

within the military and domestically. Congress responded by passing the Nurse Training Act of 1943, which provided an opportunity for accredited nursing schools to offer accelerated training programs, greatly increasing the number of nurses available to serve at home and overseas. In addition, nursing students were able to receive subsidies for the cost of their training and a modest living stipend, which permitted many students to advance economically.

However, the Cadet Nurses' path through this program was not simple or easy. In addition to the daily stresses and high demands of nursing work, these future nurses faced the additional burdens of completing their studies faster than regular students and learning critical skills on the job instead of in the classroom. Yet, by responding to these challenges, the nursing students receiving training through the Cadet Nurse Program were critical to supporting the increased need for services during this difficult time in our Nation's history.

As we celebrate National Nurses Week, let us remember the difficult work that all nurses carry out. They serve at the front lines of medical care: often, they are the first and most familiar medical provider patients will see.

This week, I ask you to join me in remembering and honoring the work of Cadet Nurses and making sure that their outstanding service to their communities and our Nation is not forgotten.

RECOGNIZING DICK COOK FOR HIS SERVICE TO THE TOWN OF DOUBLE OAK, TEXAS

HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 11, 2010

Mr. BURGESS. Madam Speaker, I proudly rise today to recognize Dick Cook and his dedication to the town of Double Oak. On May 17, 2010, after over 17 years of distinguished service, Dick will retire from the City Council.

Dick has held many positions throughout the years. He has served as Mayor of Double Oak for 9 years, and also as Mayor Pro-Tem, Deputy Mayor Pro-Tem, Town Treasurer, and City Council Member. If that isn't impressive enough, Dick has also served on the Planning and Zoning Commission and the Board of Adjustment.

Dick and his wife Georgette have been residents of Double Oak for 25 years. Not only has he served the town of Double Oak, but he served as an officer in the United States Navy from 1950 to 1981. When Mr. Cook retired, he held the highest rank in the Fleet Reserve, Navy Lieutenant.

Madam Speaker, it is with great honor that I rise today to recognize an outstanding public servant to both his community and the nation, Mr. Dick Cook. It is my honor to represent such a dedicated community member in the United States House of Representatives.

RAISING AWARENESS ABOUT ESOPHAGEAL CANCER

HON. BILL POSEY

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 11, 2010

Mr. POSEY. Madam Speaker, several weeks ago, I received a call from one of my constituents, Marsha Shapiro. She courageously shared with me her experience with her husband Joel's battle with esophageal cancer. Marsha was kind enough to tell me a little about her husband and the type of man he was. She told me that for 30 years Joel worked as a New York City public school teacher at P.S.176 in Brooklyn. He also spent 16 years as an English high school principal at Yeshiva of Brooklyn, a position he held in conjunction with his public school duties.

She said that Joel was a humble man, but to his family and his students, he was a giant. For several summers he worked at the Italian Federation in an athletic program sponsoring Say No To Drugs. Music was also a very important part of his life having been a violinist in the Brooklyn Heights Orchestra and at St. Ann's Church. Furthermore, he performed with the Staten Island Orchestra at St. John's University and Kingsborough Community Orchestra Brooklyn, NY.

Mrs. Shapiro shared with me how Joel's battle with esophageal cancer began on May 15, 2009. Over the course of the next several months he received the recognized chemo and radiation treatments but unfortunately they did not shrink his tumor. On November 18, 2009, after just 6 months and 3 days of treatment, Joel passed away. He is survived by his wife Marsha, two sons Adam and Glenn and three grandchildren, Jonathan, Naomi and Zachary.

My colleagues, sadly, Joel's battle with esophageal cancer is not out of the ordinary. Unfortunately, it is too often the norm. The five-year survival rate for those diagnosed with esophageal cancer is less than 20 percent and many, like Mr. Shapiro, die within a year of being diagnosed. The American Cancer Society estimates that this year alone more than 16,000 new cases of esophageal cancer will be diagnosed in the United States and nearly 14,500 deaths from esophageal cancer will occur.

In fact, the rates of esophageal cancer have been rising dramatically for the past several decades, increasing by more than 400 percent, and there is still a lack of effective treatments for cancer of the esophagus. With such a significant increase in the number of cases and with a mortality rate of nearly 80 percent, too often those diagnosed with esophageal cancer are diagnosed too late and the disease has progressed too much for current treatments to be effective.

I encourage my colleagues to join with me, and my colleague Congressman RUSH HOLT, in sponsoring a bipartisan resolution recognizing the importance of detecting esophageal cancer during its earliest stages, advancing medical research, and supporting the goals and ideals of Esophageal Cancer Awareness Month.

INTRODUCING THE EQUAL ACCESS TO PRE-SEPARATION ACT OF 2010

HON. CHELLIE PINGREE

OF MAINE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 11, 2010

Ms. PINGREE of Maine. Madam Speaker, today I am proud to be introducing the Equal Access to Pre-Separation Act of 2010. This bill requires the Department of Defense to give benefit information to members of the Reserve Component before they separate or retire.

For too many years, members of the Guard and Reserve have left the service without a clear picture of the benefits their service has earned them. This legislation ensures that these individuals and their families are educated on how to access benefits like VA health care and Tricare health care programs.

For years the Guard and Reserve have played a critical strategic role in our national defense. I am grateful to these individuals for their service to the Nation. They have made great sacrifices, and I believe that Congress has a moral obligation to educate these heroes on the benefits they have earned. This bill is just one way we can begin to re-pay them for all that they have done to protect this country. I strongly believe that Congress has a moral obligation to keep the promises made to our troops in return for their service.

I look forward to working with my colleagues in the coming weeks to pass this important legislation in the House.

RECOGNIZING THE SERVICE OF HIGHLAND VILLAGE CITY COUNCIL MEMBER DON COMBS

HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 11, 2010

Mr. BURGESS. Madam Speaker, I proudly rise today to recognize City Council Member Don Combs of Highland Village, Texas. After eight years of strong leadership and commitment to the community, Don will be retiring from the City Council.

Don was first elected to the City Council in May of 2002. He served as Mayor of Highland Village from January to May of 2006 and again as Mayor Pro Tem from May 2009 to May 2010. He served as a member of the Planning and Zoning Commission and the Highland Village Community Center Committee.

Don currently serves on the Board of Directors for the Highland Village Community Development Corporation, where he directly helps to promote and implement projects to benefit economic development in the area. He and his wife, Janet, and their family have lived in Highland Village since 1985.

Madam Speaker, it is with great honor that I rise today to commemorate the accomplishments and service of Highland Village City Council Member, Don Combs. I am proud to represent such a devoted community member in the United States House of Representatives.

COMMEMORATING VIETNAM
HUMAN RIGHTS DAY

HON. ZOE LOFGREN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 11, 2010

Ms. ZOE LOFGREN of California. Madam Speaker, I rise in honor of the 16th Commemoration of Vietnam Human Rights Day.

I am proud to represent San Jose, home to the largest Vietnamese population outside of Vietnam itself. Many of my constituents have family and friends still in Vietnam, and the reports about the human rights situation in that country are concerning.

Beginning in 1994, Congress has designated May 11th as Vietnam Human Rights Day—a day to reflect on the struggles of the thousands of innocent Vietnamese citizens that seek basic human rights and freedom.

Sadly, in the sixteen years since Congress first established this day calling for Hanoi to respect basic human rights, the situation has not improved. In fact, after the United States granted Vietnam Permanent Normal Trade Relations in 2006, conditions worsened as the Vietnamese government, having received the trade agreement it sought, returned to its violent and inquisitive methods of silencing free speech.

While the Vietnamese government presents a facade of democracy to the world, journalists, bloggers, and whistleblowers are imprisoned for merely raising questions about government policies or calling attention to corrupt behavior. Pro-democracy activists are arrested and jailed under arbitrary, expansive, and vague anti-propaganda laws, often without due process. Despite years of pressure from Congress and humanitarian organizations, the Vietnamese government continues to deny these charges, show a lack of a serious commitment to reform, and openly violate both its own constitution as well as its international human rights obligations.

Moreover, religious freedom remains an issue. Reports of harassment, discrimination, and repression related to religion continue. In its Annual Report for 2010, released this month, the U.S. Commission on International Religious Freedom has renewed its call for Vietnam to be designated as a Country of Particular Concern by the State Department. I wholeheartedly agree with this recommendation, and strongly urge the State Department to follow it.

On this May 11th, I ask my colleagues to honor the efforts of those who are fighting for freedom and democracy in Vietnam, and to consider how we might be of assistance in their difficult and courageous struggle for the basic human rights that we, as Americans, enjoy.

IN HONOR AND RECOGNITION OF
VETERANS OF THE BATTLE OF
THE BULGE, (VBOB) OHIO NORTH
COAST CHAPTER XXXVI

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 11, 2010

Mr. KUCINICH. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor and recognition of Veterans of the Battle of the Bulge, (VBOB) Ohio North Coast Chapter XXXVI. Their individual and collective courage, sacrifice and service on behalf of our nation will be forever remembered.

The Battle of the Bulge was the largest land battle of World War II and one of the deadliest battles in American history. By the end of the battle, nearly 20,000 American soldiers were dead and more than 80,000 were wounded. The German surprise attack on American troops began on December 16, 1944 in the snow-covered Ardennes Mountains of Belgium and Luxembourg. It ended with an Allied victory. This courageous stand by American troops proved to be a major turning point in the war; it contributed to the defeat of the Nazis and the liberation of Europe.

The VBOB Chapter XXXVI was chartered on July 16, 1994. Forever connected by their shared experience, Veterans from throughout northern Ohio gathered to meet on a regular basis. Though the Chapter is now disbanding, its members were active. They held annual commemoration dinners in honor of their friends who lost their lives and led the effort to construct a memorial in honor of the soldiers who fought in the Battle of the Bulge. That monument, located in The Ohio Western Reserve National Cemetery in Rittman, Ohio, was dedicated on June 6th, 2002.

Madam Speaker and Colleagues, please join me in honor of and gratitude to the soldiers who fought in the Battle of the Bulge, many of whom made the ultimate sacrifice on behalf of our nation. I also stand in honor of the Veterans of the Battle of the Bulge, the Ohio North Coast Chapter XXXVI. The heart and grit that each young soldier exhibited in the midst of that battle will be honored forever.

TRIBUTE TO GENE A. VINCENTI ON
HIS RETIREMENT

HON. DONALD M. PAYNE

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 11, 2010

Mr. PAYNE. Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues here in the House of Representatives to join me as I rise to pay tribute to the wonderful accomplishments of Gene A. Vincenti as he retires from Rutgers Newark. It is indeed a pleasure for me to add my congratulations to that of his family, friends and colleagues of the Rutgers Newark community as they celebrate in honor of "Mr. Rutgers Newark." For all the contributions he has made over the years, Mr. Vincenti deserves to be feted on this marvelous although melancholy occasion.

Rarely has an individual been such an integral part of a university by having received both undergraduate and graduate degrees and going on to work at the same institution for over 38 years. However, that is exactly what Gene has done. His career at Rutgers Newark can only be described as mutually beneficial. Having worked with three provosts and three presidents, Gene has been instrumental in helping to develop the current landscape of Newark. In addition to his involvement with the Council for Higher Education in Newark, CHEN, alliance, Gene had a hand in determining the locations of the New Jersey Performing Arts Center and the Prudential Arena. He also had input on redeveloping the Broad Street train station and the Broad and Halsey Street areas near the campus.

Gene's involvement in CHEN and his numerous years as a champion of Rutgers Newark helped to create some dynamic improvements and image boosting initiatives for the City of Newark. His sphere of influence in the community and the synergy he helped to create through CHEN will always be remembered by the many students, administrators and residents of the Greater Newark area.

Madam Speaker, I know my fellow members of the House of Representatives agree that Gene Vincenti has been a part of the fabric of Newark Rutgers and that his departure will leave a void that will not easily be filled. We wish him well in this new phase of his life.

HONORING MARK MADDEN

HON. DALE E. KILDEE

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 11, 2010

Mr. KILDEE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Mark Madden as he retires as Superintendent of Atherton Community Schools in Burton, Michigan. A Mark Madden hour is planned at Atherton High School tomorrow to honor his work.

Mark Madden started working for Atherton Community Schools in 1969 as an English teacher. Over the years he taught English, French, and Drama at Atherton Middle School, Atherton Senior High School and in the Atherton Adult Education program. Outside the classroom, Mark worked as the Red Cross sponsor for the Freshman and Junior Classes, was the advisor for the Foreign Study League, the producer of the Atherton Senior High School plays, was an announcer, scorekeeper and crowd control technician for sporting events.

He initiated and coached the Varsity Tennis Team and the Junior Varsity Tennis Team. As a member of the Michigan High School Tennis Coaches Association, his commitment to the sport was recognized in 2002, when he was inducted into the High School Tennis Coaches Hall of Fame.

Mark spent 32 years as a teacher, 4 years as a principal and 5 years as superintendent. In addition to his work with Atherton Community Schools, he also found time to teach English and Education at Baker College. He also participated in the Big Brothers, Big Sisters program. He has been honored as Regional Tennis Coach of the Year, the Teacher