

provisions in this bill. An increasing number of organic farmers sell to wholesalers as well as directly to consumers. This bill exempts farmers who sell their products directly to consumers from the annual fee, but not farmers who sell the majority of their products to wholesalers. By incentivizing organic producers to sell fewer than 51 percent of their products to wholesalers, we could be deterring organic farmers from branching out to new markets. This is not the time to be hindering the growth of organic farming by discouraging organic farmers from diversifying the markets where their products are sold.

This legislation also must take into account the relationship between the co-management of conservation and food safety. The use of animals for pest control is a crucial component of organic farming, and this bill would restrict farmers from maintaining their organic practices. Instead of regulating all animals, this legislation could investigate other alternatives, including focusing on animals that are at a high risk for passing on diseases, to take into account the needs of organic farmers. More should be done to encourage biodiversity and natural farming techniques that farmers have used to reduce their dependence on pesticides and herbicides.

Madam Speaker, food safety legislation must protect the health of consumers and respect the needs of family farms and sustainable producers. It is my hope that we can strengthen the provisions in H.R. 2749 affecting the unique needs of small and organic farmers when this bill is taken up in conference. I am encouraged by the work done to enhance the safety of our Nation's food supply, and look forward to continuing to improve this important legislation and our food delivery system.

**A PROCLAMATION HONORING
KASEY GERBER FOR WINNING
THE GIRLS' DIVISION IV STATE
SOFTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP**

HON. ZACHARY T. SPACE

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 24, 2009

Mr. SPACE. Madam Speaker,

Whereas, Kasey Gerber showed hard work and dedication to the sport of softball; and

Whereas, Kasey Gerber was a supportive team player; and

Whereas, Kasey Gerber always displayed sportsmanship on and off of the field; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, that along with her friends, family, and the residents of the 18th Congressional District, I congratulate Kasey Gerber on winning the Girls' Division IV State Softball Championship. We recognize the tremendous hard work and sportsmanship she has demonstrated during the 2008–2009 softball season.

HONORING THE LIFE AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF JUDGE ALDEN EDWARD DANNER UPON HIS RETIREMENT

HON. ZOE LOFGREN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 24, 2009

Ms. ZOE LOFGREN of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and accomplishments of a distinguished member of my community, the Honorable Alden Edward Danner, upon his retirement after more than 20 years of public service to the State of California and the people of Santa Clara County.

Throughout his career, Judge Danner has demonstrated public service values, adhering to the highest ethical standards, respecting the dignity and integrity of all people, and sought solutions while fostering open communication and mutual support for court clients, staff, members of the judicial branch, and justice system partners.

Judge Danner applied his expertise in the law and his commitment to the administration of justice and the independent, consistent, and impartial interpretation of the law through his participation as a member of the Judicial Council of California's Task Force on Probate and Mental Health, 1997–1998; Court Technology Advisory Committee, 1999–2005; Trial Court Presiding Judges Advisory Committee, 2003–2004, and its Executive Committee, 2005–2006; and the Task Force on Judicial Campaign Finance, 2009; and as faculty for the Center for Judicial Education and Research's Probate and Mental Health Institute, 1997–1998; and Computer Training for Judges, 1993–1998.

The California judicial branch is fortunate to have benefited from Judge Danner's distinguished service as a jurist since his appointment to the Superior Court by Governor George Deukmejian in 1989 and his subsequent election by citizens of Santa Clara County.

Prior to his appointment to the bench, Judge Danner served our justice system with distinction, contributing to the resolution of legal issues for the people of Santa Clara County as an associate and partner in private law practice from 1966–1989. Judge Danner earned a Juris Doctorate from Stanford Law School in 1965, after service in the U.S. Army from 1958–1962.

It is with great pleasure that I join in celebrating Judge Danner's life and many accomplishments. I thank him for his contributions to our region in California and to our Nation. On behalf of our community, I congratulate Judge Danner and wish him and his family well in his retirement and his future plans.

**TRIBUTE TO THE FAIRFIELD
INTERFAITH FOOD PANTRY**

HON. MICHAEL H. MICHAUD

OF MAINE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 24, 2009

Mr. MICHAUD. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize a vital program to the Greater Fairfield area, the Fairfield Interfaith Food Pantry at the Immaculate Heart of Mary

Church. The Food Pantry has assisted innumerable members of this community, and I would like to take the opportunity of their celebration of sixteen years of service to congratulate them on their lasting impact.

At the celebration on October 3, 2009, the Fairfield Community will recognize and honor Nancy Marcoux, the Interfaith Food Pantry Director, and Richard "Dick" Tompkins, the Co-Director since the beginning. The work that Nancy and Richard have done is truly amazing. The volunteer staff and the clients appreciate and respect both of these hardworking individuals. They are known to everyone in the Greater Fairfield area, and when someone is in need of assistance, they do not hesitate to call Nancy or Dick and know that their doors will open.

The Fairfield Interfaith Food Pantry works with the Maine Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources which oversees The Emergency Food Assistance Program, a federal initiative that provides commodities to about 260 voluntary feeding programs in Maine. The Fairfield Interfaith Food Pantry also receives assistance from the Kennebec County Sheriff's Department, says community services officer John Matthews. Under the Sheriff's Department program, incarcerated inmates harvest potatoes and mixed vegetables on 8 acres of fields in Augusta and Benton. The program was started by Sheriff Randy Liberty and yields fresh produce for the Fairfield Interfaith Food Pantry and other food banks in Maine.

Today is an opportunity to thank Nancy Marcoux and Dick Tompkins for their dedication to this program. In Nancy's words, "you got to do what you got to do to exist."

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. J. GRESHAM BARRETT

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 24, 2009

Mr. BARRETT of South Carolina. Madam Speaker, unfortunately, I missed recorded votes on the House floor on Tuesday, September 22, 2009.

Had I been present, I would have voted "Aye" on rollcall vote No. 720, on motion to suspend the rules and agree to H. Res. 441; "Aye" on rollcall vote No. 721, on motion to suspend the rules and agree to H.R. 2971; "No" on rollcall vote No. 722, on motion to suspend the rules and agree to H.R. 3548.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. NEIL ABERCROMBIE

OF HAWAII

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 24, 2009

Mr. ABERCROMBIE. Madam Speaker, I regret that I missed rollcall vote Nos. 710–719 and rollcall vote 730. Had I been present, I would have voted "aye" on rollcall votes 713–716, 718, and 719. I would have voted "nay" on rollcall votes 710–712, 717, and 730.

REMEMBERING LENETTE
FREEMAN

HON. MIKE PENCE

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 24, 2009

Mr. PENCE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to mourn the loss of a dear friend to the community of Muncie, Indiana.

Lenette Freeman, known to all as a giving and determined woman, passed away following a five year battle with cancer. Though the pain of her passing is deeply felt, we will continue to be inspired by the life she led.

Lenette Freeman was born on October 29, 1958, in Evanston, Illinois to Leonard and Dolores Hartowicz. A graduate of Taft High School in Chicago, Lenette went on to receive her bachelor's degree and a teaching certificate from Northern Illinois University.

In 1987, Lenette moved to Muncie, where she would become an active leader and vital asset in this eastern Indiana Community. She was a member of the Lutheran Church of the Cross, the Rotary Club, the Muncie Endurathon, and co-founder of the youth Academy for Community Leadership. For 4 years, Lenette served as the executive director of the Muncie Children's Museum, a children's educational learning facility in the community.

When the City of Muncie authorized the creation of a Mayor's Youth Council in 2002, Lenette volunteered countless hours as a mentor to the young students on the founding Council and remained active in the years to follow. Her impact on the members of the Mayor's Youth Council, as well as the effect the Council had in the community, will be felt far into the future.

In 2004, Lenette was named director of the Cardinal Greenway. The Cardinal Greenway is a series of recreational trails spanning 27 miles throughout my district. Lenette was keenly aware of the benefits of these trails and advocated for its continued development. Her passion and dedication to the preservation and extension of the trails will forever be remembered by a grateful community.

Just one month after becoming Director of the Cardinal Greenway, Lenette was diagnosed with cancer. Rather than succumbing to feelings of self-pity and defeat, Lenette said her diagnosis was a "blessing in disguise" that resulted in a greater appreciation of people and deeper relationships with them. Despite her illness, Lenette was a determined fighter and continued her work with the Greenway, holding meetings in her home and working via teleconference when necessary.

Lenette's determination was evident not only in her work, but in her personal life. She was the proud mother of three boys, and she encouraged each of them to pursue their own individual talents and goals. Fondly referred to as her "cowboys," her boys were undoubtedly a major source of strength and inspiration in Lenette's fight against cancer.

Lenette will be sorely missed by her sons, her mother and three siblings, those fortunate enough to know her, as well as the entire Muncie Community.

We have lost an important figure in the Muncie community, but I know that Lenette's legacy will not soon be forgotten. Let us keep Lenette's three boys, family, and cherished friends in our prayers during this difficult time.

"NATIONAL JOB CORPS DAY"

SPEECH OF

HON. GREGORIO KILILI CAMACHO
SABLANOF COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA
ISLANDS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 22, 2009

Mr. SABLAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of H. Con. Res. 163, which designates September 23, 2009, as "National Job Corps Day." Across the nation, thousands of youth are participating in programs that bring positive change to their communities, to their peers, and to themselves. Job Corps volunteers earn money to support themselves and their families, work towards high school diplomas, improve their own literacy, learn valuable new job skills, and secure employment or military commissions.

But volunteers like the young people in Job Corps can affect members of their community in ways that can last a lifetime. When I was growing up in the Northern Mariana Islands, I strengthened my English skills by talking with and learning from Peace Corps volunteers. One of those Corps members gave me my first book of English Literature. These dedicated young volunteers, like the young people in Job Corps, make an enormous difference in the lives of so many. Even in places like the Northern Marianas, eight thousand miles away from Washington, their help is needed, and where they have been, their presence is still remembered and deeply appreciated.

I congratulate the Job Corps program on its 45th anniversary, and wish it many more to come. I urge my colleagues to support this resolution.

TOWN OF INDIAN SHORES, FLORIDA
CELEBRATES ITS 60TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. C. W. BILL YOUNG

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 24, 2009

Mr. YOUNG of Florida. Madam Speaker, the Town of Indian Shores, Florida, which I not only have the privilege to represent but also call my home, this week celebrates the 60th anniversary of the signing of its town charter.

Although I was not able to be there today as the House is in session, my friends and neighbors gathered at The Pub Restaurant to celebrate their 60 years of progress, development and success.

Indian Shores, first known as Indian Rocks Beach South Shore, is a small but beautiful island on the Gulf Coast of Florida. Its sandy white beaches and crystal clear water made it a favorite summer retreat dating back to the late 1800s. It was on September 16, 1949 that 42 registered voters and freeholders met at the Beach Park Restaurant, where The Pub is now located, to incorporate the Town of Indian Rocks Beach South Shore.

At that meeting, the residents of the newly established town elected their first town leaders: Edward Fitch Taylor as Mayor, Bernice Pitt as Town Clerk, Emory Boyd as Town Marshall, and as Aldermen: Mrs. E. Boyd, Harry Gooding, Russel West, H. Tinman, James

Roesler, Hubert Tipton, Estelle Harper, Pearl Cook, and Arthur Goble.

The town held a special referendum in July 1973 and voted to rename itself the Town of Indian Shores, as it is known today.

From the early leadership that established this beautiful beach haven, new leadership has led Indian Shores into this new century and into a thriving community. Mayor Jim Lawrence, Vice Mayor Joan Herndon, Councilor Steve Sutch, Councilor Bill Smith, and Councilor Carole Ireland are the town's elected leaders. They oversee a staff headed by Town Administrator Chief E. D. Williams, Town Clerk Marcia Grantham, Deputy Clerk Elaine Jackson, Building Official Larry Nayman, Administrative Assistant Joyce Ciccarello, Director of Finance Mary Karayianes, Public Service Supervisor Jim Jeeter, and Assistant to the Town Manager Bonnie Dhonau.

They govern a town of 1,800 permanent residents and 2,600 homes that swells to a town of 6,000 during the peak winter months. Although only 2.6 miles long, this town remains one of Florida's most beautiful beach communities. From its early history when legend has it that an elderly Indian Chief was brought to its shores to be healed by its special water, to its time as an Indian campsite, Indian Shores has grown and prospered yet retained its small town charm.

Madam Speaker, the Town's motto says it all—"Indian Shores—A Great Place to Live." I am proud to call Indian Shores my home and I join in celebrating its rich history and its bright and sunny future along Florida's most beautiful beaches.

NATIONAL DAY OF REMEMBRANCE
FOR HOMICIDE VICTIMS

HON. TED POE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 24, 2009

Mr. POE of Texas. Madam Speaker, September 25th is the National Day of Remembrance for Homicide Victims. On this day, it is important for all of us to reflect on the terrible toll that violence takes on our communities, and for us to reflect on ways to reduce this violence. One type of homicide that is particularly disturbing is when the perpetrator is a partner of the victim. According to the Centers for Disease Control, on average, three women a day are murdered by their current or former husbands. That is three women a day who are killed by the very same man who took an oath to honor and protect them.

This number should be disturbing to all of us. We are not doing enough to keep women safe in their own homes, the very place where we should all find safety and comfort. Too many American women are finding danger, violence, and even death in their own homes.

One-third—yes, that's right—one-third, of all murdered females are killed by somebody they were in a relationship with. That is a staggering statistic. These women are not being killed by a stranger in a dark alley, they are being killed by people they trust, often in their own homes.

To bring attention to this issue, Congresswoman Edwards and I have introduced H. Res. 757, to support the goals and ideals of the National Day of Remembrance for Homicide Victims. It is my hope that this resolution