He was an immigrant who came with his wife, surrounded, as he always was throughout Francisco Bay Area: Masud Mehran. He community lost a great civic leader, a true

Economic Summit such a success. While

Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize St. Rose of Lima Academy for the outstanding leadership in helping to build a better American community; the Democratic Heritage award from the Anti-Defamation League; and the Award of Excellence from the Urban Land Institute for large-scale office Park Development.

All who knew him will long be inspired by his leadership, his values, his strength, and his willingness to give back to those around him. His legacy can be found in the impact of his philanthropy and the example he set for so many others in the Bay Area and nationwide. Yet no legacy—in business or in community activism—could ever compare to the extraordinary pride he always took in his family.

Devotion to his family was Masud's first priority. Dedication to his loved ones was his defining characteristic. Spending time with his wife, his children, and his grandchildren was his greatest joy. He will certainly be missed by all who knew and loved him.

May it be a comfort to the entire Mehran family that so many share in their grief and mourn along their side at this sad time. May Masud Mehran's life and memory forever be a blessing to us all.

HONORING THE COLUMBUS EAST HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL TEAM

HONORING THE LIFE AND SERVICE OF SHEILA LEIGH STEWART

Ms. STEWART was born in Fairfield County, South Carolina, on February 28, 1969. She graduated from Benedict College in Columbia, South Carolina, with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Broadcast Journalism, and also worked as an adjunct Professor of Journalism at several colleges.

Known by radio listeners as “Ms. Community,” Ms. Stewart worked for years in Charleston and the Lowcountry, where she served as on-air-personality and news and public affairs director. When she relocated to the Washington, DC, area, Sheila worked as the news and community affairs director for Radio One. She was at the helm of news programming at WKYS, Radio One’s DC station, and the community’s other affiliates, including Praise 104.1, WPRS–FM.

At Radio One, Ms. Stewart was instrumental in advocating on behalf of community issues,
nonprofit organizations, and events that helped improve neighborhoods throughout our
region. She was guided in every way by her
faith. Her energy and passion to make change
will be missed.

With her passing, it is my hope that Sheila
Leigh Stewart has earned the peace she earned
from such a wonderful life. Ms. Stewart made a
difference in our community with everything
she did, and I am grateful for her life and serv-
vice to Prince George’s County, Maryland, and
our country.

On behalf of this House, I extend our con-
dolences to her entire family, especially her
precious young son, Jonathan Henry Russell;
herself, Dorothy Stewart; her four sisters;
herself’s three brothers; and Radio One, and the
thanks of a grateful nation. I will miss her tre-
mendously.

HONORING TELLI __ B. ELLIS III
HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON
OF MISSISSIPPI
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Thursday, December 5, 2013

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speak-
er, I rise today to honor a remarkable public servant whose past served in Jackson,
Mississippi one of four children born to Tellis B. Ellis, Jr. and his wife Lucinda. Dr. Ellis.

Dr. Ellis attended Jim Hill High School where he excelled at both football and basket-
ball. He completed his undergraduate studies in 1965 at Jackson State University in Jack-
son, Mississippi with a B.S. Degree in Science. While attending Jackson State Dr. Ellis
was honored as a member of Whos Who in American Colleges and Universities. He
was an outstanding football player for Jackson State and was recruited by the NFL to play
professional football for the Green Bay Pack-
ers in Green Bay Wisconsin. After sustaining a knee injury, which ended his hopes for a ca-
reer as a professional athlete, he made the decision to pursue a career in Medicine.

Dr. Ellis was accepted into medical school at Meharry Medical College in Nashville, Ten-
nessee and received his Medical Doctorate in 1970. He completed both his Internship and Residency in Internal Medicine at Meharry Medical College in 1974. Dr. Ellis then re-
turned to Jackson, Mississippi where he com-
pleted his Cardiology Fellowship at the Univer-
sity of Mississippi Medical Center in 1977. Dr. Ellis is Board Certified in Internal Medicine and Cardiology.

Dr. Ellis is active at the local and national levels in the following professional societies and organizations: American Medical Associa-
tion, Mississippi Medical Association, Jackson
Medical Society, National Monitoring Board Member Jackson Heart Study, American Col-
lege of Cardiology, National Medical Associa-
tion, American College of Cardiologists, Jack-
son Medical Association, and Mississippi Medi-
cal and Surgical Association where he served as President. Dr. Ellis is an active member of the Jackson State University Alumni Associa-
tion and was honored in 1975 with the First
and Only Black Board Certified Internist in Mississippi Award.

Dr. Ellis is a founding partner of Jackson Cardiology Associates in Jackson, Mississippi
where he practices with four other Cardiolo-
gists. He is Assistant Clinical Professor at the University of Mississippi Medical Center and
an active staff physician at St. Dominic-Jack-
son Memorial Hospital, River Oaks Hospital and Central Mississippi Medical Center in Jackson, Mississippi.

Dr. Ellis is widowed and has one son; Tellis B. Ellis IV. He is the proud grandfather of
Brian Ellis.

Dr. Ellis is a member of Pearl Street AME
Church in Jackson, Mississippi. His medical special interest is Congestive Heart Failure
and in his leisure time he enjoys flying light
planes. Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Dr. Tellis B. Ellis III for his dedi-
cation to serving others.

IN HONOR OF MARGARET
“PEGGY” MCMAHON
HON. ROBERT E. ANDREWS
OF NEW JERSEY
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
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Mr. ANDREWS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to
honor Margaret “Peggy” McMahon for her
years as a nurse practitioner, as an advocate for those with whom she worked.

For over forty-six years, Ms. McMahon has
dedicated her life to nursing. In 1965, she
joined the Army Student Nurse program while attending the Philadelphia General Hospital
School of Nursing. Three years later, Ms.
McMahon was dispatched to Vietnam as an
emergency and trauma nurse in the 85th Evacuation Unit in Qui Nhon and the 95th Evacuation Hospital in DeNang. While in Viet-
am, Ms. McMahon was a fearless first-res-
ponder, providing emergency care to injured soldiers before they could see a doctor.

After her tour in Vietnam, Ms. McMahon re-
turned to Williamstown, NJ to further her edu-
cation. She received a bachelor’s degree and
master’s degree, a Family Nurse Practitioner’s
certificate, and she also served as president of the Emergency Nurses Association. Since
then, she has worked adamantly to make sure
her fellow emergency nurses are recognized for their service and sacrifice. Ms. McMahon
became an influential voice in the efforts to
create the Vietnam Women’s Memorial in Wash-
ington, DC. This past Veterans Day, Ms.
McManon and other wartime nurses were hon-
ored at the Memorial.

Mr. Speaker, Ms. McMahon’s selflessness
should be an example to all. I join all of South
Jersey in thanking Ms. McMahon for her years of service to her country and community.

RECOGNIZING CONTRIBUTIONS OF
THE COALITION TO SALUTE
AMERICA’S HEROES
HON. FRANK R. WOLF
OF VIRGINIA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
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Mr. WOLF. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of The Coalition to Salute America’s Her-
oses, a Virginia-based 501(c)(3), non-profit, non-partisan organization, established in 2004
to provide severely wounded veterans of the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan, and their fami-
lies, with emergency financial assistance and other support services to help them recover
from their injuries and rebuild their lives.

CSAH is headquartered in Leesburg, which in
my Congressional district in Loudoun County, and serves military veterans and their families
living in the Commonwealth as well as nation-
ally. All funds needed to develop and manage
programs that advance its mission come from
contributions to CSAH by individual citizens,
corporate donors and foundations.

The mission of the Coalition is to ensure that
our war-weary nation should not lose sight of its obligations to those who are protect-
ning our freedoms. These true American he-
rones often receive little or no support from the nation for which they served. Be-
cause of a shortage of funding and an intimi-
dating bureaucratic backlog at the Veterans
Administration, they wait for roughly a year, on
average, to receive disability pay and benefits.
Thousands do not get proper care for PTSD
because it is largely misunderstood.

Under the leadership of David Walker, who
serves as President and CEO, the Coalition to
Salute America’s Heroes helps severely
wounded veterans and families of Operation
Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraqi Free-
dom living in the Commonwealth of Virginia
and across the country recover from their inju-
ries and illnesses by providing emergency fi-
ancial aid and other support services, in
hopes that the veterans are able to transition
successfully into civilian life. Additionally, the Coalition’s emergency aid services respond
to trends associated with suicide among vet-
erans (24 per day), a sky-rocking divorce rate
(60 percent among actives), and growing do-

crable solutions.

Last year as one of his first acts, Walker re-
structured The Coalition’s budget so that it
could give more directly to veterans and or-
ganizations that support them, with programs
that include: emergency financial aid to help
through crisis situations (evictions, car repos-
sessions, etc.),; training seminars; a call center
program providing veterans and spouses the
opportunity to work on a part-time basis (some
of the program’s participants have moved on
to part-time or full-time employment in the pri-
vate sector); equine-therapy programs and
more.

In 2013 alone, the Coalition will have do-
ned nearly $1 million in direct aid to vet-
erans, in addition to managing the many other
CSAH programs that are available to wounded
veterans (conferences, holiday gift checks,
education and training, etc.).

In addition, the Coalition made eight grants totaling
over $80,000 to organizations based in Vir-
ginia and Washington, D.C., including: Horses
Helping Heroes Project, which provides no-
cost, equine-assisted activities and therapies

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In panel discussion, "Understanding America’s Debt: What We Can Do to Resist the Next Debt Ceiling Debate," the authors
who co-authored the book Understanding America’s Debt: What We Can Do to Resist the Next Debt Ceiling Debate, discuss the
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Debt Ceiling Debate" is a collection of essays by leading
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