

IN HONOR OF VERA HALL

**HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, March 31, 2011*

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of Vera Hall on the occasion of her 90th birthday. Vera is an exceptional individual and a longtime citizen-activist.

Vera was born and raised on a farm in Austinburg, Ohio. From an early age, she was interested not only in organic gardening, but also in politics and the arts; she especially enjoys attending performances of the Cleveland Orchestra. She graduated from Austinburg High School in 1939 and went on to attend The Ohio State University for two years, before U.S. involvement in World War I granted her the opportunity to go to radio school. She worked as a radio operator for 18 years. She also worked as a teletype operator in the airline industry, and eventually became a supervisor. She was actively involved in the Communication Workers of America, and served as its treasurer.

Vera has also actively fought for social justice issues for many years. During the Vietnam War, she joined Women Speak Out for Peace and Justice, and served as their treasurer for 25 years. Her peace activism continues to this day; every weekend, she goes to the West Side Market to demonstrate against war. She is also active in the Single-Payer Action Network, the Western Reserve Alliance, Women for Racial and Economic Equality, United Farm Workers, and the Cleveland Indoor Garden Society. Vera is a proud single mother, a lover of music and the arts, and an avid traveler.

Mr. Speaker and Colleagues, please join me in honor of Vera Hall on her 90th Birthday. I extend my warm wishes to her on this special day.

HONORING THE CONGRESSIONAL  
BLACK CAUCUS

**HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, March 31, 2011*

Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the 40th Anniversary of the Congressional Black Caucus.

What began forty years ago as a formation of 13 Members who set out to fight racial injustice has now grown nearly 3 times with 43 Members of the Congressional Black Caucus. The Caucus is a stalwart political force within the United States Congress. It is unfortunate that we yet remain in the struggle for the fight for social, educational, economic/financial, and health equality.

As an active member of the Caucus for nearly 2 decades, it is a pleasure to work among those who are the voice for our most vulnerable populations. Our Congressional Districts know no boundaries and for many of us, we are the Congressional Representatives for minorities who, otherwise, would not have representation on issues of importance to them and their families. It is no secret that what gives soul to these United States is our

unique ability to seamlessly blend many cultures into one; and we do so respectfully. However, there are miles to go. Until we get there, we will continue to fight for the least among us on critical issues that impact minority communities.

Four decades as the conscience of the Congress was and still remains the reason we have stood the test of time. It is an honor to serve.

HONORING GARY MILLER OF ANNANDALE, MINNESOTA ON HIS RETIREMENT AS SHERIFF OF WRIGHT COUNTY

**HON. MICHELE BACHMANN**

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, March 31, 2011*

Mrs. BACHMANN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and thank Sheriff Gary Miller of Annandale for more than 30 years of service in law enforcement to Wright County, Minnesota. From his beginnings as a part time deputy in 1975, to his ten years as Sheriff of one of the largest law enforcement agencies in Minnesota, Sheriff Miller was a dedicated public servant whose contributions to his department and to Wright County cannot be measured.

While Wright County was growing rapidly, the Sheriff's department grew along with it, and Gary spent time in nearly every role as he rose through the ranks. The deputies under his leadership respected both him and his servant attitude. Sheriff Miller made a point to be a positive presence for the citizens he served and he was a familiar face in every city of Wright County.

During his term as Sheriff, Gary addressed a devastating growth in methamphetamine use helping to bring the number of methamphetamine labs in the county down to a near zero. Sheriff Miller also was known for his good fiscal management of the department, especially in recent years when the economy required lean management. One step towards this involved combining efforts with two other counties to create a state-of-the-art forensics lab that allows for quick and efficient processing of forensic evidence. In 2009, Sheriff Miller opened up a new law enforcement center and jail, a process that started only a year before he was first elected to Sheriff. That sense of completion is what led him to think about retirement, and his time as the county's highest law officer came to an end on January 3rd, 2011.

Like many counties across our Nation, the Sheriff's office in Wright County stands for justice and peace and we are grateful for all that they do to protect our families and neighborhoods. I ask this body, along with the Speaker of the House, to join with me in thanking Sheriff Gary Miller for his dedication to the Sheriff's department and to Wright County, Minnesota.

IN RECOGNITION OF CARL D.  
GLICKMAN

**HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to recognize the achievements of philan-

thropist and civil leader Carl D. Glickman who will be receiving Notre Dame College's highest honor, the 2011 Notre Dame College Medal on Saturday April 2. The medal is awarded to an alumnus, friend of the College, or civic leader in the Greater Cleveland community who exemplifies the values of Notre Dame College by demonstrating personal, professional, and global responsibility through their community service.

Glickman and his late wife Barbara have donated millions of dollars to scholarship funds and healthcare institutions. Recently, the Cleveland Clinic Foundation opened the Glickman Urological Institute, named for Carl and Barbara Glickman. Together with fellow Notre Dame College Medal recipient Samuel H. Miller, Glickman founded and contributed millions of dollars to the Cleveland State University Moses Cleaveland Scholarship Fund. He has also donated generously to Cleveland Central Catholic High School and the Diocese of Cleveland.

Carl Glickman has been president of The Glickman Organization, a real estate development and management firm, since 1953. He was formerly the Director of the Cleveland Port Authority. In the 1960s, Glickman served the City of Cleveland as a member of the Mayor's Committee on Urban Renewal and the Mayor's Task Force on Higher Education. Over the years, has served as chairman of several banks and medical facilities and on many boards in the Greater Cleveland community. Currently, he serves as trustee emeritus for the real estate investment firm Lexington Realty Trust and is on the board of directors of Bear Stearns Companies and John Carroll University.

Dr. Andrew P. Roth, president of Notre Dame College recently said that Glickman's "generosity to the health, welfare and education of all citizens of Cleveland deserves our utmost respect. He embodies the values of Notre Dame College and its founding Sisters by demonstrating relentless dedication to the community. We are honored to present the Notre Dame College Medal to this great benefactor of our city."

Mr. Speaker and colleagues, it is my privilege to bring to your attention this recognition to one of Northeast Ohio's great citizens, Carl Glickman, as he receives this high honor from Notre Dame College.

CONGRATULATING THE STERLING HEIGHTS REGIONAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY ON THEIR 50TH ANNIVERSARY

**HON. SANDER M. LEVIN**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, March 31, 2011*

Mr. LEVIN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Sterling Heights Regional Chamber of Commerce & Industry in recognition of their 50th anniversary.

Beginning in 1961 as a small, localized Chamber, the Sterling Heights Regional Chamber of Commerce & Industry has grown over the last 50 years to become a leading business organization in Macomb County with more than 1,600 members and sixth-largest in the State of Michigan.

The organization started out as the "Greater Utica Chamber of Commerce," becoming the

"Shelby-Utica-Sterling Chamber of Commerce" in 1967, and in 1972 the "Utica Area Chamber of Commerce," 1977 "Northwest Macomb Chamber of Commerce," 1986 "Sterling Heights Area Chamber of Commerce," and in 2009 the "Sterling Heights Regional Chamber of Commerce & Industry." The Chamber's "Heritage Communities" of Sterling Heights, Utica, and Shelby Twp. are still home to almost 50 percent of the Chamber's membership, and the Chamber now has members in every Macomb County community.

As a testament to the Chamber's ability to evolve and strengthen with time, in 2010 they partnered with the Anchor Bay Area Chamber of Commerce and formed a collaborative relationship that capitalizes on the strengths of both Chambers.

The Chamber's mission over the last 50 years has been simple: To bring features, benefits and value to their members, and each and every day strive to bring a Return on Investment (ROI) to their members, and to make their Chamber the best business organization possible.

I have witnessed firsthand the success the Chamber has with accomplishing this goal. As we have all worked together to move Macomb County forward, the Chamber has been on the forefront working with multiple partners across the community toward common goals for the betterment of the businesses, communities and residents they serve.

In addition, I came to personally know long-time former Executive Director Lil Adams whom I was pleased to work with on a number of vital local transportation projects, and current President Wayne Oehmke. Each has provided the Chamber with active, dedicated leadership in the promotion of its mission.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing the Sterling Heights Regional Chamber of Commerce & Industry in recognition of their 50th anniversary and wishing them many more years of effective service to the Macomb County business community.

IN HONOR OF THE LAKEWOOD  
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

**HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, March 31, 2011*

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor and recognition of the Lakewood Chamber of Congress on the occasion of its centennial celebration. For 100 years, the Chamber of Commerce has served as a vital resource for Lakewood's business community.

In 1911, the Lakewood Chamber of Commerce was founded, consisting of a board of 17 individuals. Since then, the Chamber of Commerce has grown into a thriving organization of over 375 businesses, making it one of the largest suburban chambers of the state. The Chamber of Commerce is instrumental in helping Lakewood businesses save money, advocate for pro-business legislation at the local, state, and federal levels, and offers an opportunity for these businesses to interact and work together to promote the City of Lakewood.

Throughout the past 100 years, the Chamber of Commerce has established numerous

events and accomplished numerous objectives. Some of the more noteworthy achievements include the Taste of Lakewood, the Lakewood Magazine, Light Up Lakewood, the Lakewood Home Show, and the Community Scholarship program. It is also a co-founder of LakewoodAlive, an economic development corporation whose mission is to improve the quality of life of residents by creating alliances with community leaders, leveraging community assets and expanding the pool of available resources in order to facilitate economic stability and growth in the City of Lakewood.

Mr. Speaker and colleagues, please join me in honoring the Lakewood Chamber of Commerce for its 100 years of outstanding service to the business community.

HONORING SHIRLEY CHISHOLM

**HON. CHARLES B. RANGEL**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, March 31, 2011*

Mr. RANGEL. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the life and legacy of the Honorable Shirley Chisholm, who was the first African-American woman elected to Congress (1969–83). She served with me as part of New York's congressional delegation and as a founding member of the Congressional Black Caucus.

My dear colleague from Brooklyn was also the first African American to run for President of the United States when she declared her candidacy in 1972. Challenging all accepted practices of politics, this very junior Member of the House, an African American woman at that, by declaring for the Presidency, single-handedly raised the profile and aspirations of all those newly empowered Blacks and women of that era.

In addition to her inspiration as a pioneer of political achievement by minorities, Chisholm was a champion for improving the quality of life in inner city communities, and a tireless advocate for protecting the rights of women and children throughout the United States.

A historic figure in American politics who broke glass ceilings and set examples for future generations of leaders, Shirley Chisholm passed away at age 80 on January 1, 2005.

I introduced legislation today to posthumously award a gold medal to my former colleague and trailblazing friend, in marking this week's 40th Anniversary of the establishment of the Congressional Black Caucus, and in commemoration of National Women's History in March.

Above all of her firsts, Shirley wanted most to be remembered as a 'woman who lived in the twentieth century and who dared to be a catalyst for change.' I believe her legacy continues to inspire all of us to work for progress, and urge my colleagues to join me in honoring the life of Shirley Chisholm.

TRIBUTE TO BRIAN HAWLEY

**HON. KEN CALVERT**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, March 31, 2011*

Mr. CALVERT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and pay tribute to an individual whose

dedication and contributions to the community of Riverside, California are exceptional. Riverside has been fortunate to have dynamic and dedicated community leaders who willingly and unselfishly give their time and talent and make their communities a better place to live and work. Brian Hawley is one of these individuals. On March 24, 2011, Brian was honored as the "Volunteer of the Year" at the 111th Inaugural Celebration of the Greater Riverside Chambers of Commerce.

Brian Hawley is Chairman and Chief Financial Officer of Luminex. Founded in 1994, this privately held, global, growing, and consistently profitable company develops distinctive data storage products based on proven technologies that tackle the complex challenges of storing, archiving, distributing and protecting data.

In 2002 and 2003, Luminex was named to the Deloitte Fast50 list as being one of the fastest growing technology companies in Southern California. In 2003, Luminex was one of the select few companies named to both the Inc. Magazine "Inc. 500" and Deloitte "Fast 500" as one of the 500 fastest growing companies in the United States.

Along with his co-founders, Luminex received the Spirit of the Entrepreneur award in technology, the Greater Riverside Chambers of Commerce Small Business Eagle award, the UC Riverside Bourns College of Engineering Honored Alumni Award, and was honored as a California Small Business of the Year.

Luminex has twenty-seven employees headquartered in Riverside, California and additional development offices in San Diego, California and Beaverton, Oregon.

Prior to co-founding Luminex, Brian owned and managed Computer Systems International, a consulting firm specializing in corporate business computing and software development in a variety of industries.

Brian has served on the Riverside's High Tech Task Force, is past chairman and a founding member of the Riverside Technology CEO Forum, a past chair of the Science Technology Education Partnership, and is currently Chair of the Chamber's Governmental Affairs Committee.

Brian has participated in the Chamber's annual advocacy trip to Sacramento, advocating for the best interests of the region. He was called upon by the California Chamber of Commerce to testify in support of a bill that allows employees greater flexibility in their work week.

In light of all Brian has done for the community of Riverside, the Greater Riverside Chambers of Commerce named Brian their Volunteer of the Year. Brian's tireless passion for community service has contributed immensely to the betterment of the community of Riverside, California. He has been the heart and soul of many community organizations and events and I am proud to call him a fellow community member, American and friend. I know that many community members are grateful for his service and salute him as he receives this prestigious award.