication and leadership, Delta Sigma Theta continues its mission, serving communities and individuals all over the world.

As a central tenant of the Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, a deep passion for fighting for equity and equality is an ideal shared by its members. In keeping with this commitment, the sorority's first public act was to organize and march in support women's suffrage in Washington, DC. Many prominent community leaders have been proud to call themselves Deltas, including Congresswoman Shirley Chisholm, a pioneer for women and African Americans in elected office. Following in Chisholm's success, Delta Sigma Theta member Congresswoman Barbara Jordan became the first woman to represent Texas in the U.S. House of Representatives. Both of these Deltas, in keeping to their ideals and beliefs, used their public office to give a voice to those who were unable to be heard.

As a Member of Congress from the Greater Detroit region, I have the pleasure to represent so many Delta Sigma Theta members in the Detroit Alumnae, Southfield Alumnae and Pontiac Alumnae chapters. Each of these chapters has a long and distinguished history of members doing their part to nurture future generations, shape the leaders of tomorrow and engage their communities in renewal and reaffirmation of citizenship.

Mr. Speaker, I am honored to represent the members of three dedicated chapters of the Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. and I wish them another hundred years of success in fulfillment of their mission to create a more just world that allows our youth to realize their full potential.

SUPPORT OF EQUAL PAY DAY

HON. SHEILA JACKSON LEE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 9, 2013

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Mr. Speaker, today is Equal Pay Day, the day in April recognized annually to signify the point into a year that a woman must work to earn what a man made the previous year.

This means that on average, a woman needed to work from January 1, 2012 until April 9, 2013 to earn the same salary that a comparable man earned in 2012 alone.

More than 50 years after Congress made it illegal for employers to discriminate on the basis of sex, it is shameful that hard working American women are paid so much less than their male counterparts for the same work.

Today, women make up nearly half the workforce, but their paychecks still lag far behind men's. Today the typical American woman who works full time, year round is paid only 77 cents for every dollar paid to her male counterpart.

The wage gap occurs at all education levels, after work experience is taken into account, and it gets worse as women's careers progress.

Women are paid less than men in nearly every occupation. One study examining wage gaps within occupations found that out of 265 major occupations, men's median salary exceeded women's in all but a few lower paid service sector jobs.

The six jobs with the largest gender gap in pay and at least 10,000 men and 10,000 women were in the Wall Street-heavy financial sector: insurance agents, managers, clerks, securities sales agents, personal advisers, and other specialists.

Advanced-degree professions proved no better predictors of equality. Female doctors made 63 cents for every \$1 earned by male physicians and surgeons. Female chief executives earned 74 cents for every \$1 made by male counterparts.

Women only constitute 3.7 percent of Fortune 500 chief executives and 18.3 percent of corporate-board directors.

The wage gap impacts women as soon as they enter the labor force, expands over time, and leaves older women with a gap in retirement income.

The wage gap is smaller for younger women than older women, but it begins right when women enter the labor force. The typical 15-24 year old woman working full time, year round, earns 92.2 percent of what her male counterpart is paid.

Among older women, the gap is even larger. The typical 45-64 year old woman working full time, year round is paid just 72.8 percent of what her male counterpart is paid. For women still working at age 65 and older the figure is 72.1 percent.

A typical woman who worked full time, year round would lose \$443,360 over the course of a 40-year working life due to the wage gap. This woman would have to work almost twelve years longer to make up this gap. A typical woman working full time, year round who starts, but who does not finish high school would lose \$372,400 over a 40-year period, an enormous amount of money for women who are typically paid \$21,113 a year. This woman

would have to work over seventeen years longer to make up this gap.

As a result of lower lifetime earnings and different work patterns, the average Social Security benefit for women 65 and older was about \$12,700 per year, compared to \$16,700 for men of the same age in 2011.

In 2010, women 50 and older received only 56 cents for every dollar received by men in income from pensions and annuities. One study found that the typical woman worker near retirement with a defined contribution plan or individual retirement account had accumulated \$34,000 in savings, while her male counterpart held \$70,00—more than twice as much. Reasons for the Wage Gap

REASONS FOR THE WAGE GAP

Several important factors contribute to the wage gap. Among them are discrimination, racial disparities, occupational segregation, which involve structural factors which operate to concentrate women in low-wage jobs and limit their access to higher paying jobs in non-traditional occupations. Also playing a part is the devaluation of women's work and women's greater responsibility for care giving.

A study by labor economists Francine Blau and Lawrence Kahn found that even controlling for the combined effects of occupation, industry, work experience, union status, race and educational attainment, 41% of the wage gap remains unexplained. This indicates that discrimination plays a sizable role in the gender wage gap.

Some of this discrimination seems to be directed against mothers. A study by sociologists Shelley Correll, Stephan Benard, and Ian Paik found that, when comparing equally qualified women job candidates, women who were mothers were recommended for significantly lower starting salaries, perceived as less competent, and less likely to be recommended for hire than non-mothers.

The effects for fathers in the study were the opposite: fathers were actually recommended for significantly higher pay and were perceived as more committed to their jobs than non-fathers.

But it is not only mothers who are discriminated against in the workplace. Study after study shows that when companies are reviewing resumes, they are more likely to hire men, and more likely to offer those men a higher salary. These studies are done by submitting identical resumes, but changing the name of the applicant. This means that even with the exact same resume and qualifications, Roberta is offered a lower salary than Robert. Joanna is offered a lower salary than Joe. Women are offered a lower salary than men just because they are women.

THE WAGE GAP IS EVEN GREATER FOR WOMEN OF COLOR

Women of color experience a far greater wage gap than their white, non-Hispanic counterparts.

The typical African-American woman who works full time, year round makes only 64 cents, and the typical Hispanic woman who works full time, year round only 55 cents, for every dollar paid to their white, non-Hispanic male counterparts. For the typical white, non-Hispanic woman, this figure is 77 cents.

The wage gap for African-American and Hispanic women working full time, year round persists when the effect of race is examined alone. The typical African-American woman working full-time year round is paid

roughly 80 cents for every dollar paid to her white, non-Hispanic female counterpart. The gap is larger for the typical Hispanic woman working full time, year round, who is paid just 70 cents for every dollar paid to her white, non-Hispanic female counterpart.

The wage gap for African-American and Hispanic women working full time, year round also persists when the effect of sex is considered alone. The typical African-American woman working full-time year round is paid roughly 85 cents for every dollar paid to her African-American male counterpart. The typical Hispanic woman working full time, year round is paid 91 cents for every dollar paid to her Hispanic male counterpart.

In my home state of Texas, the statistics are even worse for women of color. African American women in Texas make 59.6 cents compared to white non-Hispanic men, and Hispanic women make 45.2 cents for every dollar earned by a white, non-Hispanic man.

OCCUPATIONAL SEGREGATION LEADS TO UNEQUAL PAY PERSISTENT OCCUPATIONAL SEGREGATION

Almost two-thirds of workers earning the lowest wages—those who make the federal minimum wage or less—are women. The federal minimum wage is just \$7.25 per hour. The federal minimum cash wage for tipped employees is \$2.13 per hour, less than one-third of the current federal minimum wage and unchanged in more than 20 years. Women make up almost two-thirds (65 percent) of workers in tipped occupations.

Even in occupations that pay slightly above the federal minimum wage, women predominate. Women are the majority of workers in each of the ten largest occupations that typically pay less than \$10.10 per hour, and two-thirds or more of the workers in seven of these occupations.

Studies have shown that occupational segregation leads to lower wages for women. In fact, wages in occupations that are made up predominantly of women—“pink collar” occupations such as child care workers, family caregivers or servers pay low wages—precisely because women are the majority of workers in the occupation. One study that used the share of women in an occupation to predict wages in that job a decade later found that “women’s occupations”—those that were two-thirds or more female—had wages that were 6 percent to 10 percent lower a decade later than “mixed occupations.”

UNEQUAL PAY HURTS FAMILIES AND CHILDREN

Whenever a woman receives unequal pay for equal work, their families suffer.

Lower earnings have a serious impact on the economic security of the over 7.5 million families headed by working single mothers.

Working single mothers with children struggle to make ends meet. In 2011, over a quarter, almost 2.2 million, of all such families were poor. Almost an additional 2.5 million working single mother families were on the edge of poverty, falling between 100 and 200 percent of the Federal Poverty Level, meaning that 62% of working single mother families subsisted under 200 percent of the Federal Poverty Level. In 2011, the Federal Poverty Level for a single mother with two children was just \$18,123.

Most two-parent families depend on women’s wages, and so also suffer when women receive unfair pay.

Nearly 1.6 million married couples with children relied exclusively on women’s earnings at some point in 2011, representing 6.6 percent of all married couples with children.

In 2011, more than 13.9 million married couples with children relied on both parents’ earnings, representing 58.7 percent of all married couples with children.

Fair pay impacts married women with no children who are more likely to be solely

supporting their family than married women with children.

Nearly 4.1 million married couples with no children relied exclusively on women’s earnings at some point in 2011, representing 11.5 percent of all married couples with no children.

In 2011, almost 13.9 million married couples with no children relied on both partners’ earnings, representing 39.4 percent of all married couples with no children.

LILLY LEDBETTER’S STORY

While looking at these shocking statistics, I wanted to remind you all of the story of a woman who received unequal pay for equal work: Lilly Ledbetter. She has become a household name for her courage to fight for an equal paycheck. Thanks to the Lilly Ledbetter Fair Pay Act of 2009 women in Ms. Ledbetter’s situation can now seek remedies in federal court more easily. These statistics show that women all around the country experience the kind of discrimination that Lilly Ledbetter faced.

Lilly Ledbetter was born in a house with no running water or electricity in the small town of Possum Trot, Alabama.

She worked hard, and became a supervisor at Goodyear Tire and Rubber’s plant in Gadsden, Alabama, from 1979 until her retirement in 1998.

For most of those years, she worked as an area manager, a position largely occupied by men. Initially, Ledbetter’s salary was in line with the salaries of men performing substantially similar work. Over time, however, her pay slipped in comparison to the pay of male area managers with equal or less seniority.

By the end of 1997, Ledbetter was the only woman working as an area manager and the pay discrepancy between Ledbetter and her 15 male counterparts was stark: Ledbetter was paid \$3,727 per month; the lowest paid male area manager received \$4,286 per month, the highest paid, \$5,236.

In short, despite her outstanding performance, every month Lilly Ledbetter took home a smaller paycheck than men doing the same job. She may have never found out about this discrimination had a co-worker not slipped her an anonymous note telling her she was being paid hundreds of dollars less per month.

At first, the Supreme Court said that Lilly Ledbetter couldn’t even sue her employer since the first time they began paying her unequally was 19 years ago, leaving Lilly Ledbetter with no remedy for the 19 years of unequal, discriminatory paychecks she received. Fortunately, Congress stepped up and passed the Lilly Ledbetter Fair Pay Act, which allows women to bring a lawsuit within a reasonable amount of time uncovering the discrimination.

Our goal here in Congress needs to be to eliminate unequal pay at its root. Every day, women like Lilly Ledbetter are less able to pay their bills, save for retirement, and enjoy the fruits of their labor because they are paid less than their male counterparts.

CONCLUSION

We need to act to close this wage gap. More than 50 years after Congress made it illegal for employers to discriminate on the basis of sex, it is shameful that hard working American women are paid 77 cents for every dollar earned by a man. 77 cents for working the same job, the same number of hours.

Equal Pay Day reminds us how much further we need to go to achieve equality in the workplace. We need to come together to work to put an end to unequal pay for equal work.

FRANCISCO AGUILAR

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 9, 2013

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Francisco Aguilar for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. Francisco Aguilar is a 12th grader at Jefferson High School and received this award because his determination and hard work have allowed him to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Francisco Aguilar is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Francisco Aguilar for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. I have no doubt he will exhibit the same dedication and character in all of his future accomplishments.

HONORING THE LIFE OF MIKE PEREZ

HON. JIM COSTA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 9, 2013

Mr. COSTA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the life of Mike Perez, who passed away on March 24, 2013, at the age of 91. Family was Mike’s highest priority, but he was also a successful businessman and community leader. His legacy will live on through his many contributions to Central California.

Born in California’s agriculturally rich San Joaquin Valley to Juan and Maria Perez, Mike had a deep appreciation and understanding of the importance agriculture carries in our Valley. Mike grew up in a large family with two sisters Amelia and Tabor, and three brothers Daniel, Tom, and Earl. Together, the family established and ran a successful business which served as a reminder that the American Dream can be achieved through hard work and family bonds.

In 1941, Mike’s father founded J.M. Perez and Sons, a visionary family-run farming operation in Stanislaus County, California. Eight years later, Juan turned the family business over to his sons and it was renamed Perez Brothers. After the brothers took over, the farming operation expanded from Stanislaus County to Firebaugh, California. Mike was instrumental in the growth of the business, and was responsible for diversifying and growing new crops. In 2003, Mike and his brothers were recognized for their contributions to the agriculture community when they were inducted into the Stanislaus County Agriculture Hall of Fame. Today, the farm is run by the third generation of the Perez family and it continues to thrive.

Beyond Mike’s work at Perez Brothers, he was also very active in the community. He served as President and Director of the Broadview Water District. In addition, Mike

served as director for other organizations, including: Broadview Co-op Gin, Cal-Cot Ltd., Land Preservation Association, San Luis and Delta-Mendota Water Association, Silver Creek Drainage Association, and Valley Seed Growers. Mike has also held office at Cal-West Seeds.

His work and community service were essential aspects of Mike's life; however, family was most important to him. Words cannot adequately describe how much he loved his wife, Ann; his children, Michael, and Marvin, and his beloved grandchildren.

Mr. Speaker, it is with great respect that I ask my colleagues in the House of Representatives to pay tribute to the life of Mike Perez. He will be remembered as a man who never took anything for granted and had a full appreciation and love for life.

RECOGNIZING PATRICIA B. SALAS ON RECEIVING THE 2013 U.S. SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION'S FINANCIAL SERVICES CHAMPION FOR GUAM

HON. MADELEINE Z. BORDALLO

OF GUAM

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 9, 2013

Ms. BORDALLO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commend and congratulate Ms. Patricia B. Salas on being awarded the 2013 U.S. Small Business Administration's Financial Services Champion Award for Guam. Ms. Patricia B. Salas is the Vice President, Business Development Manager for Bank of Guam.

Ms. Salas started her banking career in 1989 as a Personal Banking Officer with the Wells Fargo Bank in San Diego, California. She was later promoted to the San Francisco branch on Market Street as the Business Banking Officer of Wells Fargo's Business Banking Group, where she managed a commercial portfolio with more than \$150 million on deposit.

Ms. Salas was born and raised on Guam and is the daughter of Ricardo P. Benito and Carmen Martinez Benito. She graduated from Academy of Our Lady of Guam in May 1983.

In 1998, Patricia moved back home to Guam and worked in a commercial loan officer position with a community bank on Guam. Within a year Patricia was promoted to Assistant Vice President and Relationship Manager responsible for developing strategies and managing a \$30 million commercial loan portfolio. In 2010, she joined Bank of Guam as a Vice President and Business Development Manager.

In addition to her professional career, Ms. Salas is an active member of our local community. She is involved in community outreach and financial literacy programs and is a member of the Rotary Club of Tumon Bay, where she has served in various leadership positions. Additionally, she is a board member and treasurer of the Guam Business Partners for Recycling.

Ms. Salas is married to Edwin "Bob" Salas and they have two daughters, Taylor and Chloe. She earned a bachelor's in Business Administration from the University of San Diego in May of 1987.

I congratulate Ms. Patricia B. Salas on receiving the 2013 U.S. Small Business Admin-

istration's Financial Services Champion Award for Guam. I join the people of Guam in commending her for her award and thanking her for her many contributions to our island and people.

HONORING MT. VERNON HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL TEAM

HON. LUKE MESSER

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 9, 2013

Mr. MESSER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the accomplishment of the Mount Vernon High School girls basketball team in Fortville, Indiana.

The Mt. Vernon girls varsity basketball team recently made school history by capturing the team's first state championship in their third title game appearance. The Marauders won the Indiana Class 3A State Basketball Championship 61-47 over Hamilton Heights.

Mt. Vernon was led in scoring in the title game by freshman Sydney Shelton with 29 points and in rebounds by junior Erica Moore with 15, setting a Class 3A record for title game rebounds. In addition, senior Rachel Houck was named the winner of the Patricia L. Roy Mental Attitude Award for Class 3A Girls Basketball for her demonstrated excellence in mental attitude, scholarship, leadership, and athletic ability. The team finished the championship season with a record of 23-4.

I want to congratulate this team for showing great resolve and teamwork throughout the state tournament and in the title game. I also want to commend the team for representing themselves with class throughout the season, the tournament, and the remainder of the year.

Congratulations go to starters Sydney Shelton, Shaely Duff, Rachel Houck, Erica Moore, and Ellie Balbach, along with teammates Taylor Riggs, Morgan Stricker, Jessica Grubb, Ariana Sandefur, Sadie Baugh, Maddie Walrod, Krista Shockley, Hannah Jones, and Olivia Coleman. For the leadership of this championship team, congratulations and accolades go to the head coach, Julie Shelton, and assistant coaches, Tom Kirby, Ashley Greulich, and Jeff Phares.

I ask the entire 6th Congressional District to join me in congratulating the Mount Vernon High School girls varsity basketball team for their dedication, execution, and excellence this season.

ERICA SIMPSON

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 9, 2013

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Erica Simpson for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. Erica Simpson is an 11th grader at Jefferson High School and received this award because her determination and hard work have allowed her to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Erica Simpson is exemplary of the type of achievement

that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Erica Simpson for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. I have no doubt she will exhibit the same dedication and character in all of her future accomplishments.

HONORING THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF PARK TOOL

HON. BETTY MCCOLLUM

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 9, 2013

Ms. MCCOLLUM. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to pay tribute to Park Tool in Oakdale, Minnesota, on the occasion of the company's 50th anniversary. Park Tool is a Minnesota success story, growing from a small family owned company to the world's leading manufacturer of bicycle tools exporting American made products around the globe.

Necessity breeds invention, and the need for good and reliable bicycle repair tools forged the beginnings of Park Tool. In 1963, two bike shop owners, Howard Hawkins and Art Engstrom, lacked adequate equipment to make repairs in their shop so they started inventing their own tools. Their creativity and innovation produced the tools that helped to transform the bicycle repair industry. One of their first inventions was a stand to allow easier access to complete repairs, which was awarded a patent in 1976. Park Tool quickly expanded, and many patents later, began building wheel truing stands, repair stands and consumer tools. By the early 1980's the retail shops that started the company were sold to concentrate on manufacturing tools. Park Tool continues to help define the industry and its success has led to the opening of its new factory and headquarters, which is opening this month in Oakdale, Minnesota.

It is fitting that Minnesota is home of Park Tool, because it is one of the most bike friendly states in the nation. The American Trails organization named Minnesota the "Best Trails State," because of our state's leadership in development of a major system of bike trails, paths and commuter routes on roads—not to mention our abundance of beautiful lakes, rivers and parks. As more Minnesotans and more Americans rely on bikes for transportation to work and for enjoyment, many in our community and across our state and country depend on Park Tool to produce the high quality tools that keep their bikes in top shape.

Park Tool is a company that shares its success by giving back to people and communities. The company has supported "Ride 2 Recovery" which helps veterans with cycling based rehabilitation programs, as well as with programs that promote safe and fun cycling around the United States. The "Earn-A-Bike" program and "Bike Shop at School" teaches students the mechanical fundamentals of bicycle assembly and repair while fostering environmental stewardship and healthy living. The company has also partnered with "Trips for Kids" which helps at-risk youth by organizing mountain bike rides in their 80 chapter communities around the United States, Canada, and Israel.

Mr. Speaker, it is my great pleasure to in honor the dedicated employees of Park Tool in celebration of 50 years of commitment to providing high quality tools and equipment for cyclists around the world.

OUR UNCONSCIONABLE NATIONAL DEBT

HON. MIKE COFFMAN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 9, 2013

Mr. COFFMAN. 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 \$16,802,515,751,907.61. We've added \$6,175,638,702,994.53 to our debt in 4 years. This is \$6 trillion in debt our nation, our economy, and our children could have avoided with a balanced budget amendment.

ON SONJA NESBIT MOVING TO HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

HON. JIM McDERMOTT

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 9, 2013

Mr. McDERMOTT. Mr. Speaker, today I would like to recognize one of the finest committee staff members to have worked for me, the Ways and Means Committee and the U.S. House of Representatives. Sonja Nesbit joined the House staff over 11 years ago and has made an enormous difference for millions of Americans since the day she arrived. Now she is moving on to the Department of Health and Human Services to continue her work on behalf of the nation's poor, and I want to thank her for her accomplishments, her ongoing dedication to this institution, and for her service to the American people.

In Congress Sonja was at the center of our efforts to restructure the national foster care system, a reform that has helped innumerable young people get a better shot at finding a good family and personal and professional success. Sonja also worked tirelessly on the creation of the home visitation program in the Affordable Care Act that promotes home visits for at-risk children.

Sonja is a leading expert in her field and is, really, the ideal public servant. She gave thoughtful advice and counsel, helping myself and other members do the right thing for the poor and needy in this country. She was patient, helpful, and always looking for policy that would reflect the values of justice and equality. This is what the American people need in a public servant and in congressional staff.

Now Sonja is moving on to work in the Department of Health and Human Services where she'll continue her work on making the country's social safety net just and strong.

We will all miss her. I congratulate Sonja on her new position, thank her for her good work, and wish her the best of luck at HHS.

EMMA BLOSENCO

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 9, 2013

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Emma Blosenco for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. Emma Blosenco is an 8th grader at Drake Middle School and received this award because her determination and hard work have allowed her to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Emma Blosenco is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Emma Blosenco for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. I have no doubt she will exhibit the same dedication and character in all of her future accomplishments.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. GEORGE MILLER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 9, 2013

Mr. GEORGE MILLER of California. Mr. Speaker, during the week of March 18th, I missed roll Nos. 76 through 89 due to cataract surgery. Had I been present, I would have voted "nay" on roll Nos. 76, 79, 80, 81, 82, 88, and 89. I would have voted "yea" on roll Nos. 77, 78, 83, 84, 85, and 87. I would have voted "present" on roll No. 86.

FEAR THE RAVEN, SOMETHING TO RAVE ABOUT!

HON. JOHN P. SARBANES

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 9, 2013

Mr. SARBANES. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to submit this poem on behalf of a constituent in my district honoring the Baltimore Ravens for their Super Bowl XLVII win.

FEAR THE RAVEN, SOMETHING TO RAVE ABOUT!

(By Albert Carey Caswell)

The . . . The Fire . . . The Unforgettable Fire!

When, hearts and souls, and bodies and minds, so meet for but one desire!

But, for one goal to so take them all higher! For no other team sport, has such passion and such fire!

Or so depends upon their Band of Brothers, to so fashion victory from within themselves to be so inspired!

Well, maybe when a great leader says he's going to retire!

Feel The Fire!

As a child a time ago, stepping out upon those fields of green as so . . .

As a dream few of us will know!

To play in The Super Bowl!

And to stand on that National stage, as all around you this war is waged!

Is but Something To Rave About!

For it was in those long hot days of summer, that this great bond was so formed as they encumbered!

As against all odds they fought on, young and old, the rookies and Pros . . .

As all around them, the smell of fear in the air stood close!

For only a few on opening day, in that uniform shall so be clothed!

As its competition at its very height, that which so makes their great hearts shine so bright!

And now as it all so comes down to this, 60 minutes, either heartache or bliss!

To wear that Super Bowl ring, and hold that Lombardi Trophy up high and sing!

"And shine bright like a diamond, shine bright like a diamond in the sky," with but tears in your eyes . . .

And to be one of football's aluminate, one of its highest of all society!

Is But Something To Rave About, as down upon you the confetti flies . . .

As you want to "scream and shout," and "let it all out," singing "oh we oh" we are Super Bowl Champs, now That's Something To Rave About!

For this is HARBAUGH, and this is WAR!

As it's Brother VS Brother as so for sure!

Going Coastal, East meets West!

Who Will Be The Best?

As it was but only a year ago, when in that end zone our dreams died so!

But, The Ravens took that memory . . . and built upon it and would not let go!

Something like "remember The Alamo"!

UNFINISHED BUSINESS, YO . . . HUNT IT . . . HUNT IT!!!

But, the word on the street, was that Baltimore could not so compete!

Surely, Peyton would have his way . . . and Brady in the Super Bowl was meant to play!

And how could Baltimore stake a claim, and beat the 'Niners on this day?

But, this is a team of destiny and faith, whether it's Ray Ray or General Brigrance leading the way!

Or a guy up in Heaven named Art who was with them on every play . . .

And the Big "B" Bisciotti, because excellence is his way!

FEAR THE RAVENS . . .

IT'S JUDGEMENT DAY!

And now they were ready to make the 'Niners pay, and show em how the west was lost this day!

Prospecting for more Super Bowl gold, The Forty-Niners came into town looking for number 6 to hold, but the Steelers said woeeeee!

Armed with a Pistol O so profound, making even Dirty Harry say WOW!

And the Ravens, These Mighty Birds of Prey, with their Beastie Boys on defense leading the way!

That would even make Edgar Allen Poe, so shuttle and whence in his grave!

Led by their leader T4 Ray Ray with his Tell Tale Heart, instilling such fire and faith his work of art!

As Mr. Bisciotti said,

"'Niners you're going to Fear The Raven today!"

Just look at what my coaches, and front office put together, THEY!

The Wizard of Ozzie Neusome, he's real who's whosome!

Because, he knows how to choose 'em!

And Pollard who will put the collar on you every play!

And Suggs who likes you to mugs, and sizzles any one in his way!

And Ayanbadejo, who acts so crazed so!

And Ellerbe, watch out for me I'll sting U on D!
 And the Kruger . . . rants, who is worth his weight in gold!
 And Corey Upshaw, who will turn you into cole slaw!
 And Kemoeatu who will give you, The Kemo Treatment to ALL!
 And Corey who will Graham cracker YOU! And Haloti,
 You No Gota a chance to stoppa me!
 And then these two young guns, were ready to put a clinic on, one by one!
 And show how a Super Bowl is won!
 That Baltimore Bomber, Joe "Cool" Flacco! In the high archy of deep spirals, he owns the show, as he heaves rainbows!
 In fact NASA in the off season wants him, to launch a few satellites . . . THOSE!
 And if you're a D back, well you better be wearing a flacco jacket, against Big Joe!
 He's shades of Johnny U, you know . . . With a chip on his shoulder, he's looking bolder, making them spell elite, making them eat crow!
 Then, the new gun . . . just a babe starting his 10th game, how did he learn so quickly how to behave?
 That's why on the West Coast he's called Special K!
 Shades of The Young Man so!
 He can beat you in the air or on the ground, and gun you down!
 His Pythons are so huge now!
 Now it's JUDGEMENT DAY, down on the bayou it's time to play!
 Dis Dat Fat Sunday Super Bowl today!
 Someone's going to crawl daddy, and someone with Dat Da Saints Are Going To Do Dat Come Marching In Hooray!
 "BRING THE ACTION!"
 When, the Ravens got the ball,
 Joe Cool made the call, driving down the field as he would not so yield!
 With his flock of Ravens, as it was touch-downs he and they were craving!
 A real true tour de force, with the likes of Torrey Smith with all his gifts . . . Proudly in heaven your brother watching this!
 And Ray Rice, he can beat you twice . . . in the air or on the ground!
 So many weapons like Boldin and Jones, who leave the D backs standing all alone . . .
 As Anquan so Em-Boldined his Ravens, with a 13yd TD he soon owned!
 As Joe Cool began to rule, taking them all to school!
 As Baltimore's D hung tough, after the 1st quarter only one Aker they'd give up!
 And Reed em and Weep, when on a catch he smashed mouth Big Vernon D!
 Sent him to the sidelines in pain and misery!
 And he said, "you better keep an eye on me" . . .
 Fear The Turtle, but also Fear The Reed!
 In the 2nd quarter, the 49ers were looking to be slaughtered!
 Pondering weak and weary upon a midnight dreary,
 Baltimore's D made it look scary "casting their monte ago's" all over these!
 As the strategy of Control and Contain, was working on their hearts and brains . . .
 As helmets they were cracking, as there came this rapping, a rapping at the 49ers door!
 Tis the Ravens D "never more", as they pondered so weak and weary, over some lost to be forgotten turnovers for sure!
 As Mr. Jones recovered a fumble, and Joe Cool said boys let's rumble!
 With a drive and a TD pass, to I PITTA the fool who ever tries to cover me last!
 While, Dickson gave the defense a bath!

As Reed intercepted Kaepernick, as you could feel the 49ers starting to bleed!
 Two thirds of the world is covered by water, and the rest by Reed!
 Then John played Harbaugh, faking a field goal, a gutsy call and gave Tucker the ball!
 It's better to stand for something, then fall for nothing at all!
 As The D . . . those birds of prey, on a feeding frenzy once again so had their way!
 Control and Contain, not worrying about who hears their name!
 Then, Joe the Coolest of Cool . . . as him and MR. Jones had a thing going on too!
 Throwing a 56 TD, as he got up off of that turf with a burst, and made the DB look like Papa Smurf!
 And right at the half, 1 more Aker through the uprights would so pass!
 Should the 49ers have stayed home and watched the game on TV?
 Maybe they were using the wrong caliber of Pistol, you see?
 As they put a Kap on nick, and it was all looking pretty sick!
 As The Ravens' D was reacting so quickly, control and contain while inflicting such pain!
 By halftime it looked like the Ravens, were ready to tell the 'Niners to board their plane!
 And to the families of Sandy Hook, all of our hearts so shook as were heard your children singing!
 Our prayers to you we are bringing!
 Then, Beyonce and Destiny's Child, oh what a half time show as they went wild!
 Then, at the opening kick off it was lights out . . . as Mr. Jones sped by at light speed as the coverage he ran out!
 A 108yd TD, Super Bowl history!
 And then as "Be" . . . "Yonce" would say, "ut oh, ut oh, ut oh, . . . got me going crazy like this!"
 "Got me feeling crazy like this" As the lights went out!
 Was it Beyounce and Destiny's Child style, or the speed at which Mr. Jones flew by all the while?
 Don't worry Commissioner Goodell is on it like a crocodile!
 28 to 6, as the 'Niners pondered so weak and weary, so deep upon a Super Bowl dreary!
 But, when the lights went out . . . in the dark,
 The Ravens mo was all sucked out!
 Black magic no doubt!
 Turning on the switch,
 "BRING THE ACTION"! This!
 As soon the '49ers struck gold, a 31 yd TD to Crabtree he'd hold.
 The only kind of crabs in Baltimore we will serve cold!
 And the Gorey details, as Frank another TD he soon nailed.
 And the 3rd Acker of the day, with the 'Niners on their way!
 As it was 28 to 23, as things were looking scary, as the Ravens lost the very heart of their D . . .
 A mountain of a man,
 Super Samoan Haloti Ngata he stands . . .
 As the Heart of Texas,
 Tucker's field goal gave us a chance, a chance to so breathe!
 As the 'Niners got back, as Kaepernick ran it for a 105 yd TD, the longest in Super Bowl history!
 Again, the Bomber of Baltimore led his men burning out the clock, leaving them so little time to victory unlock!
 As the eyes of Baltimore were upon him, as Just in Time Tucker tucked em in!
 With a field goal then!
 As it was now do or die, as the 'Niners started to drive . . .

As Gore and Moss looked like they would not be denied!
 As there they stood at the goal line, it was first and goal and it was crunch time!
 As the 'Niners could now so take command, but Ray Ray's and his birds of prey had other plans!
 Control and contain, with Super Bowl gold only 4 plays away!
 As these men of might would not so break, as history they were so ready to make!
 Kaptalizing on Colin as his last pass, floated out of the end zone as you could hear him hollering!
 As the Ravens got it back and we watched Koch safety dance, don't worry Ray Ray he can't compete with you, no chance!
 And then one last play, as all the way from Baltimore you could hear the fans say . . .
 "WE WANT TO SCREAM AND SHOUT"
 "AND LET IT ALL OUT"
 singing "OH WE OH, OH WE OH"
 ARE SUPER BOWL CHAMPS NO DOUBT!
 As the Greatest Ali in Phoenix also cried out,
 "Now, We've Got Something To Rave About!"
 Because, what that incredible D did was so unreal!
 As the D backs and LBs put the wood on em, and with stealth technology their receivers were concealed!
 Control and contain, as somehow they so shrunk the field!
 And that aerial show, that was put on so, by Big Joe brought them to their knees!
 As the offensive line really shined, giving Joe the time to glow!
 I guess you could say they Blind Sided the D!
 As it was one heck of a game, and one heck of a fight!
 As they served Rice to the 'Niners, all night!
 And Piece was looking fierce, as Leach began to teach, how to open up holes and knock the man down!
 But, we knew sadly . . . one brother would win, and one brother would lose!
 Like Father Like Sons, they all turned out to be such great ones!
 But, only one team would Destiny's Child so choose, and hold that trophy way up high and be a Who's Who!
 "AND SCREAM AND SHOUT"
 "AND LET IT ALL OUT"
 singing "OH WE OH . . .
 OH WE OH" ARE SUPER BOWLS CHAMPS!
 NOW THAT'S SOMETHING TO RAVE ABOUT!
 And in Baltimore, one more thing is true!
 Ravens, Johnny U would be so proud of U!
 And Chuck Thompson would have said, "ain't the beer cold, from the beginning we've led!"
 AND BEING WORLD CHAMPIONS,
 WELL THAT'S SOMETHING TO RAVE ABOUT!

EMMA EAKER

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 9, 2013

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Emma Eaker for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. Emma Eaker is a 10th grader at Standley Lake High School and received this award because her determination and hard work have allowed her to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Emma Eaker is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Emma Eaker for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. I have no doubt she will exhibit the same dedication and character in all of her future accomplishments.

IN RECOGNITION OF SHARON
WILLIAMS

HON. JACKIE SPEIER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 9, 2013

Ms. SPEIER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the remarkable Sharon Williams, the long-time director of Menlo Park-based JobTrain. Sharon is retiring after forty years of instilling optimism in each JobTrain client and building life skills amongst an entire community. I have watched with amazement over these many years as Sharon has guided the JobTrain organization.

Sharon earned her BA in English from the University of the Pacific in 1965 and her teaching credential from San Francisco State University in 1968. She joined JobTrain in 1973 as a GED teacher. She became Director of Development in 1978 and a short time later took over as Executive Director. Conducting job training classes and connecting people with jobs was very difficult in the late 1970s. Sharon guided JobTrain and its clients through difficult financial times and built a stunningly successful career and job education center.

With Sharon's outstanding leadership, JobTrain has offered cutting-edge and traditional job training, everything from solar panel installation classes to computer repair to culinary arts to laboratory technician training for biotechnology facilities. Knowing that life skills are a large component of the training done by JobTrain, Sharon and her staff insist that clients learn how to show up on time to work, become team members in the modern work environment, and learn how to balance work and the demands of a family.

Mr. Speaker, Sharon Williams has infused JobTrain with the same "can do" attitude that she insists from her clients. I've visited JobTrain on several occasions, most recently in the last few months. It's a very busy place. JobTrain helps 8,000 persons per year, and 600 of them receive full-time vocational training. At least 85% of those who enroll complete their training. 75% of those persons are placed in jobs, and 12 months after placement, 84% are still working. JobTrain's success is spelled out in these numbers.

Sharon's contributions to the Peninsula are not limited to JobTrain. She currently serves on numerous boards, including the Center for Excellence in Nonprofits, and East Palo Alto Digital Village. She has also previously served on the boards of the East Palo Alto Senior Center, the Boys and Girls Club of the Peninsula, Leadership Mid-Peninsula, and the San Mateo County Workforce Investment Board.

After forty years at the helm of JobTrain, it is time for Sharon Williams to bid her beloved

nonprofit goodbye and to head off in new directions. The only thing missing from JobTrain's smorgasbord of classes at the moment is a class on how to make eyeglasses. That's not surprising. Sharon sees quite clearly the need for human dignity through productive work. Why would she believe that anyone else in the community needs glasses when her own sight is both perfect and prescient? Let us give Sharon the highest compliment that any employer can offer an employee. Let us say, "Job well done."

RECOGNIZING RONALD M. YOUNG
ON RECEIVING THE 2013 U.S.
SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION'S
ENTREPRENEURIAL SUCCESS AWARD FOR GUAM

HON. MADELEINE Z. BORDALLO

OF GUAM

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 9, 2013

Ms. BORDALLO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commend and congratulate Mr. Ronald M. Young on being awarded the 2013 U.S. Small Business Administration's Entrepreneurial Success Award for Guam. Ron is the Co-founder and Secretary/Treasurer of Security Title, Inc.

Ron owns Security Title Inc. along with his wife Kim Anderson Young. Together they started the company in 1999. Security Title Inc. provided professional title and escrow services of the highest quality to Guam, Saipan, Tinian, and Rota. Security Title Inc. is the general agent for Stewart Title Insurance Company, one of the world's largest title insurance underwriters. Because of Security Title Inc.'s expert regional knowledge it has developed into the dominant title company in the Mariana Islands as it provides services that are crucial to any real estate transaction.

Ron was raised in northern California by his parents, George and Winnie. His father owned his own dental lab, which taught Ron at an early age the value of owning his own business. Ron earned a bachelor of arts degree in sociology from San Jose State University. He later earned a master of arts from Goddard College in sociology and education. Ron and his wife have five children together: Ryan, Jason, Carter, Lars, and Erika.

Ron is also an active member of our island community. He serves as the current liaison between the Guam Chamber of Commerce and the Chinese Chamber of Commerce, which are two of Guam's largest business organizations. He is an ongoing supporter of many non-profits and organizations such as the Guam Association of Realtors, International Council of Shopping Centers, American Management Association, NAIOP, Guam Economic Development Authority, Guam Tourist Attraction Fund, and the Guam Beautification Task Force.

I congratulate Ronald Young on receiving the 2013 U.S. Small Business Administration's Entrepreneurial Success Award for Guam. I join the people of Guam in commending him for his award and thanking him for his contributions to our community.

TRIBUTE TO EAGLE SCOUT CHAD
FORD

HON. TOM LATHAM

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 9, 2013

Mr. LATHAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Chad Ford of Boy Scout Troop 188 of Ankeny, Iowa for achieving the rank of an Eagle Scout.

The Eagle Scout rank is the highest advancement rank in scouting. Only about five percent of Boy Scouts earn the Eagle Scout Award. The award is a performance-based achievement with high standards that have been well-maintained over the past century.

To earn the Eagle Scout rank, a Boy Scout is obligated to pass specific tests that are organized by requirements and merit badges, as well as completing an Eagle Project to benefit the community. For his project, Chad assisted in refurbishing Chichaqua Bottoms Greenbelt Park in Polk County by removing a large section of unwanted fencing. The work ethic Chad has shown in his Eagle Project and every other project leading up to his Eagle Scout rank speaks volumes of his commitment to serving a cause greater than himself and assisting his community.

Mr. Speaker, the example set by this young man and his supportive family demonstrates the rewards of hard work, dedication and perseverance. I am honored to represent Chad and his family in the United States Congress. I know that all of my colleagues in the House will join me in congratulating him on obtaining the Eagle Scout ranking, and I wish him continued success in his future education and career.

COMMENDING CAMPOLINDO HIGH
SCHOOL ACADEMIC DECATHLON
CLUB UPON WINNING THE 2013
CONTRA COSTA COUNTY ACADEMIC
DECATHLON

HON. GEORGE MILLER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 9, 2013

Mr. GEORGE MILLER of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commend Campolindo High School's Academic Decathlon Club for its recent success in the Contra Costa County Academic Decathlon, at which Campolindo's two teams won first and second place.

The Campolindo High School Academic Decathlon Club provides students the chance to go above and beyond academically. Through fun competition, the Academic Decathlon Club members foster enthusiasm for education not only in themselves, but also in their peers.

Participation in the academic decathlon has promoted and developed a range of skills, including team work, discipline, creativity and critical thinking. The Decathlon Club is training California's future leaders by helping ensure that our students will be qualified to join the workforce and grow our economy. It's clear that Campolindo High does an outstanding job of preparing these future leaders for a lifetime of success.

I would like to submit for the record a recent article in the Contra Costa Times recognizing Campolindo's impressive achievement.

'GOING ABOVE AND BEYOND': ACADEMIC DECATHLON OFFERS ANOTHER KIND OF COMPETITION

(By Lou Fancher)

MORAGA.—It was a repeat of last year's finish, as the top three teams at Contra Costa County's 2013 High School Academic Decathlon on Feb. 4 mirrored the winners of 2012's competition.

The "Red Team" from Campolindo High School in Moraga took first place and will advance to the state competition March 14 to 17 in Sacramento.

This year, as last, Campolindo's "Blue Team" placed second, and Alcalanes High School of Lafayette placed third for the second straight year. Other teams competing in the county decathlon were Antioch High, California (San Ramon), Freedom (Brentwood), Las Lomas (Walnut Creek), Miramonte (Orinda), Pittsburg and Dublin.

California's Academic Decathlon pits nine-member teams drawn from about 500 schools statewide in a frenzy of tests, essays, speeches and interviews. Scrimmaging over art, economics, music, language and literature, mathematics, science and social science might sound like torture to many high schoolers, but not to students like Campolindo's Zach Scherer, this year's Top Overall Academic Decathlon Individual Award winner.

"I like decathlon (club) because it's not a regular class, with a teacher lecturing for 50 minutes," the 16-year-old said. "It's students, all interested in learning."

Paul Verbanszky, an advanced-placement psychology and government economics teacher at Campolindo since 2004, leads the school's decathlon club.

"I used to be able to barely field a team. Because we're winning, more students have signed up. Now I have 40 students at the start of a year," he said.

The club's increasing popularity has little to do with students aiming to shine on college applications, Verbanszky said. Rather, the biggest motivators are the chance to excel at something other than sports and "going above and beyond" academically.

Team co-captain Evelyn Steefel, 17, said it's just fun.

"The meetings are entertaining," she said, "and there's nothing like learning new, interesting facts."

Campolindo's two teams (schools with more than nine students participating can form multiple teams) met three times a week, beginning in September.

This year's theme was Russia. With a mix of newbies and veteran decathlon members, the students divvied up the study guides democratically.

"We just put it up for whatever each person wanted to do and made sure each section got done," Steefel said.

A dizzying array of approaches, from PowerPoint presentations to "Jeopardy"-style games to pop quizzes, staved off drudgery. Winning the decathlon is more than facts; it's analysis and skillful test-taking, Scherer and Steefel said.

Scherer remembers the interview section of the competition beginning with simple questions about his interests.

"I discussed the clubs I'm in, model United Nations and math club, and how they have shaped who I am now," he said. "Then they asked, 'How has being in U.N. shaped your interest in diplomacy?'"

Steefel used the decathlon's speech portion to talk about hypocrisy in America.

"It's a country that promotes freedom and equality, but it goes against those principles in its actions. The major thing I talked about was slavery, but also affirmative action and discrimination against women. I

talked about the current generation needing to stop hating, because we're not moving together as a country."

The Super Quiz—during which teams work together, and a roaring crowd of supportive family and friends is allowed—tested their knowledge of Sputnik 2. Another question challenged them to compare and contrast two Russian composers.

"First, you have to know about the specific facts," Scherer said. "Then, you have to know about the controversies involved, the worldwide movements, the complexities."

Verbanszky said it's not the two Campolindo teams' high scores or crafty mental gymnastics he's most proud of.

"They care about the program, but also each other," he said. "Freshmen to senior—they help each other with homework and talk about their problems. They've become friends."

RECOGNIZING JEFFERSON COLLEGE AS IT CELEBRATES ITS FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY

HON. BLAINE LUETKEMEYER

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 9, 2013

Mr. LUETKEMEYER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Jefferson College located in Jefferson County in Missouri, as the community celebrates its fiftieth anniversary this year.

The Community College District of Jefferson County was approved by voters on April 2, 1963. Senator Earl Blackwell of Hillsboro sponsored Senate Bill Number Seven, which made possible the formation and financing of public junior colleges in Missouri. Jefferson became the second junior college district in Missouri to be approved.

Seventeen months later the first courses are offered at Hillsboro High School with 14 faculty members and 303 students. Jefferson College moved into its first permanent building on the Hillsboro campus in September of 1965, and held its first commencement in June of 1966, where 31 graduates received associate degrees.

In 1967, Jefferson College became the first community college in Missouri to be designated as an area vocational school. Today, in addition to the Hillsboro campus, the college has expanded to sites in Arnold, Cedar Hill and Imperial, which offers programs in Certified Nurse Assistant, EMT-Paramedic and a Law Enforcement Academy, as well as a fifth campus which offers online instruction.

As a testament to their vision to make higher education more accessible to their community, Jefferson College has successfully now grown to over 5,500 full and part-time college credit students and 4,300 plus students in continuing education classes.

In closing, I ask all my colleagues to join me in wishing the community of Jefferson College congratulations on their fiftieth anniversary.

IN RECOGNITION OF CLARK E. GUINAN

HON. JACKIE SPEIER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 9, 2013

Ms. SPEIER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor Clark E. Guinan, better known as Gus, who is

retiring after a remarkable legal and public service career that spanned over three decades. Gus was the City Attorney of the City of Burlingame for the last four years. His devotion to justice and the Bay Area are reflected in his work and passion for life.

Gus, a native San Franciscan and third generation Californian, was raised in Los Altos. He enrolled in the seminary in Menlo Park at the young age of 13 and studied there through high school and college until he was 24 years old. He received his B.A. in Philosophy from St. Patrick's College.

After eleven years in the seminary, Gus realized that he had a different calling. He wanted to follow in the footsteps of his grandfather who was his hero and a prominent attorney in the California Attorney General's office. Gus started law school and earned his J.D. from the University of Santa Clara.

Upon earning his degree, Gus became a deputy public defender in San Joaquin County from 1974–1984. Then he accepted the position of Senior Assistant City Attorney in Palo Alto where he served for five years.

In 1989, he faced a difficult decision. He and his wife Signe Harnett had adopted infant twin girls. They still lived in Stockton and the daily commute to Palo Alto would prevent Gus from seeing his two babies grow up. He left public service and became a litigation attorney with the law offices of Rishwain, Kakim and Ellis in Stockton from 1989–1991. Gus' love for San Francisco drew the family back to the Bay Area and in 1991 they moved to Berkeley and he joined the law office of Barry Balamuth in Orinda.

In 1993, Gus returned to public service and accepted the position of Assistant City Attorney for the City of San Rafael where he stayed until 2008 when he was appointed to his most recent position of City Attorney of Burlingame.

Gus is a member of the Public Law Section of the California State Bar Association, the Bay Area City Attorneys Association, the Marin Public Agency Attorneys and an alternate board member of the California Joint Powers Risk Management Authority. In the past, he served as a delegate at the State Bar Convention in Sacramento, as a section editor of the Municipal Law Handbook of the League of California Cities and as a member of the board of governors of the San Joaquin County Bar Association. Gus has also lectured at the Delta Community College in Stockton and in the "Bridging the Gap" program. Last but not least, he has been a proud member of the San Rafael Elks Club since 2006.

In his well deserved retirement, Gus is looking forward to spending more time with his wife of 25 years, their now 24-year-old twin daughters Kate and Lindsey and their stepson Chris. He will finally have more time to lose himself in his passion for California history, hiking, travel, photography, reading and swimming.

Mr. Speaker, I ask the House of Representative to rise with me to honor Clark E. Guinan, a man with a brilliant legal mind and a big heart who has protected the rights and safety of the residents of Burlingame and other Bay Area communities.

IN APPRECIATION FOR RON GOLDWYN'S SERVICE TO THE HOUSE

HON. CHAKA FATTAH

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 9, 2013

Mr. FATTAH. Mr. Speaker, I rise to offer words of appreciation for a departing member of my staff, Ron Goldwyn. Ron will be retiring after 7 years in my Philadelphia office as Press Secretary to enjoy the Philadelphia Mummies, baseball, the Southwest and lots of quality time with his family. I have no doubt that Ron will also continue to follow the workings of this body from a more distant place. His connection to the House began long before joining my team. In fact, when his wife Carol first came to Washington to meet his family, he brought her to sit in the House gallery!

Ron came to my office as a second career following years of success as a journalist. His stellar career began as editor of the "Family News" at age 10. It then took him to Woodrow Wilson High School's Beacon, the Washington Daily News Scholastic Sports Association, Fort Dix, the Dayton Journal Herald, Philadelphia Bulletin and the Philadelphia Daily News. In my office he has served as a drafter of press releases and proclamations, a photographer around town and resident comedian.

Ron is a proud (retired) member of Local 10 of the Newspaper Guild (now part of Communications Workers of America). He is former president of the Pen and Pencil Club, the journalists' after hours club. He is a founding member of Mishkan Shalom synagogue in Roxborough, Pennsylvania where he has held several lay leadership positions. Ron still plays on the Pen and Pencil softball team and for several years was the commissioner of the Center City softball league. He is currently the President of the Blue Bell Hill Civic Association.

From the first time he saw the parade in January, 1975, Ron has adored Philadelphia's Mummies Parade, even though many of the Mummies are a notoriously prickly and feuding bunch. For a few years, he and his wife were only spectators. Then, in 1980 or so, Ron began providing the Mummies research "book" to Larry Kane who anchored the Parade broadcast. From 1984 to 1994, a motley crew of family and friends dressed up as kazoo and marched as a group in the Comic Division of the parade. Known as the King Kazoo New Year Association—Ron was "King Kazoo," of course—the group finished as high as fourth in the division several times. About 17 years ago, Ron took on a new role, becoming the color commentator for the comic division part of Parade broadcast until this year, which was his first as a "marshall" with the Pennsport String Band.

Ron's absence will be deeply felt in my office. My staff and I have come to rely on his strong writing, attention to detail, knowledge of Philadelphia history and commitment to public engagement. While we celebrate his transition into retirement, we look forward to his visits and updates from The Land of Enchantment. I ask my colleagues to join me in thanking Ron for his service here and wish him well in his next adventure.

RECOGNIZING THE RETIREMENT AND SERVICE OF MAYOR ADDISON LARRY HARTWIG

HON. PETER J. ROSKAM

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 9, 2013

Mr. ROSKAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize a dedicated public servant from the Sixth Congressional District of Illinois, Mayor Larry Hartwig of Addison. In May, he will conclude his loyal service as Mayor after four terms.

As a resident of the Village of Addison for over 40 years, Mr. Hartwig has served as a model citizen. He first entered public office in 1987 as Village Trustee, and in 1995, he was appointed Interim Mayor of Addison where he was elected thereafter.

During his tenure as Mayor, Mr. Hartwig has been an exemplary leader and public servant. After retiring as Principal of Wood Dale Junior High School, he devoted more time to other areas of service, including the DuPage Water Commission and the Metropolitan Mayors Caucus. His noble leadership led him to serve as President of the DuPage Mayors and Managers Conference and as Chairman of the Conference's Legislative Committee.

Mayor Hartwig has represented his community well and has been a strong voice for the Village of Addison throughout his time in office. His long service to the people of Addison and to DuPage County is truly commendable. Although retiring as Mayor, Addison will continue to benefit from his involvement as a member of the community.

Mr. Speaker and Distinguished Colleagues, please join me in congratulating Mayor Hartwig on 26 years of public service and in wishing him all the best for the days ahead.

IN HONOR OF COMMANDER KIRK H. JOHNSON

HON. SAM FARR

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 9, 2013

Mr. FARR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Commander Kirk H. Johnson for his tireless advocacy efforts and leadership supporting veterans.

Kirk H. Johnson was born September 28, 1956 in Chestertown, Maryland. He enlisted in the Army in 1978 at Fort McClellan, Alabama as a Helicopter Repairman. Kirk was promoted to Sergeant in 1980 and in 1981, was appointed as Crew Chief for Army Chiefs of Staff.

Mr. Johnson was awarded the Humanitarian Service Award in 1982 for his role in a life saving rescue mission after a commercial jet crashed into the 14th Street Bridge in Washington DC and plunged into the Potomac River. In 1983, Kirk entered the Warrant Officer Program to receive further flight training and graduated as an Aero Scout Pilot in 1984. Mr. Johnson was then stationed at Ft. Ord, California and upon arriving served as a Line Pilot as well as a Survival Training Officer for the Aviator Brigade. In his time at Ft. Ord, Kirk carried out a multitude of different duties, from Pilot in Command to Income Tax Officer, be-

fore being involved in an accident that separated him from his two passions: aviating and being a soldier.

Kirk has been the Commander of the Department of California American Veterans since 2012 (DAV). He represents 101,133 members and 68 chapters throughout the state of California. This service organization provides free support to Veterans, their spouses, family members, and orphans. Services provided include filing claims to provide medical, educational, and compensation benefits to our wounded warriors.

Kirk coordinates volunteer hours and transportation activities as a representative for the Veterans Administration Volunteer Services (VAVS) DAV at Palo Alto Veterans Hospital and the Monterey VA clinic since 2006. In 2012, the volunteer programs logged over 700,000 hours of coordinated volunteer services and thousands of travel miles from this transportation network. Mr. Johnson further supports VAVs by serving as Executive Committee President since 2010.

Prior to assuming his current Commander role, Kirk was the Senior Vice Commander for Department of California DAV from 2011 to 2012 and Junior Vice Commander from 2010 to 2012. Kirk also acts as an Advisor to the Veterans Club at Monterey Peninsula Community College, which gives younger veterans an opportunity to help themselves and their community. Previously, Kirk served as the Club's President from 2009–2011.

Kirk's advocacy further includes his membership in the Veterans Focus Council from Palo Alto Health Care System and as the Judge Advocate and member of the Executive Committee from DAV Chapter 85, Seaside, California where he held previous positions. Kirk was the chaplain for DAV Chapter 85 from 2004 through 2007.

Mr. Speaker, I once again want to thank Mr. Johnson for his continual dedication to helping our veterans and for his service to our country.

HONORING THE CENTENNIAL OF THE CITY OF TUALATIN, OREGON

HON. SUZANNE BONAMICI

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 9, 2013

Ms. BONAMICI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of the City of Tualatin, Oregon, on the occasion of its centennial anniversary.

This remarkable city, located just south of the State's largest metropolitan area, serves as a gateway to the fertile farmland of the Willamette Valley, which was formed by a series of cataclysmic floods some 12,000–17,000 years ago.

The Tualatin River Basin has provided sanctuary and sustenance for a litany of ancestral occupants. This wide range of early and distinguished inhabitants included the Atfalati Tribe and the historic Tualatin Mastadon, which was unearthed in 1962 after 13,000 years and subsequently displayed at the Tualatin Public Library for public edification.

In 1850 the U.S. Congress passed the Donation Land Claim Act, which granted title to American settlers committed to productive cultivation of the land. Shortly after, from 1850–1853, 30 families took up permanent residence in the area. Initially known as

Galbreath, then Bridgeport, the settlement was named Tualatin in 1887 and subsequently incorporated, by a vote of the townspeople, on August 18, 1913.

In the one hundred years since, Tualatin, Oregon has demonstrated a balanced approach to development—combining economic vitality and safe and beautiful neighborhoods with environmental stewardship to ensure a preeminent quality of life. Over 300 acres of award-winning parks and natural spaces delight residents and offer an abundance of recreational opportunities for hikers, bikers, and outdoor enthusiasts. The community is very proud to have recently celebrated 25 years as a designated Tree City USA.

The City of Tualatin harbors a first-rate educational system, visionary leadership, and public administrators of the highest caliber. An engaged and informed citizenry—critical to the success of every governmental body—actively participates in governance, supports a thriving business community, and sustains a range of cultural and artistic activities.

Mr. Speaker, one hundred years have passed since the incorporation of Tualatin, Oregon. It is a deep honor to represent this exceptional city in the U.S. Congress. I offer my sincerest congratulations during this centennial celebration and look forward to many more years of growth and prosperity.

RECOGNIZING CHRISTOPHER BEJADO ON RECEIVING THE 2013 U.S. SMALL BUSINESS PERSON OF THE YEAR AWARD FOR GUAM

HON. MADELEINE Z. BORDALLO

OF GUAM

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 9, 2013

Ms. BORDALLO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commend and congratulate Mr. Christopher Bejado on being awarded the 2013 U.S. Small Business Administration's Person of the Year Award for Guam. Mr. Bejado is the president and director of hospitality of Marianas Slingstone, Inc. dba Proa.

PROA is true to the philosophy of "garden to table," meaning PROA hires its employees from Guam and sources its ingredients from local farmers. The restaurant remains committed to the Hafa Adai spirit and to being locally sustainable.

Chris was pursuing a master's degree in education from the University of Guam when he and his childhood friend, Geoffrey D. Perez, opened PROA Restaurant in Tumon. In 2007, the restaurant opened a complementary business, Sweet Relief Pastry Shop, featuring unique local flavors in delectable sweets. PROA opened a second location in November 2012, in the heart of Hagatna, to cater to the island's southern patrons.

Born and raised on Guam in the village of Tamuning, Chris is the son of Catalino Marilag Bejado, a Filipino migrant from the province of Bicol in the Philippines, and Maria Martinez Flores, a Chamorro islander. He is the youngest of six siblings.

Chris is a 1988 graduate of John F. Kennedy High School and earned a bachelor's degree in travel industry management from Hawaii Pacific University. He is married to Cora Yanger Bejado and has three daughters: Natalie, Camille, and Kathleen.

At age 23, after graduating from college Chris returned home to Guam and opened his first restaurant called De Niro's Pasta Kitchen in the village of Dededo which remained open for just 2 years. Chris has also held positions with the Hyatt Regency Guam as Assistant Manager for the Al Dente Restaurant, as well as Stewarding Manager. He also held the position of Concessions Manager for LSG Luft-hansa Sky Chefs, opening 12 food and beverage outlets in the New Guam International Airport in 1995.

Chris had a passion for sharing his work experience with Guam's young students, this led him to accept a position at the University of Guam (UOG) as Outreach Coordinator for the International Tourism and Hospitality Industry. He later worked as Marketing Specialist for the Office of University and Community Engagement, spending nearly ten years at UOG.

Chris is also an active member in our island community. Chris has always believed that giving back to the community is his civic duty. He has years of experience and commitment to community organizations, serving as Chairman for the Hagatna Foundation, Chairman and Board Member for the Guam Humanities Council, and the Guam Educational Radio Foundation, KPRG 89.3. He has also contributed much time and resources to the American Cancer Society.

I congratulate Christopher Bejado on receiving the 2013 U.S. Small Business Administration's Person of the Year Award for Guam. I join the people of Guam in commending him for his award and thanking him for his contributions to our community.

IN RECOGNITION OF EQUAL PAY DAY

HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 9, 2013

Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Equal Pay Day. Equal Pay Day brings awareness to the issue of disparate pay for women and families, and promotes the fair principles of equal pay for equal work.

As a Member of Congress, I am proud to say that I am an original cosponsor of the Paycheck Fairness Act, an important piece of legislation that hopes to limit sex discrimination in the payment of wages. Nationally, women earn roughly 77 cents for every dollar earned by their male counterparts. This wage gap varies widely throughout various states across the country. For single parents and other heads of households, wage inequality can have lasting ramifications on quality of life and economic prosperity. Earning less money for the same time investment is not only unfair, it undermines a robust labor force and eats away at the foundation of a strong and prosperous economy. It is an issue that afflicts every community across our Nation.

In the Dallas Metroplex, women are paid 85 cents for every dollar paid to men, or \$7,163 less per year for a typical full-time job. According to the National Partnership for Women and Families, women in the Dallas area lose more than \$7 billion each year due to these blatant disparities in pay.

Mr. Speaker, we owe it to the American people to ensure that all workers are being

paid fair and equitable wages for their labor. The Equal Pay and Lily Ledbetter Fair Pay Acts were steps taken in the right direction. Now, we must pass the Paycheck Fairness Act to continue our assault on pay inequality, and ensure that women across the country have access to fair wages.

THE PAYCHECK FAIRNESS ACT

HON. ANNA G. ESHOO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. ESHOO. Mr. Speaker, today is Equal Pay Day—the day that symbolizes when, more than three months into the year, the average woman's yearly income finally catches up to what a man was paid in a previous year. Getting paid fairly for the work you do is tough for almost everyone, but, for women, it's particularly difficult.

Women earn an average of 77 cents for every dollar earned by men, costing women and their families up to \$2 million over a woman's working lifetime. With a record number of women in the workforce, wage discrimination is hurting the majority of American families, both in terms of their economic security today and their retirement security tomorrow. Families have fewer resources to pay the mortgage, send kids to college, or have a decent retirement.

If the United States had an adopted policy of equal pay, it would put \$200 billion more into the economy every year. This comes out to about \$137 for every white woman per pay check, and approximately \$300 for every woman of color, who are doubly discriminated against.

Today, there are an unprecedented number of women who are the breadwinners of their families. This makes pay equity even more critical, not simply to family economic security, but also to our nation's economy.

As we look for ways to create more jobs and grow the economy, it's astounding to me that Congress has not yet passed legislation ensuring equal pay for equal work. It's a powerful policy which would produce enormously positive economic outcomes.

The Paycheck Fairness Act ensures that employers who try to justify paying a man more than a woman for the same job must demonstrate that the disparity is not sex-based, but job-related and necessary. It prohibits employers from retaliating against employees who discuss or disclose their own salary information with their co-workers, and it strengthens the remedies available to wronged employees.

Pay inequity due to gender discrimination is real, it should not be tolerated, and we need to take action against it.

NATIONAL SPRING CLEANING WEEK, MARCH 18-24, 2013

HON. JOYCE BEATTY

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. BEATTY. Mr. Speaker, I want to recognize the Association of Residential Cleaning

Services International, or ARCSI, of Ohio's 3rd Congressional District, as I rise to acknowledge National Spring Cleaning Week which took place March 18–24, 2013.

As many people around our country prepare for spring cleaning, on behalf of the organization, I want to remind those who will begin going "out with the old and in with the new" to recycle.

Recycling what you have stored in your basement, closet and garage and instead learning to reduce, reuse and recycle those items is efficient, sustainable and time-saving.

With advice from our cleaning industry professionals at ARCSI, they are helping everyday American families live healthy, clean and green lives.

So let us remember to re-use, re-purpose and whenever possible recycle items we already have in our households as we begin our spring cleaning.

HONORING DAVID CURSON

HON. JOHN D. DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 9, 2013

Mr. DINGELL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor my dear friend, David Curson, on the occasion of his retirement.

Many of you know David from his seven weeks of service in the House during the 112th Congress representing Michigan's 11th district. He was elected with the help of community activists, including his beloved United Auto Workers, to fill a vacancy for the shortest term in recent memory. While he was here, David unflinchingly stood up for working American families, always remembering his roots back in Michigan and Ohio. His time in the House was not wasted: His was a key vote in avoiding the fiscal cliff this past January. It was a tough one to take, but David did so with the greater good in mind, as he has always done. His service here was nothing short of honorable, and the Michigan Delegation is better off for his having a part of it.

David's service to his fellowman far predated his time in Congress. He proudly served his country as a Marine in Vietnam. When he returned to the United States, David started a life-long career at Ford and with the United Auto Workers, particularly Local 898 in Rawsonville, Michigan. David has held nearly every imaginable position in the Union, from chairman of the Local UAW/Ford Joint Apprenticeship Committee to Director of Special Projects and Economic Analysis to Executive Assistant to the UAW's President, Vice President, and Secretary Treasurer. He led contract negotiations that saved thousands of American jobs and helped set the standard for job security agreements in North America. In short, David has devoted his life to his fellow working men and women and done a magnificent job for them.

Mr. Speaker, I am humbled and grateful to call David my friend. His dedication to social justice and public service are example to us all, and one which I hope we will all heed. I know David's entire family—from his wonderful wife Sharon, to his children David Jr., Lisa,

David II, and Kathryn, to his grandsons Peyton and Parker—all appreciate David's extraordinary life of service and are thrilled to be able to spend more time with him as he retires. To my good friend, David, and his family, I wish health, happiness, and long life.

CONGRATULATING THE DUNCANVILLE HIGH SCHOOL PANTHERETTES

HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 9, 2013

Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Duncanville High School Pantherettes varsity basketball team for winning the 2013 5A state championship for the second consecutive year. The Pantherettes beat Cibolo Steele Lady Knights 59–36, ending their season with a record of 42–0, the first 5A school to achieve this record in a single season.

I also want to commend the coaching staff for their hard work and dedication to their team. In the past 13 seasons, head coach Cathy Self-Morgan has led the Pantherettes to three state championships with a record of 957 wins. Coach Self-Morgan received a number of prestigious honors this season, including the Dallas Morning News SportsDay's Girls Basketball Coach of the Year.

This year, the Pantherettes were ranked the number one high school girls basketball team in the Nation by the USA Today Super 25 Poll and the Max Preps Freeman Poll. The ESPN Power Rankings ranked the Pantherettes second among all U.S. girls teams. The Pantherettes were also crowned 7–5A district champions, 62nd Annual 2012 Sandra Meadows Tournament champions, and the 2012 McDonald's Pasadena Tournament champions.

I applaud the team's outstanding efforts and commitment to a flawless return to the state championship. The Pantherettes legacy includes eight state championships, 22 tournament appearances, and 33 regional tournament appearances. Congratulations again, Pantherettes, on an incredible season.

HOLOCAUST REMEMBRANCE DAY

HON. LOIS FRANKEL

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 9, 2013

Ms. FRANKEL of Florida. Mr. Speaker, yesterday morning the State of Israel came to a standstill as a siren signaling one minute of silence pierced through the daily lives of Israelis. For one minute, highways came to a stand-still and phone conversations fell silent. This moment of silent reflection occurs every year on Yom Hashoa, Holocaust Remembrance Day, in order to honor the memory of the six million Jews systematically murdered at the hands of the Nazis.

Yom Hashoa serves as more than just a day of remembrance, though. Each passing

year the remaining number of survivors becomes fewer and fewer. South Florida has seen this first hand. Just last month, Holocaust Survivors of South Florida—once one of the nation's largest survivor groups with a peak membership at over 1,400 survivors—was forced to close its doors due to a rapidly dwindling number of members.

At its final board meeting, the group gave \$15,000 to the Holocaust Documentation and Education Center, highlighting the importance of teaching the lessons of the Holocaust to our future generations. The organization's president expressed her hope "that through education, history would not repeat."

So today, I commit myself to learning the lessons of the past. I join my colleagues in the U.S. House of Representatives by honoring the living memory of the victims of the Holocaust. Together, we will stand against any resurgence of anti-Semitism, and against all forms of hatred and prejudice.

CELEBRATING THE MEXICAN AMERICAN OPPORTUNITY FOUNDATION'S 50TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. LUCILLE ROYBAL-ALLARD

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 9, 2013

Ms. ROYBAL-ALLARD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Mexican American Opportunity Foundation on celebrating their 50th anniversary. For 50 years MAOF has worked to improve the quality of life for millions of Latinos in the Los Angeles area. From education and daycare services for children, to job training and English-language classes for adults, to medical and social services to seniors, MAOF has provided poor or disenfranchised Latinos with opportunities for social and economic advancement.

In 1963, a little known community and labor leader named Dionicio Morales had the idea to create a foundation dedicated to Mexican-American community development. He started at the top, with a call to President John F. Kennedy. Morales did not get to speak to the President, but through his perseverance, he was able to speak with Vice President Lyndon B. Johnson. Together they secured the funding for what would become the Mexican American Opportunity Foundation.

Today MAOF is the largest Latino human services provider in the nation and the Los Angeles Times has credited Morales with being one of the original leaders of the East Los Angeles Latino civil rights movement, along with United Farm Workers leader Cesar Chavez, journalist Ruben Salazar, and my father, Congressman Edward R. Roybal.

Although Dionicio Morales passed away in 2008, his legacy lives on within the work of MAOF which provides essential services to over 100,000 people, 8,000 of whom are children.

Once again I congratulate MAOF President and CEO Martin Castro, members of the board of directors, and all MAOF employees. I thank them for 50 years of dedicated service to the Latino community, and I wish them well as they continue their great work in the years to come.

A TRIBUTE IN HONOR OF THE
LIFE OF PETER SCOTT CARTER

HON. ANNA G. ESHOO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 9, 2013

Ms. ESHOO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Peter Scott Carter, an extraordinary man who died of a tragic accident at his home on March 7, 2013, at the age of 70. He was a proud Los Gatos, a loving husband, a devoted father and grandfather, a bon vivant, a lover of cooking, wine, music, and politics, but most of all he loved people. He was witty, worldly, a successful advertising executive, an accomplished photographer and a mentor to many.

Peter was born in San Diego on February 20, 1943. His family moved to Santa Clara in 1957, and he graduated from Bellarmine College Preparatory School and Georgetown University. He was an active member of the Los Gatos Music and Arts Committee and a member of the San Jose Rotary Club. Known as a pillar of the community, he was the founder and mainstay of the Los Gatos Social Club, a group that meets on Wednesdays for cocktails and dinner.

I was honored last year to be the beneficiary of Peter's invitation to his home to meet the Los Gatos Social Club, where I met a cross section of the community. Scott Carter wrote fondly about that meeting . . . one I shall cherish all the days of my life.

The words written by Peter's son Scott and published online in the Los Gatos Patch paint a vivid picture of this vibrant, dynamic man:

My Father enjoyed politics, and while he wasn't shy about blasting the Democratic Party for this or that, it never stopped him from supporting the candidate that he thought was going to do the most good for the community.

When Los Gatos was redistricted from Mike Honda to Anna Eshoo, he was able to get both Members to spend the evening with the Los Gatos Social Club for a Passing of

the Torch party. He told me that he and Representative Eshoo closed Chicago Steak and Fish that night, talking long past everyone else's departure.

He cared deeply about his family. His grandchildren were the apple of his eye. Grandpa's house was filled with candy, all of it bowls that can be reached by any child old enough to walk. While he was always a happy person, the joy on his face as he was spoiling the girls was unmatched. As much as he loved throwing a party, I know that he loved taking them to Powell's and giving them presents even more.

His love for Dennise was obvious to us all. A woman who shares his passion for giving to others and caring for the community, she has dedicated most of her life to starting and growing nonprofits. She is probably the only person on the planet willing and capable of being the hostess as often as he wanted to be the host. She brought tremendous joy to my father's life, and words will never express the feelings of gratitude and love that I feel for her.

Peter Carter leaves his wife Dennise McNulty Carter, his sons Scott and Shawn, and four grandchildren.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the life lived well by Peter Carter, and for his great contributions to his community and our country. He will be remembered and missed by all who had the good fortune to know him, and I count myself among that privileged group. Today, the entire House of Representatives extends our most sincere condolences to Dennise Carter, to Peter's sons, his grandchildren and his entire family.

A TRIBUTE TO THOSE WHO SUFFERED THE ATROCITIES OF THE BOSNIAN WAR

HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 9, 2013

Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to

those who suffered the atrocities of the Bosnian War. In April of 1992, a war of aggression was waged against the newly independent and sovereign Bosnia by Serb forces aiming to destroy its multi-ethnic and multi-religious character. The International Criminal Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia (ICTY), a body of the United Nations, was established to prosecute serious crimes committed during the wars in the former Yugoslavia. Due to the efforts of the ICTY, 161 fugitives have been indicted, including Ratko Mladic, the person responsible for the Srebrenica Genocide. April 16th of this year will mark twenty years since the United Nations declared the Srebrenica enclave a "safe zone." Sadly, the failure of the United Nations to protect this safe zone ultimately led to genocide and the death of more than 8,000 men and boys.

I would like to call for the United Nations to properly recognize the Srebrenica Genocide declaring July 11th to be Srebrenica Remembrance Day. In the 109th Congress, I proudly co-sponsored H.R. 199, which affirmed that in Srebrenica, "the policies of aggression and ethnic cleansing as implemented by Serb forces in Bosnia and Herzegovina from 1992 to 1995 meet the terms defining the crime of genocide."

Tomorrow, President Tomislav Nikolic of Serbia will take the floor during a United Nations debate on the ICTY. As we mark another anniversary of the beginning of genocidal violence in Bosnia, let us remember that our work is not yet done. As President Obama has stated, "The United States rejects efforts to distort the scope of this atrocity, rationalize the motivations behind it, blame the victims, and deny the indisputable fact that it was genocide." In solidarity with April Genocide Prevention Month, let us remember the victims and the heroic perseverance of the Bosnian people.