

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

IN HONOR OF ROBERT COCHRAN

HON. PATRICK J. TIBERI

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 13, 2013

Mr. TIBERI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and recognize Robert Cochran upon his retirement from the U.S. House of Representatives. Bob has dedicated his life to public service. He came to the U.S. House of Representatives in October 1989. During his time Bob has reported the Joint Session speeches of Queen Elizabeth II, Boris Yeltsin, a State of the Union speech by President Bill Clinton, and the post-9/11 speech of President George W. Bush.

Bob was born into a family of court reporters. His grandfather founded and operated a court reporting school in St. Paul, Minnesota. He taught stenotype to Bob's father, Robert Cochran, who later became an Official Reporter with the House of Representatives from 1964 to 1984. Bob's father was the first machine stenographer to report on the House Floor.

Bob first began his work for the federal government as a GS-2 file clerk for the Office of the Joint Chiefs of Staff at the Pentagon. He began his court reporting career as a freelance reporter for Alderson Reporting in Washington, D.C., where he reported government agency hearings for the Federal Communications Commission, Federal Trade Commission, and National Institutes of Health. He also covered congressional hearings for Alderson.

In 1971, Bob moved to American Samoa to serve as court reporter for the High Court in Pago Pago. It was while he was in American Samoa that he met his wife, Mona.

Bob and Mona returned to the continental United States in 1975. Bob began working as a free-lance reporter then went on to serve as an Official Reporter with the Circuit Court for Montgomery County, Maryland, and later the Circuit Court for Wicomico County, Maryland, until he joined the U.S. House of Representatives. Bob earned a BS in Business Administration from Salisbury State University, Salisbury, Maryland, in 1983.

Bob is an avid photographer and runner, having completed several marathons and ultra-marathons (50-milers). He coached Little League and was a member of the Lions Club. He currently serves as an Official Reporter to House Committees, where he covers open and classified hearings and interviews, as well as Leadership press conferences.

Bob is the proud father of four children and has eight grandchildren.

Upon his retirement on June 2, 2014, Bob will leave behind a legacy that will permeate throughout the House for years to come. Through his dedication to this institution, Bob will always be a part of this nation's history. His talent and his wry humor will be missed.

SUCCESS AND OPPORTUNITY
THROUGH QUALITY CHARTER
SCHOOLS ACT

SPEECH OF

HON. YVETTE D. CLARKE

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 8, 2014

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 10) to amend the Charter School Program under the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965:

Ms. CLARKE of New York. Mr. Chair, today, I rise to oppose H.R. 10 the Success and Opportunity through Quality Charter Schools Act, which reauthorizes the charter school program in the Elementary and Secondary Education Act.

While I recognize that there are public charter schools that are providing students quality public education, I reject the notion that we have to accept inequity between public charter schools and the rest of the public school system. While H.R. 10 does begin to address some of the inequities, it does not go far enough in leveling the playing field between public charter schools and the public non-charter schools—where the overwhelming majority of our children are educated.

Charter accountability, transparency and financial oversight are not sufficiently addressed in H.R. 10, yet they are the cornerstones of inequity between public charter and public non-charter schools. However, through the amendments process, I tried to strengthen the bill.

One of my amendments would have increased financial oversight by limiting the compensation of charter school administrators. Under this amendment, charter school administrators' could not be compensated at a rate higher than the highest paid education official in the state. For New York, that would mean that public charter school administrators could be paid no more than John King, the New York State Commissioner of Education, whose salary is \$212,500 per year. This amendment was inspired by a 2013 New York Daily News article which noted that many of the city's charter schools' administrators earned significantly more than the Chancellor of New York City schools. I believe that public charter school resources should be focused on classroom instruction, not exuberant salaries. Unfortunately, this amendment was rejected by the Republicans.

I also tried to increase charter accountability by submitting an amendment requiring charter schools to disclose their student retention rates. In Brooklyn, where families have many charter school choices, it can sometimes be difficult to differentiate between the schools. Parents who are trying to decide where their children should attend school need to have comprehensive information on the performance of public charter schools in their area. Knowing the student retention rate for public

charter schools would enable parents and government officials to reach informed decisions about the performance of public charter schools.

Ironically, even the fact that we are reauthorizing charter schools today is yet another example of the inequity between public charter and public non-charter schools. This bill will likely move forward in the Senate, whereas the Elementary and Secondary School Act, which reauthorizes public non-charter schools, languishes in the Senate.

Though my student retention rate amendment was incorporated into the bill, I remain in strong opposition to this bill because it does not go far enough in achieving parity between public charter schools and public non-charter schools.

There are over 49.5 million public school students in America. Public non-charter schools continue to educate the vast majority of students in America. Therefore, we must improve and strengthen public education, so that our children will be able to successfully compete and thrive in a 21st century global economy. To accomplish this both public non-charter and public charter schools must peacefully, co-exist on equitable grounds. No equity will exist until public charter and public non-charter schools have the same accountability, transparency and financial oversight requirements. Otherwise, our children and ultimately our society will continue to suffer the cost of doing nothing.

As the debate regarding the challenges between public charter and public non-charter schools rages on, I hope that policy makers will devote significant time, energy and resources to address issues of inequity.

IN RECOGNITION OF JUDGE BRIAN
MERRICK

HON. WILLIAM R. KEATING

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 13, 2014

Mr. KEATING. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Judge Brian Merrick of Orleans District Court upon his retirement.

Judge Merrick first took up his gavel over twenty-five years ago in Lynn, but transferred to Orleans in idyllic Cape Cod a little over a decade ago. By his own accord, he quickly became accustomed to life on the Cape. Known for his sharp legal mind, strong wit, and habit of wearing bow ties and boat shoes underneath his judicial robes, Judge Merrick has been admired by many throughout his career. He was appointed First Justice of Orleans District Court in 2013, an honor that aptly reflected his many years of service to the Commonwealth. His fellow judges, courthouse employees, and many others who have worked with him throughout the years agree that he will be sorely missed as he steps down from this position.

Mr. Speaker, I am honored to recognize Judge Brian Merrick upon his retirement. I ask

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that my colleagues join me in wishing him the very best in his future endeavors.

HONORING ISRAEL'S 66TH
INDEPENDENCE DAY

SPEECH OF

HON. ELIOT L. ENGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 6, 2014

Mr. ENGEL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the state of Israel and its people on the 66th anniversary of Israel's founding.

Israel is the only stable democracy in the Middle East and the United States' closest ally and friend. Our relationship, built on trust, shared values and a common experience, serves to advance the cause of democracy and freedom worldwide.

Israel is the homeland of the Jewish people. It has been the spiritual center for Jews for thousands of years. In recent years, Israel has become a hub of technology and innovation. In 66 short years, the Jewish people have built a thriving economy in the shadow of their ancient ruins.

Last month, I stood at the Babi Yar memorial in Ukraine. Alone at the site of a massacre with only a yahrtzeit candle flickering, where Einsatzgruppen killed tens of thousands of Jews, I reflected on my heritage. My four grandparents were from Ukraine, and I've often thought that if it weren't for their foresight in leaving Ukraine when they did, I would never have been born. I reflected on the thousands who have been killed because of their faith.

While Israel was not founded because of the Holocaust, the Holocaust is a powerful reminder of what the world could look like without a safe haven for the Jewish people. Israel is its own protector and the United States must stand with Israel as Israel seeks to defend itself against existential threats.

As we celebrate Israel's Independence Day, we also remember those who have fallen in service to their country. I am proud to stand here in celebration of the freedoms that Israel stands for.

SUCCESS AND OPPORTUNITY
THROUGH QUALITY CHARTER
SCHOOLS ACT

SPEECH OF

HON. DIANA DeGETTE

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 8, 2014

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 10) to amend the Charter School Program under the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965:

Ms. DeGETTE. Mr. Chair, today I rise in support of the Success and Opportunity through Quality Charter Schools Act, H.R. 10. I believe it is imperative that America provide high-quality public education so that our students can succeed and compete in the global economy. I am a strong supporter of public education, from early education programs such as Head Start and Pre-K to higher edu-

cation and career and technical education. As we look to improve educational outcomes, we cannot overlook the promise of innovative teaching practices and charter schools.

This new authorization of the Charter School Program makes important improvements to the existing charter school framework. In particular, I support provisions to aid in the dissemination of best practices from charter schools to other public schools, and the updated language that helps extend the reach of charter schools into communities that are currently underserved, including minorities and those with special needs.

However, the underlying bill is not perfect. While one of the founding ideas behind charter schools is to reduce red tape and let educators take the reins, there have been worrying reports of gross mismanagement and embezzlement of public funds by some charter school staff, which requires some attention. I think the amendment offered by Representative CASTOR goes some way to addressing this issue, which would require the Department of Education to develop and publish regulations addressing conflicts of interest surrounding charter schools.

In addition, I support the amendments offered by Representative JACKSON LEE and Representative BONAMICI respectively, which would increase the information available to parents and the public related to attendance of charter schools, and the efforts in disseminating and implementing best practices across the public school spectrum.

There is more work to be done improving our education system, but we must be mindful not to create a two-tiered public school system. I hope H.R. 10 provides the intended improvements to charter schools, and the public education system as a whole.

IN HONOR OF THE NATIONAL AS-
SOCIATION OF POLICE OFFICERS'
2014 TOP COPS WINNERS FROM
MASSACHUSETTS

HON. WILLIAM R. KEATING

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 13, 2014

Mr. KEATING. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the twenty-one law enforcement officers from Massachusetts honored by the National Association of Police Officers' 2014 Top Cops Award.

These brave officers have gone well beyond the call of duty in order to protect our citizens and keep us safe. I am proud to know that these officers are working to protect us and would like to express my gratitude for their service by presenting their names:

Boston Police Department: Police Officer Omar Borges, Detective Kenneth M. Conley, Police Officer Gregory R. Eunis, Police Officer Jarrod Gero, Police Officer Jean Gerard JeanLouis, Detective John B. Joyce, Police Officer Terence Long, Police Officer Gregory McCormick, Police Officer Richard G. Moriarty, Police Officer John Moynihan, Police Officer John M. Noberini, Police Officer Jason A. Nuñez, Police Officer Scott Pulchansingh, Detective Joseph G. Scaringello, Police Officer Dennis O. Simmonds, Police Officer Walter J. Suprey, and Sergeant Detective Kevin E. Waggett.

Massachusetts State Police: Trooper Christopher J. Dumont.

Watertown Police Department: Police Officer Miguel A. Colon, Jr.; Police Officer Michael W. Comick; Sergeant John C.P. MacLellan; Police Officer Timothy B. Menton; Sergeant Jeffrey J. Pugliese; Police Officer Joseph Reynolds, and Police Officer Jean S. Sarkissian.

Many of these officers were on duty during the Boston Marathon bombings last year, and the search for the perpetrators that followed the bombings. These courageous men embody the best ideals of our country, and have dedicated their lives to our security.

Mr. Speaker, it brings me great pride to recognize these officers and the incredible work they have done in the past year, and, indeed, every day. I urge my colleagues to join me in recognizing these officers and their role in protecting our citizens.

STATEMENT OF INTRODUCTION

HON. JIM McDERMOTT

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 13, 2014

Mr. McDERMOTT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to introduce legislation that would make a simple modification to the Civil Monetary Penalty Law. The modification will ensure that physicians and hospitals can align incentives, which is especially important since they are being called upon to do this more often in the pursuit of providing improved care at a lower cost. In the movement to replace fee for service medicine with a model that emphasizes quality, this legislation will facilitate relationships that will allow movement in this direction. The modification will ensure that the penalties for the Civil Monetary Penalty Law are fully retained; the modification makes no change to the penalties prescribed under the law. However, the modification will allow hospitals and physicians to enter into relationships designed to decrease the provision of medically unnecessary services. This legislation recognizes that in the new delivery system models, the emphasis should be on reducing the provision of medically unnecessary services for patients. After all, such services do not serve the patient—who may suffer from hospital acquired infections, if kept in the hospital longer than necessary, for example. Such services also are not in furtherance of the goal of operating a more efficient, higher quality health care system. I urge my colleagues to support this important legislation.

HONORING MAYOR PETER A.
CANTU'S 40TH YEAR IN PUBLIC
SERVICE

HON. RUSH HOLT

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 13, 2014

Mr. HOLT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the career and accomplishments of Mayor Peter A. Cantu, who has served with distinction as a member of the governing body of Plainsboro, New Jersey for the past 40 years and has been a leader in municipal governance for the entire state of New Jersey.

Peter Cantu was a teenager when his family relocated to Plainsboro over 50 years ago. At

the time, the small farming community in central New Jersey was renowned for its agricultural produce and for the Walker-Gordon dairy, home of the famous Elsie, the Borden Cow. Peter met the love of his life, Gale Thompson, in high school and they were married and settled down in the neighboring community of Princeton where their two children, Peter and Patricia were born.

The Cantus moved back to Plainsboro and Peter, who was then beginning a long career with the IBM Corporation, became involved in the Township, as a member of the Volunteer Fire Company, Lions Club and several other organizations as well as serving on the Town Council, an advisory body to the Township Committee.

In the 1970's, some of the farms became available for development, and the town government approved thousands of housing units without any master plan or overall growth management plan. Outraged by this lack of vision, Peter Cantu decided to run for local office. He won, and the rest is history, a history he helped write.

And it is a different history than it could have been without Peter Cantu. Under his leadership over the past 40 years, Plainsboro today is a thriving, diverse community of over 22,000, honored for its planning and smart growth and for having 50 percent of the township land permanently dedicated as open space, parks, and nature preserves, a notable feature for a town in the most densely populated state in America. It has a variety of housing options—rental apartments, condominiums, and private houses for those with low and moderate incomes and higher. It is home to the University Medical Center of Princeton at Plainsboro, the national headquarters of one of the world's leading pharmaceutical companies, and other corporations and businesses. When the town developed a new town center, Mayor Cantu and the planners put at its center not a shopping mall or an office park, but a modern, active public library. Is it any wonder that New Jersey Monthly Magazine recognized Plainsboro as "One of the Ten Best Places to Live in New Jersey".

Mayor Peter Cantu would never claim that Plainsboro's success was all his doing. He would say that without the input and hard work of all the members of the Township Committee and the support of the residents of Plainsboro, this would not have happened. And I would agree. But it is his style of leadership that has made this happen. Peter Cantu is a patient builder of consensus. He listens attentively to other points of view and takes the time to explain the rationale for decisions. Public hearings are open and neighborhoods are kept aware of what is planned.

And perhaps the best indicator of his talent to lead can be found in his ability to remain Mayor for so many years. Plainsboro's Township form of government calls for an election of some members each year, who select which one will be Mayor for a year each January. Peter's fellow Township Committee members have chosen him to be Mayor 34 times.

Peter Cantu's long career in local government is an inspiration to those who follow. I ask that you join me in recognizing his significant contributions to the well-being of his community and state, and thank him for his lifetime of service.

RECOGNITION OF THE RETIREMENT OF MINNESOTA STATE REPRESENTATIVE TOM HUNTLEY

HON. BETTY McCOLLUM

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 13, 2014

Ms. MCCOLLUM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of the retirement of Minnesota State Representative Tom Huntley. Rep. Huntley has served for more than 20 years in the Minnesota State House, proudly representing his constituents in Duluth, Minnesota.

In 1993, Tom and I were sworn in together at the State Legislature where we both served on the Health and Human Services Committee. Early on, it was clear that Tom was a man acutely aware of how his work affected the people of Minnesota. Tom had a reputation for taking every opportunity to help educate his colleagues, staff, and citizens about any issue, especially on the on-going needs in primary and rural health care. He has an incredible mind for policy, but during his service, he never lost sight of the way that those policies impacted people.

Tom's ability to combine a focus on outcomes for health care patients with a keen eye for ensuring that taxpayer dollars were well spent made him an effective force in the State Capitol. Tom was always willing to work with both Republicans and Democrats to move the issues he cared about forward. As author of the Freedom to Breathe Act, his work with Republican Representative Dan Severson made Minnesota the 17th state to enact a statewide smoking ban, improving the public health of all Minnesotans.

Under the leadership of Tom Huntley, Minnesota has become a model for delivering high-quality health care to its citizens. He was involved in the implementation of MinnesotaCare, ensuring thousands of working families in Minnesota had access to health coverage and Tom has worked tirelessly with his colleagues to improve and protect it. As Chair of the Health and Human Services Finance Committee, he championed the 2007 and 2008 statewide health reform laws, legislation to expand Medical Assistance, and numerous other provisions positively impacting the lives of nearly every Minnesotan. And as an early advocate for the Affordable Care Act, Tom saw the federal law as a way to build on the reforms already taking place in Minnesota. It is no exaggeration to say that Tom has had a hand in crafting nearly every piece of health care legislation in Minnesota during the past two decades.

In addition to his health care achievements, Tom has been a strong advocate on issues relating to the Great Lakes. In October 2004, he was elected as Chair of the bi-national Great Lakes Commission. In that role, Tom helped bring additional national attention to the ongoing needs related to the health and protection of this international treasure. And it is because of his leadership that Minnesota was the first state to approve the Great Lakes-St. Lawrence River Basin Water Resources Compact.

Tom has been an incredible advocate for his constituents, mentor to my Legislative Director Jenn Holcomb, and a true statesman. He will retire from the state legislature this

month with the knowledge that his work had a lasting and profound impact on the state of Minnesota. Tom's leadership will be truly missed and I look forward to continuing our friendship for years to come.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. YVETTE D. CLARKE

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 13, 2014

Ms. CLARKE of New York. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably detained and missed the amendment votes to H.R. 10 on Friday, May 9, 2014.

Had I been present, I would have voted "yes" on rollcall No. 212, the Castor amendment; "yes" on rollcall No. 213, the Jackson-Lee amendment; "yes" on rollcall No. 214, the Wilson (FL) amendment; "yes" on rollcall No. 215, the Langevin amendment; and "yes" on rollcall No. 216, the Bonamici amendment.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE DEDICATION OF THE NEW BEDFORD WOMEN'S MILITARY MEMORIAL

HON. WILLIAM R. KEATING

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 13, 2014

Mr. KEATING. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the New Bedford Women's Military Memorial, which was dedicated on May 10 at Fort Taber in New Bedford.

This monument is located in the City of New Bedford to honor all women in military service from the Revolutionary War to the present day, and it is only the second such memorial in Massachusetts. Since the founding of our nation, women have served our country with courage, patriotism, and selflessness in times of peace and in times of war. In addition to their service, these women have fulfilled many other roles, including as mothers, sisters, daughters, wives, and of course, friends.

Although women were not officially recognized in the Armed Forces until the founding of the Army Nurse Corps in 1901, countless women have served our country both directly and indirectly throughout our history. One of the earliest examples is Deborah Samson Gannett of Massachusetts who, in spite of her gender, enlisted to serve in the Army during the Revolutionary War, using her deceased brother's name as an alias. Since then, countless women have contributed to the U.S. Armed Forces as nurses, water bearers, cooks, and even saboteurs, helping to ensure our freedom. They served at home and abroad, during times of peace and on the battlefield, and were essential in helping to shape our great nation over the centuries. The New Bedford Military Memorial aptly honors these women and the many sacrifices they made.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to recognize the New Bedford Women's Military Memorial. I urge my colleagues to join me in recognizing our women in service, as well as the dedicated individuals who have worked for two years to make this memorial a reality.

RECOGNIZING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF CHAUTAUQUA GOLF CLUB

HON. TOM REED

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 13, 2014

Mr. REED. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Chautauqua Golf Club on its 100th anniversary. This historic venue, located in beautiful Chautauqua, New York, hosted its first round of golf on July 18, 1914.

Over the past 100 years, Chautauqua Golf Club has hosted legendary golfers including Ben Hogan, Walter Hagen, Sam Snead, and Jack Cawsey. The Club's courses have been enjoyed by countless celebrities and dignitaries, including former President Bill Clinton. Each of these individuals has experienced the superior design and character offered by the two four-star courses designed by famous golf architect Donald Ross.

The Club has hosted numerous tournaments throughout its history. Since 2000, it has partnered with Jamestown Community College to host the National Junior College Athletic Association's Men's Division III National Championship. In addition, an annual Professional-Amateur Tournament to benefit the Chautauqua Watershed Conservancy is held at the Club.

Chautauqua Golf Club recently opened the Golf Learning Center, a teaching and practice facility that serves golfers of all ages and skill levels. The center focuses on teaching strategies, improving skills, and fostering an appreciation for the finer points of the game. This center, which is ideal for families, school teams, and community groups, intends to make the game of golf accessible to everyone.

I once again commend Chautauqua Golf Club on its 100th anniversary. I am proud to recognize this remarkable accomplishment and the great contributions the Club has made, and will continue to make, to New York's 23rd Congressional District.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 22ND ANNIVERSARY OF THE TAIWANESE AMERICAN CULTURAL FESTIVAL

HON. JACKIE SPEIER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 13, 2014

Ms. SPEIER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the 22nd anniversary of the Taiwanese American Cultural Festival that will be held on May 10, 2014 in San Francisco. The festival brings together an estimated 8,000 people from all over the world to enjoy delicious Taiwanese food, be entertained by world-renowned Taiwanese American performers and to experience the vibrancy of Taiwanese culture.

The festival highlights the national celebration of Taiwanese American Heritage Week during the month of May, as proclaimed by former President Bill Clinton in 1993. Since its inception, it has grown into a landmark event for the Bay Area recognizing the contributions of Taiwanese Americans.

Taiwanese Americans are firmly woven into the fabric of our community and serve our

country on all levels of government, from being members of the President's Cabinet, to highly respected business leaders and locally-elected officials. Scholars and leaders such as former U.S. Secretary of Labor Elaine Chao, Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of California Goodwin Liu, Academy-Award winning director Ang Lee, co-founder of Yahoo Jerry Yang, and Jeremy Lin who became the first Taiwanese-American in the NBA, have all made lasting contributions to our society and share the spirit of the Asian American Pacific Islander culture.

The Taiwanese American population has grown significantly since the 1970s and brought large numbers of physicians, health professionals, scientists and professors to the United States. In the late 80s and 90s, the Silicon Valley tech boom drew even more Taiwanese immigrants. Of the between 500,000 to one million Taiwanese Americans living in the United States, 49% live in California, according to the 2010 U.S. Census.

As the representative of one of the largest Asian American populations in the country, I've experienced first-hand the warmth, generosity and inclusiveness of the AAPI community. Every year, the Taiwanese American Cultural Festival enhances social interactions and cultural exchanges and strengthens the partnership between the United States and Taiwan.

The festival is entirely organized, run, and funded by volunteers and non-profit organizations, in particular the Taiwanese American Professionals—San Francisco (TAP-SF) and the Taiwanese American Federation of Northern California (TAFNC).

Mr. Speaker, I ask the House of Representatives to rise with me in honor of the 2014 Taiwanese American Cultural Festival. May it continue to bring joy and cultural enrichment to our community for decades to come.

IN RECOGNITION OF MR. JAMES GOODSON

HON. WILLIAM R. KEATING

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 13, 2014

Mr. KEATING. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize James Goodson, a veteran who served in the United States Air Force during World War II.

A recipient of the military's second-highest honor, the Distinguished Service Cross, James Goodson was also one of the first Americans to fly a low-level strafing sortie over France and Belgium in 1942. Mr. Goodson, who flew in one of three "Eagle" Squadrons, was among the first American volunteers to serve in the British Royal Air Force. In 1942, these RAF units that consisted of American pilots were incorporated into the 4th Fighter Group of the U.S. Army Air Forces. During his career as an Eagle squadron pilot, Goodson recorded two enemy kills. Mr. Goodson has also been recognized for his brave service with the Silver Star, Purple Heart, and several other military honors. A resident of the town of Duxbury when he passed away on May 1, 2014, James Goodson will be sorely missed by his family and many friends.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to honor James Goodson upon his death and distinguished

military career during World War II. I ask that my colleagues join me in recognizing his life and his service.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 40TH ANNIVERSARY OF SAMARITAN HOUSE

HON. JACKIE SPEIER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 13, 2014

Ms. SPEIER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the staff and volunteers of Samaritan House in San Mateo, California, who for 40 years have given shelter and dignity to individuals and families in need.

Samaritan House is a haven and lifeline for more than 12,000 members of our community, providing shelter, food, clothing, health care, worker resources and counseling services for low income families. Today, the dedicated staff of 77 and over 2,000 volunteers serve 145,000 meals a year, serve 10,000 people a year at two clinics, counsel 500 people a month and have 90 shelter beds to house the homeless.

In 1974, Samaritan House was created by Cora Clemons, a public health nurse, in partnership with the city of San Mateo. It was a referral agency for people with basic social services. In 1985 John Kelly, a Catholic priest for 25 years, became the executive director and earned the nickname "Father of Samaritan House." Under his leadership for 14 years, the agency was transformed and vastly expanded. It merged with the Hospitality Family Kitchen, which had been established by concerned citizens a year before, and started providing direct services, including food, clothing and a new Thanksgiving program. Shortly after that, the food pantry opened and then Samaritan House moved into two mobile units on Humboldt Street in San Mateo. With the expansion, Samaritan House was able to help more people and also grew its number of volunteers. In 1989, it hosted its first Volunteer Community Recognition event.

In 1990, San Mateo High School students helped propel the food program to its next level by launching the annual food drive. With the food program well established, Samaritan House focused on expanding its services to include medical care. The Free Medical Clinic opened in a few rooms at Samaritan House in 1992. In 1998, the Breast Care program was created and in 2001, the second Free Medical Clinic opened on 5th Avenue in Redwood City. In 2004, the first Free Medical Clinic moved to a new facility on West 39th Avenue in San Mateo.

Samaritan House started offering services to the homeless in 1987. In 2000 it opened Safe Harbor Shelter on property next to San Francisco International Airport. The facility was renovated six years later and now offers 90 emergency shelter beds.

In 2009, Samaritan House moved into its current home on Pacific Boulevard. The facility has a state-of-the-art industrial kitchen and food pantry, clothing distribution center, case management and counseling services and administrative services. It's a magnificent home for an organization doing magnificent work.

All of the services at Samaritan House are free, but clients are held accountable and

have to demonstrate that they are making progress in finding jobs, housing and becoming self-sufficient. While there are emergency assistance programs to help families in crises, the ultimate goal is to help them to help themselves by empowering them with financial education, asset building, income tax assistance, enrollment in benefit programs, and counseling.

From 2001 to 2013 Kitty Lopez led Samaritan House as its executive director. Always with a smile on her face, she placed Samari-

tan House on a solid footing, expanded its efforts to help those in need and kept operations orderly and safe. In June, Bart Charlow will take the reins as the new CEO and will continue the legacy of this outstanding non-profit organization. The success of Samaritan House is also due to the superb guidance of the board of directors: Board President Patricia Hsiu, Jay Strauss, Mollie Marshall, Timothy K. Roake, Ralph Armeio, Todd Barrett, Maude N. Brezinski, Lucretia-del J. Broussard, Joan Cassman, Nisha Chaudry, Richard L. Davis,

William S. Freeman, Robert Grassilli, Natasha Lopez-Gomez, J. Frank McCabe, Alex Moldanado, Allison Nuschy-Lenat, Judi Powell, Carl A. Serrato, Jason Ting, Trisha Vicario and James Whitehead.

Mr. Speaker, I ask the House of Representatives to rise with me to honor the 40th anniversary of Samaritan House in San Mateo, California, an institution that has lifted up thousands of residents and put them on a path to hope, independence and productivity.