

## EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

### RECOGNIZING THE RETIREMENT OF LCDR DAN RIEKEN FROM THE UNITED STATES NAVY

**HON. RON KIND**

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 15, 2010*

Mr. KIND. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Navy Lieutenant Commander Dan Rieken, a native of Prescott, Wisconsin, who has led a distinguished career in the United States Navy and proudly served his country for more than 20 years.

LCDR Rieken first enlisted in the Navy as a Fire Controlman in 1984. After graduating from the University of Minnesota in 1991, LCDR Rieken was commissioned an Ensign in the Navy and has helped plan and manage ballistic missile defense programs, assisted in overseeing efforts to ensure the security and reliability of the Space and Naval Warfare Systems Command's through the Y2K transition.

Later, LCDR Rieken graduated with distinction from the Naval War College in 2003 and then received his Masters from the Naval Postgraduate School in 2004. Today, LCDR Rieken serves in the White House Communications Agency as a Presidential Communications Officer, System Engineer, and Program Manager for acquisitions, modernization, and future systems design.

On August 1, 2010, LCDR Rieken will retire from the United States Navy. His dedication to serving his country has been unwavering, regardless of party or ideology. He has worked to strengthen our country's security as our nation transitioned out of the Cold War era and into the Post-September 11th era. I congratulate LCDR Rieken on his retirement and thank him for his dedication to the safety and security of our country.

### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. JIM GERLACH**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 15, 2010*

Mr. GERLACH. Madam Speaker, unfortunately, on Monday, June 14, 2010, I missed three recorded votes on the House floor. I ask that the RECORD reflect that had I been present, I would have voted "yea" on Rollcall 355, "yea" on Rollcall 356 and "yea" on Rollcall 357.

### HONORING MR. DAVID WILDER

**HON. BRIAN HIGGINS**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 15, 2010*

Mr. HIGGINS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the years of service given to

the people of Chautauqua County by Mr. David Wilder. Mr. Wilder served his constituency faithfully and justly during his tenure as a member of the Chautauqua County Legislature, serving district 4.

Public service is a difficult and fulfilling career. Any person with a dream may enter but only a few are able to reach the end. Mr. Wilder served his term with his head held high and a smile on his face the entire way. I have no doubt that his kind demeanor left a lasting impression on the people of Chautauqua County.

We are truly blessed to have such strong individuals with a desire to make this county the wonderful place that we all know it can be. Mr. Wilder is one of those people and that is why, Madam Speaker, I rise in tribute to him today.

### NATIONAL DAIRY MONTH

SPEECH OF

**HON. RON KIND**

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, June 14, 2010*

Mr. KIND. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in strong support of this resolution to support the goals of National Dairy Month. For more than 70 years now, we have been celebrating the importance of the dairy industry to our nation's health, economy, and national security.

If you were to come visit my home state of Wisconsin and travel through my congressional district, you would quickly understand why Wisconsin is called "America's Dairyland." Fields of corn, wheat, and straw are spotted with the large red barns, silos, and grazing cattle that have become the iconic images of dairy farming. It's not uncommon to learn that a family has been dairy farming for generations and that they hope their children will be able to carry on this tradition and way of life.

If you stop by one of those farms today, you'll hear firsthand just how difficult times are. Over the past couple of years, milk prices have been too low while the cost of feed and other inputs was too high. Our farmers today are really stretched thin, having drawn down so much equity in recent times that they're not sure that they'll earn enough to pay off their debts.

More families have been forced to close down their operations, rent out their land, and find another line of work. Not only are these people losing a way of life and imperiling our long-term ability to lead the world in agricultural production, we are also seeing local communities struggling to deal with a major shift in their economies.

This dairy crisis has demonstrated that our confusing and outdated subsidies and price supports simply don't provide the level of risk management that our farmers need. Major stakeholders in the dairy industry have united to put forward serious, creative proposals to reform our subsidy programs. We have an opportunity here to not only provide a strong

safety net for our dairy farmers, but also to lead the way in reforming our commodity support programs.

While National Dairy Month is a great opportunity for families all across our country to remember the nutritious value of dairy products as a major source of vitamins and minerals, we cannot forget how difficult times are for our dairy farmers. Over the months and years to come, I look forward to working with my colleagues on a bipartisan basis to provide a workable safety net to our farmers, while supporting local foods and sustainable agricultural practices.

### A TRIBUTE TO BRIGADIER GENERAL MICHAEL X. GARRETT

**HON. BRETT GUTHRIE**

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 15, 2010*

Mr. GUTHRIE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Michael X. Garrett, who has virtuously served the United States and the Commonwealth of Kentucky.

Brigadier General Garrett has served as the Deputy Commanding General for U.S. Army Recruiting Command in Elizabethtown, KY, since June of last year. During his tenure, Brigadier General Garrett managed, trained, and resourced an organization of approximately 11,500 military and civilian employees located in the United States, Germany, Japan, Guam, and Korea.

His guidance and leadership proved to be monumental in the accomplishment of the annual recruiting mission for the U.S. Army and U.S. Army Reserve, far surpassing all recruiting goals and objectives.

Throughout his career he has been an inspiration and example to both soldiers and civilians alike. He has represented his country proudly as a man of honor and a true patriot. Brigadier General Garrett is an officer of tremendous depth, intellect and vision.

Known as a 'Soldier's Soldier,' he leads from the front, establishes and maintains the highest standards, and relentlessly accomplishes the most complex and difficult missions with ease.

I honor him today because of his dignified and steadfast commitment to the U.S. Army, U.S. Army Reserve, his soldiers, the citizens of this country and the Commonwealth of Kentucky.

### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. DEVIN NUNES**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 15, 2010*

Mr. NUNES. Madam Speaker, on the legislative day of Monday, June 14, 2010, I was

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unavoidably detained and was unable to cast a vote on a number of rollcall votes. Had I been present, I would have voted: rollcall 355, "yea"; rollcall 356, "yea"; rollcall 357, "yea".

IN LOVING MEMORY OF CAFFIE  
GREENE

### HON. MAXINE WATERS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 15, 2010*

Ms. WATERS. Madam Speaker, I submit the following: To Penny, Raymond, Steve and the family of Caffie Greene, please accept my heartfelt condolences for the loss of your beloved mother, grandmother, and my friend, Caffie Greene.

Caffie was a brilliant community activist, one of a handful of strong African American women who used their God-given talents to speak up for the least of these. She fought alongside the women of South Los Angeles who led the struggle for justice and equality for so many years. Women such as Lillian Mobley, Mary Henry, Johnnie Mae Tillman, Catherine Germany, and Nola Carter.

Caffie was outspoken, confrontational, and fearless. She had the ability to influence politicians and elected officials with her strong organizing skills. She had the capability to articulate the pain and concerns of poor people; and she never hesitated to show up to meetings at the school board, city hall, press conferences or anywhere else she needed to be.

I know we will all miss Caffie, her strength and unique brilliance. But we must continue her work and honor her legacy which I hope will inspire and motivate a new generation of leaders to dedicate their lives in the service of others as she did. May she rest in peace.

HONORING ALTHEA MUSGROVE  
NORCOTT FOR A LIFETIME OF  
SERVICE AS AN EDUCATOR

### HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 15, 2010*

Ms. DeLAURO. Madam Speaker, I rise to commemorate a long career of dedicated service to the young people of Connecticut by Althea Musgrove Norcott, who is retiring this month after over three decades of teaching and education administration in New Haven.

A Connecticut girl through-and-through, Althea was born in New Haven to George and Mavis Musgrove, educated at West Haven High School and the University of Connecticut, and received a sixth year in administration and supervision at Southern Connecticut State University. In fact, with the exception of several years spent as a special education teacher in the United States Virgin Islands, she has spent her entire life in service to our state and community. And we are grateful to her for it.

For 31 years, Althea has worked to improve the scholarship and experience of students at Hillhouse High School. Beginning as a special education teacher for emotionally disturbed and learning disabled students in 1978, she was named assistant principal in charge of the English and Foreign Language Departments in

1994. In both positions, Althea has transformed the lives of thousands of students for the better, and enriched the Hillhouse High community with her wisdom, patience, and grace.

Not content to leave her good works at the schoolhouse door, Althea also worked to broaden the horizons of her students through trips to Egypt, Kenya, and Zimbabwe, as part of the Ambassadors for International Education program. And she has given of herself in countless other ways outside of Hillhouse, including chairing the New Haven Host Town Program of the 1995 Special Olympics World Games and co-founding and, for the past 14 years, chairing the Freetown-New Haven Sister Cities Committee.

I thank Althea deeply for these decades of service to our mutual hometown, and I congratulate her, her husband Justice Fleming L. Norcott, Jr., and their children Daryl, Tiffany, and Candace, on reaching this important milestone. Congratulations, Althea, you have earned it.

EXTENDING EFFECTIVE DATE OF  
GIFT CARD PROVISIONS OF  
CREDIT CARD LAW

SPEECH OF

### HON. HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, June 14, 2010*

Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to support H.R. 5502, a bill to amend the implementation date of the gift card provisions of the Credit Card Accountability Responsibility and Disclosure (CARD) Act of 2009. I would like to thank Rep. MAFFEI for introducing this bill to correct and improve H.R. 627.

This amendment would change certain parts of Title IV of H.R. 627 passed by Congress on May 22, 2009. Due to the timing of the date of implementation of new rules and those already preparing for the holiday season, as well as the technical disclosure requirements set forth in the CARD Act, lots of gift cards already made and distributed will be in violation of the CARD Act disclosure provisions. Instead of requiring that the disclosure provisions be implemented, in August, 2010, 15 months after the bill's passing, the amendment would extend this date to January 31, 2011. A reasonable transition period is necessary for small businesses to avoid high costs by re-issuing prepaid cards and destroying already-made and shelved cards.

This bill will help countless Americans, including many who live in the 4th Congressional District of Georgia, by preventing the implementation of burdensome rules which could disrupt the use of gift cards. Passing this bill will remove an unintended obstacle to the use of gift cards and will ensure that consumers have the ability to use their gift cards as they choose. I urge my colleagues to support this legislation.

A TRIBUTE TO COMMAND SER-  
GEANT MAJOR STEPHEN  
FRENNIER

### HON. BRETT GUTHRIE

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 15, 2010*

Mr. GUTHRIE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor CSM Stephen Frennier, who has righteously served the United States and the Commonwealth of Kentucky.

Command Sergeant Major Frennier has served as the Senior Enlisted Advisor for U.S. Army Recruiting Command in Fort Knox, KY, since June of 2008. During his tenure, Command Sergeant Major Frennier dedicated his time to visiting all the soldiers that were a part of his command throughout the 50 states, four U.S. possessions, and three additional countries that housed these men and women.

His strong leadership skills helped propel over 50 of his soldiers to be inducted into the prestigious Sergeant Audie Murphy Club. Command Sergeant Major Frennier utilized these members by having them conduct volunteer mission within their local communities, fostering a relationship between the U.S. Army and civilians.

Throughout his career, Command Sergeant Major Frennier has not only been a remarkable example for the young men and women he has led, but a true warrior for his country. He always made sure to accomplish the task at hand, while taking care of the soldiers around him. Command Sergeant Major Frennier is an officer of tremendous nobility, honor and intellect.

I honor him today because of his dignified and dedicated commitment to the U.S. Army, U.S. Army Reserve, his soldiers, the citizens of this country and the Commonwealth of Kentucky.

IN HONOR AND RECOGNITION OF  
HOUSING ADVOCATES, INC. OF  
CLEVELAND, OHIO

### HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 15, 2010*

Mr. KUCINICH. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor and recognition of Housing Advocates, Inc., (HAI) which has fought for fair housing rights and equal housing opportunities for more than three decades.

Established in 1975, HAI is comprised of passionate attorneys, experienced in litigating civil rights cases, and dedicated support staff who work to ensure that fair housing laws and affordable and quality housing principles are followed.

Madam Speaker and colleagues, please join me in honor and recognition of Housing Advocates, Inc., whose advocacy on behalf of equal housing rights has helped the people of Northeast Ohio. The staff of Housing Advocates, Inc. safeguards civil rights and serve as protector and champion on behalf of housing rights for minorities, the disabled and the poor.

CELEBRATING THE LEAGUE OF  
BLACK WOMEN'S ANNUAL LEAD-  
ERSHIP CONFERENCE

**HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 15, 2010*

Mr. HASTINGS of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the League of Black Women on their annual leadership conference which commences today.

The League of Black Women, founded in the 1970's by Dr. Armita Young Boswell, works today to provide successful, strategic and sustaining leadership experiences for minority professionals and students. With nearly 10,000 members worldwide, the League provides continuing executive-level education. It also provides professional leadership coaching, mentor outreach to school-age students, support of small businesses, and with this conference, exposure of attendees to new relationships in the global corporate community.

More than 200 attendees from major corporations are expected to participate in five days of leadership development forums and executive presentations.

This year's conference theme is "Black Women 2010: Global Ready." As a member of the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, I was honored to receive an invitation to participate in this year's forum titled "Women of Color in the U.S. Intelligence Community" and share insight on the prospects of women in Intelligence rising to higher leadership ranks.

Madam Speaker, the importance of diversity in the intelligence community cannot be overstated. It is one of our greatest strengths, as it is essential to addressing increasingly complex national security threats. We must continue to acquire and maintain an intelligence workforce that mirrors our nation and the world within which we operate.

With the hard work of the League of Black Women and other organizations committed to innovative diversity education and leadership research, we can create and sustain a diverse intelligence workforce.

Again, congratulations to the League of Black Women on this year's conference and look forward to celebrating another successful conference next year.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. JOE WILSON**

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 15, 2010*

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Madam Speaker, I was absent from votes which occurred on June 14, 2010. Listed below is how I would have voted if I had been present.

Roll No. 355—H. Res. 1368—supporting the goals of National Dairy Month—"aye";

Roll No. 356—H. Res. 1409—expressing support for designation of June 20, 2010, as "American Eagle Day", and celebrating the recovery and restoration of the bald eagle, the national symbol of the United States—"aye";

Roll No. 357—H.R. 5502—to amend the effective date of the gift card provisions of the Credit Card Accountability Responsibility and Disclosure Act of 2009—"aye."

THE ISRAELI BLOCKADE AND THE  
FLOTILLA

SPEECH OF

**HON. DORIS O. MATSUI**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 9, 2010*

Ms. MATSUI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to express my support for our ally and friend Israel. Israel is a country that has always backed the United States in its efforts to combat extremism, and that has proven throughout its short history that democratic ideals can take root in the most challenging of international neighborhoods.

Mr. Speaker, I, like so many of my colleagues here in the House of Representatives and like so many of my constituents in Sacramento, believe in Israel's right to defend itself. The people of Israel deserve to live without fear of being attacked by a terrorist organization—Hamas—that refuses both to recognize Israel's right to exist and to renounce the use of violence to achieve its objectives. For a number of years, both Israel and Egypt have enforced a blockade of Gaza to keep Hamas from acquiring material to launch rockets into Israel.

The recent tragedy aboard the Mavi Marmara could have been avoided, and should serve as a reminder to us all that our Nation must lead the international community in efforts to forge a lasting peace in the Middle East. My heart goes out to the families of those whose lives were lost, and to those Israeli soldiers who were seriously injured.

Prior to what took place on the Mavi Marmara, five previous ships in the flotilla bound for Gaza were redirected without incident. These five ships were sent to an Israeli port so that the goods they were carrying could be screened for material that could be used to make weapons. Much of their cargo has since been sent to Gaza.

Israel redirected five of the flotilla ships because it has the right—and the responsibility—to prevent Hamas from acquiring materials it uses to fire rockets at Israeli towns. At the same time, Israel must continue doing what it can to ensure that the people of Gaza have access to food and supplies needed to live. Much of the humanitarian material the flotilla was carrying will make it into the hands of innocent civilians in Gaza, just as millions of tons of humanitarian aid have been delivered to Gaza through Israel since the start of the blockade.

Mr. Speaker, what this incident demonstrates more than anything else is that a lasting Middle East peace is needed. For a peace settlement to be reached, the first step is for Hamas to meet a very simple set of preconditions established by the Quartet (the United Nations, the United States, the European Union, and Russia).

The Quartet's demands are not complicated: Hamas must join the rest of the international community by recognizing Israel's right to exist, renounce the use of violence, and abide by previous agreements between Israel and the Palestinian people. If Hamas were to do so, the Gaza blockade would end, Israel's security would improve, and peace negotiations could begin in earnest.

In the end, we should use this most recent tragedy as a catalyst to redouble our inter-

national efforts to achieve peace and security in the Middle East. Our objective must not change: we must create a peace that dismantles Hamas's terrorist infrastructure, improves the situation in Gaza, and guarantees the safety and security of innocent Israelis and Palestinians alike. The United States has been attempting to broker just such an agreement via proximity talks for months now.

Furthermore, the United States' goodwill toward the people who live in Gaza is clear. The President's announcement of a \$400 million initiative to improve Gazans' access to drinking water, create jobs, build schools, make affordable housing more accessible, and address critical health and infrastructure needs is just the kind of thing we need to change direction in the Middle East. I strongly support the President's initiative because I want the living conditions for the people of Gaza to improve just as I want living conditions for all people around the world to improve.

As an international community, we all need to examine our various approaches to achieving peace in the Middle East, to see if any calibrations can be made in our strategies that will increase the chances of success. The tragedy on the Mavi Marmara only underscores how urgent it is for the international system to do everything it can to protect the security of Israelis, meet the humanitarian and economic needs of the people in Gaza, and create a permanent peace in this critical part of the world.

I will continue to support Israel's right to defend itself and its citizens. At the same time, I long for the day when Israel and the Palestinians can live peacefully with one another, because that will mean that our efforts to achieve a viable peace agreement in the Middle East have been successful.

AMERICAN JOBS, CLOSING TAX  
LOOPHOLES AND PREVENTING  
OUTSOURCING ACT

**HON. BETTY MCCOLLUM**

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 15, 2010*

Ms. MCCOLLUM. Madam Speaker, I rise today in support of H.R. 4213, the American Jobs, Closing Tax Loopholes and Preventing Outsourcing Act. This legislation accelerates our economic recovery by creating or saving over 1 million jobs and by providing emergency aid to American families.

Our economic recovery is thankfully underway. The private sector is working again. Jobs are being added. The task before Congress is finding the right balance between addressing the federal budget deficits and debt and supporting American families still struggling with the lingering effects of the recession.

This bill is a life-preserver for the millions of Americans who are still looking for work. For our youth experiencing record-high unemployment and looking for work this summer, this bill allocates funding that will support 350,000 jobs. It also provides emergency funding for a much-needed unemployment insurance extension through the end of November 2010. In addition to assisting those Americans hardest hit by the recession, these resources will stimulate the economy—every \$1 spent in unemployment benefits generates at least \$1.63 in

economic activity. H.R. 4213 also addresses a major concern for seniors by preventing pay cuts that could discourage doctors from seeing Medicare patients.

H.R. 4213 also makes long-term investments to support economic growth by extending tax incentives for research and development and American-made clean energy. This legislation will save and create jobs through Build America Bonds and Recovery Zone Bonds while rebuilding American infrastructure. This bill restores credit to small businesses and provides tax relief to middle class families, who are experiencing the lowest taxes in 60 years.

The many investments are fully offset by closing tax loopholes, ensuring that Wall Street investment fund managers paid their fair share of taxes on their income and ensuring that corporations stop abusing the foreign tax credit by shipping American jobs overseas. This legislation also begins to hold oil corporations accountable by increasing the fees they pay to the Oil Spill Liability Trust Fund. Most importantly, the entire bill complies with statutory pay-as-you-go.

Let me be clear. Our economy will recover and thrive again—we are on the right path—but until we reach a full and vibrant recovery, we have a responsibility to extend the safety-net of unemployment benefits for the millions out of work while we enact measures to create jobs. For all these reasons, I urge my colleagues to support this legislation and create American jobs, close tax loopholes, and prevent outsourcing.

IN RECOGNITION OF MANDINGO  
TSHAKA

**HON. GARY L. ACKERMAN**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 15, 2010*

Mr. ACKERMAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to extend my deepest thanks and most sincere gratitude to Mandingo Tshaka, a resident of Bayside, New York, who first identified and advocated for the need to acknowledge the significant role that slave labor played in the construction of the United States Capitol several years ago. This week, Mr. Tshaka will be traveling to Washington, DC to witness his vision realized when Speaker PELOSI and Majority Leader REID will unveil a series of plaques that honor and remember the contributions made by enslaved African Americans during the building of the Capitol. Thanks to his work and perseverance, the United States government will for the first time acknowledge the regrettable, humiliating, embarrassing, and humbling truth that slave labor helped to construct the very building that houses democracy in our Nation's capital.

In 2005, a Congressionally mandated study confirmed that slave labor was used extensively in the construction of the Capitol. The study confirmed what Mr. Tshaka already knew: One of the most egregious human rights violations in the history of the modern world helped erect the United States Capitol. It is to Mr. Tshaka's enduring credit that Congress will publicly and permanently recognize this fact this week.

Throughout his life, Mr. Tshaka has tirelessly dedicated himself to advocating for civil,

minority and community rights. A lifelong resident of New York City, he has contributed immeasurably to the improvement of his community and of his country. While this week's ceremony will be bittersweet, I am pleased that Mr. Tshaka will be present to witness the fulfillment of his latest endeavor to promote civil rights and awareness.

I look forward to welcoming Mr. Tshaka to the Capitol for this historic unveiling and I am proud to see Congress recognize the truth behind the Capitol's construction. I ask my colleagues in the House to join me in recognizing Mandingo Tshaka and thank him for helping to make this week's ceremony a reality.

IN HONOR OF STANLEY AND  
BETTY SHEINBAUM

**HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 15, 2010*

Mr. KUCINICH. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor and recognition of Stanley and Betty Sheinbaum as they celebrate their 90th birthdays. The Sheinbaums have been partners in life since 1964, with a shared devotion to each other, to their families, and to causes of peace and justice. Their support and work on behalf of humanitarian and progressive causes continues to strengthen the democratic foundation of our nation and the world.

Mr. Sheinbaum grew up in a poor, working class neighborhood in New York City. His family was hit hard by the Depression; their financial struggles during his formative years left an indelible imprint on him—clarifying his sense of justice, and strengthening his compassion and empathy for others, especially for the poor. After high school, he worked at various jobs until he joined the service, where he served during WWII. After the war, he re-enrolled in high school courses to elevate his grades and he was eventually accepted at Oklahoma A&M, where he did well enough to transfer to Stanford University. He graduated from Stanford with a degree in Economics with high honors, subsequently moving to Paris as a Fulbright scholar.

In the early 1960's, Mr. Sheinbaum's previous support of U.S. military involvement in South Vietnam began to fade. He became an active member and leader at the Center for the Study of Democratic Institutions—an organization that attracted the nation's intellectual elites. Mr. Sheinbaum quickly impressed members with his strong intellect and superior debating skills. He soon met and fell in love with activist Betty Warner, daughter of Warner Bros. co-founder, Harry Warner.

Born in 1920, Ms. Warner was a like-minded political activist who shared her future husband's social and political inclinations. She was born in Hollywood and grew up in the glory days of the movie industry. The daughter of a movie mogul, she lived a life adorned with pop artists and movie stars. Her family came to the United States in the early 1900s seeking democracy, freedom, justice and economic security. Although her father became famous, he began as a cobbler and a salesman. He instilled within her a strong sense of hard work, equality and justice. She became involved in community and grassroots politics and organized to fight McCarthyism.

Stanley Sheinbaum and Betty Warner were married in 1964. The Sheinbaums' sense of philanthropy and service to others has been a shared vision since their marriage. In addition to her activism, Betty Sheinbaum is a passionate artist. She is a successful sculptor, painter, artist and gallery owner. She uses her lifetime of experiences in her beautiful work and incorporates the imagery she has discovered on her travels throughout the world. She has studied with Howard Warshaw, Keith Finch, Jan Stussy, Mark Strickland and George Small.

In addition to donating to worthy causes over four decades, the Sheinbaums have continued to donate their valuable time. Among his countless accomplishments, Mr. Sheinbaum has served as head of the ACLU Foundation of Southern California and as President of the Los Angeles Police Commission during the difficult years between 1991 and 1993. While serving as a Regent of the University of California, he fought for divestment from South Africa. For the last 10 years, he has been the publisher of New Perspectives Quarterly. Both Betty and Stanley continue to serve on the Advisory Board for the Liberty Hill Foundation, an organization which invests in changemakers and equips them with the skills and relationships they need to build power and advance social justice.

As well as being active in their own communities, the Sheinbaums have used their resources and their influence to effect global change. In 1988, Mr. Sheinbaum led a delegation of American Jews to the Middle East where he befriended Yassar Arafat. Thanks in part to the efforts of the Sheinbaums, Arafat renounced terror and finally recognized Israel's right to exist. Respected for his ability to negotiate with world leaders, Mr. Clinton would later ask Mr. Sheinbaum to serve as a back-channel envoy to Syria and help influence the course of nations.

The passion, dedication and commitment of the Sheinbaums have made a difference in the lives of many. Their historic careers are surpassed only by their love for each other. Madam Speaker and Colleagues, please join me in honor and recognition of Stanley and Betty Sheinbaum on the occasion of their 90th birthdays, as we extend to them both the thanks of a grateful nation for all they have done together to make our world a better place. They are truly great Americans.

EXTENDING EFFECTIVE DATE OF  
GIFT CARD PROVISIONS OF  
CREDIT CARD LAW

SPEECH OF

**HON. DANIEL B. MAFFEI**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, June 14, 2010*

Mr. MAFFEI. Mr. Speaker, I rise to introduce the Environmentally Conscious Option Gift Card Act, or ECO-Gift Card Act. This bill gives gift card producers until January 31, 2011, to comply with several provisions of the Credit Card Accountability Responsibility and Disclosure, CARD, Act that we passed last year. The current deadline is August 22, 2010, and producers have found that the quick deadline presented many issues.

If the deadline remains the same, most gift cards on the shelves of stores and in warehouses, which were produced before the law

passed, will have to be removed and destroyed, and issuers and merchants will have to produce new cards that comply with the Fed rules.

In addition to being an onerous burden on gift card issuers and merchants who sell the cards, the forced destruction of tens of millions of noncompliant cards would also result in needless environmental waste. The industry estimates that over 100 million gift cards would need to be destroyed and replaced, a waste volume that would take up more than eight football fields buried 12 feet deep in such cards.

This extension of the deadline will give issuers and merchants a more reasonable transition period, and prevent a significant amount of environmental waste.

I urge my colleagues to support this bill and look forward to its passage.

IN LOVING MEMORY OF PAUL H.  
DEVAN

### HON. MAXINE WATERS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 15, 2010*

Ms. WATERS. Madam Speaker, I submit the following:

To family of Paul H. DeVan,

It is with great pain and sorrow that I express my condolences to you, all of Paul's friends and the entire Head Start family.

Paul and I were very good friends—we met and worked together starting in the early 1970's in the Head Start Program. Paul was an activist, organizer, and a promoter of fairness, justice, and equality for poor people, people of color and people who simply needed to have friends to assist them in locating resources to pursue a decent quality of life.

I loved Paul's kindness, his love of people and his willingness to work hard for the betterment of our community. Paul was the kind of man that understood his strength and power. He had the confidence that is so necessary to make things happen and get the job done.

Unfortunately there are not many Paul DeVan's left in our communities that are willing to meet the challenge of discrimination, poverty and hopelessness. Paul had health challenges for quite some time but never gave up. He loved the Head Start Program and was the Founder of Training and Research Foundation, which provides resources to parents to help children fulfill their educational destinies.

Paul and Elaine were a wonderful team that accomplished so much. This home going for Paul must also be a thank you for all he has done for so many. Paul, I love you and will miss you very much.

THE RETIREMENT OF MR.  
RICHARD MANN

### HON. JOHN H. ADLER

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 15, 2010*

Mr. ADLER of New Jersey. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Mr. Richard Mann for his dedicated service to our students, the Cherry Hill Community, and the residents of Camden County.

For 37 years, Mr. Richard Mann has dutifully served the students of Cherry Hill as a physical education instructor. A community servant in every aspect, Mr. Mann worked for the citizens of Camden County as an employee of the Voorhees Recreation Department for 25 years, and managed the Cherry Hill Skating Center for 26 years.

Mr. Mann has been honored for his character, skill and commitment to students at the local and state levels. Among his many achievements is the receipt of the New Jersey Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance Honor Award for 2009.

Mr. Mann has contributed to the social and academic growth of students and staff. Most of all, to colleagues he has been a trusted mentor, role model and friend.

Madam Speaker, I hope that you will join me in honoring and celebrating the career and service of Mr. Mann to the students and staff of the J. F. Cooper Elementary School, the Cherry Hill community and all of Camden County.

IN HONOR AND RECOGNITION OF  
THE 25TH ANNIVERSARY OF  
COMMUNITY CHALLENGE AND OF  
DAVID LARUE

### HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 15, 2010*

Mr. KUCINICH. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor and recognize 25 years of amazing work by the staff and supporters of Community Challenge. In giving specific mention to one of Community Challenge's biggest long-time supporters, David LaRue—I not only honor him, but also all those others who have given of themselves to create a better future for our children.

Community Challenge, a branch of Recovery Resources that focuses on keeping our children healthy, happy and free from the devastation of drug and alcohol abuse, has strengthened and empowered the lives of countless youth and families throughout our west side communities.

As with many great initiatives, its origins are humble. In 1985 a small group of Rocky River residents acted when they became concerned about alcohol and drug abuse by local children and teens; they formed the Rocky River Community Challenge, which worked on education and prevention. As the organization expanded, 'Rocky River' was dropped from its name but its mission has remained the same—to improve education and prevent abuse.

Today, I also honor David LaRue for the tireless support he has given Community Challenge. Mr. LaRue's dedication to the mission and programs of Community Challenge is evidenced by the significant sponsorship funding from the company of which he is Vice President and Chief Operating Officer, Forest City Enterprises. In 1992 Mr. LaRue personally led the effort to start Community Challenge's Basketball Challenge Cup, an annual event bringing together teens and families for an evening of fun and competition in an alcohol-free environment.

Madam Speaker and colleagues, please join me in honor and recognition of the 25 years of tireless effort by all the staff and supporters

of Community Challenge and of David LaRue whose leadership, sponsorship, and support of Community Challenge's programs and events has made a real difference in the lives of so many.

HONORING THE 60TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF DIABETES AND DIGESTIVE AND KIDNEY DISEASES

### HON. FRANK PALLONE, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 15, 2010*

Mr. PALLONE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to introduce a resolution with my good friend Mr. SHIMKUS of Illinois that commemorates the 60th anniversary of the National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases (NIDDK) and its continuing leadership and achievements in conducting and supporting biomedical research to improve health.

The NIDDK leads the Nation's Federal commitment in research, research training, science-based education and health information dissemination with respect to diabetes and other endocrine and metabolic diseases, digestive and liver diseases, nutritional disorders, obesity, kidney disease, urologic diseases, and hematologic diseases.

The Institute was originally established in 1950 through the Omnibus Medical Research Act as the National Institute of Arthritis and Metabolic Diseases. The Institute was renamed several times during the ensuing decades, and was renamed in 1986 as the National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases.

The chronic and costly disease and disorders within the Institute's mission affect millions of Americans, ranging from some of the nation's most common diseases and disorders to those which are rarer. The NIDDK supports research by extramural scientists at academic and other medical research institutions across the nation, in addition to research by scientists in the Institute's intramural program. The Institute has continually pursued research efforts to benefit all individuals burdened by these diseases and disorders: men, women, older and younger adults, children, minority populations who are disproportionately affected by many of these diseases, and those from economically-disadvantaged backgrounds.

60 years of NIDDK-supported research discoveries have dramatically increased vital understanding of the biologic mechanisms and behavioral and environmental factors that contribute to health and disease. This knowledge has propelled the development of intervention strategies. Specifically, this research has led to the prevention, diagnostic, and treatment strategies for individuals who have, or are at risk for, diseases and disorders within the Institute's mission, leading to remarkable improvements in health and quality of life.

The NIDDK has also been a leader in research training and mentoring efforts, from summer programs for high school and college students with special opportunities for underrepresented minorities, to fellowships for graduate and medical students and postdoctoral researchers, to support for early-career and established investigators, in order to ensure that critical biomedical research will continue

into the future. In addition, the Institute sponsors education and outreach programs to improve health by disseminating science-based information to patients and their families, those at risk for disease, healthcare professionals, and the general public.

The Institute's research and research strategies have also allowed them to be a leader in collaborative and coordinated research efforts and science-based education programs to maximize the Federal investment in research and synergize expertise across the NIH, with other Federal agencies, and with public and private organizations.

Today, Mr. SHIMKUS and I introduce a resolution to commemorate NIDDK's 60th anniversary and commend NIDDK for its leadership in research, research training, and science-based education programs.

I urge my colleagues to join us in support of this resolution not only to commemorate the NIDDK's 60th anniversary, but also to show continued support for the Institute in its research, education, and discovery efforts of the future.

ENROLLED JOINT RESOLUTION 3  
OF THE SIXTIETH LEGISLATURE  
OF THE STATE OF WYOMING

HON. CYNTHIA M. LUMMIS

OF WYOMING

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 15, 2010*

Mrs. LUMMIS. Madam Speaker, I commend the State of Wyoming for enacting a resolution that reinforces the 10th Amendment to the Constitution. Enrolled Joint Resolution 3 of the Sixtieth Legislature of the State of Wyoming demands that Congress cease and desist from enacting mandates that are beyond the enumerated powers granted to the Congress by the United States Constitution.

This resolution joins a groundswell of support across our nation for a return to the federalist principles in our Constitution. I am proud to insert this resolution into the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD on behalf of the people of Wyoming.

Citizens, businesses and States across the country are bracing for the impact of the heavy handed government mandates in President Obama's health care plan. Momentum persists among some in Congress for additional federal mandates, taxes, and regulations that will burden State budgets and put entrepreneurs in Main Street America out of business.

There is another way. Our nation's founders left us a recipe for freedom and opportunity in our Constitution, under which the people of the United States consented to a government with limited powers. As stated in the 10th Amendment, all powers not given to the federal government by the Constitution are reserved for the States and the people. I have co-founded in the House of Representatives a 10th Amendment Task Force to advance the principles of federalism and disperse power back to States, local governments and individuals.

Before coming to Washington, I spent my entire adult life dealing with State issues—as a rancher, as a State legislator, and as State Treasurer. I am now astounded by the kinds of issues Members of Congress feel are appropriate for federal intervention.

States know their people better. They know their issues better. Let's return to States what States do best and maintain a strong limited government in Washington to do what it does best—securing the freedom, strength and integrity of this country.

ENROLLED JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 3, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES—SIXTIETH LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WYOMING, 2010 BUDGET SESSION

Whereas, the tenth amendment to the Constitution of the United States reads as follows: "The powers not delegated to the United States by the Constitution, nor prohibited by it to the States, are reserved to the States respectively, or to the people."; and

Whereas, the tenth amendment to the Constitution of the United States defines the total scope of federal power as being that specifically granted by the Constitution of the United States and no more; and

Whereas, the scope of the power defined by the tenth amendment to the Constitution of the United States means that the federal government was created by the states specifically to be an agent of the states; and

Whereas, the states are demonstrably treated as agents of the federal government; and

Whereas, many powers assumed by the federal government and federal mandates are directly in violation of the tenth amendment to the United States Constitution; and

Whereas, the interstate commerce clause in article 1, section 8 of the Constitution of the United States provides that Congress shall have the power: "To regulate Commerce with foreign Nations, and among the several States, and with Indian Tribes;" and

Whereas, the interstate commerce clause is limited to the federal government regulating trade between the states and between the states and other nations, to help prevent conflicts between states over commercial activities and to prevent the erection of barriers to commerce between the states; and

Whereas, the interstate commerce clause should not be used to provide Congress with authority to regulate matters that are primarily intrastate with only an insignificant or collateral effect upon interstate commerce; and

Whereas, many federal laws are beyond the scope and intent of the interstate commerce clause and the tenth amendment to the Constitution of the United States; and

Whereas, the tenth amendment to the Constitution of the United States assures that we, the people of the United States of America and each sovereign state in the union of states, now have, and have always had, rights the federal government may not usurp; and

Whereas, article 4, section 4, of the Constitution of the United States says: "The United States shall guarantee to every State in this Union a Republican Form of Government," and the ninth amendment to the Constitution of the United States adds "The enumeration in the Constitution, of certain rights, shall not be construed to deny or disparage others retained by the people."; and

Whereas, Congress may not simply commandeer the legislative and regulatory processes of the states. Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved* by the Members of the Legislature of the State of Wyoming:

Section 1. That the Wyoming Congressional delegation and Congress take action to initiate the amendment process provided by article 5 of the Constitution of the United States to amend the tenth amendment and article 1, section 8 (the interstate commerce clause), of the Constitution of the United States.

Section 2. That Congress amend the tenth amendment of the Constitution of the United States as follows, with proposed changes indicated in underscored text:

The powers not expressly delegated to the United States by the Constitution, nor prohibited by it to the States, are reserved to the States respectively, or to the people. This amendment shall be considered by all courts as a rule of interpretation and construction in any case involving an interpretation of any constitutional power claimed by the Congress.

Section 3. That Congress amend the interstate commerce clause, article 1, section 8, of the Constitution of the United States as follows, with proposed changes indicated in underscored text:

To directly regulate Commerce with foreign nations, and among the several states, and with the Indian Tribes, with no authority in Congress to regulate matters that are primarily intrastate with only an insignificant or collateral effect upon interstate commerce;

Section 4. That Congress shall specify that the amendments to the tenth amendment and the interstate commerce clause, article 1, section 8, of the Constitution of the United States, as provided herein, shall be operative upon ratification by the legislatures of three-fourths of the several states, provided that such ratification shall occur within seven years from the date of the submission of the amendments to the states by Congress.

Section 5. That this state calls on its co-states for an expression of their sentiments on the need to amend the tenth amendment and article 1, section 8, of the Constitution of the United States as provided in this resolution.

Section 6. (a) That the Secretary of State of Wyoming transmit copies of this resolution:

(i) To the President of the United States, to the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives of the United States Congress and to the Wyoming Congressional Delegation, with a request that the Wyoming Congressional delegation take all reasonable and necessary actions to initiate the amendment process to amend the Constitution of the United States consistent with the language proposed in this resolution and that this resolution be officially entered in the congressional record as a memorial to the Congress of the United States of America; and

(ii) To the speaker of the house of representatives and president of the senate, or their equivalent, and the governor of each of the other forty-nine states.

HONORING JIM CASSIDY

HON. MICHAEL H. MICHAUD

OF MAINE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 15, 2010*

Mr. MICHAUD. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Jim Cassidy on his retirement from St. Mary's Health System and to recognize his many accomplishments while serving as its President.

Taking charge during a period when St. Mary's was dealing with financial instability, Jim worked step by step to expand wellness services and access to quality medical care. He quickly stabilized St. Mary's finances and set to work expanding the system's workforce and budget. Today, approximately 2,000 individuals are employed under an annual operating budget of \$252 million.

With St. Mary's on solid footing, Jim turned his attention towards increasing care and services in the region. From 2000 to 2010, he oversaw the opening of the Women's Health Pavilion, the Center for Joint Replacement, St. Mary's d'Youville Pavilion Rehab Center, a new St. Mary's Campus in Auburn and the modernization of the Emergency Center at St. Mary's Regional Medical Center. This extraordinary feat was mirrored by St. Mary's outreach in downtown Lewiston. St. Mary's Food Pantry, Lots to Gardens and St. Mary's Nutrition Center of Maine not only provide emergency food assistance to the residents of the greater Androscoggin County but also promote healthy nutrition and eating habits. Other programs, such as the Neighborhood Housing Initiative and B Street Health Center, have expanded affordable access to shelters and healthcare for Lewiston's low income residents. Each of these programs owes a piece of their success to Jim's leadership.

For these works and for other charity programs he established, Jim was honored by the American Hospital Association and by the Catholic Health Association. The remarkable positive impact Jim has had on the community is commendable and has inspired countless others. With his retirement on June 17, 2010, St. Mary's Health System will lose one of its finest leaders in its 125 year history. His legacy of community outreach will surely be continued for generations to come.

Madam Speaker, please join me in congratulating Jim Cassidy on his retirement and thanking him for his dedicated service to his community.

#### FHA REFORM ACT OF 2010

SPEECH OF

**HON. ANNA G. ESHOO**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 10, 2010*

Ms. ESHOO. Mr. Speaker, as we work to turn the economy around it is imperative that we continue to support the Federal Housing Administration (FHA) which has played a critical role in stabilizing the nation's housing market.

It was not too long ago that we saw unscrupulous mortgage lending practices that caused hundreds of thousands of Americans to lose their homes. Thankfully, we're beginning to see a decline in foreclosures rates. In May, we saw a 3 percent decrease in rates and in April we saw a 9 percent decrease. We must ensure this declining foreclosure rate trend continues and reforming the FHA is essential in doing so.

The legislation, H.R. 5072, the FHA Reform Act, strengthens the FHA while allowing access to safe, affordable financing by responsible borrowers. The bill provides the FHA with the authority to manage annual mortgage insurance premiums. It also provides significant safeguards against dishonest lending practices that are hidden from homebuyers.

As the economy recovers, our nation's consumers are beginning to regain confidence in the housing market. We must demonstrate to these consumers that they can once again trust lenders. Providing the FHA with more authority over mortgages and lending is necessary for the recovery of not only the real estate market, but for the economy as a whole.

I regret that an obligation in my District kept me from voting for this legislation, but had I been present, I would have been proud to vote in support of the bill.

IN HONOR AND REMEMBRANCE OF  
ERIN K. EHRBAR AND ANDREW  
J. EHRBAR

**HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 15, 2010*

Mr. KUCINICH. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor and remember a brother and a sister who left this world far too soon. Erin and Andrew Ehrbar were both tragically taken away from us at the tender ages of 16 and 13, respectively. I stand with those in our community grieving for them and for their families.

Erin and Andrew both loved sports, music, and spending time with friends and family. They were extraordinary children who lived their lives with great energy, laughter, joy, kind hearts and a spirit of generosity. Today, we remember them, in the House and in the nation.

As we grieve, we also celebrate the joy and happiness that Erin and Andrew brought to their friends and family. Erin, a junior at Highland High School, played on the girl's varsity soccer team; Andrew, a seventh grader at Highland Middle School, played baseball, basketball, and sang in the school choir.

Madam Speaker and colleagues, I ask you to join me in honor and remembrance of Erin K. Ehrbar and Andrew J. Ehrbar, whose young lives were framed by the unwavering love of their family and friends. In addition to honoring the memory of their late father, James, we offer condolences to their mother, Laura; to their big sister, Melissa and their little brother, Sean; to their stepfather, Chris DePiero; their grandparents, Thomas and Barbara Donovan; James and Marilyn Ehrbar; Jerry and Roberta DePiero; and the many others who loved them. The legacies of Erin and Andrew will continue on in the lives of others, through organ and eye donation, and their gentle spirits will forever hold a sacred place in the hearts of those who loved them.

IN TRIBUTE TO THE  
COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

**HON. ELTON GALLEGLY**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 15, 2010*

Mr. GALLEGLY. Madam Speaker, I rise in tribute to the Commonwealth of Australia and the Australian Maritime Safety Authority (AMSA) for its quick and effective response to locating and rescuing Abby Sunderland, a 16-year-old sailor from Thousand Oaks, California, whose sailboat was severely damaged in the Indian Ocean.

Abby was attempting to sail solo around the world when rough seas tore the mast from her boat, Wild Eyes, rendering cell phone communication with her sail team impossible. Abby activated two distress beacons, whose signal was picked up by the AMSA's Rescue Coordination Centre.

At the time, Wild Eyes was in the search and rescue region of the Maritime Rescue Coordination Centre at La Reunion, which is operated by France. However, AMSA immediately offered assistance. La Reunion asked for air search assistance and an AMSA crew departed from Perth at first light in a QANTAS A-330 Airbus passenger aircraft.

Before the aircraft arrived on the scene, Abby's beacons indicated Wild Eyes had drifted into AMSA's search and rescue region. She was spotted at about 4 p.m. Australian time (11 p.m. PDT) about 2,000 nautical miles from western Australia. The AMSA crew made radio contact and found that Abby was alive and well, although with some scrapes and bruises.

AMSA then coordinated with La Reunion to have a ship retrieve her from Wild Eyes. About 40 hours after Abby activated her beacons, the French fishing vessel, Ile De La Reunion had Abby safely on board. AMSA had dispatched a Global Express aircraft to the scene, which provided top cover during Abby's transfer to the fishing vessel and served as a communications relay between Wild Eyes and Ile De La Reunion.

Media reports this morning stated that the crew of Ile De La Reunion delivered Abby to the remote Kerguelen Island yesterday afternoon, where she will catch a French patrol boat for the next leg of her journey home.

Madam Speaker, while we are grateful to the French fishermen and French authorities for their role in Abby's rescue, it is the Australian government that took lead in ensuring she was found and rescued. I personally called Australian ambassador to the United States, His Excellency Kim Beazley, AC, on Friday to thank him for Australia's role in locating and rescuing one of my constituents at considerable time and cost to them. I would also like to publicly thank the Australian Maritime Safety Authority, the QANTAS crew, and all the support personnel who made Abby's rescue possible. I know my colleagues join me in thanking our ally and friend for her quick response to one of our citizens in distress.

RECOGNIZING THE YOUTH LEADERSHIP PROGRAM GRADUATES OF WANDELL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

**HON. SCOTT GARRETT**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 15, 2010*

Mr. GARRETT of New Jersey. Today, the Saddle River Police Department will hold its Youth Leadership Program graduation ceremony for the students of Wandell Elementary School located in Saddle River, NJ. The participants of this important program have made a commitment to say "no" to drugs, underage drinking, and gang violence. They have done this with the support of Chief of Police Timothy McWilliams and Detective Timothy Gerity.

Through opening the lines of communication between local law enforcement and youth, the Saddle River Youth Leadership Program empowers youth with the confidence and courage to say no to drugs and also defeats the negative cultural influences which they are challenged with on a daily basis.

I am immensely proud of my young constituents who participated in this program at



Wandell Elementary School; thus, I would like to recognize each of them for taking this vital step towards positive citizenship:

Jack Bush, James Butler, Natalie Formento, Alanna Fullerton, Grace Hinchin, Kaitlin Hofer, Maxx King, David LaManna, Lucy Pennell, Mary Pless, Aram Rashduni, Hannah Rogers, Michael Saks, Spencer Shih, Maya Silberman, Britni Strobeck, Richard Vincent, Emma Walsh, Taylor Wiener, Devin Bovino, Ryan Carr, Stephanie Devli, Kathleen Dorce, Zachary Dreznin, Elizabeth Dutko, Kristen Egan, Hana Friedman, Melissa Katsapis, Maeson Nolan, Alexander Rohrscheidt, Benjamin Saks, Katharin Spence, Mark Tseytin, Carl Villegas, Euan Walker, and Jaqueline Wiebye.

IN LOVING MEMORY OF THE  
LEGENDARY OLLIE WOODSON

**HON. MAXINE WATERS**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 15, 2010*

Ms. WATERS. Madam Speaker, I submit the following:

To Juanita and the Family,

Like most of his fans, I had always admired Ollie Woodson the performer, from afar, as one of the mainstays of "the temptin' Temptations." When I finally got to meet the person—your husband, father, and grandfather—at a birthday celebration in the home of my dear friend Glodean White, I was really impressed with how friendly, warm and down-to-earth he was. Since that time, whenever I had the good fortune to see him, Ollie would always go out of his way to say hello and make that personal connection. His close friends tell me that was the generous spirit of the man, forever responding to those he loved.

We all know about the incredible voices and intricate dance moves that made a Temptations concert a must-see. But I specifically remember a wonderful solo performance Ollie did for the National Newspaper Publishers' Association at the Democratic National Convention in Denver. I was not only knocked out by his sheer ability to entertain but I thought about how Ollie and the rest of the Motown family have really been cultural ambassadors for America, all over the world.

As successful as he undoubtedly was both as a performer and producer, I will also cherish some of those special times right here at City of Refuge, when Ollie would grace the church and Bishop Noel Jones with a wonderful gospel song. He certainly never forgot his roots.

So today, let us celebrate both the performer and the man, who with his God-given talent has earned a place in history and in our hearts—Ali Ollie Woodson. May he rest in peace.

THE ISRAELI BLOCKADE AND THE  
FLOTILLA

SPEECH OF

**HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 15, 2010*

Mrs. MALONEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to join my colleagues in expressing support for the

State of Israel. Israel is a tiny country that has been under attack since its founding 62 years ago. Nonetheless, it has developed into a vigorous democracy. With a free and active press, freedom of religion, free elections and a free and independent judiciary, Israelis of all religions and nationalities enjoy rights and opportunities unimaginable elsewhere in the Middle East.

Israel is our strongest and most reliable friend in the Middle East. Israel is a strategic ally, helping to improve American anti-terrorism efforts, working with the US military to improve training, intelligence gathering, research and development, preparedness and protection of travel and trade.

Despite the threats against it, Israel's economy is thriving, in large part as a result of her agricultural, technological and medical innovations. Israel constitutes a fraction of 1 percent of the land mass and only 2 percent of the population of the Middle East. Nonetheless, Israel far outshines much of the world in terms of academic, scientific and technological achievement. Israel has the highest ratio of university degrees per capita in the world and produces more scientific papers and more books per capita than any other nation in the world. It is the only nation in the world that has had a net increase in the number of trees. Israel has transformed itself from an impoverished backwater to a gleaming modern nation, ranking among the very highly developed countries of the world.

The threat against Israel is growing. Hezbollah, along Israel's Northern border with Lebanon, is heavily armed with increasingly powerful weapons. Hamas, along the Gaza Strip, is vocal about its determination to destroy the Jewish State. And the Palestinian Authority in the West Bank is refusing to pursue direct talks with Israel, believing that they will get a better deal if the United States or other countries do the negotiating for them. Fatah leaders and the Abbas-controlled official media of the Palestinian authority continue to deny Israel's existence.

The recent Gaza flotilla in which armed thugs challenged Israel's blockade of the Gaza Strip makes clear that Israel is facing a clear and present danger. If the blockade is broken, weapons will flow freely into Hamas's hands. In the years preceding the blockade, Hamas launched more than 8,000 missiles at civilian targets in Israel, killing and injuring thousands. If the blockade is lifted without a peace agreement, Israel's cities and towns can expect the bombardment to resume.

Israel has to be vigilant in defense of its borders. The stated desire of Hamas and many Fatah leaders is to wipe Israel off the face of the world. When the world condemns Israel for defending its population, they are currying favor with terrorists at the expense of a democratic nation. And condemning Israel makes peace much less probable. I hope the Obama Administration will continue to make clear that Israel has no obligation to lift the blockade, and that it is Hamas and its terrorist allies who are responsible for the situation in Gaza.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to join my colleagues in strongly expressing my support for Israel.

TRIBUTE TO LEWIS COUNTY VFW

**HON. WILLIAM L. OWENS**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 15, 2010*

Mr. OWENS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Lewis County chapter of Veterans of Foreign Wars and to congratulate the group on their 50th anniversary. For over a half century, the VFW has served as the foundation for local veterans outreach and assistance, as well as a major supporter of our community in Lowville and surrounding areas.

Just as our soldiers pledge to leave no man or woman behind, the Lewis County VFW carries on that promise to our current and future veterans, helping all of us make good on the pledge to provide real opportunities to our troops upon their return from service.

The Lewis County VFW embodies what their national organization strives for—providing services that extend beyond the realm of veterans helping veterans. Their outreach and service in our region is invaluable and encourages community participation and volunteerism from both those in the armed forces and civilians alike.

From help in community food kitchens, work in blood drives, and assisting our veterans to receive their hard-earned benefits, the Lewis County VFW in New York's 23rd Congressional District truly knows how to accomplish their mission in making our area a better place.

Our local VFW in Lewis County increases civic pride and its 50 great years of serving our community is nothing short of remarkable. I would like to again thank them for their service and wish them the best moving forward.

IN HONOR OF ALBERT OLIZI, JR.

**HON. JOHN H. ADLER**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 15, 2010*

Mr. ADLER of New Jersey. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Mr. Albert J. Olizi for his outstanding service as District Governor of District 16C of the Audubon Lions Club for 2009–2010.

Mr. Olizi is a graduate of LaSalle College and Temple University School of Law. He maintains a local law practice with offices in New Jersey and Pennsylvania. As an active member of the Lions club for many years, Mr. Olizi's outstanding contributions have not gone unnoticed. He has been named "Lion of the Year" multiple times, was honored with the International President's Recognition Award in 2007, and has held multiple positions within his local club, including President.

Throughout his term as District Governor, Mr. Albert Olizi has dedicated an enormous amount of time, energy, and dedication to fulfill the roles and responsibilities of the position.



Time and again, he has proven to be an outstanding leader for the Lions of District 16C.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues in the House of Representatives to join me on congratulating Mr. Albert Olizi. The people of your community, the people of New Jersey, and the people of America thank you for your service.

IN HONOR AND REMEMBRANCE OF  
LENORE C. "LORI" WENDELL

**HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 15, 2010*

Mr. KUCINICH. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor and remembrance of Lenore C. "Lori" Wendell, whose life was filled with family, friends and service on behalf of our community.

Mrs. Wendell was the cherished wife of the late Richard. Together, they lovingly raised their daughters, Jennifer and Heather. She was a devoted mother and enjoyed a close relationship with her grandchildren, Jamie, Patrick, Anthony, Quinn and Allan.

Mrs. Wendell's giving and kind nature reflected throughout her life. She was active in local politics and was a community leader. She consistently volunteered her time and talents on behalf of numerous causes. Whether to assist with a local fundraiser or to help a family in need, Mrs. Wendell was always there to help. She was also a longtime member of the American Legion Post 738 in Fairview Park, where she led numerous meetings and prepared countless dinners for a variety of Legion events. In local politics, she worked diligently, volunteering many hours on behalf of candidates whom she supported.

Madam Speaker and colleagues, please join me in honor and remembrance of Lenore C. "Lori" Wendell, who lived her life with unwavering love for family and friends and great joy for life. I offer my condolences to all who loved her including her brother, John and her dear friend, Cliff. Mrs. Wendell touched the lives of many throughout our community, and she will be remembered always.

HONORING RAUL H. CASTRO,  
FORMER GOVERNOR OF ARIZONA

**HON. ED PASTOR**

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 15, 2010*

Mr. PASTOR of Arizona. Madam Speaker, while many have written of the inspirational story surrounding Raul Hector Castro, Arizona's first Hispanic Governor, it seems only fitting that in today's highly charged atmosphere of anti-immigrant sentiment, we take the occasion of Governor Castro's 94th birthday on June 12th to examine his life as one who has surely proven the American dream is achievable. In fact, he has not only shown that dream is achievable, he has also underscored the fact that those pursuing the dream contribute mightily to the strength of our nation.

Born in Mexico, the second youngest of 12 children raised in Arizona by an immigrant copper miner and a mother who was a well-trusted midwife, it would have been easy for

him to get lost in the shuffle of such a large family that had to scratch a living from the ground to survive, but early on, he recognized the value of setting goals and not giving up until they are met. Based on that determination, he parlayed his natural athleticism and keen mind in high school into a scholarship to Arizona State Teacher's College.

While no stranger to racism and discrimination when he graduated from college and become a naturalized citizen in 1939, he still had not anticipated the rejection he would experience when applying for teaching positions because school districts were unwilling to hire an Hispanic teacher. Discouraged, but not defeated, he traveled America for several years until he landed a civil service job as a foreign-service clerk for the U.S. State Department in Sonora, Mexico. Many would have been satisfied with a secure position in the federal government, but he was determined to further his station in life, becoming a Spanish instructor at the University of Arizona so that he might attend the institution's law school. Passing the Arizona State Bar in 1949, he established an enviable career over the next five decades that took him from Pima County Attorney through the appointment by two United States Presidents to three ambassadorships, in addition to becoming Arizona's first Hispanic governor. Throughout this process, he never lost sight of the importance of an education and his mother's mantra that he could accomplish whatever he set his mind to. As a result, when he did accomplish more than many ever hoped for, he didn't forget the four miles he and his Hispanic friends had to walk to school while the buses filled with Anglo children passed them by, and he worked tirelessly to rectify these kinds of incomprehensible bigotry.

For example, as a judge he presided over a full-schedule of cases, but was particularly disturbed by the vulnerable at-risk youngsters in the juvenile court system who were being shoved under the rug by society. This inspired him to take time every Monday to check attendance records at the local high schools. In the evenings, he would visit with families of students exhibiting high rates of absenteeism in an effort to get their support in encouraging the students to stay in school and make the most of that experience. This concern for improving society continued throughout his career. Sometimes limited to simply seeing Hispanic children given equal access to the YMCA, to concentrating on improving human rights abroad while serving as an ambassador, he never lost sight of using his opportunities to make a difference.

Throughout our history it has been proven that immigrants are far more than just an inexpensive work force. They are in fact a valuable asset to this country and Raul H. Castro is an outstanding example of one such person. Therefore, in light of today's divisive view of immigration, his story should be noted as a symbol of how the United States has benefited from those who value this country so much, and that after moving here to build a better life for their families, they remain dedicated to making sure that they improve our nation for future generations.

CONGRATULATING THE BENJAMIN  
FAMILY ON EIGHTY-FIVE YEARS  
OF ENTREPRENEURSHIP

**HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO**

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 15, 2010*

Ms. DELAURO. Madam Speaker, I rise to commemorate the 85th anniversary of Carroll Cut-Rate Furniture, a local family-owned-and-operated business that has graced the Greater New Haven community for generations.

Begun as Carroll Cut-Rate Cosmetics by Samuel Benjamin in 1925, this small business has passed down through the Benjamin family and thrived through boom times and depression, peacetime and war, and even, in 1951, through a notable shift from discount cosmetics to the furniture trade.

Over the course of these 85 years, Samuel, his sons Jerry and Don, and his grandsons Cary and Bruce have always kept an eye to innovation, quality, and above all customer service. With ten full-time employees, the Benjamins have also worked to promote jobs in our state and across the country by stocking their store with Connecticut mattresses and American-made furniture.

The story of Carroll Cut-Rate Furniture is not only a triumph of small enterprise and business savvy. It shows that through hard work, perseverance, and ingenuity, the American dream still comes true. I salute the Benjamin family on this 85-year milestone, and I look forward to seeing them continue as a staple of our Connecticut community.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE GAL-  
VESTON HISTORICAL FOUNDATION

**HON. RON PAUL**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 15, 2010*

Mr. PAUL. Madam Speaker, on June 26, 2010, the Galveston Historical Foundation will celebrate its acquisition of the historic 1861 U.S. Custom House. I was pleased to help make this possible by sponsoring legislation, H.R. 2121, which directed the General Services Administration (GSA) to sell the Custom House to the Galveston Historical Foundation. H.R. 2121 passed the House by voice vote on September 9, 2009. It is therefore a great pleasure to extend my congratulations to the Galveston Historical Foundation for acquiring the U.S. Custom House.

The U.S. Custom House is the oldest non-military federal building in Galveston. The two-story structure was built in 1861 and has served many important historical functions, including housing the ceremony that officially ended the Civil War in Galveston. In 1917, construction began on a federal courtroom located on the second floor of the U.S. Custom House. In 1970, the house was listed on the National Register of Historic Places, and in 1974 it was commemorated as a Historic Custom House by the U.S. Customs Service.

In 1998, the Galveston Historical Foundation entered into a public-private partnership with the Federal Government that allowed the Galveston Historical Foundation to lease the

building from the GSA. Under this agreement, the Galveston Historical Foundation took responsibility for performing renovations on the U.S. Custom House. In 2008, the house was inundated with six feet of flood waters from Hurricane Ike. Fortunately, the Galveston Historical Foundation has been able to complete restoration of the first floor of the Custom House earlier this year.

Madam Speaker, by owning as opposed to leasing, the Galveston Historical Foundation will be able to improve this historical structure for future generations of Texans. It is difficult to think of a more appropriate owner for the U.S. Custom House than the Galveston Historical Foundation. Founded in 1954, the Galveston Historical Foundation is one of the Nation's largest local preservation organizations. Over the last 56 years, this foundation has expanded its mission to encompass community redevelopment, public education, historic preservation advocacy, maritime preservation and stewardship of historic properties. Today, the Galveston Historical Foundation has over 2,000 members representing individuals, families, and businesses across Texas, the U.S., and around the world.

The Galveston Historical Foundation's accomplishments include the redevelopment of The Strand; the rescue and restoration of the 1877 iron barque the ELISSA; the revitalization of historic residential neighborhoods and creation of historic districts; and the conception of signature events including Dickens on The Strand and the Galveston Historic Homes Tour.

The Galveston Historical Foundation has received numerous awards and honors. For example, they have twice received the National Trust for Historic Preservation's prestigious Honor Award. In 1991, the Galveston Historical Foundation was the first recipient of the Governor's Award for Excellence in Historic Preservation, and in 1995, received the National Trust's first ever award for organizational excellence. The American Institute of Architects has presented the foundation a Citation of Honor for its ongoing contribution to urban design and the quality of life in Galveston. In addition, the Association for Preservation Technology International honored the Galveston Historical Foundation with a Presidential Citation in 2004.

In conclusion, Madam Speaker, I once again congratulate the Galveston Historical Foundation for acquiring the U.S. Custom House, and I extend my thanks to the Galveston Historical Foundation for all they do to preserve Galveston's rich heritage.

CONGRESSIONAL RECOGNITION  
FOR JOSEPH BLAIR

**HON. GABRIELLE GIFFORDS**

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 15, 2010*

Ms. GIFFORDS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Joseph Blair, who is celebrating 10 years of unselfish service and dedication to hundreds of youth through his Arizona Basketball Academy.

For young people in my community, these camps are unique because they are provided at no cost to participants and are conducted by a former University of Arizona Wildcat bas-

ketball player who went on to play the game professionally.

Joseph Blair started his program by traveling to various Boys & Girls Club locations, sharing basketball and life skills. The sessions evolved and have been consolidated so they now also benefit teens from Tucson Parks & Recreation and the Tucson Urban League, among others.

The growth of Mr. Blair's altruistic donations of time, influence and funding are paralleled by his athletic endeavors. His global career as an international ambassador of basketball and good will was launched at the University of Arizona, where he was the 6-foot-10-inch "big man." As a Wildcat, he led the team to appearances at Madison Square Garden, the Great Alaskan Shoot-Out and the Maui Classic as well as games in Australia and in the 1994 NCAA Final Four.

Mr. Blair was picked in the second round of the 1996 NBA draft, but opted to pursue a career in Europe, playing in France, Greece, Turkey, Russia and as a member of the famed Harlem Globetrotters. Most of his international career was in Italy where Mr. Blair played in the mountains of Biella, the seashores of Pesaro and in the city of Milan. Mr. Blair is fluently bilingual and loved the rich culture of his adopted home.

While abroad, Mr. Blair earned numerous accolades and was named the Most Valuable Player of the Euroleague in 2003.

His understanding of how basketball can have a positive influence on young people has gone far beyond his own experiences on the court. His empathy for youth started during these years when Mr. Blair conducted basketball clinics in Greece and created a basketball academy in Italy.

Mr. Blair now is retired from basketball, but his philanthropic contributions continue. In addition to teaching athletic and life skills at his basketball academy, he is deeply involved with the Ronald McDonald House in Tucson where he and his staff provide and serve dinners for patients' families during the academy's week of camp.

At the end of his camp, Mr. Blair visits young patients in the pediatric unit of University Medical Center in Tucson, bringing smiles to them through gifts and an exhibition of his basketball skills.

Mr. Blair has worked and travelled in many other countries but has remained true to his roots. He is a living testimony of how to give back to one's community, not only as a big man, but as a man with a big heart.

I am proud to recognize Joseph Blair on the 10th anniversary of his Arizona Basketball Academy and I join with a grateful community to commend him for his valuable contributions to the young people of Tucson and Southern Arizona. Thank you Joseph for being such a great role model and for all that you do to help our youth develop their athletic and leadership skills.

INTRODUCING LEGISLATION FOR  
THE DISPLAY OF STATE AND  
TERRITORY FLAGS AT THE  
WASHINGTON MONUMENT

**HON. ENI F.H. FALEOMAVAEGA**

OF AMERICAN SAMOA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 15, 2010*

Mr. FALEOMAVAEGA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to introduce legislation to ensure that the flags of the several States, the District of Columbia, and the Territories of the United States encircle the Washington Monument.

Standing at 555 feet and 5½ inches tall, the Washington Monument is the most prominent structure in the nation's capital and is the world's tallest stone structure and the world's tallest obelisk. Completed in 1884, it memorializes the first President of the United States, President George Washington, who led our country to independence and helped shaped the role of the presidency and the course of our democracy in its early days. It was most fitting then that Congress in 1833 established the Washington National Monument Society to create a monument in honor of the Father of our Country.

Today, the Washington Monument serves as a reminder of the greatness of this Nation, as an object of pride to the American people and of admiration to all who see it.

The legislation I am proposing directs the U.S. National Park Service through the Secretary of Interior, to ensure that the flags of the 50 States, the District of Columbia, and the Territories of the United States encircle the Washington Monument. As an object of pride to the American people, I think it is most fitting that the flags of all States, DC and U.S. Territories are flown at the Washington Monument.

Yesterday, we celebrated our national Flag Day by commemorating the adoption of the national flag of the United States as proclaimed by President Woodrow Wilson on June 14, 1916. As such, a public display of State and Territory flags at the Washington Monument will be an opportunity for each State and Territory to share its own uniqueness through its icons and figures representing the traditions, values, and local histories that collectively have made the United States.

Flags have always been a part of our history and traditions. This legislation will ensure that every American will be part of one of our great national treasures.

WORLD OCEAN DAY

SPEECH OF

**HON. BETTY MCCOLLUM**

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 9, 2010*

Ms. MCCOLLUM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of H. Res. 1330, recognizing June 8 as World Ocean Day. This is only the second year that World Ocean Day has been officially recognized. Unfortunately, now is a tragically appropriate time for all of us to recognize and honor our nation's oceans.

The ongoing British Petroleum oil spill makes all of us realize how much our lives and the fate of our planet are intertwined with

the well-being of our oceans. It should not have taken millions of gallons of oil destroying the Gulf to have served as a wakeup call that our ocean waters are treasures that must be preserved and protected. The workers who risk their lives every day on oil rigs to provide for America's energy needs knew how vital these oceans were. So did those of us who enjoy the bounty of shrimp and oysters harvested from the sea. The dolphins, sea turtles and pelicans and thousands of species dependent on the health of our waters were already aware about the precarious state of our oceans.

Oil-soaked beaches in the Gulf now threaten the livelihoods of thousands of small business owners and fishermen as well as wildlife on and below the water's surface. British Petroleum was drilling in waters owned by the American people. The ocean belongs to all of us collectively, and none of us as individuals—or corporations. Even before this disaster, they were in a crisis, thanks to coastal development and sprawl, pollution, overfishing and an absence of government leadership.

I am pleased to support this resolution to highlight the many benefits the ocean provides. The oceans are an economic, ecological and cultural resource that we in Congress and the international community must exercise the proper stewardship over for our future generations. I urge my colleagues to take up this responsibility that has been entrusted to us and honor our oceans by supporting H. Res. 1330.

#### COMMENDING THE PATRIOT GUARD RIDERS

#### HON. JO ANN EMERSON

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 15, 2010*

Mrs. EMERSON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commend the work of a distinguished group of veterans and volunteers who continue to serve the men and women of our military and their families. The Patriot Guard riders can be seen at nearly every event celebrating our long tradition of military service to the Nation in Missouri's Eighth Congressional District.

It is difficult to miss the Patriot Guard riders, with their motorcycles emitting a low rumble en route to a Memorial Day ceremony, a welcome home celebration, a Veterans Day event or a military funeral. Their presence is always a respectful tribute to those who serve in uniform, and they are frequently a comfort to the families who have lost loved ones in the course of duty.

The members of the Patriot Guard do every day something that too few Americans take time for: they are always, always available to our troops, our veterans and our military families. They mark the service of Americans who have left their homes and risked their lives to defend our freedoms.

In the U.S. House of Representatives, I think it is important and fitting to single out such examples of service to our country. With honor and with dignity, the Patriot Guard riders are a source of constant support to our servicemembers, past, present and future. They are also a source of inspiration to young Americans considering a future in the service

of our Nation, and I am very proud to thank them for all their efforts.

#### RECOGNITION OF THE MUSICAL ACHIEVEMENTS OF LYNRYD SKYNYRD

#### HON. SPENCER BACHUS

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 15, 2010*

Mr. BACHUS. Madam Speaker, in the music world, it is challenging enough for a band to record one hit song, much less become a voice for an entire region and a true icon. That is why Congressman CONNIE MACK and I are pleased to jointly recognize the accomplishments and patriotic spirit of the legendary Lynryd Skynyrd.

From humble beginnings, Lynryd Skynyrd has become one of the most revered and accomplished bands in the history of music, having sold nearly 30 million records worldwide in the last four decades. Through their live performances and the music and songs still played on radio stations around the world every day, the members of Lynryd Skynyrd have established themselves as timeless artists who transcend any one musical era or generation.

As validated by their induction into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame in 2006, Lynryd Skynyrd has had a seminal impact on the development of rock and country music and a profound influence on the career development of many artists who followed in their creative footsteps.

Through their collective voices, the band has become a beacon for regional identity and pride in the American South. This is perhaps best epitomized by the song "Sweet Home Alabama," an anthem so universally identified with the State of Alabama that it is the official motto displayed on license plates.

Since their start in Jacksonville, Florida, in the late 1960s, Lynryd Skynyrd has been a spokesman for the everyday working man and woman, the friends and neighbors of their formative years. Their ability to capture a unique part of the American spirit has given their music emotional meaning to many fans and built a legacy that continues to grow year after year.

Amid triumph and loss, these sons of the South have evolved from band to close-knit family. A tragic airplane crash in 1977 claimed original members Steve Gaines, Cassie Gaines, and lead singer Ronnie Van Zant, but Ronnie's brother Johnny carried on the tradition as the new vocalist. Devoted fans also remember and cherish the contributions of Allen Collins, Leon Wilkerson, Billy Powell, and Ean Evans. Today, led by core members Johnny Van Zant, Gary Rossington, Rickey Medlock, and Michael Cartellone, Lynryd Skynyrd continues to share an unbreakable bond with the fans they count as family as well.

Lynryd Skynyrd has been a generous supporter of our men and women in the Armed Forces for many years. The band has long understood that our military personnel bravely and unselfishly stand guard over our everyday security and freedom. They have enthusiastically raised money for military families and played countless shows for our service members in uniform. Their song "Red, White, and

Blue" was written as a tribute to the men and women who serve in the defense of freedom.

As representatives of timeless American values and champions of working class heroes, Lynryd Skynyrd continues to entertain and inspire millions of fans across the world. Along with Congressman MACK, I find it highly appropriate that the people's House takes time to recognize this classic band for lasting contributions not just to the world of music, but to American popular culture as a whole.

#### CHANCELLOR BERGLAND RETIREMENT

#### HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKY

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 15, 2010*

Mr. VISCLOSKY. Madam Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I stand before you today to honor Dr. Bruce Bergland and to him well upon his retirement from his position as Chancellor of Indiana University Northwest. Dr. Bergland's many years of service in the field of education have had a tremendous positive impact on numerous students and educators within the community of Northwest Indiana and across the nation. In honor of Chancellor Bruce Bergland, a retirement reception was held on Tuesday, June 15, 2010 at the Savannah Center located on the campus of Indiana University Northwest in Gary, Indiana.

Dr. Bruce Bergland's professional career began with his passion for education. His truly impressive resume reflects his many years of service in numerous capacities within the collegiate education field across the United States. Following his graduation in 1966 from Iowa University, where he received a Bachelor's degree in psychology, Bruce went on to pursue his doctoral degree in counseling at Stanford University. After graduating in 1970, Dr. Bergland took a position at Northwestern University and became the Assistant Professor of Education and Psychology. Bruce's career then led him to the University of Colorado at Denver, where he served in numerous capacities from 1972–1995. His many positions during his tenure included: Executive Vice Chancellor, Interim Dean, Vice Chancellor for Planning, and Associate Professor of Education. In 1995, Dr. Bergland decided to move on and became the Executive Vice Chancellor and Professor of Psychology at the University of Hawaii, West Oahu. Next, in 1997, Bruce's career led him to Trinity College in Vermont, where he served as the Vice President for Academic and Student Affairs, Professor of Basic and Applied Social Sciences, and Academic Dean.

Chancellor Bergland started his tenure as Chief Executive Officer at Indiana University Northwest (IUN) on July 1, 1999. Dr. Bergland's main goal from day one was to develop a "shared vision" for the university by reaching out to faculty and students, as well as community and business leaders, in order to develop a strong sense of the economic and cultural needs of IUN. Chancellor Bergland has successfully maintained this steering committee which provides a continuous effort for the future growth and development of the university. Among his many accomplishments at IUN, Bruce has also initiated the Diversity Programming Group, established

the Office of Institutional Research and the Office of Contracts and Grants, initiated IUN's participation in the Academic Quality Improvement Process Accreditation, and established a new College of Health and Human Services.

Additionally, Bruce selflessly gives of his time to the community of Northwest Indiana and has been involved in the following civic activities: Northwest Indiana Quality of Life Council, South Shore Arts, Urban League of Northwest Indiana, Lake Area United Way, Boys and Girls Clubs of Northwest Indiana, Tradewinds, Gary Educational Development Foundation, Mayor's Hall of Fame Advisory Committee, National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, Northwest Indiana Empowerment Zone, Northwest Indiana Forum, and University Club.

Madam Speaker, I ask that you and my other distinguished colleagues join me in commending Chancellor Bruce Bergland for his lifetime of leadership, service, and dedication to the institution of education. He has touched the lives of countless students and educators, as well as many citizens of Northwest Indiana through his civic endeavors. For his true service and uncompromising dedication, Chancellor Bruce Bergland is worthy of the highest praise, and I ask that you join me in wishing him well upon his retirement.

#### THE SACRIFICES OF THE SPECIAL FORCES

#### HON. LARRY KISSELL

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 15, 2010*

Mr. KISSELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor one of our Nation's greatest military resources, the Special Forces. These brave patriots routinely endure harsh conditions in very austere environments to defend our Nation's freedoms.

I was fortunate to have met Bert Caswell. Bert is a Congressional Visitor Center Tour Guide and has a heart for the military and our wounded warriors. Immediately after the terrorist attacks on September 11, 2001, Bert began using his gift of poetry to help comfort those who mourn.

Soon after, Bert decided to write poetry for the military and wounded warriors to commemorate their sacrifices.

I was particularly impressed with a poem he wrote in honor of the United States Special Forces. These quiet professionals live by the motto of "for, by, and through." They proudly serve at the point of the Nation's military operations conducting a wide range of missions in support of the country they love.

Today I ask my colleagues to recognize the tremendous sacrifices of America's Special Forces with Bert Caswell's poem.

#### THE SPECIAL FORCES

IN HONOR OF THE UNITED STATES SPECIAL FORCES

All Across Our Nation, People Sleep Well  
... All Because of Such Men, of Such  
Strength and Such Faith Then, Whose  
Time is Served in Hell ...

All across our Nation ...  
People sleep well!  
All because of such men of faith ...  
Whose fine hearts do swell!  
Men of such Strength In Honor ...

Who spend such time in Hell!  
All in the defense of our Nation ...  
Such a fine equation, of great men I do tell!  
Of such persuasion, who without hesitation!  
Our Nation, so bless well!  
Who shall not fail!  
The noblest of now!  
For all in times of war ...  
There are but only those, who insure ...  
The Very Bed of Freedom, all the more!  
Who do what must be done!  
These Fine Shining Sons!  
All out upon their heroic ways, what they  
have done!  
Proven and Prepared!  
Vigilant, as there ... they are ready to  
achieve!  
All in what their fine hearts, so believe!  
For there are such Forces ...  
Who can change the very course this, of a  
war!  
Who, all in the dead dark of night ... our  
Freedom so ignite ...  
As they so enforce this!  
Men of Courage, Men of Might! Standing  
Strong, Standing Tall! Ever bright!  
Answering, our Nation's, most solemn call!  
Who so come and leave, and so scorch this!  
Who all in times of war. ... "FEAR" as  
they so divorce this!  
As are heard ...  
ALL OF AMERICAN'S, BRAVEST OF ALL  
VOICES!  
All in the midst of hell, are but our Special  
Forces ...  
Who so make, the most courageous of all  
choices!  
The United States Special Operations  
Forces!  
ALL IN THE DARK DEAD OF NIGHT ...  
ONE HELL OF A SIGHT!  
As all through their MOST magnificent veins  
...

Their heroic blood, so courses!  
Oh what a sight, 'OH WHAT A FORCE, THIS!  
A TEAM OF SUPERMEN!  
SOMETHING, YOU JUST CAN'T COM-  
PREHEND!  
THE UNITED STATES SPECIAL FORCES  
...  
The kind of guys, Batman ... wishes he  
could be!  
A Tour of 'De Force This, so complete!  
The very Centurions of The Free!  
Jumping from the air, coming out of the seas  
...  
Strength In Honor, all in what they believe!  
Men of Might, Men of Faith, whose Brave  
Hearts will not wait ...  
As the impossible, they achieve!  
Almost like make believe!  
As they will not wave!  
Burning Bold, Burning Bright!  
Bringing a better day, all in this fight!  
With, but their shining hearts ... rising to  
new heights!  
With Hearts full, of Courage Burning Bright!  
Like From Heaven sent, Freedom's Angels,  
who avenge!  
Fighting the darkest, and the most vilest of  
all men ...  
From where our freedom, so starts ... and  
so begins!  
Day or Night, the most brilliant of all sights  
...  
As all those wrongs, they right!  
All for one, as their fine hearts ignite!  
Burning Bold, and Burning Bright ...  
To Win That Battle, That Fight!  
Crashing through walls, as their hearts of  
steel will not pause!  
Jumping from the sky, almost as if they  
could fly ...  
Jumping from buildings high, and the trees  
...  
All so at ease, ready to die!  
Yea, Superman ... aint got nothing on you  
...

Terminators, who are Freedom's creators!  
Making The Enemy, Feel Their Disease!  
America's Who's Who!  
All for The Home of The Brave, and The  
Free!  
Who live and die, so Splendidly!  
Who, Freedom so insure!  
Giving arms and giving legs, and their fine  
lives as have they!  
A Band of Bothers! Who but gave, That Last  
For Measure!  
Our Lord's, greatest of all treasures! 'Oh to be  
like you!  
The Bravest of The Brave!  
America's real Who's Who!  
The Truest of The True!  
Pushing the very limits ...  
Of what man can do! Yea that's you!  
The United States Special Operations Forces  
...  
Are but the very heart, of That Red, White,  
and Blue ...  
Strength In Honor!  
God Bless your families, God Bless You!  
Oh, what a fine shadow you so cast!  
But, All They Ask?  
Is for us to stand behind you!  
For as long, as your fine hearts as yours ...  
Sing, your most heroic songs out on your  
course ...  
Then, this our Nation of the Free ...  
Shall forever be!  
Out on Freedom's course ...  
Found all in this force!  
The Special Forces!

#### RECOGNIZING THE SERVICE OF DR. CAROLYN MOSLEY

#### HON. JOHN BOOZMAN

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 15, 2010*

Mr. BOOZMAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Dr. Carolyn Mosley for her pervasive efforts in human rights and bettering the health of Americans and the honor she received, becoming an inductee as a Fellow in the National League for Nursing's Academy of Nursing Education.

Since beginning her service in the health sector Mosley has provided inspired leadership and dedication in health care education through her service as Dean of UA Fort Smith's College of Health Sciences and her work on numerous health and human advocacy boards and councils. Mosley's many honors include induction into the Hall of Fame of the Louisiana State Nurses Association for her tireless efforts in the field of nursing.

Dr. Mosley's service continues beyond her office, serving as a member on numerous boards and organizations in the community. Her commitment to Fort Smith, Sebastian County and the State of Arkansas is something we are very grateful for.

Arkansans are blessed to have such an outstanding public servant and scholar who is dedicated to improving the health and wellbeing of individuals throughout America. I ask my colleagues today to join with me in congratulating Mosley on her achievements in health care and her induction as an Academy Fellow.

## PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. HOWARD L. BERMAN**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 15, 2010*

Mr. BERMAN. Madam Speaker, I was detained during rollcall vote No. 353. Had I been present, I would have voted "aye."

IN LOVING MEMORY OF WILLIAM  
"BILL" ELKINS, JR.

**HON. MAXINE WATERS**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 15, 2010*

Ms. WATERS. Madam Speaker, I submit the following:

To Eleanor and Family,

I am sorry that I cannot be with you at the home-going services of your dear husband, father, grandfather, and my good friend, Bill.

I join with the many other elected officials and community leaders who mourn his loss. Bill Elkins was well known, respected, and loved by the many who knew, worked with and understood his undying commitment to African Americans in this city.

Bill spent the best part of his years in service to the late great Mayor Tom Bradley. He served as a liaison for Civil Rights Organizations, Ministers, Fraternities and Sororities and elected officials representing Mayor Bradley. Bill was all about equal opportunity and participation by all people. He truly was responsible for keeping the community informed and working closely with ministers helping them to their congregation engaged and helping to solve community problems.

I could share many stories on how we spent countless hours planning, strategizing, organizing and encouraging people to "Get Out the Vote". We don't see that kind of dedication anymore. But for those of us who were fortunate enough to work with him we learned what it meant to be truly committed to the community, he inspired us all.

Eleanor, your sisters in BWF, the organization that you helped to found, stand with at this difficult moment for you and your family. You and the family can rest assured that Bill did more than his share of service in this community. His work is recorded in the history of this city and now it is time for him to rest in peace. He will be sorely missed by so many.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE MARIAN  
MIDDLE SCHOOL

**HON. RUSS CARNAHAN**

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 15, 2010*

Mr. CARNAHAN. Madam Speaker, I rise to acknowledge the 10th anniversary of Marian Middle School in St. Louis. Ten years ago, a group of Catholic sisters established Marian Middle School to provide a stable learning environment for economically disadvantaged girls in the St. Louis Public School District.

Marian strives to prepare girls in grades 5 through 8 for a college preparatory high

school education. Marian Middle School is the only all-girl, private school environment available to students in the St. Louis region. This unique resource offers a learning experience that, just 10 years ago, was unavailable to middle-school-aged girls in St. Louis.

Marian Middle School has experienced strong growth since its founding. With a capacity of 80 students, Marian recently relocated to accommodate for its growing enrollment. Marian's resources have also expanded, allowing the school to offer numerous after-school enrichment programs and activities.

Marian strives to provide a challenging curriculum and a balanced range of extra-curricular opportunities. The 10-hour school day certainly challenges students, but it also allows Marian to achieve its goal of educating the whole person.

True to its call to assist the economically-disadvantaged, Marian determines tuition on a case-by-case basis. Tuition at Marian corresponds with the financial situation of the student's family. This method testifies to the generosity and sincerity of the mission of Marian Middle School.

Graduates of Marian Middle School currently attend 10 different college preparatory high schools in St. Louis. On the 10th anniversary of Marian, I think it is appropriate to pay tribute to a unique and successful academic institution.

## PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. J. GRESHAM BARRETT**

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 15, 2010*

Mr. BARRETT of South Carolina. Madam Speaker, unfortunately, I missed the following recorded votes on the House floor the legislative week of Tuesday, June 8, 2010.

For Tuesday, June 8, 2010, I ask that the Record reflect that had I been present I would have voted "aye" on Rollcall vote No. 337 (on motion to suspend the rules and agree to H.R. 1061), "aye" on Rollcall vote No. 338 (on motion to suspend the rules and agree to H. Res. 518).

For Wednesday, June 9, 2010, I ask that the Record reflect that had I been present I would have voted "no" on Rollcall vote No. 339 (on ordering the previous question on H. Res. 1424), "no" on Rollcall vote No. 340 (on agreeing to H. Res. 1424, which provides for consideration of H.R. 5072), "no" on Rollcall vote No. 341 (on motion to suspend the rules and agree to H. Res. 989), "aye" on Rollcall vote No. 342 (on motion to suspend the rules and agree to H. Res. 1178), "aye" on Rollcall vote No. 343 (on motion to instruct conferees on H.R. 4173), "no" on Rollcall vote No. 344 (on motion to suspend the rules and agree to H. Res. 1330), "aye" on Rollcall vote No. 345 (on motion to suspend the rules and agree to H.R. 5278), "aye" on Rollcall vote No. 346 (on motion to suspend the rules and agree to H.R. 5133).

For Thursday, June 10, 2010, I ask that the Record reflect that had I been present I would have voted "aye" on Rollcall vote No. 347 (on agreeing to the Waters amendment to H.R. 5072), "aye" on Rollcall vote No. 348 (on agreeing to the Garrett amendment to H.R. 5072), "aye" on Rollcall vote No. 349 (on

agreeing to the Price amendment to H.R. 5072), "aye" on Rollcall vote No. 350 (on agreeing to the Turner amendment to H.R. 5072), "aye" on Rollcall vote No. 351 (on agreeing to the Edwards (TX) amendment to H.R. 5072), "aye" on Rollcall vote No. 352 (on agreeing to the Maffei amendment to H.R. 5072), "aye" on Rollcall vote No. 353 (on passage of H.R. 5072), "aye" on Rollcall vote No. 354 (on motion to suspend the rules and agree to S. 3473).

IN HONOR OF LANCE CORPORAL  
RYAN M. WELCH

**HON. JOHN H. ADLER**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 15, 2010*

Mr. ADLER of New Jersey. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Lance Corporal Ryan M. Welch of Medford, New Jersey and to welcome him home from his recent tour of duty in Afghanistan.

After graduating from Shawnee High School in 2008, Ryan enlisted in the United States Marine Corps. He completed his basic training at Parris Island in South Carolina and went to Infantry Training at Camp Geiger, North Carolina. In 2009 he was assigned to MCB Hawaii Kaneohe Bay Oahu, Hawaii where he was meritoriously promoted to Lance Corporal. Lance Corporal Welch also received a Meritorious Mast during training exercises at Pohakuloa Training Area in July 2009 for demonstrating outstanding performance of duty during Exercise Lava Viper.

Lance Corporal Welch completed his first deployment to Afghanistan in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. During his deployment he served bravely in combat action during Operation Moshtarak in Marjah, Afghanistan. He served as an Infantry Rifleman in Jump Platoon, Headquarter and Service Company, 1st Battalion 3rd Regiment from Marine Corps Base Hawaii and as security for visiting dignitaries and performed general patrols and security for Nawa District, Hellmand Province in Afghanistan.

Madam Speaker, please join me and a grateful nation in welcoming home Lance Corporal Welch. We are eternally thankful to him for his service to our great country.

COMMEMORATING THE 350TH ANNI-  
VERSARY OF THE HOPKINS  
SCHOOL IN NEW HAVEN

**HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO**

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 15, 2010*

Ms. DeLAURO. Madam Speaker, I rise to commemorate the 350th anniversary of the Hopkins School, a co-educational preparatory day school in my hometown of New Haven, Connecticut and the third oldest independent school in the United States.

The rich history of Hopkins dates to well before the dawn of our American republic, when Governor Edward Hopkins of the young Colony of Connecticut established America's first charitable trust in 1650. In that trust, he set aside some of his estate for "the breeding up

of hopeful youths for the public service of the country in future times." And so a one-room schoolhouse was built on New Haven Green bearing Hopkins name. From that seed, a fine educational institution has flourished.

In the centuries since, Hopkins has molded many Connecticut youths into fine public servants. Among the school's esteemed alumni are a signer of the United States Constitution, several noted engineers and prize-winning physicists, diplomats and industrialists, Governors, Senators, and more than a few presidents of Yale University.

To this day, from its home since 1926 on a hill overlooking New Haven, Hopkins still continues to mold our state's bright young minds into leaders and innovators. With an average class size of fourteen, an educational philosophy that prizes extracurricular activities, public service, and engaged citizenship in addition to the usual academic subjects, and an inclusive community that welcomes young men and women of all races, classes, ethnicities, and creeds, it is little wonder that Hopkins continually produces students that place among the top of the nation in standardized testing.

I congratulate Hopkins and its current Head, Barbara Riley, on three and a half centuries of academic achievement. And I salute the school's continuing service to the colony, state, and young people of Connecticut. Here is to the first 350, and here's to many more.

#### EXTENDING EFFECTIVE DATE OF GIFT CARD PROVISIONS OF CREDIT CARD LAW

SPEECH OF

**HON. CAROLYN MCCARTHY**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, June 14, 2010*

Mrs. MCCARTHY of New York. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of H.R. 5502, a bill I was proud to cosponsor. I commend Mr. MAFFEI for his leadership on this important bill, allowing for a short transition period for gift card issuers to comply with disclosure requirements that were part of the CARD Act that became law in May 2009.

This bill would provide a short extension for certain disclosure requirements associated with gift certificates, store gift cards, and general-use prepaid cards produced prior to April 1, 2010. The transition will allow the industry to continue to sell its pre-existing gift card inventory that is in compliance with the new CARD Act rules, as it becomes compliant with the disclosures that take effect August 22, 2010. This action will prevent a disruption to consumer access, as well as for large business in trying to remove the millions of gift cards currently in the stream of commerce.

I fully respect the time and work of the Federal Reserve Board in drafting the final rules governing the gift card industry. However, in moving towards compliance, we need to ensure consumers are not inconvenienced, and I believe this legislation achieves that appropriate balance.

#### CELEBRATING LGBT PRIDE MONTH

**HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 15, 2010*

Mr. HASTINGS of Florida. Madam Speaker, just over 40 years ago, a police raid on a gay bar in Greenwich Village made history. The so-called Stonewall riots, during which members of the gay community openly challenged institutionalized homophobia, marked the beginning of the modern Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender, LGBT, rights movement and led to the formation of gay rights organizations across the United States and around the world. Each June, we commemorate this ongoing struggle for equality by celebrating LGBT Pride Month.

It is indeed a historic time for our nation and the American people. What should have happened 17 years ago is now closer to being a reality than ever before. By passing the Murphy Amendment along with the Defense Authorization bill, the House of Representatives has pledged to fulfill its promise of upholding the values for which the United States stands by allowing gay and lesbian Americans to serve openly in the military. As I have said time and again, the discriminatory law known as "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" should be repealed once and for all. It threatens our national security and costs us millions of dollars each year to kick out dedicated and highly-skilled service members and to retrain new ones.

As we celebrate this victory, we are reminded of the long battle that has brought us to this point. I would be terribly remiss if I did not acknowledge the hard work and sacrifices of the countless service members and veterans, many of whose lives have been negatively impacted by this bigoted policy, as well as those military and policy leaders, advocacy organizations, and everyday Americans who have taken a stand against discrimination.

I am also pleased that President Obama and his administration have taken meaningful steps toward achieving LGBT equality. Most recently, President Obama extended a wider range of benefits to the same-sex partners of federal employees, including key protections such as long-term care insurance, health insurance reimbursements, business travel accident insurance, and tax reimbursements for homeowner's insurance. In April, President Obama also mandated that all hospitals extend visitation rights to the partners of gay men and lesbians and that they respect patients' choices about who may make critical health care decisions for them.

More than ever before, the fight for LGBT equality is full of hope and promise. But, our work is far from over. The sad reality is that gay and lesbian Americans are still essentially second-class citizens, with different rights depending on where they work and the state in which they live. This nation can only truly prosper when all of its citizens are guaranteed equal protection under the law. Laws that deprive LGBT Americans of these rights are unconstitutional, discriminatory, and unconscionable. It is my sincere hope that Congress and our nation as a whole will work together to pass the Employment Non-Discrimination Act, ENDA, repeal the Defense of Marriage Act, DOMA, and lift the ban on men who have sex with men, MSM, donating blood.

Madam Speaker, the LGBT community is part of our American family. They are our friends and neighbors and all contribute to this great nation. We must ensure that the pages of history only continue to turn forward on equality for all Americans, regardless of sexual orientation, gender identity, or gender expression. This LGBT Pride Month, I reaffirm my resolve to achieve equal rights for LGBT Americans and nothing less. It is the right thing to do.

#### HONORING THE 58TH ANNIVERSARY OF LE BONHEUR CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL AND THE GRAND OPENING OF THEIR NEW FACILITY

**HON. STEVE COHEN**

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 15, 2010*

Mr. COHEN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 58th Anniversary of Le Bonheur Children's Hospital and the grand opening of their new, state-of-the-art facility in downtown Memphis, Tennessee. Located in the heart of the Memphis medical district, the new 255-bed hospital makes Le Bonheur the largest pediatric health-care facility in the state, serving over 130,000 children each year.

Since opening its doors on June 15, 1952, Le Bonheur Children's Hospital has long stood as a shining beacon of service to Memphis and the surrounding community, providing health care and emergency treatment to children of all ages from 95 counties in six states. Over the decades, the facility has established an international reputation as a leader in both pediatric research and clinical care while serving as one of the country's foremost teaching hospitals. Partnerships with other premier hospitals such as St. Jude Children's Research Hospital and the University of Tennessee Health Science Center have further solidified Le Bonheur's world-class standing.

In addition to serving the region's healthcare needs, Le Bonheur continues to serve as one of the largest employers in the Memphis area, providing jobs to over 2,000 medical professionals while supporting over 14,000 other jobs in the community through a combination of direct and indirect economic contributions. Furthermore, the construction of the new facility has provided on average 650 jobs each day since the February 2008 ground breaking. Moreover, the increased size of the campus itself will result in the creation of almost 100 new jobs over the next 12–24 months.

The grand opening of the new 12-story, 610,000-square-foot hospital marks an exciting new chapter in the life of Le Bonheur. The \$340 million facility will provide the Le Bonheur staff with \$20 million in new equipment and technology as well as nearly double the hospital's current space, significantly increasing the capacity for research, education, patient care, and family comforts such as more sleeping space for parents, playrooms, gathering areas and even a first-run movie theatre.

In keeping with their reputation as an exemplar in the Memphis area, Le Bonheur has striven to ensure that their new facility is as environmentally efficient as possible. The new

building was constructed using recycled concrete and steel, incorporates native plants and employs water conservation methods such as drip watering and low-volume faucets and toilets. The hospital also offers numerous bike racks and has even set aside convenient parking spots reserved for energy-efficient vehicles.

For 58 years to the day, Le Bonheur Children's Hospital has always stood out as a paradigm of success and service in Memphis. I commend their steadfast efforts and dedication to the community, and recognize them for the credit and praise they so duly deserve.

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CONGRATULATING COLONEL  
BRADLEY D. SPACY

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**HON. STEVE AUSTRIA**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 15, 2010*

Mr. AUSTRIA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Colonel Bradley D. Spacy, for his outstanding service to our nation and the United States Air Force.

It is an honor to join the people of Ohio's Seventh Congressional District in congratu-

lating Colonel Spacy upon his relinquishment of command as the Commander, 88th Air Base Wing, Air Force Materiel Command and Installation Commander, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio.

Colonel Spacy commands one of the largest air base wings in the United States Air Force, with more than 5,000 Air Force military, civilian, and contractor employees. The wing provides support and services to one of the largest, most diverse, and most organizationally complex bases in the Air Force including a major acquisition center, research and development laboratories, a major command headquarters, an airlift wing, and the world's largest military air museum. The base is home to more than 27,000 employees and is the largest single site employer in the state of Ohio.

Colonel Spacy developed the Operation Community Warfighter, an exercise deployment where community leaders could experience firsthand the intense ground operations our men and women in the Air Force face during real-world deployments. I can attest also to his solid reputation of hard work, dedication, loyalty, honor, courage, and pride.

For his strong dedication of service to our community, I join the people of Ohio's Seventh Congressional District in extending our best

wishes upon his new assignment in Washington, DC, as the Senate liaison for the Air Force and wish him ongoing success in all future endeavors and in this new capacity. Oorah!

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OUR UNCONSCIONABLE NATIONAL  
DEBT

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**HON. MIKE COFFMAN**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 15, 2010*

Mr. COFFMAN of Colorado. Madam Speaker, today our national debt is \$13,046,148,615,770.79.

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

This means the national debt has increased by \$2,404,722,523,042.60 so far this Congress. The debt has increased \$1,939,748,639.30 since just yesterday.

This debt and its interest payments we are passing to our children and all future Americans.