

as a professor where he remained for 20 years. He subsequently became chair of the physics department, Dean of University College, and Director of Planning at Villanova.

Over the course of his career, Dr. Armenti received the Lindback Foundation Award for Distinguished Teaching and in 1992 was one of only 32 individuals in the nation named an American Council on Education Fellow. He has published many journal articles and the book, *The Physics of Sports*.

Madam Speaker, on May 19, 1992, Dr. Armenti became the 6th president of California University of Pennsylvania. Since then, applications have increased by 90 percent, the average SAT score rose by 95 points and four-year graduation rates rose by 80 percent. The university adopted new academic programs, a general education curriculum, the University Bill of Rights and Responsibilities, and a new governance structure.

During his tenure as president, California University has constructed new buildings including the Eberly Science and Technology Center, the Kara Alumni House, the Duda Classroom Building and six residence halls, as well as renovating several older structures. This construction significantly enhanced the educational and living environments of California University. It also created two major off-campus sites at the Southpointe Business Park in Canonsburg and at the Regional Enterprise Tower in downtown Pittsburgh.

The Washington County Community Foundation named Dr. Armenti and his wife, Mrs. Barbara Armenti, the 2009 Philanthropists of the Year for the scholarships they established at California University and for developing a philanthropic atmosphere throughout the school and community. Dr. & Mrs. Armenti have inspired many students to serve their communities.

In addition, Dr. Armenti serves the educational field by working with the Commission on Higher Education of the Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools. He also serves southwestern Pennsylvania as the Campaign Chair and President of the Mon Valley United Way. Madam Speaker, I conclude my remarks by commending Dr. Angelo Armenti, Jr. for his lifelong dedication to education and philanthropy. I wish him the best as he continues to serve his students and the people of Pennsylvania.

100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE
SAINT PAUL'S BAPTIST CHURCH

HON. ROBERT C. "BOBBY" SCOTT

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 17, 2009

Mr. SCOTT of Virginia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the enduring legacy of a faith institution in the city of Richmond. On Saturday, November 28, 2009, The Saint Paul's Baptist Church will celebrate its 100th anniversary, and in recognition of this milestone I would like to take a moment to reflect on the history of this esteemed church and its contributions to the greater Richmond community.

The Saint Paul's Baptist Church began, fittingly, on Thanksgiving night in 1909, when a group of congregants of First Union Baptist Church received a letter of release to form

their own Church. The newly organized Church elected Rev. George Pinkney as its first Pastor. Reverend Pinkney's years were dedicated to establishing the new parish on a firm footing. Under his leadership, the first sanctuary with a seating capacity greater than 50 was constructed on Botetourt Street.

The Saint Paul's family grew considerably in a short period of time under Reverend Pinkney and the church's second pastor and Reverend Pinkney's son, Timothy Pinkney. During the service of Saint Paul's third pastor, Rev. Isaiah Hines (1913–1928), a second sanctuary was built that accommodated the growing church's 200 worshippers.

Saint Paul's underwent significant change under the leadership of their fourth and longest serving pastor, Rev. Journey A. Mosby. During his 40 year tenure, the church expanded its commitment to the development of young people, especially aspiring theological students from nearby Virginia Union University. Reverend Mosby was also responsible for many ministries that still exist in the church today. A new building was once again needed to accommodate the growing congregation. Reverend Mosby launched an expansion campaign on Thanksgiving Day 1950 and by 1957, the church was able to buy an existing facility on the corner of 26th and Marshall Streets in the Church Hill neighborhood. This served as the Church's home for 45 years, and the Parish House is now listed on the National Park Service's National Register of Historic Places.

The Church's fifth pastor, Rev. James Leary, was installed in 1969. Under his direction, the Saint Paul's Baptist Federal Credit Union, the Saint Paul's Housing Corporation, the Saint Paul's Manor, and the J.A. Mosby Scholarship fund were all initiated.

Saint Paul's sixth and current pastor is Rev. Lance Watson, installed in 1985. Under his leadership, Saint Paul's has continued to thrive and expand. Over the last 30 years, the congregation has grown to over 12,000 members. The church has instituted many more ministries including a bookstore, multiple schools, a counseling service, a community development corporation, and a media company that produces weekly recordings of Saint Paul's services and broadcasts them nationally.

In 2002, the Church moved into its present facility on Creighton Road. Although this is now the heart of Saint Paul's, the church has multiple locations throughout Greater Richmond including the Marshall Avenue facility, which is under development to become a performing arts center. Saint Paul's has been such a positive spiritual influence on the Richmond community that since 2005, two churches faced with the prospect of selling their property on the open market elected instead to give their physical plants to Saint Paul's to help expand its ministry. The church's dedication to "finding needs and meeting them, finding hurts and healing them, finding problems and solving them" has made it an indispensable institution of faith in the Greater Richmond area.

I would like to commend Pastor Watson and the congregation of The Saint Paul's Baptist Church as they celebrate their 100th anniversary. I hope that their next 100 years of service will be as fruitful as their first 100 years.

OUR UNCONSCIONABLE NATIONAL
DEBT

HON. MIKE COFFMAN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 17, 2009

Mr. Coffman of Colorado. Madam Speaker, this morning our national debt was \$12,031,299,186,290.07. I should note this is the first time the debt has broken the 12 trillion level. We have added \$39,792,309,877.00 to the national debt since yesterday.

On January 6th, 2009, the start of the 111th Congress, the national debt was \$10,638,425,746,293.80.

The national debt has increased by \$1,392,873,439,996.27 so far this year.

According to the non-partisan Congressional Budget Office, the forecast deficit for this year is \$1.6 trillion. That means that so far this year, we borrowed and spent \$4.4 billion a day more than we have collected, passing that debt and its interest payments to our children and all future Americans.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. SUSAN A. DAVIS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 17, 2009

Mrs. DAVIS of California. Madam Speaker, I was absent for three rollcall votes on Monday, November 16, 2009. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea" on rollcall vote Nos. 889 and 890, and "aye" on rollcall vote No. 891. The items of legislation I would have voted on are as follows:

Yea on S. 1314—A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 630 Northeast Killingsworth Avenue in Portland, Oregon, as the "Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Post Office".

Yea on H.R. 3539—To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 427 Harrison Avenue in Harrison, New Jersey, as the "Patricia D. McGinty-Juhl Post Office Building".

Aye on H.R. 3767—To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 170 North Main Street in Smithfield, Utah, as the "W. Hazen Hillyard Post Office Building".

RECOGNIZING THE 110TH
BIRTHDAY OF MORRIS FEIN

HON. GARY L. ACKERMAN

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 17, 2009

Mr. ACKERMAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the 100th birthday of Morris Fein on Saturday, November 28, 2009.

Morris Fein is more than a friend; he is an inspiration and a living testament to the American Dream.

Frank and Kate Feintuch migrated from Poland and arrived at Ellis Island aboard the *Polonia* in 1911 with two-year-old Morris. A product of the New York City public school system, Morris began his education at PS 13 and graduated from Stuyvesant High School at

the age of 16. Becoming the first member in his family to graduate both high school and college, Morris obtained his Bachelors Degree in History from the City College of New York and graduated with a commission as Second Lieutenant of the ROTC.

In 1936, Morris met and married Vera Rothman, with whom he celebrated his seventy-second wedding anniversary in 2008 before her passing. Morris and Vera lived in Astoria, Queens, in a one-bedroom apartment. They not only raised their three children—Sheldon, Benjamin and Roselyn—there, but Morris also operated his tax practice from the apartment on the weekends. In 1954, the family moved to a three-bedroom single-family home in Flushing, Queens.

To support his family, Morris worked in excess of sixty hours per week, holding at minimum three jobs at any given time. For over 40 years he served as an Investigator/Inspector for the New York State Department of Agriculture, spearheading many investigations of major consequence in the Jewish and secular communities throughout New York State.

Through out his life, Morris has always strongly identified with his Jewish heritage. A strong believer in “giving back” to the community, he played a vital role in creating and maintaining the Queensborough Hill Jewish Center, a house of worship and education for his community. He served as a member of the Executive Board and Board of Trustees, including President and Treasurer, at the Synagogue. He also served as the long-term Financial Secretary and then President of the Hrubishower Sick & Benevolent Society; and was a member of the Queensborough Hill Synagogues Men’s Club.

After suffering a hip injury in 2002, Morris and his wife moved to an independent living facility in Huntington Terrace, NY, where he currently resides. A member of the South Huntington Jewish Center in Melville, he serves as President of the “Residents Board” at Huntington Terrace/Brandywine Senior Living.

Morris will be celebrating his 100th birthday with his children, Sheldon, Benjamin and his wife Judy Sharmat, Roselyn and her husband Edward Rudofsky; with his grandchildren and their spouses, Lee Rudofsky, Gayle Rudofsky, Steven Fein, Leonard Fein, Dr. Samuel Sharmat, Soraya, Juliana and Alissa; and with his great grandchildren, Ethan Fein, Jim Fein, and Sophia Sharmat.

Madam Speaker, I call on all my colleagues in the House of Representatives to rise and join me now in extending our congratulations to Morris Fein on the grand occasion of his 100th birthday.

IN HONOR OF AQUILINO ZARAZÚA

HON. SAM FARR

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 17, 2009

Mr. FARR. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the memory of Aquilino Zarazúa of Carmel Valley, California. Aquilino was an extraordinary man whose infectious smile and peaceful demeanor comforted all those who came into contact with him. Aquilino passed away on September 12, 2009, at age 91, leaving behind an inspiring success story for many immigrant families to emulate.

Aquilino was born on January 4, 1918, in the small town of Santa Catarina, Guanajuato, in central Mexico. When Aquilino was quite young, his mother passed away leaving six children without their mother. Aquilino was the eldest sibling and so he became his father Quintil’s trusted companion in raising the family. Aquilino eventually left Santa Catarina to search for other opportunities in neighboring towns and cities and years later made his way to the United States.

In 1945 Aquilino arrived in Chualar, California, as part of the Bracero or guest worker program. The work was arduous and strenuous but Aquilino was determined to persevere and succeed. Aquilino would often state that he would never return to his home town in worse shape than when he left; to do so would be shameful. Later Aquilino would travel to Jalisco, Mexico, with his friend Angel De León, the cook from the labor camp. Some time thereafter Aquilino decided to marry the cook’s daughter, Ampelia De León.

Aquilino and Ampelia had three daughters in the United States, all of whom graduated from college. Aquilino instilled in his daughters the value of a formal education and was extremely proud to attend their college graduations. One of his biggest fears was that his daughters would be relegated to toiling in agricultural fields or undertaking menial labor to earn a living. He taught them that a formal education was the only path out of the poverty and limited employment options which many immigrant families had endured.

Aquilino could speak little English, yet he was precise in communicating his thoughts and feelings. His generous and sincere smile would always welcome you and make you feel significant and strong. Aquilino will be remembered for his gentle manner and honesty; his devotion to his family and friends; and his keen ability to impart compassion and understanding to everyone he met.

Madam Speaker, Aquilino Zarazúa has left a legacy in Monterey County and has inspired many immigrant fathers and families to seek a better life for their children. Thanks to Aquilino we know that the greatest inheritance a child can receive is a father’s sense of values and compassion for others. I am certain I speak for the entire House in extending our heartfelt sympathy to Aquilino’s wife Ampelia and his daughters Albertina, Blanca and Gladys.

LIEUTENANT COLONEL JUANITA
WARMAN

HON. C. A. DUTCH RUPPERSBERGER

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 17, 2009

Mr. RUPPERSBERGER. Madam Speaker, I rise before you today to honor the life of Lieutenant Colonel Juanita Warman who died honorably serving her country.

Since 2008, LTC Warman has volunteered with the Maryland National Guard’s reintegration program, a program designed to help soldiers returning from Iraq and Afghanistan with a variety of issues. She served a year overseas at Landstuhl Regional Medical Center in Germany, the Army facility where those injured in Afghanistan and Iraq are treated before being sent stateside for further medical care. She regularly volunteered for round-trip

flights to Iraq to care for soldiers being sent to Landstuhl. Warman was preparing for deployment to Iraq at the time of her death.

A graduate of the University of Pittsburgh, Warman was a certified psychiatric nurse practitioner whose military career spanned more than two decades in active duty and Army reserves. Prior to her exceptional work with the Maryland National Guard, LTC Warman had a civilian practice at University of Pittsburgh Medical Center. She was an expert in post-traumatic stress disorder and traumatic brain injury. Warman also worked at a Veterans Administration facility in Perryville, Maryland.

I commend LTC Warman for her extraordinary commitment to both our country and her fellow service members. She touched the lives of many due to her outstanding sense of volunteerism, unwavering bravery, and dedication to making a difference.

Madam Speaker, I ask that you join with me today to honor the life of Lieutenant Colonel Juanita Warman. The distinguished service Lieutenant Colonel Warman has shown to our country will forever reverberate in our memories. It gives me great pride to honor one of our nation’s fallen heroes.

RECOGNIZING THE COURAGE AND
STRENGTH OF MICHAEL BREWER

HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 17, 2009

Mr. HASTINGS of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor 15-year-old Michael Brewer of Deerfield Beach, Florida, whose courage and strength defy the atrocious attack he has endured. Michael sustained burns to over 65 percent of his body after a group of schoolmates set him on fire in an act of cruel revenge. On October 12, 2009, neighborhood bullies Matthew Bent, 15; brothers Denver and Jeremy Jarvis, 15 and 13 respectively; Steven Shelton, 15; and Jesus Mendez, 15; surrounded Michael in the parking lot of Limetree Village Apartments, poured rubbing alcohol on him, and set him on fire with a lighter. Led by Bent, the bullies sought him out and terrorized him for not paying back \$40 borrowed to buy a video game. Michael had called the police the night before the encounter when Bent attempted to steal a \$500 custom bike from Michael’s father at their home.

I am truly shocked and outraged by this heinous crime. Michael still remains in critical condition at the University of Miami-Jackson Memorial Hospital Burn Center and will have to endure a long and painful recovery process. A 7th grader at Deerfield Beach Middle School, he has since received hundreds of cards and letters of support from fellow classmates and well-wishers from around the world. My thoughts and prayers go out to Michael, his family, and friends during this most difficult time. It is heartening to hear that Michael’s first surgery went well and that his doctors are cautiously optimistic about his recovery.

In addition, I want to commend the South Florida community for coming together to raise money in order to help the Brewer family pay for Michael’s medical expenses. During these difficult economic times, these Floridians have shown their true colors by extending a helping