

monument was built on that site, and every Memorial Day, members return to the site to pay tribute to the memory of fellow veterans. They also acknowledge and honor other veterans' organizations such as the American Legion Post 304 and the VFW Post 4545.

Madam Speaker and Colleagues, please join me in recognition of the 75th anniversary of the Polish Army Veterans, Kosciuszko Post 152, of Cleveland, Ohio. We honor the memory of departed members and celebrate the accomplishments and service of Polish Veterans.

NATE BOECK

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 25, 2010

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Nate Boeck who has received the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. Nate Boeck is a 9th grader at Arvada West High School and received this award because his determination and hard work have allowed him to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Nate Boeck is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations once again to Nate Boeck for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. I have no doubt he will exhibit the same dedication and character in all his future accomplishments.

IN HONOR OF LINDA FRANK

HON. JOHN H. ADLER

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 24, 2010

Mr. ADLER of New Jersey. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Ms. Linda Frank, a volunteer for the Retired & Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP), a program that has matched volunteers with Burlington County non-profit organizations since 1971.

Throughout her 20 years with RSVP, Ms. Frank has given more than twenty hours a month performing specific duties and functions at Lourdes Medical Center in Willingboro, New Jersey, by working together with the hospital personnel to increase the effectiveness of the hospital's human and physical resources and providing quality care and services that benefit patients and visitors. She performs her volunteer duties at the Information Desk, in the Thrift Shop and in the maternity department.

Madam Speaker, today I invite you to join me to honor Ms. Frank on her twenty years of dedicated, community service.

RECOGNITION OF THE CENTENNIAL OF THE MASON COUNTY LOGGING NO. 7 LOCOMOTIVE

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 25, 2010

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to join the Roots of Motive Power and the Mendocino County Museum as they celebrate a rare achievement, the 100th birthday of an operating steam locomotive, the 1910 Baldwin Locomotive Works Mason County Logging #7. I would also like to recognize the 25th anniversary of Roots of Motive Power.

The story of Mason County Logging #7 mirrors the history of logging in the Pacific Northwest. Logging locomotives were designed especially for their girth and flexibility to operate on spurs penetrating steep hillsides and deep canyons with their valuable loads. Locomotive #7 started out with the Black Hills and Northwestern Railroad, a subsidiary of Mason County Logging Company, operating in the dense Douglas fir forests near the Washington State capital of Olympia.

It remained in Washington for 80 years. A workhorse for more than 40 years, it stood idle for 45 years and may have been lost forever to scrap metal. In 1984, however, with foresight Willits resident Chris Baldo began years of negotiations that culminated with his purchase of No. 7 in 1990. The old locomotive was placed on a lowbed and trucked to Mr. Baldo's Willits Redwood Company yard, arriving on September 24, 1990.

Preservationists like Mr. Baldo are not daunted by such a task as restoring what was at the time a rusty, nearly forgotten antique and bringing it back to life. His perseverance, tenacity and dogged determination turned the steam powered locomotive into a piece of living history. It took 11 years from Mr. Baldo's original purchase for No. 7 to complete restoration back in Washington until its return to California. In 2001, after a brief stint pulling Sierra Railroad coaches outside of Oakdale, California, No. 7 was moved back to Willits to its new home at Roots of Motive Power adjacent to the Mendocino County Museum in time for the Roots' Steam Festival on September 8 and 9. The completion of a two-thirds mile track allows the engine to let off steam on special occasions.

As we commemorate the significance of this locomotive, one of only a few hundred left in the United States, I also salute the Roots of Motive Power, an organization associated with the Mendocino County Museum and "dedicated to the preservation, restoration and operation of logging and railroad equipment representative of California's North Coast Region from the 1850s until the present." With more than 300 members Roots of Motive Power produces The Highline, a beautiful magazine-like newsletter and educational events. They also hold "steam-ups" four times a year, one of which will celebrate the 100th birthday of No. 7.

Madam Speaker, it's not often we pause to recognize a restored steam engine but the 1910 Mason County Logging No. 7 and the

dedication of those who wanted to preserve its historical significance for the enjoyment of future generations deserve our praise. In addition, I am proud to ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the Roots of Motive Power in Willits, California, the "heart of the redwoods" for their dedication and long lasting contributions to preserving the best of times gone by.

HONORING MARGIE J. CLAYTOR SMITH

HON. CHRIS VAN HOLLEN

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 25, 2010

Mr. VAN HOLLEN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the long and productive life of my constituent, Mrs. Margie J. Claytor Smith, who celebrated her 100th birthday on March 19, 2010.

Margie J. Claytor was born in Basham, Virginia on March 19, 1910, the sixth child of Harvey and Lena Claytor. She married George W. Smith on December 26, 1929 and enjoyed 37 years of marriage until her husband's death in 1966. Mr. and Mrs. Smith had two children, Gerald W. Smith and Marie Smith Wise. Following her husband's death, Mrs. Smith lived with her son and helped to raise her five grandchildren: Gerald W. Smith, Jr., Susan R. Smith, David T. Smith, Scott W. Wise, and Cecelia Wise Howard. Mrs. Smith now also has four great-grandchildren: Jon B. Howard, Bryan F. Smith, Aaron T. Smith, and Clo'e M. Smith. She became fond of camping and, in fact, she and her family have camped in 38 states and three Canadian regions. Her efforts throughout her life were honored by being named the National Council of Negro Women's first "All Star Senior."

Madam Speaker, I am honored to recognize Mrs. Margie J. Claytor Smith and the contributions she has made to her family and to her community.

NHICAM HANNAH NGUYEN

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 25, 2010

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Nhicam Hannah Nguyen who has received the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. Nhicam Hannah Nguyen is a 12th grader at Arvada High School and received this award because her determination and hard work have allowed her to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Nhicam Hannah Nguyen is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations once again to Nhicam Hannah Nguyen for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. I have no doubt she

will exhibit the same dedication and character to all her future accomplishments.

DEPUTY BRIAN LAMAR
MAHAFFEY

HON. HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 25, 2010

Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia. Madam Speaker, Whereas, our lives have been touched the life of this one man . . . who has given of himself in order for others to stand; and

Whereas, Deputy Brian Lamar Mahaffey has served five years in the Rockdale County Sheriff Department and gave his life in the line of duty; and

Whereas, this giant of a man thought there was never a job too small or too big; he would provide professional service with the intention to always serve and protect our community; and

Whereas, this remarkable man gave of himself, his time, his talent and his life; he never asked for fame or fortune to uplift those in need, he just wanted to do what was right and he was committed to protecting and serving the citizens of Rockdale County; and

Whereas, Deputy Mahaffey was a husband, a father, a son, a brother and a friend; he was our warrior, a man of great integrity who remained true to the uplifting and service of our community until his end; and

Whereas, the U.S. Representative of the Fourth District of Georgia has set aside this day to bestow an honorable mention and recognition on Deputy Brian Lamar Mahaffey of the Rockdale County Sheriff Department for his leadership, friendship and service to all of the citizens in Georgia; a citizen of great worth and so noted distinction;

Now therefore, I, HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, JR. do hereby attest to the 111th Congress that Deputy Brian Lamar Mahaffey of Rockdale County, Georgia is deemed worthy and deserving of this "Congressional Honorable Mention";

Deputy Brian Lamar Mahaffey, U.S. Citizen of Distinction, in the 4th Congressional District; Proclaimed, This 12th day of May, 2010.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. LEONARD L. BOSWELL

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 25, 2010

Mr. BOSWELL. Madam Speaker, I regret missing two evening votes from the House on May 24th, 2010. Had I been present, I would have voted "aye" on rollcall votes 292 and 293.

IN TRIBUTE TO CHRIST THE KING
HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL

HON. ANTHONY D. WEINER

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 25, 2010

Mr. WEINER. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize Christ the King Regional High School's boys and girls basketball teams on the occasion of the New York State Federation Class AA championships. Christ the King has made history in New York State by becoming the first high school to win both boys and girls Federation Basketball Tournament of Champions titles in the same year. This is an extremely difficult feat that deserves our recognition.

Christ the King's Royals and Lady Royals are renowned basketball teams not only in New York City, but throughout the country. Some of the National Basketball Association's and Women's National Basketball Association's best players, such as Lamar Odom, Tina Charles, and Speedy Claxton attended this fine high school located in Middle Village, Queens and played on its great basketball teams. The Class AA championship was the third for the Royals. First they won the Brooklyn-Queens diocesan crown and then swept the city championships. The Lady Royals have won a record 14 championships.

I would like to recognize this season's champions. Maurice Barrow, Roland Brown, Omar Calhoun, T.J. Curry, Corey Edwards, Terrel Hunt, Optimystic Kinard, Justin Kirkland, Dominykas Milka, Khadim Ndiaye, Edson Silva, Kareem Thomas, Mike Thompson, and Aaron Williams led the Royals to a record of 26-5. Ariel Page, Tara Rock, Jacqueline Michel, Nia Oden, Jacqueline Mullen, Lauren Nuss, Ariel Edwards, Sasha Santamaria, Bria Smith, Sarah Shanderson, Jessica Wasserfall, Rayne Connell, and Quincey Martin-Chapmen led the Lady Royals to a record of 26-5. I would also like to extend my congratulations to Joe Arbitello and Bob Mackey, the coaches of the Royals and Lady Royals.

Christ the King opened its doors in 1962 and has set a record of excellence not only in athletics, but also in academics. In its 48-year history, it has provided thousands of Queens' youth with an exemplary education. Additionally, its commitment to serving the neighboring communities of Middle Village and Glendale has made Christ the King one of the most esteemed institutions in New York City.

I am pleased to congratulate the Royals and the Lady Royals on the occasion of their championships and wish them many successful seasons to come.

NADIA SOLANO

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 25, 2010

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Nadia Solano who has received the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. Nadia

Solano is a 12th grader at Jefferson High School and received this award because her determination and hard work have allowed her to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Nadia Solano is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations once again to Nadia Solano for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. I have no doubt she will exhibit the same dedication and character to all her future accomplishments.

OUR UNCONSCIONABLE NATIONAL
DEBT

HON. MIKE COFFMAN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 25, 2010

Mr. COFFMAN of Colorado. Madam Speaker, today our national debt is \$12,987,796,841,336.51.

On January 6, 2009, the start of the 111th Congress, the national debt was \$10,638,425,746,293.80.

This means the national debt has increased by \$ 2,350,669,663,237.20 so far this Congress. The debt has increased \$1,298,568,194.50 just since yesterday

This debt and its interest payments we are passing to our children and all future Americans.

LIFE OF GEORGE B. VASHON

HON. MAXINE WATERS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 25, 2010

Ms. WATERS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate an exciting event that occurred this month bringing long overdue recognition to an accomplished African American: George B. Vashon. Growing up in St. Louis, I learned of Mr. Vashon's legacy as my high school was dedicated to him as he was a person who committed his life to help educate countless African Americans. While George Vashon himself never lived in St. Louis, his widow relocated to the city after his death and raised their family in Missouri. Vashon High School was named in 1927 and is one of the few monuments to a man who was a distinguished educator, lawyer, abolitionist, and poet who lived from 1824 to 1878.

Mr. Vashon's life was one full of numerous "firsts." Raised in Pittsburgh by parents who were leaders in the anti-slavery efforts there, he was the first African American to graduate from Oberlin College. He studied law under the Honorable Judge Walter Forward in Pennsylvania and applied for admission to the Pennsylvania bar in 1847 and again in 1868. Both times, he was denied admission because of his "negro descent." Not to be held back,