

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.

NATIONAL TRANSPORTATION
SAFETY BOARD REAUTHORIZA-
TION ACT OF 2010

SPEECH OF

HON. LAURA RICHARDSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 28, 2010

Ms. RICHARDSON. Mr. Speaker, as a member of the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, I rise today in strong support of H.R. 4714, the National Transportation Safety Board Reauthorization Act of 2010. This legislation authorizes appropriations for the National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) to conduct investigations necessary to determine the causes of transportation incidents and accidents. H.R. 4714 also clarifies the NTSB's authority to investigate incidents and calls for a collaborative effort between NTSB and the U.S. Coast Guard when investigating major maritime accidents. Further, H.R. 4714 provides the NTSB resources needed to improve safety regulations.

I thank Chairman OBERSTAR for his dedication and skillful leadership in guiding this bill to the floor.

Mr. Speaker, H.R. 4714 will also confer upon the NTSB the authority to make essential safety recommendations when NTSB investigators identify a need for immediate safety improvements. Such authority has long been enjoyed by other international accident-investigation agencies.

This legislation benefits the 37th Congressional District of California, which I am privileged to represent. Improvements in transportation safety—whether for automobiles, airplanes, or ships—disproportionately affect my district, which is one of the most transportation-intensive in the nation. Within my district or on its borders lie five major freeways, three airports, and the largest port complex in the country. H.R. 4714 improves the safety of my constituents when they are traveling, commuting, and working.

I urge my colleagues to join me in supporting H.R. 4714.

HONORING TOWNSHIP OF
DENVER'S ANNUAL SRI LANKA
DAY

HON. RODNEY P. FRELINGHUYSEN

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 29, 2010

Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the Township of Denville's Annual Sri Lanka Day, which celebrated its 35th annual festival this summer.

Beginning in 1975 with around 300 families in attendance, Denville's Sri Lanka Day has grown into one of the largest events of its kind, attracting close to 2,000 families. Sri Lankans come from beyond the tri-state area, with some coming from as far away as Canada to attend the event.

The Sri Lanka Day festival started as a vision of Jay Liyanage, a Sri Lanka native who resides in Denville, and would not be possible without the outstanding support of the Denville Rotary Club and the Sri Lanka Association of New York.

The festival is a beautiful display of Sri Lankan culture. In addition to offerings of cultural foods, music and clothing, the event features many sporting events. The highlights this year were the cricket matches between the Sri Lanka Association of New York and the Sri Lanka Association of Washington, D.C., as well as a match between an all-Sri Lankan team and an all-Denville team. For the second consecutive year the Sri Lanka Medical Association of North America generously ran a free medical clinic. Organizers credit the cricket matches, health clinic and the ending of the long civil war that occurred over the past 25 years in Sri Lanka for the large increase in attendance over the past few years.

The festival theme of "togetherness" is always exhibited at Sri Lanka Day where people from all walks of life come together to celebrate the Sri Lankan culture.

Madam Speaker, I ask you and my colleagues to join me in congratulating the Township of Denville's annual Sri Lanka Day for hosting their 35th Celebration.

HONORING CHRISTOPHER LEE ST.
CLAIR

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 Christopher Lee St. Clair. Chris 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 175, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Chris has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Chris 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, Chris has contributed to his community through his Eagle Scout project.

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

HONORING JUDGE JOHN SCOTT AS
AN ANGEL IN ADOPTION

HON. JOHN BOOZMAN

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 29, 2010

Mr. BOOZMAN. Madam Speaker, I would like to recognize Judge John Scott for his outstanding advocacy of adoption. He is a selfless crusader for children who need a loving home, helping the dream of a family become a reality. Since becoming 19th West Judicial District Circuit Judge in 2001, Judge Scott has heard 578 adoption cases and says successful adoption cases are some of the most rewarding and enjoyable work that he does because the result is a stable and loving environment.

Judge Scott is truly an advocate for adoption, creating a warm and comfortable environment for the adoptive parents, their attorneys and most importantly, the children. Judge Scott has positively influenced many lives through the adoption process and he has helped loving parents bring home deserving children. He is to be commended for his many years of service and passion to placing children in loving homes.

Because of his efforts, I nominated Judge Scott as an Angel for The Angels in Adoption™ program. This program honors outstanding individuals who are dedicated to helping children find permanent, safe and loving homes. Judge Scott is well deserving of this honor and I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing his service, dedication and efforts to making adoption possible.

HONORING ANN MANRY
RYNEARSON

HON. RUSS CARNAHAN

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 29, 2010

Mr. CARNAHAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Ann Manry Rynearson, recently retired Sr. Vice President for Culture and Community at the International Institute.

Ann has spent the bulk of her career building bridges across the increasingly diverse cultures of St. Louis. Most notably, Ann co-founded both the International Folkfest, which was held annually from 1992 to 2004, and the Festival of Nations, which is now in its 11th year.

Ann has focused on the arts in building those cross-cultural bridges. Even though she spent three years directing the Festival of Nations, she is actually best known as the Arts Director of both International Folkfest and Festival of Nations.

Her goal has always been to present the very best art forms of each culture. She has worked to seek out or develop artists and performers who represent their own cultural heritages. Over the years, Ann has spent countless hours attending arts events around our region. By doing so, she was able to identify new and emerging ethnic talent to invite to the Institute's festivals.

Ann's contributions to the ethnic arts and to cultural preservation have extended beyond the Institute's annual and truly spectacular festivals. She has organized mini-festivals around town, art exhibits, and built an extensive database of artists to share with other organizations seeking talent for their programs. She is beloved by so many in our ethnic communities who have been her colleagues, partners, and even her students when she taught English classes at the Institute in her early career.

Therefore, it is with great pleasure today that I formally recognize Ann's achievements in front of an audience that is benefiting from her dedication to the mission of sharing the very best of our community's ethnic arts. Ann has established relationships with ethnic artists and their communities that will ensure the festival's continued success and that will continue to build and reinforce bridges of cross-cultural understanding in our community for many years to come.