

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