

# EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

IN RECOGNITION OF WORLD WAR II VETERANS LT. LARRY CRANDELL, COL. JAMES PATILLO, STAFF SGT. JACK PATTERSON AND LT. BOB SCOTT

**HON. LOIS CAPPS**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 23, 2013*

Mrs. CAPPS. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to recognize World War II Veterans Lt. Larry Crandell, Col. James Patillo, Staff Sgt. Jack Patterson and Lt. Bob Scott from the 24th Congressional District.

Last week, these veterans were recognized for their service to our country at the luncheon and symposium "70 Years On . . . Celebrating the 'Bomber Boys' of World War II" presented in collaboration by the Pierre Claeysens Veterans Museum and the Channel City Club & Committee on Foreign Relations in Santa Barbara, California.

The stories these men shared at this event are an important contribution to our country's rich oral history and will serve to edify younger generations in our local community and across the nation. Their narratives are critical in creating a bond of gratitude and respect between the Greatest Generation and its descendants.

I join my Central Coast neighbors and colleagues in recognizing these exemplary individuals. These men and their stories of service are esteemed and cherished by the members of our community.

I extend my deepest gratitude to them for their willingness to share their experiences and for their service and sacrifice on behalf of our country.

**CYBER INTELLIGENCE SHARING AND PROTECTION ACT**

SPEECH OF

**HON. NITA M. LOWEY**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 17, 2013*

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 624) to provide for the sharing of certain cyber threat intelligence and cyber threat information between the intelligence community and cybersecurity entities, and for other purposes:

Mrs. LOWEY. Madam Chair, I rise in reluctant opposition to the bill. It is imperative that Congress take substantial action to bolster cybersecurity. The last major cyber bill to become law was the Federal Information Security Management Act in 2002, which was generations ago in the technology realm.

I would very much like to support legislation that would bolster our defenses and improve information sharing. But CISPA falls short of taking the necessary steps to protect our computer and communications networks.

Public and private sector networks are constantly bombarded by cyber attacks. Instead of

compelling those administering critical infrastructure to share information that would mitigate the consequences of those attacks, the bill sets up a voluntary framework that provides liability protections regardless of whether or not a business or operator of critical infrastructure provides the government with any information. I cannot support a bill that provides immunity to those who fail to take reasonable measures to protect networks.

Additionally, the bill does not require the private sector to remove irrelevant personal information before sharing information with the government and between private businesses. Government agencies receiving information from the private sector should not be given personally identifiable information that is of no security value. Yet, amendments to prevent this practice, which raises serious privacy concerns, were defeated in committee and prevented from being offered on the House floor.

In February, President Obama issued an executive order expanding information-sharing from the Department of Homeland Security and Department of Justice to private sector operators of critical infrastructure. It is important that Congress take action to expand upon the executive order to better protect our networks. Unfortunately, CISPA would not adequately protect our cyber networks, and privacy concerns remain in this legislation.

I look forward to working with my colleagues to advance improved cybersecurity legislation.

IN SPECIAL RECOGNITION OF NIKOLAS WOLFORD ON HIS OFFER OF APPOINTMENT TO ATTEND THE UNITED STATES MILITARY ACADEMY

**HON. ROBERT E. LATTA**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 23, 2013*

Mr. LATTA. Mr. Speaker, it is my great pleasure to pay special tribute to an outstanding student from Ohio's Fifth Congressional District. I am pleased to announce that Nikolas Wolford of Van Wert, Ohio has accepted an offer of appointment to the United States Military Academy in West Point, New York.

Nikolas' offer of appointment poises him to attend the United States Military Academy this fall with the incoming Class of 2017. Attending one of our Nation's military academies not only offers the opportunity to serve our country but also guarantees a world-class education, while placing demands on those who undertake one of the most challenging and rewarding experiences of their lives.

Nikolas brings an enormous amount of leadership, service, and dedication to the incoming Class of 2017. While attending Van Wert High School in Van Wert, Ohio, Nikolas was on the Honor Roll and earned Academic Letters and Scholar Athlete awards each of his 4 years.

Throughout high school, Nikolas was a member of his school's football and basketball

teams and earned varsity letters in both sports. He was also captain of the football team his senior year. In addition, Nikolas was a member of the German Club, Beta Club and Fellowship of Christian Athletes. I am confident that Nikolas will carry the lessons of his student and athletic leadership to the Military Academy.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Nikolas Wolford on the acceptance of his appointment to the United States Military Academy. Our service academies offer the finest military training and education available. I am positive that Nikolas will excel during his career at the Military Academy, and I ask my colleagues to join me in extending their best wishes to him as he begins his service to the Nation.

HONORING JUDITH FRAZIER-THOMPSON

**HON. STENY H. HOYER**

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 23, 2013*

Mr. HOYER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the long and influential career of Judith Frazier-Thompson as she retires after 45 years of Federal service, with 40 of them years spent at the Congressional Research Service.

Judith was born and raised in Washington, D.C., and graduated from Eastern High School in 1967. While in high school, she began her service to the local government working part-time for the District of Columbia Recreation Department. While an undergraduate at Howard University, Judith worked part-time for the Library of Congress, variously as an order clerk, deck attendant and issue desk assistant. During that time she met and came to know the author Alex Haley, who frequently used the Library of Congress for research. After graduating from Howard University in 1973, she accepted a full-time position working for the Congressional Research Service, where she has worked ever since. Judith began pursuing a Masters Degree from the University of Maryland at College Park while rising through the ranks at the Library of Congress, where she was accepted into the CRS Crossover Program.

During her tenure in the Congressional Research Service, Judith has worked closely with the House of Representatives, assisting Members and staff with all manner of tasks. She has worked on the Government and Law Team of the Congressional Research Division, helping various organizations perform research on such issues as voting rights, and campaign finance reform. Through her years of dedication, Judith has been recognized for her work with many awards, including numerous Library of Congress Special Achievement Awards, and a Congressional Research Employees Association Presidential Certificate of Merit.

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Judith plans to retire from her current position as a liaison between the CRS and the House of Representatives on May 3, 2013, and hopes to spend more time with her husband golfing and traveling.

I am honored to pay tribute today to Judith Frazier-Thompson and her long and distinguished career in service to his great Nation. She will be greatly missed on Capitol Hill, and I join in wishing her the best in her retirement.

**PROTECTING ACCESS TO HIGH QUALITY AND COST EFFECTIVE HEALTHCARE SERVICES**

**HON. MARK E. AMODEI**

OF NEVADA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 23, 2013*

Mr. AMODEI. Mr. Speaker, true healthcare reform will lower costs, improve care, provide greater patient choice, and increase access to care for all Americans. Congress missed an opportunity in 2010 to achieve these goals in the extensive legislation enacted by Democrats. As a result, we must go back to the drawing board and consider real options to address the rising costs in our healthcare system. As we pursue these goals, we should look to solutions that have already been effective in reducing costs and meeting the needs of patients.

Skilled home healthcare is one example of the type of effective care that Congress should protect. In 1972, the US Department of Veterans Affairs established the Home Based Primary Care Program (HBPC) in order to meet the needs of its growing population of chronically ill veterans. This program established a novel and creative model of care for the VA's growing population of chronically ill Veterans—providing skilled and high quality care to these patients, and promoting their independence by providing this care to patients in their own homes.

The results of this program have been remarkable. Studies show that this program has provided high quality care and resulted in great satisfaction among patients. What is truly impressive, though, is that this program resulted in a substantial reduction in nursing home stays and hospitalizations for its program participants. The HBPC has achieved a 62 percent reduction in inpatient hospital days and an 88 percent reduction in nursing home days, achieving a 24 percent REDUCTION IN TOTAL COSTS.

I am not aware of any reform to our healthcare system or to Medicare that has ever achieved similar results. We must reform the Medicare program because it is not solvent in its current form, and will reach insolvency by 2024. As we consider reform to the Medicare program, I believe that we should be incentivizing cost-effective and high quality services that show results. I urge my colleagues to look to the success of the HBPC at the Veterans Administration as a possible model for how Medicare can provide high quality care and lower costs.

Forty years of data from the HBPC program proves that many medical treatments that were once offered only in a hospital or a physician's office are now being safely, effectively, and much more cost-efficiently provided in patients' homes. These services are typically

less expensive, more convenient, and as effective as care provided in a hospital or skilled nursing facility. The success of the Home Based Primary Care program at the VA is evidence that skilled home healthcare not only is good for seniors, but also good for taxpayers. Mr. Speaker, skilled home healthcare is an asset that we need to fully utilize in order to further reduce costs in our Nation's healthcare system. As Congress works to improve our healthcare delivery system, we should avoid changes to the Medicare program that would limit patient access to proven and cost effective services like skilled home healthcare.

**RECOGNIZING THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT'S CUESTA COLLEGE**

**HON. LOIS CAPPS**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 23, 2013*

Mrs. CAPPS. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to commemorate the 50th Anniversary of the San Luis Obispo County Community College District's Cuesta College.

On April 16, 1963, the San Luis Obispo Community College District was established by local voters to serve the residents of the Central Coast. Its first classes were provided in 1964, and it became a fully operational campus and was given the name Cuesta College in 1965. Ground was broken for Cuesta's first permanent buildings in 1970, and since that time, the San Luis Obispo campus has flourished into a high-quality, well-equipped and dynamic institution of higher learning.

Cuesta College expanded to include a North County Campus in Paso Robles in 1998 and now offers off-campus evening instruction at its South County Center in Arroyo Grande. In addition to its academic course offerings, Cuesta provides technical, vocational, and continuing education programs to better serve a variety of students throughout the county. Cuesta College now serves more than 11,000 students among all its campuses.

Cuesta College is a source of great pride for San Luis Obispo County and the entire Central Coast. I commend its faculty, administration and other teaching staff for their commitment to excellence and dedication to the students they serve.

Today, I congratulate Cuesta on 50 successful years in providing high-quality educational resources to Central Coast students. I am honored to represent such an esteemed institution and look forward to seeing the important and innovative resources Cuesta will continue to provide to our local students in the years to come.

**HONORING GRADUATING HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS FOR THEIR DECISION TO SERVE THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AS A MEMBER OF THE ARMED FORCES**

**HON. PATRICK MURPHY**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 23, 2013*

Mr. MURPHY of Florida. Mr Speaker, I rise today to honor 117 high school seniors and

members of the JROTC from the Treasure Coast and Palm Beaches for their commendable decision to enlist in the United States Armed Forces. Of these 117 enlistees, 71 are Army enlistees, 12 are Navy enlistees, 21 are Marine Corps enlistees, and 13 are Air Force enlistees. These young men and women have shown bravery and courage in their dedication to defend our country. It is important they know that they have the full support of the United States House of Representatives and the American people. It is the dedication of these individuals which reminds us that though diverse problems may lie ahead, the United States remains a shining example of strength and freedom in an often divided world.

The service of these young men and women must not go unrecognized. I want to personally thank these 117 local graduating seniors for their selflessness and commitment to our Nation by naming them here today: Charles Ballard, Joshua Blair, Colin Cervinsky, Kyle Crouch, Tyler Stone, Christopher Wentz, Johan Yardan, Frank Fuggetta, Mikayla Sulzer, Rodrigo Chong, Ricardo Ortega, Cory Dougherty, Joseph Evens, Robert Oliver, Kalib Perkins, Nathan White, Romahd Holman, Oscar Caceres, Cody Clendenin, Vanessa Dorrington, Miranda Egan, Samuel Hsu, Troy Macmillan, Kyle Schenck, Anthony Tate, Michael Vanderburg, Tyler Wahl, Holsinger Kauffman, Alexander Lugo, Kyle Noel, Colton Picazio, Thomas Burns, Kyle Hale, Christian Lashinsky, John Sawtell, Andrew Schwier, Brittany Block, Irving Cintron, Randy Fernandez, Kevin Gama, Michell Holsinger, Michael Masters, Nicholas Morris, Delgado Ojeda, Anthony Rodriguez, Venezya Synakorn, Ronald Ferreira, Antoinette Johnson, Dyonn Lawrence, Delvaughn Marshall, Christian Prados, Traveon Stewart, Victoria Faulkner, Amanda Parsons, Scarlet Maldonado, Hayde Mickley, Cody Ehrland, Justin Thomas, Sergio Duque, Dominic Gardner, Yesenia Munoz, Audrey Wila, Lion Rojo, Meaghan Parish, Aaron Humyn, Brian Borgman, Joseph Riggio, Helena Thompson, Jairo Herrera, Nathan Smith, Shawn Gaines, Taphawah Thompson, Carlos Cabrera, Andres Chajud, Bradley Harpster, Matthew Cancino, Richard Jean Baptiste, Austin Mena, Matthew Cancino, Dany Salazar, Austin Sullivan, Juan Pepper, Julian Vazquez, Issac Velasquez, Matthew Colson, Kelsey Canapary, Connor John O'Donnell, Bryan Keoskie, Joseph Mazza, Anthony Armeli, Jamie Miller, Elena Jovanov, Shamsiddine El-Nil, Daniel Rubino, Deanne Collins, Yoshpal Harrow, Andrew Mills, Justin Kaufman, James Dixon, Cadlyne Dunhill, David Quintero, Dontrail Durden, Zachary Mccourt, Francisco Bacilio, Shivon Brijnath, Christopher Lopresti, Marcos Pinon, Zachary Porter, Breyer Bullock, Luis Damian, Katrina Williams, Shaklia Housen, Alex Slusher, Aaliyah Jackson, Ameen Sardar, Jason Audette, and Henry Paulk III. All will be recognized on May 9th at the Our Community Salutes event in Palm Beach Gardens.

These young men and women have shown bravery and courage in their dedication to defend our country. It is important they know that they have the full support of the United States House of Representatives and the American people. It is the dedication of these individuals which reminds us that though diverse problems may lie ahead, the United States remains a shining example of strength and freedom in an often divided world.

Mr. Speaker, we owe a debt of gratitude to each and every one of them and to all who defend our freedom by serving in the United States Armed Forces. It is my honor to recognize these young leaders here today.

HONORING THE SERVICE OF HUGH  
M. FLANAGAN

**HON. JIM COSTA**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 23, 2013*

Mr. COSTA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Judge Hugh Michael Flanagan who will retire from the Merced County Superior Court after thirteen years of service. His service and dedication to the people of central California is to be commended.

Judge Flanagan was raised in Fortville, Indiana where he completed his grammar and high school education. He received his Bachelor's degree in Engineering from Purdue University and his Master's degree in Engineering from Michigan State University. Judge Flanagan is also a graduate with distinction from the U.S. Naval War College in Newport, Rhode Island.

While in the United States Navy, Judge Flanagan worked as a Senior Systems Engineer with the Deep Submarine Rescue Vehicle Program and the Omega Navigation System. He completed his career with the United States Navy as a Captain, JAGC, USNR. Following his service in the military, Judge Flanagan earned his law degree from Loyola Law School in Los Angeles. He worked as a lawyer for five years in Los Angeles before opening his private practice law firm in Merced in 1975, which he maintained for 25 years. He was elected to the Merced County Superior Court in 2000, where he was able to continue his lifelong tradition of public service.

Being an active member of his community is something of utmost importance to Judge Flanagan. He is a Past President of the Merced County Bar Association and the Merced Rotary Club and has been active in numerous other civic organizations and fundraising activities. His invaluable service to our community illustrates his helpful nature and commitment to the betterment of Merced County.

In 1962, Judge Flanagan married his beautiful wife, Norma Colegrove Flanagan in Champaign, Illinois. Together, they have four grown, married sons and six grandchildren.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in honoring Judge Hugh Michael Flanagan for his efforts and dedication to the Superior Court of California and the County of Merced. He exemplifies the best of what our nation has to offer and his dedication to justice is truly admirable.

TRASH REDUCTION ACT OF 2013

**HON. JAMES P. MORAN**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 23, 2013*

Mr. MORAN. Mr. Speaker, our 315 million American citizens throw away nearly 496 billion pounds of trash each year, a staggering

amount by any analysis. And a sizable contribution is from disposable items, including plastic and paper bags. That's why today, one day after Earth Day, I am introducing the "Trash Reduction Act of 2013" along with my colleagues Representatives ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON, EARL BLUMENAUER and JOHN GARAMENDI.

The legislation is modeled after the District of Columbia's "bag tax." Five cents would be levied on each disposable paper or plastic bag. Revenue from the tax would support the Land and Water Conservation Fund.

Just how bad is the trash problem? According to the U.S. EPA, the average American throws away about 4.4 pounds of trash each day or 1,600 pounds per year. That's nearly 248 million tons of American garbage each year. To put that in perspective, it's enough trash to fill a football-field-sized hole over 93 miles deep. Or create a similar-sized stack of garbage that reaches low earth orbit. This amount of trash could cover the state of Texas two and a half times or fill enough trash trucks to form a line to the moon.

We consume an estimated 12 million barrels of oil and copious amounts of natural gas annually to make plastic bags that are used once or twice, then tossed into the garbage. The U.S. International Trade Commission reported in 2009 that 102 billion plastic bags were used in the U.S. Much of the oil and natural gas used in those bags comes from foreign countries and it's all non-renewable. Once it's used for plastic bags and thrown away, that energy is gone forever.

Disposable paper bags are no better. In 1999, 14 million trees were cut to produce the 10 billion paper grocery bags used by Americans that year alone. Paper and paperboard products made up 28.5 percent of the municipal waste discarded in 2010—more than any other type of refuse measured by tonnage. According to the Environmental Paper Network, the pulp and paper industry is the fourth largest emitter of greenhouse gases among manufacturing industries, contributing 9 percent of total manufacturing-related carbon dioxide emissions. Most of energy use comes from powering paper mills.

There is no doubt that disposable retail plastic and paper bags are bad for the environment. Both paper and plastic bags consume valuable natural resources, generate profuse waste, and pollute the environment. They keep us dependent on nonrenewable resources like foreign oil and impose burdens that Americans bear in the form of higher garbage costs, visual blight, and the destruction of wildlife. Millions of animals are entangled in or ingest plastic waste. That same waste leaches toxins into the ground and our drinking water.

While recycling efforts should be applauded, recycling rates are dismally low. Only between one and three percent of all plastic bags are recycled, with a slightly higher ten to 15 percent paper-bag-recycling rate. Plus, the recycling process uses energy, water, and generates additional greenhouse gasses.

But we can do something about this gargantuan garbage nightmare. We can reduce the number of bags we use with market-based incentives. Requiring shoppers to internalize the costs of disposable bags has been shown to dramatically reduce their use and substantially increase reusable bag utilization. For example, after placing a fee on plastic bags, Ire-

land reportedly reduced consumption by 90 percent. China, after banning the use of ultra-thin plastic bags, is estimated to have eliminated 40 billion bags in the first year.

Critics have called this a regressive tax that falls on poor communities. This is simply untrue. Wealthy Americans consume substantially more resources and disposable shopping bags than the poor. Additionally, Americans of all incomes can purchase or be given a reusable bag and avoid this fee altogether. Plus, this fee is good for business. Business will be able to recoup their investment of time and effort through a tax credit and profits from reusable bag sales.

One need look no further than the District of Columbia to measure success. In 2009 the District imposed a five-cent tax on plastic bags that led to spectacular reductions in disposable bag use. The number of plastic bags dropped from the 2009 monthly average of 22.5 million to just 3 million per month by the end of 2010. River cleanup volunteers reported over a 60 percent decrease in the volume of plastic bags they collected during cleanup activities—and this was only three months after the fee took effect.

D.C. businesses approve of the fee as well. 78 percent of businesses interviewed report either a positive or neutral impact on their business. People keep shopping and keep buying. 58 percent of D.C. business owners say the law has not affected their sales. And it's those dire predictions of falling sales that were used to scare business owners into opposing the fee. It's one of the many false predictions of bag-fee opponents like the American Chemistry Council.

The public and many elected officials are not always in sync with what we need to do to improve this great country. High-pressure lobbying by powerful chemical interests sometimes stops us from doing what's right. While we can be proud of our environmental achievements and landmark laws, we need to do more to reduce our mountains of trash madness. Nothing is more fitting for this year's Earth Day celebration than helping reduce garbage.

This small disposable bag charge helps people understand that paper and plastic bags are not without cost. They impact the environment, support foreign dictators, and make Everest's of trash. Our bill begins to shift America away from its current disposable culture back to a simpler time when Americans understood the value of reusing what they bought.

IN HONOR OF THE SIXTH GRADE  
CLASS OF LAUREL SPRINGS  
SCHOOL

**HON. ROBERT E. ANDREWS**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 23, 2013*

Mr. ANDREWS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the efforts of the sixth grade class of Laurel Springs School. These students took it upon themselves to honor the centennial of their hometown by writing and performing in a historical play last week.

The sixth graders involved with putting on the play to honor the history of their town are Olivia Baldino, Kejsi Bocaj, William Brandley, Elizabeth Brown, Joelle Burns, Craig Caruso,

Alijah Caul, Hannah Crane, Gabrielle Daniels, Joseph DeBlasio, Madison Dempsey, Leya Erdman, John Fox, Samantha Gross, Zachary Knight, Briana Lucha, Rachel Mai, Jarred Matchett, Joshua Matchett, Hannah McLaughlin, Stephen McLaughlin, Matthew Michielli, Riley Molway, Minas Nicoludis, Anthony Nocito, Briana Novoa, Cain Pipitone, Dominic Rattell, Melanie Schmidt, Alexandra Simber, Gian Sinfuego, Taylor Swan, Christopher Thatcher, Daniel Trantas, Sophia Troilo, and William Waer. The director is Mrs. Lucinda Garvey and the scenes were all hand-painted by Mrs. Kristen Laurenzi and Mrs. Pam Laurenzi.

The students from the class also interviewed Mr. Rich Zimmerman, a longtime resident of Laurel Springs. After gathering information about the town, they wrote their play based on Mr. Zimmerman's knowledge. These exceptional students were very excited to celebrate Laurel Spring's history and to sing happy birthday to the town after the play. The class' efforts to commemorate their town exemplify a strong dedication to learning and an outstanding commitment to their community. I urge them to continue to practice civic engagement and academic curiosity as they grow older.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 300TH ANNIVERSARY OF FATHER JUNIPERO SERRA'S BIRTH

**HON. LOIS CAPPS**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 23, 2013*

Mrs. CAPPS. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to commemorate the 300th anniversary of Father Junipero Serra's birth.

Father Serra was born in Petra, Mallorca, Spain in 1713. After studying theology and being ordained to the Catholic priesthood, Serra left his beloved homeland in Mallorca and journeyed across continents and oceans in order to reach the New World.

Upon Serra's arrival on the West Coast of North America in 1769, he began founding a chain of missions that would eventually stretch from San Diego in the south to Solano in the north. This chain of 21 missions has developed into some of the central cities and towns of modern day California.

In what is now my Congressional district, Father Serra founded Mission San Luis Obispo de Tolosa. Since its establishment in 1772, this small Spanish outpost has grown into the beautiful city of San Luis Obispo.

Today, Father Serra's legacy is still present in San Luis Obispo and throughout California. The cultural and spiritual heritage of Serra continues as an enduring, living tradition and has shaped various aspects of Californian life up to the present day. Indeed, a statue of Father Serra now stands in the United States Capitol's Statuary Hall in Washington, DC, attesting to his profound influence in the shaping of American history.

This week, Palma de Mallorca, Spain will host a festival commemorating the occasion titled "300 años de Junip Serra (300 Years of Junipero Serra)." I send my best wishes for a wonderful celebration as Spain recognizes Father Serra's significant contribution to American and Spanish history and reflects on his cultural and spiritual legacy.

IN HONOR OF KELLOGG MIDDLE SCHOOL FOR THEIR 50TH ANNIVERSARY

**HON. TIMOTHY J. WALZ**

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 23, 2013*

Mr. WALZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Kellogg Middle School in Rochester, Minnesota.

Named after the Honorable Frank Kellogg, a citizen of Rochester who served as Secretary of State under President Coolidge, Kellogg Middle School celebrates its 50th year of existence in 2013.

As a social studies teacher at Mankato West, I know how important it is to develop our next generation of leaders. The shared dedication of teachers, staff, and parents at Kellogg Middle School has produced grade-A education for the past half-century and will continue to nurture students for years to come.

Secretary Kellogg devoted his life to the cause of peace and was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize in 1929. Kellogg Middle School carries on his legacy by teaching students to work together so everyone can achieve their full potential. That's a lesson for us all.

Over the last half century, the Frank B. Kellogg Middle School has instilled its proud tradition of education and excellence into their students today. The Kellogg Middle School is the oldest middle school in Rochester, and remains to this day the choice for students, parents, and teachers alike.

Just as Secretary Kellogg serves as an inspiration for southern Minnesotans, I am confident that Kellogg Middle School provides its graduates with the skills they need to succeed and maybe even one day win a Nobel Prize.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in honoring Kellogg Middle School for its 50 years of service to the students of Rochester.

CELEBRATING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF FT. SHERMAN TOWNSHIP

**HON. RALPH M. HALL**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 23, 2013*

Mr. HALL. Mr. Speaker, I rise to celebrate the establishment of Ft. Sherman Township, a community of about 200 people, and to applaud the efforts of Titus County Historical Preservation Society, Titus County Historical Commission, Bob Sandlin State Park, and Texas Parks and Wildlife Department in working together to protect and preserve the location and rich history of Ft. Sherman.

Established in 1838, Ft. Sherman was the first community in southwest Titus County. It was built by Captain William Stout and members of the Red River Mounted Rangers, who are now considered to be Early Texas Rangers. Ft. Sherman was named in honor of Colonel Sidney Sherman, the Commander of the Left Wing of the Republic of Texas Army at the Battle of San Jacinto. Ft. Sherman's namesake famously originated the Battle Cry, "Remember the Alamo!"

The Fort served many purposes during its early years, functioning as a refuge for fami-

lies against Indian attacks and a resting place for early Texas Ranger units from 1838–1841, a voting place for several elections between 1842 and 1846, and a military waypoint during the War with Mexico in 1846.

Today, I am pleased to join the Titus County Historical Preservation Society and Titus County Historical Commission in honoring the early Texas families and military units for their self-reliance, independence, and role in Ft. Sherman's history. Yesterday, these organizations' efforts to have the Titus Commissioners Court approve a resolution were rewarded, and Saturday, June 8, 2013 has been declared "Fort Sherman Day."

I join my constituents of Titus County in celebrating Historic Ft. Sherman and its founding nearly 175 years ago, and I ask my colleagues to join me in celebrating Titus County's historical preservation efforts of Ft. Sherman.

IN HONOR OF THE DELAWARE COUNTY VETERANS MEMORIAL

**HON. PATRICK MEEHAN**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 23, 2013*

Mr. MEEHAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the Delaware County Veterans Memorial in my home state of Pennsylvania and the tremendous work done by Memorial's Board of Directors and its founding member, Claude de Botton and his daughter, Nicole de Botton Robinson, to make their vision a reality. The memorial, opening to the public next month, is a fitting tribute to the veterans of Delaware County. Engraved in the memorial's columns are the names of the Delaware County men and women who gave their lives in defense of American liberty. Our nation owes a debt of gratitude to its veterans that can never be repaid, but the Delaware County Veterans' Memorial will honor our veterans and ensure their sacrifices will always be remembered by future generations of Delaware County families.

THE IMPORTANCE OF A US-MOROCCAN RELATIONSHIP

**HON. MARIO DIAZ-BALART**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 23, 2013*

Mr. DIAZ-BALART. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to reflect on the importance of US-Morocco bilateral relations—a friendship that has strongly endured for over 225 years because of shared interests and mutual respect. At a time when recent reports suggest that the relationship has come under some strain, we must remember that our relationship with Morocco is more important than ever and it will not be jeopardized. The Maghreb and Sahel are increasingly threatened by instability and insecurity emanating from the terrorist groups operating in Northern Mali and elsewhere, the United States' relationships with key allies in the region becomes all the more important. US-Morocco relations remain strong, based on a shared commitment to promoting peace, security, and human rights throughout North Africa and the wider Middle East. The US

must continue to recognize the importance of this relationship—and strengthen it—as it works to combat terrorism and promote regional cooperation throughout the region.

As a stable, democratizing, and steadfast ally, Morocco has made important achievements over the last decade on issues ranging from security and counterterrorism to economic development, political and social reforms, advancement of human rights, and cross-cultural tolerance and respect. There has always been strong bipartisan support for a strong US–Morocco bilateral relationship in the US Congress and we must continue to support these developments and work with Morocco to address our common interests and shared values concerning the most important issues in the Middle East and North Africa. We have been strong partners, friends, and allies for more than 225 years. That is a unique history that has solidified our strong relations with Morocco since the origins of our nation and one which will certainly endure and strengthen in the future because of the importance both countries place on our partnership.

COMMENDING THE BULLITT FOUNDATION UPON COMPLETION OF THE “GREENEST OFFICE BUILDING ON THE PLANET”

**HON. JIM McDERMOTT**

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 23, 2013*

Mr. McDERMOTT. Mr. Speaker, I would like to commend Denis Hayes and the Bullitt Foundation for developing the world’s most environmentally-friendly and self-sustaining buildings right here in Seattle. The Bullitt Center represents a deep commitment to environmental stewardship and redefines our ideas about sustainable development in dense urban areas. By creating the greenest office building on the planet, you have provided the world an example leading the way to our future. The building is an inspiration and represents a milestone in our efforts to leave a smaller carbon footprint for future generations.

Each aspect of the Bullitt Center was meticulously planned and evaluated with its striking technical aspects. From its rainwater cistern and photovoltaic panels to its energy transparency and 250 year life span, the Bullitt Center is and will remain a marked departure from what has been previously achieved in large-scale architecture.

Your vision reveals the environmental innovation that can be attained and the completion of this building draws attention to the viability for such projects. The Bullitt Foundation’s pledge to construct a complex with so many far-reaching goals in sustainability reflects its hard work, determination and resolve.

The development of the Bullitt Center stands as an example for Seattle, the United States and beyond as a viable solution to our continued efforts to go green and commit to furthered environmentally sound projects. Through your dedication, conviction and perseverance to establish such a groundbreaking commercial workspace you have set a new standard of achievement for environmental sustainability.

HONORING THE LIFE OF EUGENE S. “GENE” CUNY

**HON. RALPH M. HALL**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 23, 2013*

Mr. HALL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Eugene S. “Gene” Cuny Jr., who passed away on February 13, 2013. Gene was a very dear friend of mine, and he was blessed with an exciting life that allowed him to work a variety of fascinating jobs with interesting people. I know he will be missed by all who knew him.

Gene was born in Houston, TX. From an early age, he demonstrated leadership and a strong work ethic. As a youth, Gene achieved the rank of Eagle Scout. After high school, he attended the University of Houston, where he received a bachelor’s degree and graduated with Honors. Upon graduation, he received a scholarship to Colorado State University where he studied theater.

He married his beautiful wife, Charlotte Walsler, and they moved to New York City where Gene performed in the Broadway production of “The Pirate,” featuring actress Lynn Fontanne, in 1942. He also worked as the stage manager at Radio City Music Hall, and studied drama at Yale University as a Rockefeller Foundation fellow. He then went on to teach speech and English at New Haven Junior College in Connecticut.

Following his education and career in theater, Gene returned to Houston, where he worked for an advertisement agency writing copy for radio commercials and soap operas. Cuny went on to work as a general manager for radio stations in Louisiana, and after moving to Dallas in 1951, worked for KRLD–TV (now KDFW). He held the responsibilities of program director, national sales manager, and director of community affairs before he retired after 35 years. He also produced the Dallas press club’s Gridiron Show, a spoof on news events, for many years.

In addition to his successful career, Gene was also an active leader in his community. He was a press club board member, leader of the Dallas Advertising League, and president of the downtown Dallas Exchange Club. He was also a 32nd degree Knight Commander of Court of Honour Mason, a Dallas leader of the Scottish Rite, and a Rotarian, volunteering as a court-appointed special advocate for neglected or abused children. Gene also helped deliver Meals on Wheels all the way into his 90’s.

Gene is also preceded in death by his son Fred, who lost his life when he became deeply involved in international relief work. Fred was the leader of one of the most successful refugee assistance programs in recent decades, working abroad to help literally millions of refugees, whether in Africa, Southeast Asia, Kurdistan, Bosnia, or in Chechnya. Many think Fred was murdered during his effort to support Chechens in their resistance to a Russian attack. His body was never found. Gene is also survived by his wife Charlotte; their sons Chris, Phillip, and Eugene III; as well as eight grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Gene’s verve for life and compassion for others are qualities we should all strive toward. I ask those here today to join me in honoring Eugene S. “Gene” Cuny.

HONORING LUIS DIAZ

**HON. JANICE HAHN**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 23, 2013*

Ms. HAHN. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor Luis “Louie” Diaz, a distinguished labor organizer and community leader, who is receiving the renowned South County “San Foley” 2013 Labor Leader of the Year Award. Raised in San Pedro, Louie at a young age was exposed to the hardworking environment of this port community. Louie became a member of Teamsters Local 692, representing Marine Terminal Operators, and held the positions of Organizer, Business Agent, and Recording Secretary. In 2001, he was elected Vice President of Local 692. He currently serves as Vice President for Local 848.

For the last 23 years, Louie has continued to support his union brothers and sisters by serving as a member of the Board of the Teamsters Hispanic Caucus California Chapter, the National Hispanic Caucus, and the Maritime Trades Department, Southern California Ports Council. He is also the Coordinator of the Los Angeles/Long Beach Harbor Labor Coalition, which conducts one of the largest Labor Day parade and barbecue in the nation.

Louie’s exemplary service to his fellow community and union members has earned him this distinct honor. I am proud to recognize such an accomplished leader.

IN SPECIAL RECOGNITION OF SARA PISARSKI ON HER OFFER OF APPOINTMENT TO ATTEND THE UNITED STATES MERCHANT MARINE ACADEMY

**HON. ROBERT E. LATTA**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 23, 2013*

Mr. LATTA. Mr. Speaker, it is my great pleasure to pay special tribute to an outstanding student from Ohio’s Fifth Congressional District. I am pleased to announce that Sara Pisarski of Bowling Green, Ohio has been offered an appointment to the United States Merchant Marine Academy in Kings Point, New York.

Sara’s offer of appointment poises her to attend the United States Merchant Marine Academy this fall with the incoming Class of 2017. Attending one of our nation’s military academies not only offers the opportunity to serve our country but also guarantees a world-class education, while placing demands on those who undertake one of the most challenging and rewarding experiences of their lives.

Sara brings an enormous amount of leadership, service, and dedication to the incoming Class of 2017. While attending Bowling Green Senior High School in Bowling Green, Ohio, Sara was on the Honor Roll and was a member of the National Honor Society and the National Society of High School Scholars.

Throughout high school, Sara was a member of her school’s basketball team and earned a varsity letter. In addition, Sara was a section leader in the marching band and the symphonic band and was the Lt. Governor of

Ohio's Division 1 District Key Club. I am confident that Sara will carry the lessons of her student and athletic leadership to the Merchant Marine Academy.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Sara Pisarski on the offer of her appointment to the United States Merchant Marine Academy. Our service academies offer the finest military training and education available. I am positive that Sara will excel during her career at the Merchant Marine Academy, and I ask my colleagues to join me in extending their best wishes to her as she begins her service to the Nation.

IN HONOR OF RICHARD DONOHUE

**HON. EDWARD J. MARKEY**

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 23, 2013*

Mr. MARKEY. Mr. Speaker, in the early morning of Friday, April 19, 2013, after a week of searching for suspects in the Boston Marathon bombings, and just hours after an MIT officer had been assassinated, Massachusetts law enforcement spotted and engaged the two brothers who were accused of committing the bombings.

The officers who exchanged fire with the two brothers were met with heavy resistance by the suspects. 200 or more rounds of ammunition are reported to have been fired on the corner of Dexter and Laurel Streets in Woburn, Massachusetts, in my district. The bombers also hurled explosives at the officers, turning a city street into a battlefield.

One officer of the MBTA police force, Richard Donohue, Jr., was struck in the leg during the firefight. He likely did not know then, but his academy classmate and friend, Sean Collier of the MIT police force, was the officer felled by the bombing suspects hours earlier.

Officer Donohue of Woburn in my congressional district raced to help his fellow officers—not a surprise for an officer known as an avid runner and a dedicated public servant. His family notes that his great-great-grandfather even won the Boston Marathon, where Officer Donohue started his week working a shift at this iconic race.

Officer Donohue is currently still in critical condition at Mount Auburn Hospital. His family has been at his side, and a Massachusetts family of citizens remains forever in his debt for putting his life on the line to keep us safe.

OUR UNCONSCIONABLE NATIONAL DEBT

**HON. MIKE COFFMAN**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 23, 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 \$16,787,451,118,147.32. We've added \$6,160,574,069,234.24 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.

HONORING WAYNE BROWN

**HON. JEFF DENHAM**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 23, 2013*

Mr. DENHAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge and honor Mr. Wayne Brown, Superintendent of the Stanislaus Union School District, who is retiring after many years of outstanding service to our community.

Mr. Brown is highly accomplished in the field of education. He worked with staff to raise Stanislaus Union School District's API average to 800, in addition to initiating a full-day Kindergarten program. He developed a long-range Facility Master Plan that included running and successfully passing a bond campaign to include a comprehensive renovation/modernization of Prescott Junior High School. Wayne helped enhance significant technology infrastructure district-wide and pilot "blended" online and interactive programs in both GATE and in an innovative, full-day Independent Study Program. He supported the development of a Performing and Fine Arts Charter School in Monterey County and an Arts and Technology Academy in Stanislaus Union School District. He had the honor of being the Principal of a California Distinguished School and Superintendent of another, Mary Lou Dieterich Elementary. By using the "Caught in the Middle" concepts, he helped plan and collaboratively transition a junior high school into a progressive middle school in Monterey County. He is also a Program Quality Review and WASC Accreditation Trainer, and he is credited with creating the highly successful Middle Schools Consortium in Monterey County.

Wayne Brown has dedicated 37 years of his life to the education community. He was a teacher for 11 years, served the same amount of time as a principal at K–6, 6–8 and 9–12 levels, and 15 years as Superintendent. He served as one of the few consolidated superintendents in California with two separate districts and two school boards at one time. He also served as a Teacher Supervisor and part-time professor for Chapman College, Monterey Campus. After working in Monterey County for 31 years, he tired of temperate weather, magnificent vistas, sunny coast and world class golf courses and relocated to the Central Valley.

Mr. Brown is married to Cathy, who is a special education teacher with Patterson Unified School District; and together, they have four children. He was the first family member to attend college; and now, he officially has the lowest undergraduate GPA of any of the six members in his family.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in honoring and commending the outstanding contributions made to education and the Stanislaus County community by Superintendent Wayne Brown and hereby wish him continued success in his retirement.

IN SPECIAL RECOGNITION OF CALEB LIPSCOMB ON HIS OFFER OF APPOINTMENT TO ATTEND THE UNITED STATES NAVAL ACADEMY

**HON. ROBERT E. LATTA**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 23, 2013*

Mr. LATTA. Mr. Speaker, it is my great pleasure to pay special tribute to an outstanding young man from Ohio's Fifth Congressional District. I am happy to announce that Caleb Lipscomb of Perrysburg, Ohio, has been offered an appointment to attend the United States Naval Academy in Annapolis, Maryland.

Caleb's offer of appointment poises him to attend the United States Naval Academy this fall with the incoming Class of 2017. Attending one of our Nation's military academies is an invaluable experience that offers a world-class education while placing demands on those who undertake one of the most challenging and rewarding experiences of their lives.

Caleb brings an enormous amount of leadership, service, and dedication to the incoming Class of 2017. While attending Perrysburg High School, in Perrysburg, Ohio, Caleb was on the High Honor Roll and was a member of the National Honor Society.

Throughout high school, Caleb was a member of his school's wrestling and football teams and earned varsity letters in both sports. In addition, Caleb participated in several mission trips in Ohio and West Virginia and served as Master Counselor for Demolay International. I am confident that Caleb will carry the lessons of his student and athletic leadership to the Naval Academy.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Caleb Lipscomb on the acceptance of his appointment to the United States Naval Academy. Our service academies offer the finest military training and education available. I am positive that Caleb will excel during his career at the Naval Academy and I ask my colleagues to join me in extending their best wishes to him as he begins his service to the Nation.

HONORING THE LIFE OF RUBY MOORE

**HON. RALPH M. HALL**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 23, 2013*

Mr. HALL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Ruby Moore, who passed away on April 10, 2013. Ruby was a wonderful, kind woman, and a very dear friend of mine. I know she will be greatly missed by her family and by all those who knew her.

Ruby Thomas was born on February 21, 1920 in Bonham, TX. She was married to Choice Moore on December 27, 1950. Ruby worked for 20 plus years as a dental assistant for the Sam Rayburn Medical Veterans Center, and also served on the Fannin Bank Board, on which her husband was a founding member. For 28 years while Choice served as Fannin County Judge, Ruby served as the first lady of Fannin County. She was also a member of the Texas Society of County Judges

Wives, and a member of the Windom Book Club and the First Baptist Church of Windom. I served as County Judge of Rockwall County when Choice served as such in Fannin County. Our wives were friends—both beautiful, kind, and supportive—and as first ladies of our counties they graced the many meetings of the Texas County Judges and Commissioners Association held throughout the 254 counties in Texas. During the time we served, our Congressman, Speaker Sam Rayburn, befriended us and our counties. I have never known a finer judge, and will always remember his mate, the beautiful Ruby Thomas Moore.

Ruby is preceded in her death by her husband, her parents, and three brothers and a sister. Her absence will be felt throughout the community, but her service will not be forgotten. As we adjourn today, let us do so in honor of the life of Ruby Moore.

HONORING SAM E. ROACH FOR HIS DEDICATED SERVICE TO COLLIN COLLEGE

**HON. SAM JOHNSON**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 23, 2013*

Mr. SAM JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor my personal friend and esteemed community leader, Mr. Sam E. Roach on his lasting impact on the educational community in Collin County. For the past 21 years, Sam Roach has faithfully served on the Collin College Board of Trustees where he acted as chairman for three terms. Under his leadership, Collin College has experienced historic expansion with an increase in enrollment of nearly 32,000 students each year. He was instrumental in developing the core values and mission statement for the college while simultaneously creating a new master plan for expansion. During his service, he also helped to launch the university pre-admission program as well as work to secure the largest gift from an individual donor in Collin College history. Needless to say, Sam Roach has been a powerful force and an influential leader in education and our community as a whole.

In addition to his incredible accomplishments as chairman of the Board of Trustees, Mr. Roach chaired Board committees for Budget & Finance, Campus Facilities & Construction, and served as the Board's representative for Frisco TIF #2. Not only has he tirelessly committed his hard work and time to the college, he also has consistently and generously donated his finances to endowed scholarships for students, giving more students an opportunity of a bright future.

Mr. Roach's commitment to education has not just been for the past 21 years, but has been a lifetime of dedication. As a Frisco native, he graduated valedictorian of Frisco High School and continued on to receive an engineering degree from The University of Texas at Austin. Later, he became president of the Frisco Independent School District Board, chair of the Frisco Economic Development Corporation, and a member of the Frisco Chamber of Commerce. Words simply cannot express Mr. Roach's incredible impact and influence. Not only does he possess great vision,

but he possesses great commitment. He sees the potential in America's youth today and actively empowers them. He encourages the growth of young minds, the exploration of new ideas by providing the resources for students to accomplish their goals. More than just a dedicated board member, he is an advocate for students to become the people they aspire to be.

Thank you, Mr. Sam E. Roach, for your tireless efforts on behalf of the students of Collin County. Although your presence on the Board of Collin College will be dearly missed, your legacy lives on. It is a pleasure to know you and call you my friend. I wish you the very best in the years to come. God bless you.

IN MEMORY OF SEAN COLLIER

**HON. EDWARD J. MARKEY**

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 23, 2013*

Mr. MARKEY. Mr. Speaker, in the seconds, hours, and days following the Boston Marathon bombings, Massachusetts and the nation witnessed the courage, dedication, and sacrifice of law enforcement officers and other first responders.

One officer, Sean Collier of Wilmington, Massachusetts, gave his life, the ultimate sacrifice, during this ordeal. Sean was an outstanding officer of the MIT police force on his way to a position on the Somerville police force.

Officer Collier was on his regular shift, protecting the students at MIT, when he was assassinated by two twisted individuals as Officer Collier sat in his police cruiser.

We mourn his loss, along with his family, the MIT community, Massachusetts, and Americans everywhere.

Officer Collier was known by his family, friends, and co-workers as a generous, kind, and dedicated individual and officer. His friends say he was always armed with a sense of humor, and his roommate who trained with him at the academy said his only fault was that he was too brave.

Officer Collier represents the best of Massachusetts and of law enforcement. We honor his memory and know that his life of service and sacrifice will never be forgotten by Massachusetts or the nation.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. JUDY CHU**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 23, 2013*

Ms. CHU. Mr. Speaker, on Thursday, April 18, I was unavoidably detained due to a meeting with constituents from my district. Had I been present on the House floor, I would have voted "aye" on rollcall No. 116, the motion to recommit H.R. 624, the Cyber Intelligence Sharing and Protection Act, to the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence.

HONORING THE LIFE OF REV. HERMAN C. MCCRAY

**HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 23, 2013*

Mr. HASTINGS of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay to tribute the life of the Rev. Herman C. McCray, who died on April 16, 2013, at the age of 72. Rev. McCray was a resident of Riviera Beach, Florida and a 1959 graduate of Roosevelt High School. He was a civil rights leader and founder of McCray's Backyard BBQ. Additionally, he was a veteran of the United States Air Force, and an assistant pastor at Greater Bethel Primitive Baptist Church in Riviera Beach.

Education was very important to Rev. McCray. He worked very hard to try to prevent the closing of Roosevelt High School in 1970, when it became a Middle School.

Rev. McCray will be remembered by his friends and family as "a good talker and a good listener," and someone who "wanted everyone treated equally." Furthermore, in 2010, the bridge on Congress Avenue that connects Riviera Beach to West Palm Beach was dedicated in his honor.

Mr. Speaker, Rev. McCray was truly loved by his family and friends. He is survived by his wife, Lillian, a retired schoolteacher, his sons, Derrick McCray, Sr., Demetrius McCray and Herman McCray III and a sister, Cynthia Morrow.

He is somebody who loved his community, and fought all of his life for the betterment of humanity. Rev. McCray was a great friend to me, and will be dearly missed.

HONORING DR. JOHN WELTY

**HON. JIM COSTA**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 23, 2013*

Mr. COSTA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today along with my colleague Mr. NUNES to recognize Dr. John Welty as he is honored for his nearly 22 years of service as President at California State University, Fresno (Fresno State). His hard work and dedication on behalf of the students, staff, and faculty must be commended.

John Welty grew up on a small farm in North Central Illinois. From a young age, his parents always stressed the importance of education and literacy. Tragically, when John was only ten years old, his father passed away. As the eldest of six children, he strived to make his father and the rest of his family proud, so his studies became a top priority.

In 1965, John became the first person in his family to graduate from college with a bachelor's in Social Science from Western Illinois University, Macomb. John continued his education at Michigan State University by obtaining his master's in College Student Personnel Services, and in 1974, Mr. Welty became Dr. Welty when he graduated from Indiana University, Bloomington, with a doctorate in Administration of Higher Education.

Prior to his tenure at Fresno State, Dr. Welty held several other positions in university administration. He was an Admissions Counselor at Michigan State University and Assistant Vice President for Student Affairs at

Southwest State University. Dr. Welty also served at the State University of New York as Director of Residences, Associate Dean for Student Affairs, and Assistant Professor of Counseling and Student Development. Additionally, he served as Vice President for Student and University Affairs at the Indiana University of Pennsylvania, and subsequently served as the President for seven years. Dr. Welty's many years of experience and expertise prepared him well to serve as President at Fresno State.

To say that Dr. Welty made a difference around the Fresno State campus is a vast understatement. With the help of faculty and staff, he truly changed Fresno State for the better, and we must express our gratitude for all of his efforts. In the last 22 years, Dr. Welty has increased enrollment, and each year reduced the number of students that drop out. The university currently offers 62 bachelor degrees, 45 master degrees, and three doctoral subject areas. Students from all over the nation are drawn to Fresno State for a number of reasons, including the Smittcamp Family Honors College within the university, an honors program created with Dr. Welty at the helm.

Dr. Welty's leadership ensured that students of all cultures and socio-economic backgrounds knew that there was a place for them at Fresno State—by doing this he served as a catalyst for the success of our Valley and the enrichment of the university environment. Two-thirds of the students enrolled at Fresno State will be the first in their family to graduate from college. Furthermore, Women's athletics and women's intercollegiate sports program have grown and flourished under Dr. Welty's time as university president. His legacy at Fresno State will live on for years to come because of his commitment to student success.

Additionally, several institutes and centers at Fresno State have been created during Dr. Welty's tenure, including the Lyles Center for Innovation and Entrepreneurship, the Central Valley Educational Leadership Institute, the Central Valley Health Policy Institute, and the Maddy Institute. These centers provide students with imperative resources and knowledge in their respective fields.

With Dr. Welty and dedicated staff at the helm, the university received private gifts totaling more than \$360 million which supported innovative programs, scholarships, faculty chairs, and research facilities. The Campaign for Fresno State surpassed its goal and raised \$214.2 million to help offset declining state resources.

In addition to all of his successes at Fresno State, Dr. Welty has accomplished many feats within the California State University, CSU, System, and he has served in various capacities to help in educational improvements nationwide. He is the former chair of the Western Association of Schools and Colleges senior accrediting commission, and former chair of the American Association of State Colleges and Universities board.

Dr. Welty has previously served on advisory groups to the United State Departments of Agriculture and Education, and formerly chaired the Renaissance Group, a national organization of universities dedicated to improved teacher education programs. Dr. Welty is also the current Chair of the Cal State Online Advisory Board, as well as the CSU Gender Equity Monitoring Committee. Furthermore, he has

worked diligently on a nationwide effort to reduce substance abuse and improve prevention on college campuses.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join Mr. NUNES and myself in recognizing Dr. John Welty for his great service and commitment to Fresno State and its surrounding community. As a Fresno State alumnus, I am extremely proud of the accomplishments that have been made under Dr. Welty's guidance, and I thank him for his many contributions toward improving California State University, Fresno.

CONGRATULATING THE TELACU  
EDUCATION FOUNDATION ON  
THEIR 30TH ANNIVERSARY

**HON. LUCILLE ROYBAL-ALLARD**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 23, 2013*

Ms. ROYBAL-ALLARD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the TELACU Education Foundation, a non-profit organization based in my 40th Congressional District, on the celebration of their 30th anniversary.

TELACU, which stands for The East Los Angeles Community Union, is a pioneer in empowering and revitalizing communities in our great state of California and throughout our nation. In response to crisis-level dropout rates for Latino students in college, TELACU created the TELACU Education Foundation 25 years ago. Working in partnership with a vast network of colleges, universities, corporations and individuals, the TELACU Education Foundation has awarded millions of dollars in scholarships to thousands of deserving students.

As the centerpiece of the foundation, the TELACU Scholarship Program annually provides scholarships to 500 college and graduate students who are the first in their families to access higher education. Realizing that financial resources alone cannot fully meet these students' needs, the program provides the scholars with comprehensive academic and career guidance to ensure that all of them graduate.

The foundation also serves an additional 1,600 middle and high school students, nursing school students, and veterans. Through comprehensive educational programs, these scholars are not only inspired to pursue higher education, but are also equipped to meet the rigorous expectations of college. As a result, 100 percent of TELACU's high school students earn their high school diploma and continue on to pursue post-secondary education and 100 percent of the TELACU college students graduate.

TELACU scholars are recruited from the poorest neighborhoods of Southern California, Chicago, Texas, and New York. In many of these neighborhoods, young African Americans and Latinos are more likely to have been arrested by their 18th birthday than to graduate high school. Yet TELACU scholars have proven year after year—no matter where you were born, the color of your skin, or what language you speak at home—if you study and work hard, you can become anything you want to be in our great United States of America.

And hard work and study are exactly what TELACU scholars do. Scholars like Irma Gorrocino have utilized the benefits of the

TELACU Education Foundation scholarship and the resources provided. She has served on the dean's list for two consecutive semesters while managing to work full-time and tending to the needs of her father, who was recently diagnosed with multiple myeloma. She is also an outstanding intern in my district office in California.

Mr. Speaker, on the occasion of the TELACU Education Foundation's 30th Anniversary, I ask my colleagues to please join me in recognizing David and Priscilla Lizárraga for their exemplary leadership and commendable efforts to empower our young people and our communities, and wish them and the TELACU Education Foundation many years of continued success ahead. I also thank Irma and all of the TELACU scholars for their hard work and contributions to our community.

IN SPECIAL RECOGNITION OF JOSEPH PRITTS ON HIS OFFERS OF APPOINTMENT TO ATTEND THE UNITED STATES MILITARY ACADEMY AND THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE ACADEMY

**HON. ROBERT E. LATTA**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 23, 2013*

Mr. LATTA. Mr. Speaker, it is my great pleasure to pay special tribute to an outstanding student from Ohio's Fifth Congressional District. I am pleased to announce that Joseph Pritts of Cygnet, Ohio has been offered appointments to the United States Military Academy in West Point, New York and the United States Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, Colorado. Joseph has accepted the offer to attend the United States Military Academy in West Point, New York.

Joseph's offer of appointment poises him to attend the United States Military Academy this fall with the incoming Class of 2017. Attending one of our nation's military academies not only offers the opportunity to serve our country but also guarantees a world-class education, while placing demands on those who undertake one of the most challenging and rewarding experiences of their lives.

Joseph brings an enormous amount of leadership, service, and dedication to the incoming Class of 2017. While attending Elmwood High School in Bloomdale, Ohio, Joseph was on the Honor Roll and was President of the National Honor Society his senior year.

Throughout high school, Joseph was active in gymnastics and his school's track and field and golf teams and earning varsity letters for each sport. In addition, Joseph was Secretary of Student Council and a member of the Spanish Club. I am confident that Joseph will carry the lessons of his student and athletic leadership to the Military Academy.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Joseph Pritts on the acceptance of his appointment to the United States Military Academy. Our service academies offer the finest military training and education available. I am positive that Joseph will excel during his career at the Military Academy, and I ask my colleagues to join me in extending their best wishes to him as he begins his service to the Nation.

HONORING 11 RESIDENTS OF BROWARD COUNTY SELECTED FOR THE BROWARD SENIOR HALL OF FAME

**HON. THEODORE E. DEUTCH**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 23, 2013*

Mr. DEUTCH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of 11 outstanding seniors from my district that have been selected to be part of the Broward Senior Hall of Fame. Through the generous donation of their time and resources, these exemplary seniors have displayed a level of commitment to public service that can be admired by all.

The Aging and Disability Resource Center of Broward County offers this annual distinction to seniors who have dedicated themselves to improving their community in South Florida. From ordinary citizens and businesspeople to public servants and advocates, they have gone above and beyond to serve both the elderly and those in need. The amount of time, money, and effort these individuals have expended for the betterment of their community is truly admirable and exhibits a level of passion worthy of recognition.

Congratulations to Judge Arthur Birken, Florida Representative Gwyndolen Clarke-Reed, Josephine D'Espies, Pauline Grant, William Giroux, Sandra Harris, Dr. Robert Levy, June and John McCarthy, John Primeau, and Margaret Reilly on their election to the 2013 Senior Hall of Fame. I hope that by honoring them they can continue to inspire South Floridians to live by their example.

HONORING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE TRANE COMPANY

**HON. BETTY MCCOLLUM**

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 23, 2013*

Ms. MCCOLLUM. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to pay tribute to the 100th anniversary of the Trane Company. Trane is an innovative global leader in the area of heating and air conditioning systems and employs over 29,000 in over 400 locations, including 300 employees in White Bear Lake, Minnesota.

A true American success story, Trane was started by Norwegian immigrant, James Trane. After working some time as a plumber and steamfitter, James opened a plumbing shop in 1885 in La Crosse, Wisconsin. He drew inspiration from the cold winters and invented a new low-pressure heating system named the Trane Vapor Heating System. His son Reuben was born the next year. Following Reuben's completion of a degree in mechanical engineering in 1910, father and son went into business together in 1913 and incorporated the Trane Company. Reuben Trane's invention of the convector radiator in 1923 is what cemented Trane as an innovator and paved the way for the company's success in the years to come.

As many are aware, Midwest summers can be as hot as our winters are cold. Therefore, it was fitting that in 1931, the Trane Company pioneered air conditioning technology to give people relief from the from blistering summer

heat. The company further revolutionized the concept of air conditioning in large buildings with the 1938 launch of the Turbovac, the first hermetic, centrifugal refrigeration machine. This model paved the way for the CenTraVac®, a revolutionary technology which has become the industry standard for large commercial air conditioning systems and the most energy efficient of its kind. Trane continued to grow with the acquisition of Sentinel Electronics in the 1970s, entering into the building automation and management field. This allowed the company to be the first to offer integrated controls for all their products. In 1984, Trane was able to acquire General Electric's Central Air Conditioning Division and continue its success into the area of residential air conditioning.

Trane's 100 years of groundbreaking work has not only generated quality heat and cooling systems, but created a brand that is renowned for superior quality and excellent customer service. Trane is equally committed to pursuing energy efficiency and has been recognized by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency as the "Best of the Best" in commercial air conditioning systems.

Mr. Speaker, many people both inside and outside the industry are aware of the Trane company motto, "It's hard to stop a Trane." In honor of the thousands of employees who have built Trane from a small family plumbing company to a century old global leader in high efficiency and innovative technology in the heating and cooling industry, I am pleased to submit this statement.

HONORING DR. JOHN HALVERSON

**HON. JEFF DENHAM**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 23, 2013*

Mr. DENHAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge and honor Dr. John Halverson, Superintendent of the Sylvan Union School District, who is retiring after many years of outstanding service to our community.

Dr. Halverson began his teaching career in Bangor, California, in 1977, after serving his country in the United States Army. In 1980, he was promoted to Superintendent/Principal at Bangor Union Elementary School District—a position he held for 5 years. In 1985, he moved to Jackson, California, and was appointed as Assistant Superintendent, Educational Services at Amador County Unified School District in 1988. In 1994, he was appointed Superintendent of the Nevada City School District. Dr. Halverson came to Stanislaus County in 2003, where he will be concluding his career at Sylvan Union School District after 10 years as Superintendent.

Dr. John Halverson was integral in the implementation of middle schools for Amador County Unified School District. He was also behind the establishment of the 1994 Charter in Nevada City—the School of the Arts. He oversaw construction of three new schools in the Sylvan Union School District and was at the helm of seeing the 2006 passage of Measure A, a school bond for modernizing projects. For the last 24 years, Dr. Halverson has overseen fiscal stability in three school districts as Superintendent.

Over the years, Dr. Halverson has been recognized with many awards including 1997 Ne-

vada County Charter Superintendent of the Year and 2001 Nevada County Administrator of the Year. In 2013, the Stanislaus County Chapter of the California Teachers Association recognized him with a CTA School Bell Award. In addition, he volunteers with many organizations including the Boys and Girls Club of Modesto, Amador County Arts Council, 49er Breakfast Rotary Club, and the Nevada City Chamber of Commerce.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in honoring and commending Dr. John Halverson, Sylvan Union School District Superintendent, for his numerous years of selfless service to the betterment our community.

HONORING THE EASTERN IOWA HONOR FLIGHT

**HON. DAVID LOEBSACK**

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 23, 2013*

Mr. LOEBSACK. Mr. Speaker, today, over eighty Iowa World War II and Korean War veterans will travel to our nation's capital. Accompanied by volunteer guardians, they will visit the monuments that were built in their honor.

For many, today will be the first time they will see the National World War II Memorial and the Korean War Veterans Memorial. I am deeply honored to join them for their visit to the National World War II Memorial to personally thank these heroes for their service to our nation and to pay tribute to the incredible sacrifice that they made for our country.

We owe these heroes a debt of gratitude. As a reminder of the service and sacrifice of the Greatest Generation, I am proud to have a piece of marble in my office from the quarry that was used to build the World War II Memorial. Our World War II and Korean War veterans rose to defend not just our nation, but the freedoms, democracy, and values that make our country the greatest nation on earth. They did so as one people and one country. Their sacrifices and determination in the face of great threats to our way of life are both humbling and inspiring.

The sheer magnitude of what the Greatest Generation accomplished, not just in war but in the peace that followed, continues to inspire us today. Their generation and our country did not seek to be tested both abroad by a war that fundamentally challenged our way of life and at home by the Great Depression and the rebuilding of our economy that followed. But, when called upon to do so, the Greatest Generation defended and then rebuilt our nation to make it even stronger. Their patriotism, service, and sacrifice not only defined their generation—they stand as a testament to the fortitude of our nation and the American people. Their legacy endures today.

I am tremendously proud to welcome the Eastern Iowa Honor Flight and Iowa's veterans of the Second World War and the Korean War to our nation's capital today. On behalf of every Iowan I represent, I thank them for their service to our country.

RAYANNA ANDERSON AND THE  
SMALL BUSINESS AND TECH-  
NOLOGY DEVELOPMENT CENTER

**HON. BILLY LONG**

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 23, 2013*

Mr. LONG. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor Rayanna Anderson for her service as Director of the Small Business and Technology Development Center, SBTDC, at Missouri State University.

Throughout her tenure as the SBTDC director at Missouri State University, Rayanna and her staff have consulted with over 605 small businesses and helped business owners obtain over \$54 million in financing and investments. Their efforts towards helping small businesses have had a profound economic impact for Southwest Missouri. In 2009 alone, the SBTDC helped 170 local small businesses retain or create over 1,500 jobs while boosting sales by over \$21 million.

To recognize these achievements, the U.S. Small Business Administration recently awarded the SBTDC at Missouri State University its Region VII Small Business Development Center Excellence and Innovation Award, an honor that this center certainly merits.

SBTDC programs fulfill a vital role in our economy by fostering small business growth, which provides most jobs in America. The start-up and growth of small businesses is a crucial component of our economy's success because roughly 60 percent of all jobs in America are provided by small businesses. They are also a key source of innovation and creation, measures that further enhance economic growth. For people who are new to business, assistance with funding or receiving sound advice can be invaluable in making a business succeed.

The SBTDC at Missouri State University plays an important role for Southwest Missouri businesses, and Rayanna Anderson's leadership has been outstanding. I am proud of her, her staff, and of the center's accomplishments, and I urge my colleagues to join me in recognizing her for her outstanding efforts.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. GEORGE HOLDING**

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 23, 2013*

Mr. HOLDING. Mr. Speaker, from April 16, 2013, through April 18, 2013, I missed rollcall vote numbers 106–117 as I was in London as part of the official delegation representing the U.S. House of Representatives at the funeral of Baroness Margaret Thatcher.

Had I been present, I would have voted as follows:

Rollcall No. 106: “yea” (On Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass, as Amended—Federal Information Security Amendments Act of 2013); rollcall No. 107: “yea” (On Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass, as Amended—Cybersecurity Enhancement Act of 2013); rollcall No. 108: “yea” (On Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass, as Amended—Advancing America's Networking and Information Technology Research and Development Act of

2013); rollcall No. 109: “yea” (On Agreeing to the Resolution—Providing for consideration of H.R. 624, the Cyber Intelligence Sharing and Protection Act); rollcall No. 110: “yea” (On Agreeing to the Amendment Rogers of Michigan Amendment No. 1); rollcall No. 111: “yea” (On Agreeing to the Amendment Connolly of Virginia Amendment No. 2); rollcall No. 112: “yea” (On Agreeing to the Amendment Langevin of Rhode Island Amendment No. 4); rollcall No. 113: “yea” (On Agreeing to the Amendment Sinema of Arizona Amendment No. 7); rollcall No. 114: “yea” (On Agreeing to the Amendment LaMalfa of California Amendment No. 9); rollcall No. 115: “yea” (On Agreeing to the Amendment McCaul of Texas Amendment); rollcall No. 116: “nay” (On Motion to Recommit with Instructions—Cyber Intelligence Sharing and Protection Act); rollcall No. 117: “yea” (On Passage—Cyber Intelligence Sharing and Protection Act).

IN SPECIAL RECOGNITION OF  
RYAN ROTH ON HIS OFFER OF  
APPOINTMENT TO ATTEND THE  
UNITED STATES MILITARY  
ACADEMY

**HON. ROBERT E. LATTA**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 23, 2013*

Mr. LATTA. Mr. Speaker, it is my great pleasure to pay special tribute to an outstanding young man from Ohio's Fifth Congressional District. I am happy to announce that Ryan Roth of Perrysburg, Ohio has been offered an appointment to attend the United States Military Academy in West Point, New York.

Ryan's offer of appointment poises him to attend the United States Military Academy this fall with the incoming Class of 2017. Attending one of our Nation's military academies is an invaluable experience that offers a world-class education while placing demands on those who undertake one of the most challenging and rewarding experiences of their lives.

Ryan brings an enormous amount of leadership, service, and dedication to the incoming Class of 2017. While attending Perrysburg High School, in Perrysburg, Ohio, Ryan was on the High Honor Roll and was a member of the National Honor Society.

Throughout high school, Ryan was a member of his school's wrestling and football teams and earned varsity letters in both sports. During Ryan's senior year, he was the team captain of the wrestling team and a student council representative. I am confident that Ryan will carry the lessons of his student and athletic leadership to the Military Academy.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Ryan Roth on the acceptance of his appointment to the United States Military Academy. Our service academies offer the finest military training and education available. I am positive that Ryan will excel during his career at the Military Academy and I ask my colleagues to join me in extending their best wishes to him as he begins his service to the Nation.

TRIBUTE TO ROYDA KIMBALL

**HON. MIKE COFFMAN**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 23, 2013*

Mr. COFFMAN. Mr. Speaker, I am honored to pay tribute to Royda Kimball, as she retires as the Chief Assignable for the Colorado State Senate, after 33 years of dedicated public service to the State of Colorado.

Royda served under six Colorado governors, starting with John Vanderhoof in 1974 and finishing with John Hickenlooper in 2012. She worked with nine Senate presidents, from Fred Anderson to Brandon Schaffer. She has helped, cajoled, and tutored literally hundreds of Colorado state senators, including me.

Royda was a tireless and dedicated state worker. In March of 2003, she suffered a heart attack and was back at work in a week. In March of 2004, she was diagnosed with cancer, underwent surgery, and was back on the job nine days later.

Royda Kimball exemplifies what it means to be a true public servant. Colorado citizens—not just elected state officials—benefited from her expertise and her professionalism. She kept the wheels of the Colorado State Senate moving for a third of a century. She is truly irreplaceable and her dedicated service will not be forgotten. She will be missed by many at the State Capitol, but we are fortunate to still have her on hand as a dear friend.

IN RECOGNITION OF TOMMY  
LEONARD

**HON. WILLIAM R. KEATING**

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 23, 2013*

Mr. KEATING. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Mr. Tommy Leonard on receiving the esteemed Heritage Award from the Falmouth Historical Society. The award commemorates Mr. Leonard's 40 years as a community leader through his athletic and charitable endeavors.

Falmouth's famous Great American Road Race was born from Mr. Leonard's love of running and community. The original idea for Falmouth's marquee event came to Mr. Leonard in 1972 when he was working as a bartender. As a long-time runner and unabashed fan of the sport, Mr. Leonard was enthralled by the efforts of Frank Shorter, the first American to win the Olympic Marathon in over 60 years. On that day in 1972, Mr. Shorter's historic effort in the Munich Olympics inspired Mr. Leonard to create a new tradition on Cape Cod. With assistance from Falmouth's track coach, John Carroll, and its recreation director, Rich Sherman, Mr. Leonard organized the town's first summer road race in 1973. Interest in the race grew, attracting such stars as “Boston” Billy Rodgers in 1974 and Frank Shorter himself in 1975. Today, Falmouth is considered one of the top races in the country and featured over 10,000 runners in 2011.

Mr. Leonard continued to organize Falmouth's annual race, while shepherding kindred events in Nantucket, Holyoke, and Westfield, Massachusetts. The 20-time Boston Marathon participant is renowned for his generous

spirit, tirelessly working to bring joy or aid to others. As a bartender at the beloved Eliot Lounge in Boston, Mr. Leonard maintained an emergency fund to assist members of the community in need. In 1991, he co-founded the annual Falmouth Walk, which raised \$28,000 for local charities in 2011 alone. Each November, Mr. Leonard has sought to honor his fellow veterans by commemorating the Marine Corps' birthday with a reception at his restaurant. Over the years, Mr. Leonard has dedicated himself to countless charitable causes.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to honor Mr. Tommy Leonard for his outstanding contributions to the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. His passion has made a lasting impact on the Falmouth community, forging bonds between residents and attracting visitors from across the globe. I ask that you join me in thanking Mr. Leonard for a lifetime of service and advocacy.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. YVETTE D. CLARKE**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 23, 2013*

Ms. CLARKE. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably detained in my district and missed the votes on Monday, April 15, 2013.

Had I been present, I would have voted "yea" on rollcall No. 103, H.R. 1162—GAO Improvement Act, "yea" on rollcall No. 104, H.R. 882—The Contracting and Tax Accountability Act of 2013 and "no" on rollcall No. 105, H.R. 249—Federal Employee Tax Accountability Act.

TRIBUTE TO THE TIBBITS OPERA HOUSE

**HON. TIM WALBERG**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 23, 2013*

Mr. WALBERG. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Tibbits Opera House in Coldwater, Michigan, a cultural icon in my district that has excelled in arts and entertainment for 130 years. Having recently completed a stunning restoration of the building's facade, the community will be holding a celebration this weekend to dedicate the restoration and tell the story of the people that preserved it.

Built in 1882, Tibbits is the second oldest operating theater in Michigan. The 499 seat venue operates year round, enriching the area with professional and community theater programs, community events, concerts and youth theater productions. Strategically located on the primary thoroughfare between Chicago and Detroit, it has hosted many notable performers and acts over the years, ranging from P.T. Barnum and John Philip Sousa to Mickey Rooney and Jeff Daniels. From early vaudeville performances to a spell as a movie house, Tibbits has served as the cultural center of the area.

As early as the 1950s, locals recognized the need to safeguard this treasure for future generations and formed a group committed to the preservation of the theater. After falling into

disrepair and facing the threat of demolition, a group raised funds to pay off owed taxes. Further updates and improvements have taken place over the years, the most impressive being the authentic restoration of the building's facade. Using photographic and field evidence, craftsmen meticulously restored the theater to its original French Second Empire design using locally selected materials. The effort has certainly paid off, earning a 2013 Governor's Award for Historic Preservation. But even more important than the accolades, the project ignited an enthusiasm among the residents, businesses and other area organizations, who gave of their time and finances to support the restoration. The renewed sense of pride displayed by the community has been apparent, and I'm heartened by their appreciation for the past and hard work to ensure its preservation for future generations.

Today, Tibbits Opera House continues to be a landmark that has drawn visitors to Coldwater for many generations and I suspect, Mr. Speaker, will continue to do so. With an annual attendance of nearly 30,000, there is rarely an evening when the stage is not in use. I commend my colleagues to take a trip to Coldwater if ever possible and enjoy a show, and I look forward to joining the Tibbits community at this weekend's festivities to celebrate this testament to preservation.

IN SPECIAL RECOGNITION OF JAMES SMITH ON HIS OFFER OF APPOINTMENT TO ATTEND THE UNITED STATES NAVAL ACADEMY

**HON. ROBERT E. LATTA**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 23, 2013*

Mr. LATTA. Mr. Speaker, it is my great pleasure to pay special tribute to an outstanding student from Ohio's Fifth Congressional District. I am pleased to announce that James Smith of Walbridge, Ohio has been offered an appointment to the United States Naval Academy at Annapolis, Maryland.

James' offer of appointment poises him to attend the United States Naval Academy this fall with the incoming midshipmen Class of 2017. Attending one of our Nation's military academies not only offers the opportunity to serve our country but also guarantees a world-class education, while placing demands on those who undertake one of the most challenging and rewarding experiences of their lives.

James brings an enormous amount of leadership, service, and dedication to the incoming Class of 2017. While attending St. Francis De Sales High School in Toledo, Ohio, James was on the President's List, recognized as a Student of Excellence, and was a member of the National Honor Society.

Throughout high school, James was a member of his school's wrestling and crew teams and earned varsity letters in both sports. In addition, James participated in the 2012 Model United Nations and the 4.5 Poverty Immersion Experience. I am confident that James will carry the lessons of his student and athletic leadership to the Naval Academy.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating James Smith on the accept-

ance of his appointment to the United States Naval Academy. Our service academies offer the finest military training and education available. I am positive that James will excel during his career at the Naval Academy, and I ask my colleagues to join me in extending their best wishes to him as he begins his service to the Nation.

HONORING ROBERT EARL HOLDING

**HON. MICHAEL K. SIMPSON**

OF IDAHO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 23, 2013*

Mr. SIMPSON. Mr. Speaker, I wanted to take a moment today to recognize and honor Robert Earl Holding, a man who throughout his life influenced Idaho and the West significantly. He was a veteran, a civil engineer, a businessman, a husband of 64 years, and a father of three. He passed away on April 19th, at age 86, after a long and rewarding life.

Among his many accomplishments, Earl Holding turned a struggling motel into a hugely successful chain of ski resorts and hotels, and owned Sinclair Oil Corporation. He acquired Idaho's Sun Valley Resort, and turned it into a world-class destination and a pillar in Idaho. He also was a key figure in attracting the 2002 Winter Olympics to Salt Lake City. Most of all, however, he loved the West.

Perhaps his most positive impact in Idaho began in 1977 when he bought the Sun Valley ski resort in central Idaho. He invested millions of dollars into Sun Valley, making it one of the most famous ski resorts in the United States. Today Sun Valley remains one of the most popular destinations in Idaho and a first-class resort for all seasons.

Mr. Holding is a true example of the American dream, rising from the hardships of the Great Depression to become one of the most successful business people in the world. Although we have lost a famous entrepreneur, a family man, and an American, we won't forget Robert Earl Holding, nor his many contributions to Idaho and the West.

HONORING DR. ROBERT PRICE

**HON. JEFF DENHAM**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 23, 2013*

Mr. DENHAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge and honor Dr. Robert Price, Superintendent of the Empire Union School District, who is retiring after many years of outstanding service to our community.

Dr. Price began his teaching career in Turlock in 1973. In November of 1981, he received his first administrative assignment as Assistant Principal at Monte Vista Middle School in Tracy. In July of 1982, he was appointed Principal of Monte Vista Middle School; and in 1987, he was appointed Assistant Superintendent for Instructional Services in Tracy and served as Interim Superintendent for one year. Dr. Price is concluding his career at Empire Union School District after 20 years as Superintendent.

Dr. Robert Price is a veteran in the integration of technology into the educational process. He is a founding TICAL Cadre member

and has presented on technology issues for ACSA, The California League of Middle Schools, CSBA, and the National Middle School Association. He is a past President of the California League of Middle Schools and has received numerous awards, including the 2008 Ferd Kiesel Award from ACSA, their highest statewide recognition. Dr. Price and his district were featured in the American Executive—July 2010 issue as one of 30 school districts in the nation thriving during tough fiscal times.

He has been married to Sally for 37 years. Bob and Sally have two children, Geoffrey, 31, and Caitlin, 29. Geoffrey is a sound engineer living in San Francisco, and Caitlin is a graduate Ph.D. student at U.C. Berkeley.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in honoring and commending Dr. Robert Price, Empire Union School District Superintendent, for his numerous years of selfless service to the betterment of our community.

IN MEMORY OF KRYSTLE  
CAMPBELL

**HON. EDWARD J. MARKEY**

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 23, 2013*

Mr. MARKEY. Mr. Speaker, Krystle Campbell, a resident of Arlington and graduate of Medford High School, lost her life at the Boston Marathon finish line doing what she loved to do: support other people. She was 29 years old, just a few weeks from her 30th birthday, with a lifetime of helping more people ahead of her.

Krystle's annual pilgrimage to the marathon finish represented who she was, says her family. When people needed support, Krystle was there. When her grandmother needed help following surgery, Krystle moved in with her for two years to help her recover.

Krystle's smile, hard work, and constant happy demeanor is what her family and friends will miss. But most of all, they will miss what she was always known for: being there when you needed her, being a joyful, active participant in the lives of her family and friends.

In our grief, we know that Krystle is still there, still cheering all of us on, still there in our hearts. Today we honor her memory and the joy she brought to so many lives.

IN SPECIAL RECOGNITION OF  
JARED KOBYSKI ON HIS OF-  
FERS OF APPOINTMENT TO AT-  
TEND THE UNITED STATES MILI-  
TARY ACADEMY AND THE  
UNITED STATES AIR FORCE  
ACADEMY

**HON. ROBERT E. LATTA**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 23, 2013*

Mr. LATTA. Mr. Speaker, it is my great pleasure to pay special tribute to an outstanding student from Ohio's Fifth Congressional District. I am pleased to announce that Jared Kobylski of Bowling Green, Ohio has been offered appointments to the United

States Military Academy in West Point, New York and the United States Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, Colorado. Jared has accepted the offer to attend the United States Military Academy in West Point, New York.

Jared's offer of appointment poises him to attend the United States Military Academy this fall with the incoming Class of 2017. Attending one of our nation's military academies not only offers the opportunity to serve our country but also guarantees a world-class education, while placing demands on those who undertake one of the most challenging and rewarding experiences of their lives.

Jared brings an enormous amount of leadership, service, and dedication to the incoming Class of 2017. While attending Bowling Green Senior High School in Bowling Green, Ohio, Jared was on the Honor Roll and was a member of the National Honor Society.

Throughout high school, Jared was a member of his school's cross country and track and field teams and earned varsity letters in both sports. In addition, Jared was a Senior Patrol Guide and a member of the Royal Rangers. I am confident that Jared will carry the lessons of his student and athletic leadership to the Military Academy.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Jared Kobylski on the acceptance of his appointment to the United States Military Academy. Our service academies offer the finest military training and education available. I am positive that Jared will excel during his career at the Military Academy, and I ask my colleagues to join me in extending their best wishes to him as he begins his service to the Nation.

THE OCCASION OF THE DEDICA-  
TION OF GABRIEL ZIMMERMAN  
ROOM

**HON. SHEILA JACKSON LEE**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 23, 2013*

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the legacy of Gabriel "Gabe" Zimmerman, a young man devoted to community service, and the great democratic principles upon which our government stands.

Gabriel Zimmerman was murdered on January 8, 2011, struck down in the prime of life at the young age of 31. He was one of several persons killed or wounded during the mass shooting in Arizona that so seriously injured our colleague, former U.S. Congresswoman Gabby Giffords. Gabe Zimmerman is the first congressional staffer to be killed in the line of duty.

As the Community Outreach Director for Congresswoman Giffords, Gabe organized the "Congress at Your Corner," at a supermarket in Tuscon, Arizona, where the mass shooting took place.

Colleagues remember him as someone who would go out of his way to help people in trouble, who attentively listened to the concerns of constituents, and who had a real gift for working with people.

I rise today not only to commemorate Gabe Zimmerman but to speak out against the scourge of gun violence our nation faces.

We have all been shaken by tragic events in recent days and years involving gun violence.

Whether these events occurred in Newtown, Connecticut; Aurora, Colorado; Tucson, Arizona; or on the streets of Chicago, gun violence is a critical issue that we need to effectively address immediately. Urban, suburban, or rural—no region or community is immune to danger of gun violence.

While the nation's attention has often been drawn toward some of the more high-profile events, the broader statistics are disturbing, demonstrating a real need to address how we protect our nation's children from gun violence. Consider these facts:

Every 30 minutes, a child or teenager in America dies or is injured by a gun.

Every 3 hours and 15 minutes, a child or teenager loses their life to a firearm.

In 2010, 82 children under 5 years of age lost their lives due to guns.

To put that in perspective, 58 law enforcement officers died in the line of duty that year.

In light of recent tragedies, the American people are demanding action. One thing we can do immediately to reduce the incidence of gun violence is to pass H.R. 65, the Child Gun Safety and Gun Access Prevention Act of 2013, legislation I introduced to protect our nation's children from gun violence and accidents.

H.R. 65 will prohibit persons under the age of 21 from possessing semiautomatic assault weapons or large capacity magazines.

Moreover, H.R. 65 increases penalties on individuals who knowingly transfer a handgun, ammunition, semiautomatic assault weapon, or large capacity ammunition feeding device to a person under age 21.

In addition, H.R. 65 will also prohibit importers, manufacturers, and dealers from transferring firearms without providing the purchaser with a gun storage or safety device.

Finally, H.R. 65 authorizes the U.S. Attorney General to provide grants to enable local law enforcement agencies to develop and sponsor gun safety classes for parents and children.

These provisions, and others, can go a long way toward making our homes, schools, and streets safer for children across this country.

Mr. Speaker, we may not be able to prevent every gun-related tragedy from occurring in the future, but we have a responsibility to implement reasonable standards that will prevent the loss of innocent lives.

CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF  
STEPHEN COATS

**HON. JANICE D. SCHAKOWSKY**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 23, 2013*

Ms. SCHAKOWSKY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the life of Stephen Coats, a great friend, tremendous leader, and tireless champion for working people throughout the world.

Throughout his life, Stephen was driven by his unwavering commitment to social justice. From his years as political advocacy director for Bread for the World, where he fought global poverty, to his work at the US/Guatemala Education Project (US/GLEP) in the 1990s, where he worked to insert language to protect worker rights, Stephen's work emphasized our common humanity and international solidarity.

After US/GLEP broadened to become the U.S. Labor Education in the Americas Project

(USLEAP), Stephen served as Executive Director, working to protect the rights of working people across Latin America. His work has been enormously influential on U.S. policy toward Guatemala, Colombia, Honduras, and Mexico. He gave workers throughout Latin America a voice in Washington. By bringing delegations of workers to Congress, most recently a representative from Colombia who came to my office, he presented a powerful and personal call for justice, putting a human face on the need for action.

Stephen touched many lives through his work for worker justice, including mine. He recognized the dignity of work and the need to provide fair and respectful treatment for working men and women throughout the world, but particularly in Central America. He called on all of us to care for each other and to commit ourselves to improving the lives of people who we may never meet but who deserve our attention. Stephen was a real leader but, more importantly, he made leaders of others.

We are still reeling from Stephen's loss—but we are also even more committed to following his legacy. My heart and my prayers go out to his loving wife, Kim, herself a faithful champion of working families, his sons Eric and Benjamin, and to the rest of his family and his multitude of friends.

HONORING MANUEL LOPEZ

**HON. JEFF DENHAM**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 23, 2013*

Mr. DENHAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge and honor Mr. Manuel Lopez, San Joaquin County Administrator, who retired after more than 25 years of outstanding service to our county.

Manuel was born in Pacoima (Los Angeles County) and was raised in Selma (Fresno County). After graduating from Selma high school, Manuel joined the Air Force for four years. Immediately after he was discharged, he worked for the California Department of Water Resources but left the job to attend Fresno City College on the G.I. Bill, where he subsequently earned a Civil Engineering degree from Fresno State. While attending Fresno State, he was involved with a group of students associated with the Fresno area "War on Poverty" and was a member of the student chapter of the American Society of Civil Engineers. Manuel's first professional job was with Tulare County, and then the City of Fresno, where he ultimately became the Deputy City Engineer.

Shortly after he started working at the City of Fresno, Manuel, together with several friends, started The Del Rey Y's Men Club in Del Rey, California—a branch of the National YMCA. The Club mentored boys from 12 to 18 years of age on how to act responsibly and how to be involved in the community.

Manuel and his wife, Sylvia, moved to Ripon in San Joaquin County in 1985, when he was appointed the Assistant Public Works Director. He concurrently served as the Interim City of Lathrop Engineer, when the City was formed in 1989. From 1991 to 1998, he served on the City of Ripon Economic Development Committee, twice as Chairman. In 1999, he served as President of the Sacramento Chapter of the

American Public Works Association. Subsequently, in March 2000, Manuel was appointed the County Public Works Director. Just as he started to enjoy that role, in July 2001, the Board of Supervisors appointed him as the interim County Administrator and appointed him on a permanent basis in November. His nearly 12 years in this position is longer than any of his predecessors.

Over the years, Manuel has been recognized for serving on the following associations and organizations: American Public Works Association, where he served as the Sacramento Chapter President in 1999; County Engineer's Association of California (CEAC); County Administrative Officers Association of California (CAOAC); Ripon Economic Development Committee, where he served as Chairman in 1993; San Joaquin Engineer's Council; Chairman San Joaquin March of Dimes Fund Drive; and the San Joaquin County Historical Society.

Manuel and Sylvia have been married for 38 years and have four adult children and seven grandchildren.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in honoring and commending San Joaquin County Administrator Mr. Manuel Lopez under numerous years of selfless service to the betterment of our community.

IN SPECIAL RECOGNITION OF NATHAN DOWNS ON HIS OFFER OF APPOINTMENT TO ATTEND THE UNITED STATES MERCHANT MARINE ACADEMY

**HON. ROBERT E. LATTA**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 23, 2013*

Mr. LATTA. Mr. Speaker, it is my great pleasure to pay special tribute to an outstanding student from Ohio's Fifth Congressional District. I am pleased to announce that Nathan Downs of Bowling Green, Ohio, has been offered an appointment to the United States Merchant Marine Academy in Kings Point, New York.

Nathan's offer of appointment poises him to attend the United States Merchant Marine Academy this fall with the incoming Class of 2017. Attending one of our nation's military academies not only offers the opportunity to serve our country but also guarantees a world-class education, while placing demands on those who undertake one of the most challenging and rewarding experiences of their lives.

Nathan brings an enormous amount of leadership, service, and dedication to the incoming Class of 2017. While attending Otsego High School in Tontogany, Ohio, Nathan was president of the Student Council and vice-president of Otsego's chapter of the National Honor Society.

Throughout high school, Nathan was a member of his school's football, basketball, and baseball teams; earned varsity letters in those sports, as well as being nominated team captain for the baseball and football teams. In addition, Nathan volunteered his time to his community by volunteering for youth sport camps. I am confident that Nathan will carry the lessons of his student and athletic leadership to the Merchant Marine Academy.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Nathan Downs on the offer of his appointment to the United States Merchant Marine Academy. Our service academies offer the finest military training and education available. I am positive that Nathan will excel during his career at the Merchant Marine Academy, and I ask my colleagues to join me in extending their best wishes to him as he begins his service to the Nation.

IN RECOGNITION OF MAGGIE MORGAN BEING AWARDED THE TAYLOR MEDAL

**HON. MIKE ROGERS**

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 23, 2013*

Mr. ROGERS of Alabama. Mr. Speaker, I would like to ask for the House's attention today to recognize Miss Maggie Morgan, who on April 11th received a Taylor Medal from the University of Mississippi.

Maggie is the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Gary H. Morgan. She attended The Donoho School in Anniston, Alabama. After graduating in 2009, she went on to attend the University of Mississippi, and this May, she will graduate as an Honors Scholar with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Forensic Chemistry.

During her time at the University of Mississippi, Maggie has set a standard of excellence in her academics. The Taylor Medal, which she was awarded, is the highest academic honor awarded by the University of Mississippi. To be eligible for this award, a student must have a grade point average of 3.9 or higher and exhibit exceptional scholarship in one field of study combined with superior academic work in all other subjects.

Upon her graduation from the University of Mississippi, Maggie plans to attend the University of Alabama School of Medicine.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in congratulating Maggie on her academic achievements and wishing her luck in all of her future endeavors.

SPRINGFIELD HISTORY MUSEUM ON THE SQUARE

**HON. BILLY LONG**

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 23, 2013*

Mr. LONG. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Springfield Missouri's "History Museum on the Square."

The new History Museum on the Square encompasses several historic buildings that are being renovated to offer the community state-of-the-art exhibits in over 55,000 square feet, including the historic Fox Theatre. The museum houses a collection of over 100,000 artifacts, including 40,000 historic photographs.

The artifacts and exhibits showcase Springfield's prominent past, which includes the Battle of Wilson's Creek, a shootout in the town square involving Wild Bill Hickok, and the development of Route 66 through the heart of the city.

The new exhibit that opens on April 28 features "Woodruff's Dream: The Mother Road

through Springfield—The Route 66 Exhibit,” which explores the impact of Route 66 on the Springfield community and will feature never-before-seen items and photographs.

The Museum on the Square is a great way to restore and transform the beautiful historic buildings throughout the square. By offering these new interactive exhibits, the museum has created an exciting way for visitors to explore Springfield’s past.

I want to congratulate the Museum for its creative efforts, and I urge my colleagues to join me.

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HONORING NAN SCHNEIDER

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**HON. JANICE HAHN**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 23, 2013*

Ms. HAHN. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the memory and legacy of Nan Schneider, who passed away on Monday, April 15, 2013 in her hometown of Westchester. Nan was born on November 6, 1950 in Minneapolis, Minnesota to Shel and Pris Siegel. Nan was a loving and witty woman that could put a smile on any face. In order to practice medicine, her father moved his family to California. Through a mutual friend, Nan met the love of her life, Denny, on a blind date. It was love at first sight. They had two wonderful children, Beth and Aaron.

Nan was a woman who saw the beauty in everything and translated it into art. She was also an advocate for education. She volunteered to make Westchester Neighborhood School the best private school in the area. She also spent twenty years volunteering with in Los Angeles Unified School District (LAUSD) at Westchester High in order to, as she said, “fix things.” Her attitude said it all: she would always tell her husband, “I’m not going to ask permission to make it right. If the District doesn’t like it they’ll call me and tell me to stop.” That same passion and drive carried her into Los Angeles politics.

Nan and Denny were no strangers to the concerns of Los Angeles. For 18 years, they fought the expansion of the Los Angeles International Airport into their community. As my colleagues from Los Angeles will testify, Nan and Denny were a force to be reckoned with. Nan also volunteered often for my father, Los Angeles County Supervisor Kenneth Hahn.

I was privileged to have called Nan a friend and I will always have fond memories. Her legacy will always be remembered in Los Angeles and in my heart. Nan Schneider is survived by her husband, Denny, her sister, Linda (Bob), her children, Beth (Jeff), and Aaron (Julie), and her grandchildren, Lily and Penny, for whom she cared so much. She will be missed by her friends and loved ones.

IN HONOR OF MR. STEPHEN STRASSLER, CELEBRATING 40 YEARS OF EXCELLENT SERVICE TO NEW JERSEY

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**HON. ROBERT E. ANDREWS**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 23, 2013*

Mr. ANDREWS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Mr. Stephen Strassler, a business owner in New Jersey. His firm, Reviva Labs has been a successful job creator in New Jersey’s first district for 40 years.

Reviva Labs has been giving back to the South Jersey community for 40 years by providing health and skin care to men and women from around the world. As part of his commitment to community service, Mr. Strassler has generously donated skin care protection aids to a variety of organizations, including the U.S. military. Mr. Strassler sent Vitamin E sticks to Iraq, so our brave men and women could protect their eyes and lips in the harsh environment.

Mr. Speaker, the commitment to community service of Mr. Stephen Strassler should not go unrecognized. I join all of South Jersey in expressing our profound gratitude and thanks for Mr. Strassler as he prepares to celebrate the 40th anniversary of his outstanding firm, Reviva Labs.

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DOMINICAN MEDICAL ASSOCIATION SIXTEEN YEAR ANNIVERSARY

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**HON. CHARLES B. RANGEL**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 23, 2013*

Mr. RANGEL. Mr. Speaker today I stand to recognize the 16th anniversary of The Dominican Medical Association. An organization dedicated to providing information on disease prevention, education, and counseling to New York City communities.

The Dominican Medical Association or DMA was founded on April 26, 1997, by a group of physicians from the Dominican Republic. Their mission has been to educate communities on health issues and to assist newly arrived physicians from abroad in obtaining jobs in their respected fields, providing them with the tools needed to pass the medical boards, and integrating them into the local medical community.

Last year was one of multiple accomplishments for the Dominican Medical Association. In line with its mission a total of 1119 people were served through health fairs, medical conferences, forums, symposiums, and trainings. The vast majority served through the DMA are Hispanics living throughout all of New York’s boroughs.

Information and knowledge on health is vital. My beloved village of Harlem and many areas of my district are predominately inhabited by minorities who have been affected by many health concerns that are the direct result of lack of knowledge on preventative care. Obesity is just an example of one of the diseases that has plagued our communities but it is an epidemic that can be \* \* \*

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

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**HON. JAMES P. MCGOVERN**

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 23, 2013*

Mr. MCGOVERN. Mr. Speaker, due to the recent tragic events in Massachusetts, I was absent for a series of five votes on April 18, 2013. Should I have been present, I would have voted yes on rollcall vote 113; yes on vote 114; yes on vote 115; and yes on vote 116. I share many of the concerns about privacy raised by a number of my colleagues during that debate, and I would have opposed rollcall vote 117, final passage of H.R. 624, the Cyber Intelligence Sharing and Protection Act.

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A SPECIAL TRIBUTE TO THE OTTAWA-GLANDORF TITANS

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**HON. ROBERT E. LATTA**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 23, 2013*

Mr. LATTA. Mr. Speaker, it is with a great deal of pride that I rise to pay a very special tribute to an outstanding high school basketball team in Ohio’s Fifth Congressional District. The young men of the Ottawa-Glandorf High School boys basketball team have represented their school ably on their way to achieving the Division III State Boys Basketball Title.

In their effort to surpass all other teams in the Division III State Basketball Playoffs, the Ottawa-Glandorf Titans overcame the challenges posed by intense competition.

In pursuing the State Championship, the Ottawa-Glandorf Titans defeated the Versailles Tigers to win their third state basketball championship and make their sixth appearance at the state basketball tournament. In winning the Division III Boys Basketball State Championship, the members of this very special team have shown that their sport requires an individual effort for a team result. As a direct consequence of their hard work and dedication on and off the court, their accomplishment is truly outstanding.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in paying special tribute to the Ottawa-Glandorf High School boys basketball team. On behalf of the people of the Fifth District of Ohio, I am proud to recognize this great achievement.

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IN SUPPORT OF AN AMENDMENT TO THE EXPEDITED FUNDS AVAILABILITY ACT TO CLARIFY THE APPLICATION OF THAT ACT TO AMERICAN SAMOA

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**HON. ENI F.H. FALEOMAVEGA**

OF AMERICAN SAMOA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 23, 2013*

Mr. FALEOMAVEGA. Mr. Speaker, I submit for introduction this legislation to amend

the Expedited Funds Availability Act, more commonly known as Regulation CC, to clarify the application of Regulation CC to American Samoa. Enacted in 1987, Regulation CC standardized hold periods on deposits made to commercial banks. It also excluded American Samoa from the definitions of "State" and "United States." Banks in American Samoa were deemed "Pacific Island banks," and checks drawn on Pacific Island banks were thereafter called "Pacific Island checks."

A crucial distinction between State banks and checks and Pacific Island banks and checks lies in the "hold time" permitted by Regulation CC. For example, State banks must release funds from deposited checks immediately for in-state checks, and shortly thereafter for out-of-state checks. Pacific Island banks, however, can hold checks for an undetermined amount of time before releasing funds for access or use. Another distinction permits a delay in the return of Pacific Island checks that are overdrawn. However, State checks that are overdrawn must be returned "in an expeditious manner."

Due to these distinctions, the people of American Samoa are subject to excessive hold times on funds that should be available in short order. This places a significant financial burden on my constituents. The legislation I have introduced today will amend Regulation CC to include American Samoa within the definition of "State" and "United States." As a result, banks in my district will be required to treat local patrons with the same level of services offered in the rest of the states and other territories.

In anticipation that this bill will be referred to the House Committee on Financial Services, I look forward to working closely with Chairman JEB HENSARLING and Ranking Member MAXINE WATERS to ensure that American Samoa is included within the provisions of Regulation CC.

HONORING ADELFA CALLEJO

**HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 23, 2013*

Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize a leader in my community and esteemed civil rights lawyer, Adelfa Callejo.

On Friday, April 12, Adelfa Callejo was given a most deserving honor when the Dallas Independent School District, DISD, dedicated an elementary school bearing her name. At the dedication, Adelfa Callejo, now 89 years old, stood up from her wheelchair and proclaimed, "Only through education will we make the world a better place than when we found it." Throughout her life, Adelfa Callejo has improved the lives of countless individuals in my community through her life of good deeds and public service.

Adelfa Callejo was the first Hispanic woman to graduate from Southern Methodist University, SMU, Dedman School of Law. She has been in private practice in Dallas for more than 45 years. Working full-time during the day, Adelfa Callejo attended night school and graduated in 1961. Adelfa Callejo, an advocate for civil rights, has pursued community causes throughout her life and has won many awards for her years of service in the community and legal profession.

Mr. Speaker, Adelfa Callejo is an exceptional community leader and deserving of recognition for her contributions to society. Our country is a better one because of Adelfa Callejo.

INTRODUCTION OF LEGISLATION TO AMEND THE INTERNAL REVENUE CODE OF 1986 TO DENY THE REFUNDABLE PORTION OF THE CHILD TAX CREDIT TO INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE NOT AUTHORIZED TO BE EMPLOYED IN THE UNITED STATES AND TO TERMINATE THE USE OF CERTIFYING ACCEPTANCE AGENTS TO FACILITATE THE APPLICATION PROCESS FOR ITINS

**HON. GUS M. BILIRAKIS**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 23, 2013*

Mr. BILIRAKIS. Mr. Speaker, today I introduced legislation to prevent illegal immigrants from claiming the refundable portion of the child tax credit. The refundable child tax credit provides cash payment to low-income families who pay no income tax. The program was intended to be an additional cash benefit for families who receive the earned-income tax credit. While administered through the tax code, it is a means-tested welfare expenditure. Since Social Security numbers are issued only to those who have the legal right to work in the United States, illegal immigrants use Individual Taxpayer Identification Numbers (ITINs), which are issued by the IRS regardless of legal status. ITINs allow a person to file a tax return and thus claim the tax credit. The Internal Revenue Service's (IRS's) Certifying Agent Program, which allows a person to apply for an ITIN on behalf of an individual with no verification of their immigration status, has compounded the abuse of ITINs for fraudulent tax claims. With no verification of a person's status on their tax return or at the issuance of an ITIN, the system has a significant fault, which allows taxpayer dollars to go to those who are not eligible.

The Treasury Department's Inspector General for Tax Administration (TIGTA) has reported that illegal immigrants claimed \$4.2 billion through this child tax credit in 2010. With the federal government borrowing heavily to finance deficits of nearly \$1 trillion, we need to ensure federal benefits are only going to law-abiding citizens.

We must take steps to solve this waste of taxpayer money by ending this gap in the tax code. If enacted, this legislation would require those claiming the tax credit to list their social security number or other proof of lawful immigration status on their tax return. It would also require the IRS to verify the proper documentation before issuing ITINs. The TIGTA has estimated this legislation would reduce federal spending by \$8.4 billion over two years.

At a time when the federal government is operating under significant deficits, we must ensure scarce taxpayer dollars are used responsibly. Allowing them to go to those who are in this country illegally is grossly irresponsible. This simple and common sense measure will ensure better accountability to all taxpayers, while also saving money.

In short, this legislation will ensure this welfare program is only available to its intended recipients, ensuring those who follow the law can continue to receive this assistance. I look forward to working with my colleagues to move this legislation through Congress.

THE 369TH INFANTRY REGIMENT 100 YEAR ANNIVERSARY

**HON. CHARLES B. RANGEL**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 23, 2013*

Mr. RANGEL. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to honor the 369th Infantry Regiment on their 100th anniversary. Constituted in June of 1913, this regiment was the first African American Regiment to serve with the American Expeditionary Force during World War I.

The U.S. Army's 369th Infantry Regiment, popularly known as the "Harlem Hellfighters," was the best known African American unit of World War I. Federalized in 1917, it prepared for service in Europe and arrived in Brest in December. The next month, the regiment became part of the 93rd Division and continued its training, now under French instructors. In March, the regiment finally received its Federal designation and was reorganized and re-equipped according to the French model. That summer, the 369th was integrated into the French 161st Division and began combat operations.

While African American valor usually went unrecognized, well over one hundred members of the regiment received American and/or French medals, including the first two Americans—Corporal Henry Johnson and Private Needham Roberts—to be awarded the coveted French Croix de Guerre.

Spending over six months in combat, perhaps the longest of any American unit in the war, the 369th suffered approximately fifteen hundred casualties but received only nine hundred replacements. Unit histories claimed they were the first unit to cross the Rhine earning the epithet "Hell Fighters" from their enemies. After considerable effort by Colonel Hayward, the 369th was welcomed home with a parade in February 1919 and reabsorbed into the National Guard. More than one million people witnessed the triumphant parade from Lower Manhattan, up Fifth Avenue to my beloved village of Harlem. The marching band led the troops, and as they turned off 110th Street onto Lenox Avenue the band began to play. Today the lineage and tradition is carried on by the 369th Transportation Battalion, which has since become the 369th Corps Support Battalion. The Harlem Hellfighters continue to serve at home and overseas.

This year we honor a group of men whose selflessness and valor propelled them to protect and serve the very country that left them a perpetually marginalized group of American society. A group of men who fought to defend this country whose dream of freedom was ironically and unremorsefully built on the backs of their ancestors with no avail even as their sons fought for that same ideal decades later. The history of the Harlem Hellfighters is one of dedication and profound spirituality that reminds us that the efforts we make today has everything to do with the world we create for our future.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you and my distinguished colleagues stand together to recognize such an historic day as our nation marks the 100th year of the 369th Infantry Regiment's dedication to this county. A Celebration of their remarkable service to this country and of the spirit and unwavering strength they displayed throughout.