

have four children—Zachary Howard, Randall Conner, Moonwater and Tai Stillwater—and six grandchildren. In her spare time, Mrs. Moon enjoys reading, yoga, traveling and playing the flute.

Mr. Speaker, I ask the House of Representatives to rise with me to honor Li Moon, who has dedicated her life and career to make Hillsborough's school the best they can be for our children. Plato once said, "The direction in which education starts a man will determine his future life." Mrs. Moon has put hundreds of men and women on the path to success. My daughter today is a vibrant and successful sophomore, thanks in part to Mrs. Moon, an exceptional teacher and human being.

COMMEMORATING THE ARMENIAN GENOCIDE

**HON. JOHN P. SARBANES**

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 29, 2014*

Mr. SARBANES. Mr. Speaker, on April 24th we commemorate the Armenian Genocide—the deportation, forced march and massacre of 1.5 million innocent Armenians at the hands of the Ottoman Turks nearly a century ago. In what has become a bitter annual ritual for Armenian-Americans and those who stand with them, we once again call upon the Obama Administration and the United States Congress to formally and officially recognize the Armenian Genocide as a tragic and unambiguous fact of history. Such recognition is critical to fortifying America's moral standing in the international community and, as we prepare in the coming year to mark the 100th anniversary of this tragedy, is long and painfully overdue.

CONGRATULATING MIKE JAWSON ON HIS RETIREMENT FROM USGS

**HON. RON KIND**

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 29, 2014*

Mr. KIND. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Mike Jawson on his retirement from the United States Geological Survey (USGS). Mike has served as Center Director for the USGS Upper Midwest Environmental Sciences Center in La Crosse, WI for the past nine years. During this time, Mike has repeatedly shown his dedication to his field and his strong leadership capabilities.

Mike's background is indicative of both his strong ties to Wisconsin, and his commitment to his field. Mike earned a Bachelor's degree in Chemistry from the University of Wisconsin-La Crosse, a Master's degree from the University of Wisconsin-Madison, and a Ph.D. from Washington State University. In the past, Mike has worked for the Dept. of Defense as a Chemist, for the USDA-ARS as a Soil Scientist, for the University of Nebraska-Lincoln as an associate professor, for the EPA-Kerr Research Center as Branch Chief, and for the George Washington Carver Center as a National Program Leader and working with the National Climate Change Office.

In 2005, Mike returned to Wisconsin to become Center Director at USGS in La Crosse.

In this capacity, Mike managed the multi-disciplinary program of biological research, directing 11 different science teams, each with dynamic personalities and varied skill sets. As a leader of the science component of the Upper Mississippi River Restoration's Long Term Resource Monitoring Program, Mike was able to secure and implement funding for facility improvements and several new restoration projects. Additionally, Mike was able to host the first Center visits of U.S. Senators AMY KLOBUCHAR and TAMMY BALDWIN, and then-Governor Jim Doyle. Mike's accomplishments with the USGS will not soon be forgotten and his hard work and dedication will be missed.

As the Representative of western and central Wisconsin, I care deeply about issues related to the environment, natural resources, and the Mississippi River. I would like to express my sincere gratitude to Mike for his passionate work addressing natural resource management and science information needs for the Great Lakes and Upper Mississippi ecosystems.

IN HONOR OF KENNETH BATEMAN BEING NAMED OUTSTANDING CITIZEN OF THE YEAR BY THE SOMERSET COUNTY, NEW JERSEY, BUSINESS PARTNERSHIP

**HON. LEONARD LANCE**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 29, 2014*

Mr. LANCE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Mr. Kenneth Bateman, the President and Chief Executive Officer of Somerset Medical Center, who has been named Outstanding Citizen of the Year by the Somerset County, New Jersey, Business Partnership.

Ken is a mainstay of the Somerset community where his contributions to the county, its residents and the New Jersey life sciences sector have improved the lives of many. Under his leadership, the Somerset Medical Center has experienced tremendous growth, expanding and encompassing new missions and endeavors that have made the facility a premier regional medical center.

Ken and the Somerset Medical Center have invested in the community by building new state-of-the-art facilities which have made Somerset a healthier and better place to live and raise a family.

I congratulate Kenneth Bateman for his well-earned recognition.

RECOGNIZING JOSEPH J. WENDA

**HON. MICHAEL G. FITZPATRICK**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 29, 2014*

Mr. FITZPATRICK. Mr. Speaker, Joseph J. Wenda, a Middletown Township resident and former township supervisor, passed away on April 24, 2014 after a long illness. He was 55 years old, a father and brother, who also will be remembered fondly by his relatives and many friends. Joe was soft-spoken and humble in his demeanor, but strongly dedicated to public service and his community. An elected township supervisor who served with distinc-

tion, he was respected and admired for his hard work and thoughtful decision-making. He was a man of integrity who treated his associates with equal and sincere interest and respected all points of view. He was first elected supervisor in 1996 and held office until 2001. Although he was often asked to seek re-election or a higher office, he chose to remain active in community and civic affairs, serving with equal dedication. Joe Wenda will be remembered throughout the community he loved for his contribution and his service—and he will be missed.

IN RECOGNITION OF DARYL IDLER, HENRY GAMBOA AND ROBERT RODRIGUEZ OF EL CAJON, CALIFORNIA

**HON. DUNCAN HUNTER**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 29, 2014*

Mr. HUNTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the unselfish contribution of Henry Gamboa, Robert Rodriguez and Daryl Idler and to recognize their tireless support of the patients of Balboa Naval Medical Center San Diego.

For eight consecutive years, the ownership of the Cottonwood Golf Club, 3121 Willow Glen Road, El Cajon, CA, has consistently and generously donated their two 18-hole golf courses, golf carts, equipment, staff and their time for the success of the annual Duncan L. Hunter Wounded Marines Golf Classic. Their contribution represents as much as \$15,000 annually in lost revenue, employee salaries and miscellaneous expenses for the day of the tournament, as well as the weeks and months of preparation prior to the actual event.

Because of their dedication to the patients at Balboa, more than a quarter million dollars have been raised during the eight-year history of the tournament. This year's classic is the largest to date in terms of numbers participating and in dollars raised, expected to exceed \$75,000.

Always family oriented, Cottonwood Golf Club has the same small-town values that make the course such a great place to play. Some of the biggest events in East San Diego County that are inspired by their family values include the previously mentioned Duncan L. Hunter Wounded Marines Tournament, the Mother Goose Parade Tournament, the Jack-a-Lopes Classic and a wide variety of local and regional community and charitable events.

What makes the Duncan L. Hunter Wounded Marines Golf Classic truly unique is the fact that every dollar raised goes directly for patient's care. Armed Services, YMCA, a 501c3 not-for-profit organization, administer the Restricted fund, meaning every penny goes for the patient's creature comforts.

As the Congressman whose district includes the Cottonwood Golf Club, I am proud to have the honor and privilege of representing these businessmen and their great business. I ask my colleagues to join me in saluting Henry, Robert, Daryl and everyone at Cottonwood Golf Club for continuing to demonstrate to all of us that caring for those who defend our freedom is more than words, it's a commitment to following through on what needs to be done.

IN RECOGNITION OF MARY ELLEN  
BENNINGER

**HON. JACKIE SPEIER**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 29, 2014*

Ms. SPEIER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor Mary Ellen Benninger who has volunteered her time and talents to our schools in Hillsborough, California for decades. She is being honored tonight as the Citizen of the Year by the Associated Parents Group.

Mary Ellen's dedication to our schools and our community is an inspiration to parents, teachers and students alike. Her leadership and contributions have made Hillsborough's schools the best they can be for our children.

Mary Ellen started to volunteer when her children attended South School and then Crocker Middle School. For the last eight years she served on the Hillsborough City School District Board of Trustees where her board colleagues lovingly call her MEB. She was board president from 2008–2010 and has served on the Citizen Oversight Committee, Bond Finance Committee and as Trustee Liaison to Hillsborough's School Foundation during her tenure.

Wherever Mary Ellen gets involved, her leadership helps set the direction of the organization or initiative she takes on. While on the HCSO board, Mary Ellen simultaneously served as a Hillsborough Recreation Commissioner from 2005–2007 and on the Hillsborough Schools Foundation from 1999–2013. She also volunteered for the South School Parent Group Board, the Hillsborough Little League and Concours d'Elegance and was deeply engaged in passing Measure B. At St. Bartholomew's Catholic Church, she was a Catechism teacher for ten years.

I feel fortunate to count Mary Ellen as a friend and am a long-time admirer of her lasting contributions to our community. She is altruistic, passionate, intelligent and has an extraordinary memory. Her superb service has not gone unnoticed. She received the Eric Award and the South Hillsborough School's Outstanding Service to Youth Award.

Mary Ellen was born in Seattle, Washington. She graduated from Mayo High School in Rochester, Minnesota in 1975 and earned her BA in Economics from Stanford University in 1979. She had a successful career in retail management for 16 years.

In 1986, she married her freshman dorm sweetheart, Tom Benninger. Six years later they moved to Hillsborough and raised their two children Will and Claire. When Mary Ellen is not giving her time, she enjoys tennis, skiing and hiking.

Mr. Speaker, I ask the House of Representatives to rise with me to honor Mary Ellen Benninger whose big heart runs over with love for all children in our tony town of Hillsborough. Winston Churchill once said, "We make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give." Mary Ellen has made an exceptional life for herself benefitting our entire community.

RECOGNIZING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF MASONIC LODGE #74 IN BLACK RIVER FALLS, WI

**HON. RON KIND**

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 29, 2014*

Mr. KIND. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the Black River Falls Masonic Lodge #74. The historic building, located in downtown Black River Falls, WI, was built in 1914 to accommodate the growing membership of Lodge #74.

One of the basic purposes of Freemasonry is to "make good men better," and the men and women of Lodge #74 take this purpose to heart. The Free and Accepted Masons that belong to Lodge #74 strive to live by the three core tenets of Freemasonry: brotherly love, relief and truth, and improve character and moral and spiritual outlook. The Freemasons work tirelessly to promote the principles of personal responsibility and morality, and encourage their colleagues to incorporate Freemasonry's lessons into their everyday lives.

The Freemasons of Wisconsin are active in charity work throughout the state. The Charities of the Grand Lodge include the Wisconsin Masonic Home, Inc., Three Pillars, The Wisconsin Masonic Foundation, and the Medical Fund. These charities serve thousands of individuals each year through programs that support masonic relief, education, community health, safety, and youth engagement. The Black River Falls Masonic Lodge #74 gives back to the local Black River Falls community in a number of ways. For example, the Lodge holds a pancake breakfast every spring on Palm Sunday where all of the proceeds are used for scholarship and local charity efforts.

It is with great pride that I rise today to congratulate the Black River Falls Masonic Lodge #74 on its 100th anniversary and re-dedication. The commitment of its members to bettering themselves and their community is truly deserving of recognition. The Black River Falls community and the state of Wisconsin are fortunate to have the Freemasons making a difference in the lives of individuals.

APRIL IS IBS AWARENESS MONTH

**HON. JAMES P. MORAN**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 29, 2014*

Mr. MORAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize April as IBS Awareness Month.

IBS, or Irritable Bowel Syndrome, is a gastrointestinal disorder that alters how the digestive tract functions.

It can cause extreme pain, alter lifestyles, and cost an individual thousands of dollars on healthcare expenditures.

There is no single cause of IBS, and no single cure.

Studies estimate IBS affects up to 20 percent of the adult population. However, only 5 to 7 percent of the adult population has been diagnosed with the condition.

This is partly because individuals with IBS are less likely to seek treatment.

Many are afraid of the stigma that is associated with the disorder.

People need to know that they don't need to suffer in silence. There are many ways to treat and manage IBS.

The first step is to find out about IBS, and have your questions answered.

As an institution, let's agree to lessen the stigma for IBS patients and urge those who may be affected to find out more and seek treatment.

APPLAUDING THE AFFORDABLE CARE ACT'S HISTORIC FIRST OPEN ENROLLMENT

**HON. LORETTA SANCHEZ**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 29, 2014*

Ms. LORETTA SANCHEZ of California. I rise today to applaud the Affordable Care Act's historic first open enrollment along with the 8 million people who now have the health security they deserve.

And I am proud of the immense contribution California has been to these surging numbers. More than 3 million California consumers enrolled in health insurance plans or in Medi-Cal.

Moreover, after connecting my district to over 20 events and enrolling over 2,300 residents through my "Enroll OC" initiative, Orange County alone represented 10 percent of all California enrollments.

These final enrollment numbers are promising and although we have surpassed our goals, enrollment is only the first step.

We must now shift our focus to educating these new consumers about the services available to them through their health insurance providers.

Therefore, as an effort to educate new consumers in my district, I will be initiating a new campaign and hosting "Know Your Benefits" events throughout Orange County.

And I urge my colleagues to go beyond the kind of work necessary to reach those who the law was meant to help.

CONTINUED NEGOTIATIONS FOR A UNIFIED CYPRUS BETWEEN GREEK AND TURKISH CYPRIOTS

**HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 29, 2014*

Mr. HASTINGS of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the continued negotiations between Greek and Turkish Cypriots as critically important towards peacefully resolving the dispute surrounding a unified Cyprus. I am pleased to learn that progress has been made following the issuance of a joint statement that resumed negotiations between Greek Cypriot negotiator Andreas Mavroyiannis and Turkish Cypriot negotiator Kudret Ozersay in February of this year.

The United States remains committed to supporting peace and cooperative relations in the Eastern Mediterranean. Cyprus was, by legend, the birthplace of the ancient Greek goddess of love, Aphrodite. However, its modern history has, in contrast, been largely dominated by enmity between its Greek and Turkish inhabitants. However, I commend President Nicos Anastasiades of the Republic of