

and interests. From Special Olympics to Nursery Olympics, Police Departments to Fire Departments, and Festivals to Historical preservation, the Civitans have a vast range of activities that they plan, organize, and contribute their services to.

The Civitan Club of Westland was chartered on June 19, 1978, and led by Charter President Candice Addis. The organization has continued its purpose of knowledge, service, and fellowship for thirty years and has been successful in all its endeavors. To all those who have been touched by Civitan Club of Westland, a legacy of determination and community support has been established.

Madam Speaker, the Civitan Club of Westland is an organization that should be recognized for its 30 years of service, devotion, and kindness to the Westland community. I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating the Civitan Club of Westland for reaching this spectacular milestone and honoring the group's loyal service to the community and our country.

HORSE TRANSPORTATION SAFETY ACT OF 2008

HON. MARK STEVEN KIRK

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 17, 2008

Mr. KIRK. Madam Speaker, today Representative STEVE COHEN and I introduced the Horse Transportation Safety Act of 2008.

In Wadsworth, Illinois, on Saturday October 27, 2007, a double decker cattle truck carrying 59 Belgian draft horses overturned when the driver ran a red light and hit another vehicle.

Residents at the scene could hear the animals kicking and screaming, panicked by their inability to escape. Eight horses died on the scene while another 10 had to be euthanized. After the crash, Wayne Pacelle, president and CEO of The Humane Society of the United States said, "What a gory mess we saw recently in Illinois. It must never happen again. . . ."

It is time that we heed these words by putting an end to using double decker trucks to transport horses. This legislation, endorsed by the Humane Society, Animal Welfare Institute, Hooved Animal Rescue and Protection Society, and the Communication Alliance to Network Thoroughbred ExRacehorses would take steps toward preventing this disaster from occurring again.

This bill prohibits the interstate transport of horses in a motor vehicle containing two or more levels stacked on top of one another as well as creates civil penalties between \$100 and \$500 for each horse involved.

In my own State of Illinois, the State General Assembly has already moved forward and passed similar legislation. I urge my colleagues to become a cosponsor of this bipartisan commonsense legislation.

TRIBUTE TO LARRY CLYMER

HON. FRED UPTON

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 17, 2008

Mr. UPTON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Larry Clymer, an outstanding

public servant with a long and distinguished career of service in Southwest Michigan. Larry passed away unexpectedly this week and will be greatly missed by our community.

As the longtime mayor of Niles he was a valued and trusted friend. Upon my election to Congress, part of Larry's legacy came to Washington with me, in the form of his son, Jeff, who served as my first Legislative Director.

Though Larry was an active Republican, he was not afraid to create coalitions to put the best interests of Niles first—a lesson I learned from him and follow still today. He was indeed "Mr. Niles" and I always appreciated his thoughts and interests, regularly weighing in on behalf of the greater community good.

I would be hard pressed to find someone with a greater dedication to Niles and Berrien County, MI. Larry faithfully served our community for a combined 28 years—14 as the mayor of Niles and 14 as a Berrien County Commissioner. Outside of his official duties, Larry earned the nickname "marrying mayor" after performing more than 250 marriages, and was known for his sense of humor.

Larry was an exceptional public servant, and a gentleman. He has given a lifetime of service to our community, and our thoughts today are with his wife, Eleanor, and his family. We lost a treasure in Niles, and we will all miss him sorely. God bless "Mr. Niles."

HONORING THE LIFE AND SERVICE OF MR. LES CASH, FIRE CHIEF OF THE LYON TOWNSHIP FIRE DEPARTMENT

HON. THADDEUS G. MCCOTTER

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 17, 2008

Mr. MCCOTTER. Madam Speaker, today I rise to acknowledge Mr. Les Cash, Fire Chief of the Lyon Township Fire Department, upon reaching his retirement after 35 years of loyal service.

Mr. Les Cash was born in 1943, the sixth of ten siblings to Floyd and Leona Cash. In 1960, Mr. Cash enlisted in the Army, served 16 months in Korea, and was later stationed in Missouri at Fort Leonard Wood where he worked as a battalion mail clerk. In 1963, Les was honorably discharged and married his lovely wife, Renate, in July. Together, the blissful couple had two sons, Dan and Brian, and one daughter, Lisa.

In 1964, Mr. Cash began a career for the Ford Motor Company where he remained until his retirement over 30 years later. During this time, Les volunteered with the Lyon Township Fire Department. In 1973, Mr. Cash was honored to accept the position of Fire Chief and became Full-Time Fire Chief in 1998. Les was a devoted and determined leader and served his community with utmost ability.

Madam Speaker, Mr. Les Cash will retire from Fire Chief of the Lyon Township Fire Department on June 30, 2008. To his wife, Renate; his children, Dan, Brian, and Lisa; his grandchildren, Devin, Taylor, Brianna, and Nicole; and to everyone whose lives have been enriched by him, Les is a man of courage, vigor, and guidance. I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Mr. Les Cash for his 35 years as Fire Chief and honor Mr. Cash's

honorable service to the community and our country.

A TRIBUTE RECOGNIZING SARAH LOWE AND SONJA STEPTOE ON THEIR RECENT APPOINTMENT TO THE KNIGHT COMMISSION ON INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETICS

HON. LUCILLE ROYBAL-ALLARD

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 17, 2008

Ms. ROYBAL-ALLARD. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Sarah Lowe and Sonja Steptoe, two residents of California's 34th District, on their recent appointment to the Knight Commission on Intercollegiate Athletics.

The Knight Commission was created by the John S. and James L. Knight Foundation in 1989 with the purpose of recommending a reform agenda that emphasizes academic values in college sports. The commission, which presented recommendations in a series of reports in the early 1990s and in the subsequent A Call to Action in 2001, continues to monitor and report on progress in increasing presidential control, academic integrity, financial integrity and independent certification of programs in college athletics.

Many of the commission's recommended reforms have been enacted by the NCAA. For example, the NCAA recently announced that 218 teams at 123 institutions will be sanctioned for failing to meet minimum academic benchmarks established as part of the Academic Performance Program. In 2001, the Knight Commission on Intercollegiate Athletics advocated that teams be ineligible for postseason competition if they failed to graduate at least 50 percent of their athletes. Although the current benchmarks are lower than those advocated by the Commission, the Commission has supported the full implementation of the NCAA's program since its adoption in 2004.

The commission convenes several times a year to highlight important issues facing intercollegiate athletics, including academic integrity and the rising costs of college athletic programs.

The Commission is comprised of prominent leaders in higher education and journalism as well as former collegiate athletes who have achieved excellence throughout their careers. I am proud to announce that Sonja Steptoe and Sarah Lowe are two of the Knight Commission's newest members.

Sonja Steptoe serves as client development manager at O'Melveny & Myers LLP, an international law firm based in Los Angeles. Prior to joining O'Melveny in 2007, Steptoe served as a senior correspondent and deputy news director for Time Magazine for 5 years following a successful career in sports journalism. Steptoe reported and wrote for CNN's sports network, HBO's RealSports with Bryant Gumbel and Sports Illustrated. Her investigation of East Germany's systematic doping of Olympic athletes earned her an Emmy Award for Outstanding Sports Journalism. Steptoe earned degrees in economics and journalism at the University of Missouri. She received a law degree from Duke University.

Sarah Lowe graduated magna cum laude and Phi Beta Kappa from the University of

Florida in May 2006. Lowe was a leader on the women's basketball team serving as team captain 3 of her 4 years. Following her graduation, she studied in Costa Rica as a Fulbright Scholar. In addition to being a two-time Rhodes scholar finalist, she received numerous awards for her academic and athletics excellence including the Arthur Ashe, Jr. 2006 Female Sport Scholar of the Year.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Sonja and Sarah on their achievements and in commending them for their continued commitment to strengthening higher education through their work on the Knight Commission on Intercollegiate Athletics.

DAVISON SOURCE WATER PROTECTION PROGRAM

HON. DALE E. KILDEE

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 17, 2008

Mr. KILDEE. Madam Speaker, I ask the House of Representatives to join me in honoring the City of Davison on receiving the Exemplary Source Water Protection Award from the American Water Works Association. Every year the American Water Works Association presents this award to a municipal water system for developing and implementing effective source water protection programs.

This award signifies that the City of Davison has met the highest standards of excellence in their pursuit to supply the residents of Davison with clean, safe water. In July of 2005 Davison's water treatment plant went online and has the capacity to treat up to 2.5 million gallons per day. Working cooperatively with Davison Township and Richfield Township, the City of Davison has implemented a cooperative effort to protect the ground water on which many rely. The new program includes provisions to reduce the number of abandoned wells that pose a serious threat to the health of the aquifers.

The City of Davison, knowing that residents play an important role in protecting the water supply, has worked to reach out to the community in their Source Water Protection Program. In the program Davison encourages residents to be stewards of the water supply by limiting the amount of lawn chemicals and fertilizers that run off and enter the water system. Additionally, Davison has endeavored to educate and inform the community that simple maintenance of septic and home plumbing systems can benefit both the community and the individual by reducing water usage and contamination. The city is assisting residents identify and plug old wells that pose a dangerous risk to the health and safety of the community.

Madam Speaker, I ask the House of Representatives to join me in congratulating Mayor Fred Fortner, the Davison City Council, the staff, volunteers and residents for receiving this award. Through their commitment to hard work and education they have demonstrated good stewardship of this vital natural resource.

AMERICAN WATER WORKS ASSOCIATION,
Denver, CO, March 4, 2008.

Ms. ANDREA L. SCHROEDER,
*City of Davison,
Davison, MI.*

DEAR Ms. SCHROEDER: I am pleased to inform you that your utility has been selected

as the recipient of the Exemplary Source Water Protection Award for medium-sized systems. This award recognizes organizations in North America who have developed and are implementing exemplary source water protection programs.

In recognition of this honor, an award will be presented to you during the Atlanta Annual Conference in June. Details regarding the presentation will be sent to you later by Linda Moody.

The Association's Officers and Directors join me in congratulating you on this honor.

Sincerely,

GARY J. ZIMMERMAN,
Executive Director.

THE CITY OF DAVISON SOURCE WATER PROTECTION PROGRAM: PROTECTING YOUR DRINKING WATER RESOURCES

Davison's new \$3.5 million dollar water groundwater treatment plant was put on-line in July 2005. The plant receives water from the City's five groundwater wells and can treat up to 2.5 million gallons per day using filtration, softening and reverse osmosis.

Through cooperative efforts from Davison and Richfield Townships, Davison's Source Water Protection Program identifies and manages threats to the city water supply.

Please call the DPW offices to learn more. Protect drinking water—our future depends on it.

HOW DOES GROUNDWATER BECOME CONTAMINATED?

Abandoned wells, leaking underground storage tanks, industrial and transportation activities, dumps and landfills, agricultural activities, and homeowner activities.

How Can I Help?

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. BOBBY L. RUSH

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 17, 2008

Mr. RUSH. Madam Speaker, unfortunately I have been out on medical leave. I have been unable to cast votes; however, I would like the RECORD to reflect my intentions had I been present to vote.

Had I been present for rollcall No. 388, I would have voted "aye."

Had I been present for rollcall No. 389, I would have voted "aye."

Had I been present for rollcall No. 390, I would have voted "aye."

Had I been present for rollcall No. 391, I would have voted "aye."

Had I been present for rollcall No. 392, I would have voted "aye."

Had I been present for rollcall No. 393, I would have voted "nay."

Had I been present for rollcall No. 394, I would have voted "aye."

Had I been present for rollcall No. 395, I would have voted "aye."

Had I been present for rollcall No. 396, I would have voted "aye."

Had I been present for rollcall No. 397, I would have voted "nay."

Had I been present for rollcall No. 398, I would have voted "aye."

Had I been present for rollcall No. 399, I would have voted "nay."

Had I been present for rollcall No. 400, I would have voted "aye."

Had I been present for rollcall No. 401, I would have voted "aye."

Had I been present for rollcall No. 402, I would have voted "aye."

Had I been present for rollcall No. 403, I would have voted "aye."

Had I been present for rollcall No. 404, I would have voted "aye."

Had I been present for rollcall No. 405, I would have voted "aye."

Had I been present for rollcall No. 406, I would have voted "aye."

Had I been present for rollcall No. 407, I would have voted "aye."

Had I been present for rollcall No. 408, I would have voted "aye."

Had I been present for rollcall No. 409, I would have voted "aye."

Had I been present for rollcall No. 410, I would have voted "aye."

Had I been present for rollcall No. 411, I would have voted "nay."

Had I been present for rollcall No. 412, I would have voted "aye."

Had I been present for rollcall No. 413, I would have voted "aye."

HONORING ISRAEL'S 60TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. THELMA D. DRAKE

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 17, 2008

Mrs. DRAKE. Madam Speaker, I rise today in tribute to the State of Israel and its proud 60 years of existence.

Last month we were celebrating Israel's 60th birthday, and I was proud to vote in favor of a resolution honoring this great achievement. This month, I look forward in wishing Israel another 60 years as a strong and free democracy.

I have always spoken about how my trip to Israel in 2005 was a life changing event. With a young statehood but an ancient history, Israelis are faced with daily and often costly reminders of the price of freedom. I do not believe a day has gone by since Israel's founding where it has not been subject to attack. Yet, through the sheer will of a people fighting for the right of a brighter future for their children, Israel still stands.

Israel's tumultuous existence has lent itself to a very unique identity—one which can only be understood by the citizens who live their everyday lives in range of the missiles and suicide attacks of terrorists. However, these unfortunate consequences of proximity have created a nation of resolve—strengthening its foundation and purpose as a shining beacon of democracy in the Middle East.

Israel is a story of survival and today I honor Israel's perseverance and wish our ally a hopeful future. Best summed up by the words of by Dr. Israel Zoberman, founding rabbi of Congregation Beth Chaverim in Virginia Beach:

"The Jewish state's perseverance and fortitude to turn adversity into advantage, never betraying the optimistic essence of its people, are ample testimony to the nobility of the human spirit it has so profoundly enriched and painstakingly guarded."

The determined vigilance of Israel is a sobering reminder to us of what it sometimes takes to stand your ground in the face of adversity; and let us remind Israel that she does not stand alone in that fight.