

that the most effective way to do this is to dramatically improve K–12 math and science education. They will achieve this end through increasing the production of more, and more effective, math and science educators, strengthening the skills of existing classroom teachers through training programs, and expanding the pipeline of students with the desire and preparation to pursue science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) in higher education.

As the Commerce, Justice, Science Subcommittee Ranking Member, I have had the opportunity to hear witnesses testify to the incredible discoveries and innovations currently underway to address some of our nation's most pressing concerns—energy security, global climate change and human health and development. These same experts have repeated the same refrain—absent a significant change in course, the United States is poised to lose our global supremacy in scientific discovery and enterprise. I am greatly encouraged that NMSI has taken on this challenge and is engaging a diverse range of partners to develop a new generation of mathematicians, engineers and researchers.

I would specifically like to take this opportunity to recognize one of NMSI's founding sponsors, the ExxonMobil Foundation. In a show of great community-mindedness and corporate responsibility, ExxonMobil has committed \$125 million to NMSI. These funds, among other purposes, will go to increase access to and successful completion of Advanced Placement courses in the nation's high schools. I have long been an advocate of the AP program, and other efforts to increase rigor and college-readiness for all students in all schools. I am grateful to have such a partner, and to have the opportunity to engage with NMSI, ExxonMobil and others committed to addressing this critical question of global competitiveness.

Difficult budget times call for creative solutions and I believe it would serve Members of this body well to turn attention to these innovative public-private partnerships which serve our nation's young people and economic future well.

IN HONOR OF KENNETH H.  
COOPER, M.D., M.P.H.

**HON. PETE SESSIONS**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, April 14, 2011*

Mr. SESSIONS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Kenneth H. Cooper, M.D., M.P.H., my friend, renowned physician, and the Father of Aerobics.

The importance of cardiovascular exercise and fitness in our world today can be attributed to the dedicated efforts of Dr. Cooper. Throughout his career, Dr. Cooper has focused on preventive medicine and his work has revolutionized the physical fitness world. Aside from working with the National Aeronautics Space Administration (NASA) to create a fitness program for astronauts and designing the "Cooper test" used by the military to assess fitness, Dr. Cooper also trained the 1970 Brazilian soccer team to a World Cup victory. At the local, national, and international levels, Dr. Cooper has educated numerous individ-

uals about the importance of diet and exercise and motivated them to adopt healthy lifestyles. He is also aggressively combating the childhood obesity epidemic with the Our Kids' Health initiative and by working with legislators to bring physical education back into our schools. The impact of Dr. Cooper's work spans across the globe; I know he has made our world a healthier place.

His family, friends, colleagues, and patients will gather to honor him at Health Needs a Hero on May 22, 2011 in Austin, Texas. I am delighted to join them in recognizing Dr. Cooper's many achievements and contributions to the health and medical fields. Mr. Speaker, I ask my esteemed colleagues to join me in recognizing Dr. Cooper.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 2011 VIENNA VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION DAY HONOREES

**HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, April 14, 2011*

Mr. CONNOLLY of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, it is my great honor to recognize outstanding citizens of our community. Each year, the Town of Vienna celebrates the extraordinary contributions of its residents with a "Volunteer Recognition Day" to honor those individuals and organizations who have been nominated by members of the community for their commitment to improving the community.

Communities are only as strong as the residents who live there. Through their selfless actions, civic activists improve the quality of life for all and help improve their towns and neighborhoods. The recipients of the 2011 Vienna Volunteer Recognition Honors are shining examples of how each of us can contribute to the betterment of our communities.

I am pleased to recognize the following individuals for their accomplishments: Robert Borgatti, Harold Bonacquist, Miles Bowen, Sydney Bowen, Linda Collins, Mike Davis, Alma Frank, Laurie Harmon, L.F. Jennings, Steve Kenney, Mark Lander, Ann Martin, Marjorie Midili, John "Jack" Reichert, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Tim Sampson and family, John Shults, Susan Stillman, Anne Stuntz, Howard Svigals, Dorothy Evans, Bill Farrell, Mike Garbacz, Julius Hankin, Jean Jennings, Marcie Lee, Harry Mason, Ralph Nider, Eileen (Casey) Tarr, June Terry, Maria Alvarez-Lundie, Diane Eckert, Sara Freund, Cynthia Kohrmann, Sharmila Rao, Deborah Roney, Katie Wolffe, Liz DiFrancisco, Barbara Mackie Franklin and Dan Mulville.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in thanking these individuals and in congratulating them on their contributions to their community. Civic engagement is what defines a community, and it is thanks to these individuals that Vienna will remain a wonderful place to call home. Their contributions and leadership have been a great benefit to our community and truly merit our highest praise.

REPEALING PREVENTION AND  
PUBLIC HEALTH FUND

SPEECH OF

**HON. ANNA G. ESHOO**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 13, 2011*

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 1217) to repeal the Prevention and Public Health Fund:

Ms. ESHOO. Madam Chair, I rise in opposition to H.R. 1217, a bill to repeal the Prevention and Public Health Fund.

Prevention works. It's the best way to keep costs down and keep people healthy.

For decades our healthcare system has been designed to treat patients once they're sick. This is inefficient and costly. The Prevention and Public Health Fund included in healthcare reform is finally starting to change this backward system and invest efforts to keep people healthy.

The Fund is important because it offers flexibility—grants are awarded to states, communities, and local public health groups to implement local prevention programs that work for the local community.

Any person in this chamber who is concerned about the rising cost of healthcare in our country should be embracing the Prevention and Public Health Fund. Study after study has proven that prevention saves money. This legislation willfully ignores this fact and instead, favors an "every man for himself" approach.

Is it any wonder why we spend more on healthcare than any country in the world with lackluster results? Other nations are out-investing us in prevention, public health infrastructure, and primary care. Smart healthcare saves money.

Unfortunately, we're also considering several bills this week to eliminate healthcare and none of them are wise. Efforts to chip away at the first meaningful health reform our country has ever seen are shortsighted and foolish . . . even worse is to take away basic preventive health services that women already have. Ninety seven percent of the services Planned Parenthood provides have nothing to do with abortion and everything to do with family planning, diabetes care, vaccines, physicals, and, for men, testicular cancer screenings. Eliminating funding for the preventive services of Planned Parenthood will increase the number of abortions in our country and reverse the positive results of mammograms and cervical care.

I urge my colleagues to vote against these efforts.

HONORING TOMMY MARSH FOR  
WINNING THE LESSONS OF THE  
AFRICAN-AMERICAN EXPERIENCE  
WRITING CONTEST

**HON. JOE COURTNEY**

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, April 14, 2011*

Mr. COURTNEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Tommy Marsh as a winner of the second annual Lessons of the African-American Experience Creative Writing Contest.

Tommy is currently in the fifth grade at North Stonington Elementary School, which is located in North Stonington, Connecticut.

In celebration of Black History Month, I sponsored a creative writing contest for all third through eighth grade students within the Second District. As we know, Black History Month is a time to reflect on the struggles and triumphs of our nation's past. The lessons learned during this month continue to serve as the stepping stones of our nation's future. Tommy's essay eloquently embraces this belief.

Tommy's essay shows a remarkable enthusiasm for learning that is inspiring to all. He creatively discusses Rosa Parks and Wael Ghonim, describing how one defiant act has the power to affect an entire nation. For this, his essay was among the winners selected.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. LOUISE McINTOSH SLAUGHTER**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, April 14, 2011*

Ms. SLAUGHTER. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably detained on official business and missed rollcall vote No. 263. Had I been present, I would have voted "aye" on rollcall vote No. 263.

IN RECOGNITION OF MS. TERI O'CONNOR

**HON. FRANK PALLONE, JR.**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, April 14, 2011*

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Ms. Teri O'Connor, the recipient of the 2011 Women of Distinction Award presented by the Girl Scouts of the Jersey Shore. Ms. O'Connor has demonstrated unwavering commitment to serving the people of Monmouth County. Ms. O'Connor's devotion is undoubtedly deserving of this body's recognition.

Ms. O'Connor is currently the County Administrator for Monmouth County and manages the day-to-day operations of 60 county departments comprised of over 3,000 employees. Her responsibilities include supervising, directing and managing all county administrative departments, divisions and offices. She is also responsible for carrying out the policies and directives of the Board of Chosen Freeholders. In addition to her duties as County Administrator, Ms. O'Connor admirably serves as Administrator and Freeholder Representative to the Emergency Management Homeland Security Working Group since 2002. She has also supervised the County Insurance Office for 13 years. Ms. O'Connor is currently Freeholder Liaison to the Freehold Center Partnership as well as County Representative to Freehold's Downtown Planning & Design Committee. Through her personal, professional and community achievements, Ms. O'Connor embodies the mission of the Girl Scouts to help young girls build courage, confidence and character.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in leading this body in congratulating Ms. O'Connor for receiving the prestigious Women of Distinction

Award, presented by the Girl Scouts of the Jersey Shore. Her steadfast dedication is an example of what hard work and determination can accomplish.

APPLAUDING SUSAN G. KOMEN FOR THE CURE®

**HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, April 14, 2011*

Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, understanding the basics regarding risk factors, diagnosis, and treatment of breast cancer, has made a positive continuous journey towards better management and victory over the disease. The American Cancer Society in 2010 estimated that among U.S. women there would be more than 207,000 new cases of invasive breast cancer and nearly 40,000 breast cancer deaths.

However, despite the alarming numbers, there remains hope for a cure of this disease. Because of the efforts of Nancy G. Brinker who lost her sister to the fight of breast cancer, Ms. Brinker has done everything in her power to fulfill her promise of ending breast cancer forever. And, I am proud that the Susan G. Komen for the Cure®, is headquartered in my District, the 30th Congressional District of Texas.

Beyond leading the charge of eradicating breast cancer for women in the United States, Susan G. Komen for the Cure® remains the premier global leader at the forefront of the breast cancer movement since their 1982 inception. Komen has significantly contributed to the advancement of breast cancer research, education, advocacy, health services and social support programs in the United States and through partnerships in more than 50 countries as sustained by more than 100,000 volunteers who work in a network of 124 affiliates worldwide. Further, the organization is attributed to investing more than \$1.9 billion to the fight for breast cancer for women. I applaud the Susan G. Komen for the Cure® for their accomplishments, dedication, and commitment to unparalleled breast cancer advocacy efforts. As global citizens, by educating women about the available predictive screening and preventive care, we can successfully help our women, mothers, sisters and daughters to live longer, healthier lives.

A MAN OF GRACE

**HON. JOE WILSON**

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, April 14, 2011*

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, I submit the following:

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A man  
A man of grace  
Our Lord, upon this place  
Had so placed  
As a true reflection of His face  
All in this temple of democracy's faith  
This shrine our forefathers had so embraced  
For America was founded on such faith  
For no other experiment has since been  
raised

For Father Dan, you were a pioneer  
As America's first Catholic chaplain so here  
To spread the word, upon each morning  
heard

To council and to inspire, lifting hearts higher

All for our Nation's leaders, you never tired  
As an instrument of our Lord's heart  
Oh how you fine faith, has so done its part  
To bring a Congress through storms and dark  
All but with, the light of your fine heart  
And our Lord's word, casting out the dark  
And we will miss your kind warm face  
And your inspiring call to God, on each new  
day

And your warm heart, filled with such grace  
Forever, in our hearts you shall hold a place  
For your blessings bestowed upon us all  
Answering our Lord's call, call to faith  
For such people, Heaven so holds a place  
For such men of grace

In honor of father Dan Coughlin, and all of the hearts you have touched over the years  
. . . bless you—Albert Carey Caswell.

INTRODUCTION OF THE MEDICARE ACCESS TO REHABILITATION ACT OF 2011

**HON. XAVIER BECERRA**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, April 14, 2011*

Mr. BECERRA. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of the bipartisan Medicare Access to Rehabilitation Act of 2011 which Representative JAMES GERLACH and I are introducing today. This important bill repeals the monetary caps that limit beneficiary access to medically necessary outpatient physical therapy, occupational therapy, and speech-language pathology services. Senators BEN CARDIN and SUSAN COLLINS are introducing this legislation in the Senate.

To remove all uncertainty for Medicare beneficiaries about being able to receive the appropriate therapy, the bipartisan Medicare Access to Rehabilitation Act of 2011 creates a stable payment environment so that health professionals can focus on providing quality health care. Rehabilitation services provided by physical therapists, occupational therapists, and speech-language pathologists are essential to assisting individuals reach their highest functional level possible and the monetary caps are inconsistent with this objective.

A March 2008 Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services, CMS, study provided evidence that enforcement of the monetary caps could cause Medicare beneficiaries harm since it may require them to delay necessary medical care, force others to assume higher out-of-pocket costs, and disrupt the continuum of care for many seniors and individuals with disabilities. Specifically, the study demonstrated that the sickest patients who suffered from Parkinson's disease or who have multiple medical problems were most likely to exceed the monetary caps.

Since inclusion of the caps in the Balanced Budget Act of 1997, both Democratic and Republican Congresses and Administrations have interceded to prevent their implementation and enforcement citing the negative impact the caps would have on elderly patients' access to necessary services. Most recently, Congress extended through 2011 the existing medical exceptions process that gives the