

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.