

century's first genocide. Raphael Lemkin, the Jewish legal scholar who coined the word genocide and tirelessly advocated for international law defining it and preventing it, was driven largely by what happened to the Armenians.

Since that time the world has witnessed unfathomable horrors during the Nazi-perpetrated Holocaust and subsequent genocides in Bosnia, Cambodia, Rwanda and still today Darfur. And too often, the world has been silent in the face of such brutality.

Adolph Hitler, in describing his murderous plans and seeking to silence those with reservations, famously said, "Who, after all, speaks today of the annihilation of the Armenians?"

There is power in speaking the truth, even about atrocities that occurred nearly a century ago, so that other men with evil aims might not be empowered by our silence.

A POEM BY MR. ROBERT DANA

HON. DAVID LOEBSACK

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 28, 2009

Mr. LOEBSACK. Madam Speaker, as mentioned in my one-minute speech regarding Robert Dana, I submit one of his poems.

A SHORT HISTORY OF THE MIDDLE WEST

(By Robert Dana)

Under this corn,
these beans,
these acres of tamed grasses,
the prairie still rolls,
heave and trough,
breaker and green curl,
an ocean of dirt tilting and tipping.
Its towns
toss up on the distance, your distance,
like the wink of islands.
And the sky
is a blue voice
you cannot answer for.
The forked and burning wildflowers
that madden
the ditches
nod without vocabulary.
Your neighbor
is out early this morning—the air
already humid as raw diamond.
Drunk or lonely,
he's scattering large scraps of white
bread for the birds
as if it were winter.
He'd give you the sour undershirt off
his back—
sweet, bad man.
Does he remember
rain salting down from that flat, far shore
of clouds
slowly changing
its story?

HONORING THE CENTENARIANS OF
BRENTWOOD HEALTHCARE FACILITY
ALLIE M. DAVIS,
CORNELIUS MONTGOMERY,
MARIE DUKE, ANNIE LAURIE
TAYLOR, VIOLA D. PAGE, AND
GUADALUPE G. CORTEZ

HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 28, 2009

Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the six residents of Brentwood Healthcare in the Southeast Dallas Community of Pleasant Grove who have reached 100 years old. They are:

Allie M. Davis—100 years old, Cornelius Montgomery—104 years old, Marie Duke—100 years old, Annie Laurie Taylor—102 years old, Viola D. Page—102 years old, and Guadalupe G. Cortez—106 years old.

National Nursing Home Week will take place from May 10, 2009, to May 16, 2009, and Brentwood Healthcare will celebrate the long lives of these six individuals by having Centenarian Day at their facility on May 15, 2009. These residents have witnessed an extraordinary amount of history, and their long lives are an inspiration to all of us.

I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring these centenarians, and I wish them continued life, good health, and strength.

A PROCLAMATION DECLARING
APRIL 24TH TO THE 26TH TO BE
TUSCARAWAS COUNTY PAY IT
FORWARD WEEKEND, AND COM-
MENDING THE LEADERSHIP
TUSCARAWAS CLASS OF 2009 FOR
THEIR WORK AT THE FORE-
FRONT OF COMMUNITY SERVICE

HON. ZACHARY T. SPACE

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 28, 2009

Mr. SPACE. Madam Speaker:

Whereas, the 2009 class of Tuscarawas Leadership seeks to encourage community service among the county's youth; and

Whereas, the Pay It Forward Challenge is being held in conjunction with Global Youth Services Weekend and the Tuscarawas County United Way's Day of Caring; and

Whereas, the Tuscarawas Leadership has found willing participants in each of the county's public school superintendents to allow students to take part; and

Whereas, both adults and youth will be participating in many different community service projects across the county throughout the weekend; and

Whereas, research has shown that volunteerism plays an important role in shaping skills, social development and a sense of empowerment in young people everywhere; now, therefore, be it

Resolved that, along with the friends and family of the Tuscarawas Leadership Class of 2009, and the residents of the 18th Congressional District, I commend the Tuscarawas Leadership for leading the way in encouraging youth community service involvement, and de-

clare April 24, 2009 to April 26, 2009 to be "Tuscarawas County Pay It Forward Challenge Weekend."

COMMEMORATING WORKFORCE MEMORIAL DAY

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 28, 2009

Mr. TOWNS. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Workforce Memorial Day. As a Nation built on the strength of our workforce, it is important that we honor those who have lost their lives while struggling to support themselves and their families.

For many Americans, going to work can be a dangerous activity, and one in which many of the harms could potentially be mitigated with the enhancement and enforcement of strong workplace health and safety protection laws.

Each year over 5,000 deaths result from occupational hazards. In 2007, 81 of these deaths occurred in New York City alone. Many of these might have been prevented by the enforcement stronger workplace safety standards.

Today, on Workforce Memorial Day, I urge my fellow Members of Congress to join me in commemorating our workforce, their dedication, and their perseverance, while resolving to create a safer and healthier work environment for all.

HONORING ANTHONY ALAMPI

HON. SCOTT GARRETT

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 28, 2009

Mr. GARRETT of New Jersey. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Anthony Alampi, of Sussex County, who passed away unexpectedly on January 28, 2009.

A small businessman for many years, Anthony owned Alampi's Deli in Paramus and Alampi's Luncheonette in Bergenfield. Later, along with his wife Maria, Anthony owned Stir and Shoot in Sussex County, where they taught shooting and gun safety courses along with traditional Italian cooking lessons.

A strong defender of the 2nd Amendment, Anthony served as a NRA Benefactor Life Member, NRA Senior Training Counselor and NRA 2nd Amendment Task Force Member. He also contributed his time as a Regional Vice President of the Association of New Jersey Pistol and Rifle Clubs.

It was a pleasure to get to know Anthony and be a guest in his house. His gregarious nature, quick smile and open hearted laugh were well known by both his friends and customers alike. It is with great sadness that we learned of his untimely death.

Anthony will be greatly missed by many throughout northern New Jersey. I extend my sympathies and prayers to the Alampi family and those close to him.

A PROCLAMATION HONORING COACH NORM PERSIN FOR COACHING THE OAK HILL HIGH SCHOOL BOYS' BASKETBALL TEAM TO WINNING THE BOYS' DIVISION IV STATE BASKETBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

HON. ZACHARY T. SPACE

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 28, 2009

Mr. SPACE. Madam Speaker:

Whereas, Coach Norm Persin showed hard work and dedication to the sport of basketball; and

Whereas, Norm Persin was a leader and mentor for the Oak Hill High School Boys' Basketball Team; and

Whereas, Norm Persin has been a role model for sportsmanship on and off of the court; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, that along with his friends, family, and the residents of the 18th Congressional District, I congratulate Coach Norm Persin for leading the Oak Hill High School Boys' Basketball Team to winning the Boys' Division IV State Basketball Championship. We recognize the tremendous hard work and leadership he has demonstrated during the 2008–2009 Basketball season.

CELEBRATING JUDGE RON HURST'S 30 YEARS OF SERVICE TO HIGHLAND VILLAGE, TEXAS

HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 28, 2009

Mr. BURGESS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the contributions of Judge Ron Hurst and his 30 years of distinguished service. As a Member of the State Bar of Texas, Judge Hurst has served his community of Highland Village with acute clarity of the law and a stringent application of justice. His reputation is one of impartiality and fairness.

Judge Ron Hurst is an alumnus of Loyola University School of Law. In 1977, he moved to Texas from Louisiana and found his home within the Highland Village community. He accepted the position of Corporate Attorney with the Placid Oil Company of Dallas, Texas and joined the Texas Bar. Judge Hurst claims the distinct honor of being the first judge of the Highland Village Municipal Court. Having served as the presiding judge for the past 30 years, he is the city's longest tenured employee.

Judge Hurst moved to the Highland Village area when it was home to 800 families. As the city grew, Hurst continued to dedicate his time to the development of the community. Aside from being a loving husband and father, he served on the Highland Village Planning and Zoning Commission, the Board of Ethics and his work as a Court Appointed Special Advocate volunteer. Hurst is also involved in his church where he has served as a teacher, youth group facilitator and Financial Committee member.

Madam Speaker, I am proud to recognize Judge Ron Hurst for his 30 years of legal service and contributions to the Highland Vil-

lage community. His devotion serves as an example to others and it is an honor to represent him in the 26th Congressional district of Texas.

TRIBUTE TO LCDR JAMES DEMOTT

HON. DENNIS MOORE

OF KANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 28, 2009

Mr. MOORE of Kansas. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to my constituent, LCDR James Demott, who will be retiring in June 2009, following a distinguished career serving our country in the United States Navy.

LCDR James E. Demott, whose home of record is Westwood, KS, is a 1989 graduate of the United States Naval Academy. He was designated a Naval Flight Officer in August 1991 and reported to Tactical Electronic Warfare Squadron 140, Whidbey Island, WA, flying the EA-6B on worldwide missions. In January 1997, after receiving an NFO to pilot transition, he was designated a Naval Aviator.

LCDR Demott's flying tours included duty with Fleet Air Reconnaissance Squadron FOUR, Oklahoma City, OK, from 1997–2000 where he was qualified as an E-6A Aircraft Commander and Deputy for Safety and Training. From 2001–2002 he was assigned to Fleet Air Reconnaissance Squadron THREE as an Aircraft Commander. In 2002, he transferred to Training Squadron TWENTY-SEVEN in Corpus Christi, TX, where he served as an Instructor Pilot, flying the T-34C Mentor, training the finest combat aviators in the world. His leadership helped the squadron garner the prestigious Chief of Naval Operations Safety Award in 2004. From 2005–2007, LCDR Demott was assigned overseas to Commander U.S. Naval Forces, Korea HQ Seoul, South Korea, working Future Plans Operations. In 2007, he moved to Corpus Christi, TX, and was assigned to Training Air Wing FOUR as the Aviation Safety Officer. He has logged over 3000 flight hours in various naval aircraft.

LCDR Demott's awards include the Meritorious Service Medal, Air Medal, 2 Navy Marine Corps Commendation Medals, 4 Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medals and various other unit, campaign and personal awards.

Madam Speaker, LCDR Demott's service to his country reflects the best of America, and we are grateful and are honored to recognize him and his family for the sacrifices made over his 20 years of naval service.

HONORING COUNTY COLLEGE OF MORRIS

HON. RODNEY P. FRELINGHUYSEN

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 28, 2009

Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize County College of Morris (CCM) in Randolph Township, Morris County, New Jersey, a distinguished institution of higher education I am proud to represent! On April 24, 2009, the college will celebrate its Fortieth Anniversary.

CCM was founded in 1968 to provide challenging, yet affordable, education opportunities for local students. This ideal is still upheld today, as CCM continues to maintain high academic standards, as well as low tuition costs.

At the time of its inception, CCM had only one building and less than 1,300 students. Under the direction of Dr. Sherman H. Masten, the college's first president, CCM expanded to include an additional five buildings and an enrollment that peaked at 12,012 students in 1982. President Dr. Edward Yaw has continued the expansion and renovation of the campus, and under his guidance, CCM has become the state-of-the-art educational facility it is today.

The college currently offers 87 degree and certificate programs and has over 8,500 students enrolled in undergraduate studies. CCM has a true tradition of excellence which, thanks to its outstanding leadership, superior faculty and staff and motivated students. CCM is one of the foremost community colleges in New Jersey and the nation.

Madam Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in congratulating the County College of Morris on the celebration of 40 years of service to the State of New Jersey and Morris County.

A PROCLAMATION HONORING RYAN BOGGS FOR WINNING THE BOYS' DIVISION IV STATE BASKETBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

HON. ZACHARY T. SPACE

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 28, 2009

Mr. SPACE. Madam Speaker:

Whereas, Ryan Boggs showed hard work and dedication to the sport of basketball; and Whereas, Ryan Boggs was a supportive team player; and

Whereas, Ryan Boggs always displayed sportsmanship on and off of the court; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, that along with his friends, family, and the residents of the 18th Congressional District, I congratulate Ryan Boggs on winning the Boys' Division IV State Basketball Championship. We recognize the tremendous hard work and sportsmanship he has demonstrated during the 2008–2009 basketball season.

50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE THEODORE BURR COVERED BRIDGE SOCIETY

HON. BILL SHUSTER

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 28, 2009

Mr. SHUSTER. Madam Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I acknowledge the efforts of the Theodore Burr Covered Bridge Society as they approach their 50th anniversary.

The Theodore Burr Covered Bridge Society's mission of promoting interest and active participation in the preservation and restoration of the remaining historical covered bridges in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania serves to ensure that important aspects of our community's rich history remain intact. In doing so