also fought bone cancer and survived the disease for fifteen years. She would be proud to know that research is being conducted in her name that will advance our ability to treat pancreatic cancer and help those afflicted with the disease. Her husband, Kenneth Goodman, who is serving as Chairman of the evening's festivities, has demonstrated remarkable generosity and great dedication to the noble effort to expand cancer research funding.

The award recipients, donors and attendees of tonight's event will be treated to a preview performance of Wallenberg, The Musical, book and lyrics by Laurence Holzman and Felicia Needleman, and music by Benjamin Rosenbluth. Wallenberg tells the fascinating and uplifting story of Raoul Wallenberg, one of the heroes of the 20th century, a Swedish diplomat who singlehandedly saved more than 100,000 Hungarian Jews in a sixth month period. His courage demonstrates that one person can have a monumental impact and suggests that history could have been different had more people acted as valiantly as Mr. Wallenberg. The presentation will take place at the historic Hudson Theatre, a landmarked theatre built in 1903 by Henry Harris, that later became a radio playhouse, a television studio, a burlesque theatre, a rock club and most recently, an elegant venue for special events. Mr. Wallenberg's niece, Louise Von Dardel, is flying in from Paris to be present at the event.

Like Raoul Wallenberg, the donors, ICRF and the scientists are proving that individuals can make an extraordinary difference. Raoul Wallenberg succeeded through personal heroism and audacious ploys, while ICRF's heroes make a difference through their benevolence, volunteer work and scientific research. The work that these extraordinary people are doing will save thousands of lives.

Madam Speaker, I ask my distinguished colleagues to join me in recognizing the exemplary work being done by ICRF and the scientists it funds, and the extraordinary generosity of its donors.

RELATIONS BETWEEN REPUBLIC OF TURKEY AND REPUBLIC OF ARMENIA

HON. VIRGINIA FOXX

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 16, 2009

Ms. FOXX. Madam Speaker, I am encouraged by the latest movement towards normalization of relations between the Republic of Turkey and the Republic of Armenia.

On August 31, 2009, the Foreign Ministers of Turkey, Armenia and Switzerland sent out a joint press release which was the latest significant step down the path to establishing diplomatic relations between Turkey and Armenia. The countries have completed and initialed two protocols which will, when they enter into force, provide a framework for the normalization of the bilateral relations. Moreover, I am encouraged that the parties have also included a timetable for implementation of the agreement which is an added confidence building measure for both sides. The citizens of Turkey and Armenia can now see a positive light at the end of the tunnel and we should do what we can to help them achieve their common goals.

This is a significant step in the right direction for the region and the world at large. The United States should continue to encourage and support the efforts of Turkey and Armenia, with the good offices of Switzerland, to build a productive and stable bilateral relationship and thereby enhance stability throughout the region.

IN RECOGNITION OF ARMY SPECIALIST MATTHEW HASTINGS

HON. MIKE ROSS

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 16, 2009

Mr. ROSS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize a dedicated patriot and a true American hero. On August 17, 2009, our nation lost a brave service member when Army Specialist Matthew D. Hastings died in Baghdad, Iraq, in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom, from a non-combat related incident.

Army Specialist Hastings lived in Claremore, Oklahoma, but his father resides in Jefferson, Arkansas. Although I never had the honor to meet Specialist Hastings, on behalf of the State of Arkansas, I extend my utmost condolences to his family, friends and all who knew him for this devastating loss.

Army Specialist Hastings was assigned to the 582nd Medical Logistics Company, 1st Medical Brigade, 13th Sustainment Command, Fort Hood, Texas. He graduated from Broken Arrow Alternative Academy in 2005 and joined the military a year later as a light-wheel vehicle mechanic. According to those who knew him, he loved to hunt and fish, took great pride in his work and treasured time spent with his family and friends. I am sure he will be sorely missed.

My deepest thoughts and prayers are with his mother and stepfather, Lawanda and Roger Lowry; his father, Chuck Hastings, Jr.; his sister, Michelle; and, the rest of his family, friends and loved ones during this difficult time.

Today, I ask all members of Congress to join me as we honor the life of Army Specialist Matthew Hastings and all those men and women in our Armed Forces who give the ultimate sacrifice in service to their country.

COMMENDING FIRST COMMUNITY BANK ON THE OCCASION OF ITS 100TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. JO BONNER

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 16, 2009

Mr. BONNER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commend First Community Bank on 100 years of service in southwest Alabama.

On June 6, 1909, in the office of Granade and Granade, Attorneys, Chatom State Bank was first organized. The next month the bank's charter was filed with a capital stock of $25,000 and 250 shares at $100 per share. For the next five years, the bank conducted business in the tax assessor's office at the Washington County Courthouse.

In 1910, construction on the first building for Chatom State Bank began and today, the bank continues to operate on the same site. During the Great Depression when all banks were required to close for a specified period of time, Chatom State Bank was one of only a few area banks able to reopen immediately.

On August 30, 1974, a branch bank was opened in Millry. The bank began serving the people of Mobile County in 1985 when the bank purchased the Mt. Vernon office from First National Bank of Mobile. To reflect its growth and service to Mobile and Washington Counties, Chatom State Bank changed its name to First Community Bank on July 19, 1986. Since that time, the bank has expanded to Citronelle and Saraland, as well as locations on Schillinger Road and Cottage Hill Road in Mobile.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join with me in congratulating Glen Davis and all of those at First Community Bank on 100 years of outstanding service. For this and all of their accomplishments, I extend my heartfelt thanks for their continued service to the Alabama business community, the First Congressional District, and the state of Alabama.

It is my hope First Community Bank continues its story of success for another 100 years.

REMEMBERING THE TENTH ANNIVERSARY OF HURRICANE FLOYD

HON. G. K. BUTTERFIELD

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 16, 2009

Mr. BUTTERFIELD. Madam Speaker, this week we mark 10 years since the floodwaters of Hurricane Floyd devastated eastern North Carolina, killing 52 people, causing over $6 billion in damage, and leaving thousands homeless. In the eastern part of the state, it is known simply as ''The Flood.'' It remains the most devastating natural disaster in our state's history.

On September 16th, 1999, Hurricane Floyd hit North Carolina as a strong Category 2 hurricane. Hurricane Floyd made landfall at Cape Fear and moved north along Interstate 95, hitting eastern North Carolina with 100-mph winds and up to two feet of rain. Of the two, the rain proved the more fatal element. Arriving on the heels of Hurricane Dennis, which had already soaked the ground and water table, Floyd's rains created massive flooding.

Over a period of a month, nearly every river basin in eastern North Carolina exceeded 500-year flood levels. The cresting waters destroyed 7,000 homes, left 17,000 uninhabitable, and damaged 56,000. The brave men and women of the National Guard and the Coast Guard performed nearly 1,700 freshwater rescues of people trapped on the roofs of their homes due to the rapid rise of the water. In total, Floyd was responsible for 57 fatalities in the United States, mostly in North Carolina.

Sixty-six counties in North Carolina were declared federal disaster areas. There were more than $6 billion in losses of property and agriculture. After the storm, over 88,500 North Carolinians registered state or federal disaster aid.

Every community I represent was in some way affected by ''The Flood.'' From flooded towns of Greenville, Kinston, Tarboro, Snow