

To achieve this goal, the Foundation coordinates charitable giving throughout the Scranton area and Lackawanna County by encouraging and facilitating local philanthropy and matching donations to the community's greatest areas of need.

The Foundation educates donors on the different mechanisms of charitable giving and works with them to maximize the effectiveness of their donations.

Then, the Foundation's staff directs the donations to the community's arts and culture, economic development, education, environmental, health, and recreational needs.

Since its inception, the Foundation has awarded over \$8 million in grants throughout the Scranton area and Lackawanna County.

Madam Speaker, please join me in honoring the Scranton Area Foundation on being recognized as a valued asset of Northeastern Pennsylvania. In the years ahead I am confident they will continue to make positive impacts in the growth of our region.

HONORING STEPHEN LACINA

**HON. SAM GRAVES**

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 29, 2010*

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Stephen Lacina. Stephen is a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 394, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Stephen has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Stephen has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community. Most notably, Stephen has contributed to his community through his Eagle Scout project. Stephen designed and placed landscaping the Veteran's War Memorial in Dearborn, Missouri.

Madam Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Stephen Lacina for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

HONORING DR. CHARLES E. WARNER FOR A LIFETIME OF SERVICE AS AN EDUCATOR

**HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO**

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 29, 2010*

Ms. DeLAURO. Madam Speaker, in honor of his retirement, I rise to commemorate decades of hard work and commitment to the young people of Connecticut by Dr. Charles E. Warner, an esteemed educator in our New Haven community.

In a long career as a teacher and administrator, beginning in nearby Bridgeport in 1971 and culminating with his tenure as the director of instruction and director of special programs

for New Haven's public schools, Chuck has worked tirelessly to ensure that each and every child in his purview has access to the tools they need to thrive. Day in and day out, Chuck has fought for the kids and the teachers in our community, and to make New Haven's schools the best they can be.

For his achievements in education, Chuck has been nationally recognized many times over, including appearing in publications such as Parents Magazine and serving on the advisory board of the National Middle School Association. And his good works have not been confined to the school day. Chuck has been an engaged participant in community affairs and has volunteered his time and effort in any number of ways, including, most recently, serving as Connecticut's After School Alliance ambassador over this past year—one of only thirty in the Nation—for his contributions to afterschool programs.

Along with teaching and, of course, his wife Regina, Chuck's great passion has been music. And from his very first teaching job at East Side Middle School in Bridgeport, where he led a band of over two hundred students, to his 20 years of service as a Minister of Music for the Dixwell Avenue Congregational Church's Sanctuary Choir, Chuck has enriched our community by sharing this love with us.

As an educator and public citizen, Chuck has been a credit to our city, to our State, and to our Nation, and he has improved the lives of countless New Haven children for the better. I congratulate him, Regina, and their children Alexis, Charles Jr., and Bryon on his retirement, and I thank him for his decades of service to our community. Congratulations, Chuck. You have earned it.

HONORING MRS. LEOTA DENICO SEWARD

**HON. MICHAEL H. MICHAUD**

OF MAINE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 29, 2010*

Mr. MICHAUD. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Leota Denico Seaward on her 100th birthday and congratulate her on being awarded the Boston Post Cane.

Leota was born in Vassalboro on October 6, 1910 and grew up in South China, Maine. After graduating Erskine Academy as class salutatorian in 1929, she married Elmer Wilson Seaward, and the two started a large farm in Turner.

Despite taking on the challenge of running a farm during the Great Depression, the Seawards never forgot the less fortunate and were able to provide a large portion of meat and vegetables for the community. Leota and George were well known for their caring nature during those tough times, often taking in the homeless and providing them with food and work.

Throughout her life, Leota has remained active in the community, taking jobs in the local rug shop, hatchery and post office, all while raising four children. She remains fiercely independent, not relinquishing her driver's license until she was 98 years old and living on

her own until last year. This year, Leota, surrounded by fifty members of her family spanning five generations, participated in the 4th of July parade.

Mrs. Seaward will be celebrating this historic moment with her daughter, Bunny Gilbert, who shares the same birthday and will be turning 80. I wish Leota the happiest of birthdays, surrounded by all her friends and loved ones.

Madam Speaker, please join me in congratulating Leota Denico Seaward on her new status as a Centenarian.

HONORING BISHOP-ELECT  
REVEREND URUNDI B. KNOX

**HON. DALE E. KILDEE**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 29, 2010*

Mr. KILDEE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Bishop-Elect Reverend Urundi B. Knox. Bishop-Elect will be ordained and consecrated as a Bishop at a service to be held on Friday, October 1 at Ebenezer Ministries in Burton, Michigan.

Bishop-Elect Knox graduated from Flint Central High School in 1981. He earned an Associate's Degree from Mott Community College, and a Bachelor of Applied Science from the University of Michigan. He received a Master of Arts from Eastern Michigan University and completed his doctoral studies at Wayne State University in 1996.

During this time he was teaching at Mott Community College and Detroit College of Business. In September, 1993 he became a full-time professor at Mott Community College. Bishop-Elect Knox served as assistant pastor at Ebenezer Missionary Baptist Church until the retirement of Pastor Clarence Knox in September 1994. Bishop-Elect Knox succeeded his father and became the pastor. In a testament to his leadership, the congregation has grown to over 1000 members and a new sanctuary was erected two years later.

Bishop-Elect Knox saw the need for spiritual and temporal guidance in the community and he embarked upon the "Take Back the City Crusade" providing worship services and feeding the hungry in downtown Flint. Drawing inspiration from 1 Samuel 7:12 "Then Samuel took a stone, and set it between Mizpeh and Shen, and called the name of it Ebenezer saying, Hitherto hath the Lord helped us" Bishop-Elect Knox decided to change the name of the church to Ebenezer Ministries reflect the mission of reaching out to those in need. Because of his work in the community, Bishop-Elect Knox has been recognized numerous times as one of the unsung gems in the Flint area.

Madam Speaker, I am honored to ask the House of Representatives to rise with me and applaud the work of Bishop-Elect Urundi Knox. He has inspired his congregation with a zeal for spreading the Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ and I congratulate him as he is consecrated a Bishop. I pray that he will continue his work with love, enthusiasm, and determination for many, many years to come.