

century is due to dedicated volunteers and troop alumni, who graciously commit countless hours and endless effort to mentoring youth in their communities.

Madam Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me today in honoring The Chester County Council as they commemorate the 100th Anniversary of the founding of the Boy Scouts and in recognizing the organization's vital role in building future generations of leaders.

MS. JESSICA LANGE

HON. TIM RYAN

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 12, 2009

Mr. RYAN of Ohio. Madam Speaker, I rise this evening in recognition of Ms. Jessica Lange of New York City, the guest of honor, as we celebrate the 90th Anniversary of The Butler Institute of American Art. Her work, 50 Photographs, is being celebrated by being on display here starting today through July 5th, 2009.

Ms. Lange began her photography career in 1967 while attending the University of Minnesota. Shortly into her freshman year, she left the University to travel to New York and Paris to pursue her passion for photography. While in Paris and other countries, she documented her travels through her photography. In 1973, she returned to New York and began taking acting classes. Just two short years later, she flew to Hollywood to star in her first feature film, "King Kong", launching her award winning acting career.

Ms. Lange has won two Oscars and been honored with countless other awards and nominations for her outstanding work. In 1982, she won her first Oscar, Best Supporting Actress, for her role in "Tootsie". Her second Oscar, Best Actress in a Leading Role, was won in 1994 for her role in "Blue Sky". Her acting career has spanned over 30 years, but has yet to end, as she recently appeared alongside Drew Barrymore in "Grey Gardens".

In addition to her acting career and photography, Ms. Lange has done volunteer humanitarian work around the world. She began working for the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) as a goodwill ambassador in 2003. During that same year, she took her first mission trip to the Democratic Republic of Congo to raise awareness of the impact of HIV/AIDS and immunization for women and children.

Ms. Lange returned to her passion for photography in the early 90s when she received a Leica camera as a gift. Ever since then, she's been documenting her experiences around the world as an actress and volunteer. The collection of her photographs shown here at the Butler capture a range of diverse subject matter from her years of travel. Due to her artistic vision, we are able to be a part of a fifteen year trek from Romania to Ethiopia and back to her home state of Minnesota.

I would like to commend Ms. Lange for her continued selfless volunteer work and her dedication to the arts.

SUPPORTING NATIONAL COMMUNITY COLLEGE MONTH

SPEECH OF

HON. GREGORIO KILILI CAMACHO
SABLAN

OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 5, 2009

Mr. SABLAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of House Resolution 338, supporting the goals and ideals of National Community College Month. Community colleges play a vital role in the education of our citizens, and as a member of the Congressional Community College Caucus, I am delighted to have this opportunity to recognize the fine work done by our community colleges.

We can all agree on the increasing importance of a college education in today's knowledge-based economy. But many Americans do not have the opportunity to attend a 4-year university. These reasons can be many, and range from cost—an extremely important consideration in the current recession—to academics, family commitments, or distance from home. Often, these individuals turn to community colleges instead, and there they can receive workplace training, a GED, or an associate's degree, or to begin a bachelor's degree.

Community colleges often have lower, more affordable tuition costs, locations convenient to many homes, and day as well as evening classes on an extremely broad range of subjects from physics to literature to cuisine. These benefits attract an extremely diverse body of students who can also learn from the life experience of their classmates in a way that is not always possible in higher education.

Community colleges also teach important skills which not only allow students to earn a living, but also to contribute to the community at large. Law enforcement officers, fire fighters, nurses, and health care professionals are all educated at our nation's community colleges. Even the high-tech professionals who help shape the future of our technology and our world economy are products of community colleges.

In my own district, Northern Marianas College has undertaken the challenge of educating our young people. Over nine hundred students are enrolled at the college, located on a fourteen-acre campus on the island of Saipan. The college offers instruction in Business, Human Performance and Athletics, Languages and Humanities, Nursing, Education, Sciences, Mathematics, Social Sciences, and Fine Arts. I know that Northern Marianas College serves a very important function for its students in helping them achieve the goal of a college education and I believe career and vocational education like that provided at NMC is extremely valuable.

I urge my colleagues to support this resolution. I am proud to celebrate the goals of National Community College Month and encourage Americans to recognize their local community colleges as the important institutions they are.

RECOGNIZING THE 61ST ANNIVERSARY OF THE INDEPENDENCE OF ISRAEL

SPEECH OF

HON. RICK LARSEN

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 4, 2009

Mr. LARSEN of Washington. Mr. Speaker, I rise to express my support for H. Con. Res. 111, a resolution recognizing the sixty-first anniversary of Israel's independence.

Just eleven minutes after the establishment of Israel on May 14, 1948, President Truman recognized its status as a sovereign nation. That moment marked the beginning of an enduring relationship between our two countries.

Israel and its citizens have made outstanding contributions to global prosperity and culture. The whole world has benefited from Israeli advances in science, medicine, technology, and the arts. As the longest-enduring democracy in the Middle East, Israel is a strong and trusted ally in a volatile region.

After more than six decades, the United States remains committed to its friendship with Israel. This friendship has endured, and will endure, because our countries share fundamental values.

The Jewish People's Council, in approving the Declaration of the Establishment of the State of Israel, articulated many of our common values, stating "The state of Israel . . . will be based on freedom, justice and peace as envisaged by the prophets of Israel; it will ensure complete equality of social and political rights to all its inhabitants irrespective of religion, race or sex; it will guarantee freedom of religion, conscience, language, education and culture."

On the occasion of its Independence Day, I congratulate the people of Israel for their continued commitment to these democratic principles. I look forward to strengthening our relationship based on our many common ties in the decades to come.

CONGRATULATING THE TRITON HIGH SCHOOL BOYS BASKETBALL TEAM

HON. JOE DONNELLY

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 12, 2009

Mr. DONNELLY of Indiana. Madam Speaker, today I wish to extend my congratulations to the Triton High School Boys Basketball Team. The Triton Trojans succeeded in placing 2nd in the IHSAA 1-A State Tournament on March 28, 2009 at Conseco Field House in Indianapolis. After playing their way into the finals, they suffered a 55-66 loss to Jac-Cen-Del.

The Trojans worked tirelessly throughout the regular season in order to advance to the IHSAA 1-A State Tournament. They played with focus, determination and grit in the tournament and their tremendous effort closed out an impressive 24-3 season.

The Triton team is led by Senior William Keel, who is the only returning starter from their championship season, and Seniors Joel Meister, Dustin Kreft, Cody Carpenter and