Teachers go to work every day to educate, inspire and help children of all backgrounds to achieve their dreams and become successful. Among the eighty thousand educators in New York City is Dr. Althea Bradshaw-Tyson, principal of The Young Women's Leadership School (TYWLS) in my Northern Manhattan congressional district.

I had the privilege of visiting The Young Women's Leadership School (TYWLS) of East Harlem and seeing firsthand the extraordinary impact Dr. Bradshaw-Tyson and the teachers have had on their students. Under their guidance, TYWLS of East Harlem has made history and headlines by providing low-income students of color an outstanding college-prep education and by offering a personalized, dynamic, hands-on learning environment where girls thrive academically. Nearly every student of TYWLS graduates on time and attends four-year colleges.

At a time when our education system needs stronger support, our teachers are faced with innumerable obstacles. They are being blamed for the deficit, their rights taken away and wages slashed. Even worse, their livelihoods are being threatened by mass layoffs in school systems across America. Yet class sizes keep increasing as school budgets keep being cut.

We cannot hope to win the future without an educated and inspired workforce. Throughout this National Teacher Appreciation Week as we honor their invaluable service and efforts, let us remember the life-changing impact of outstanding educators such as Dr. Bradshaw-Tyson, and continue to support our nation's teachers.

DEDICATION OF STATUE OF PRESIDENT GERALD FORD

HON. DALE E. KILDEE

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 3, 2011

Mr. KILDEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the legacy of an extraordinary man, dedicated public servant and proud Michigander: President Gerald Ford.

For 25 years, President Ford served as a Representative from Michigan. As Minority Leader he was respected on both sides of the aisle as a strong and capable leader. As he famously said ''I have had a lot of adversaries in my political life, but no enemies that I can remember.''

He ascended to the Presidency during a difficult chapter in our nation's history. Through his dedicated leadership, he helped guide the country out of the turmoil caused by Watergate and in the process he distinguished himself as truly one of the most honorable Presidents we have ever had.

I have served under seven Presidents in my 34 years in Congress, but President Ford was the first. His State of the Union Address was the first I had the privilege to attend on the floor of the House of Representatives and it is an experience I will never forget.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor this great American patriot and proud Michigander.

LAWRENCE SALAZAR

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 3, 2011

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Lawrence Salazar for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. Lawrence Salazar is a 9th grader at Jefferson Senior High and received this award because his determination and hard work have allowed him to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Lawrence Salazar is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Lawrence Salazar for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. I have no doubt he will exhibit the same dedication and character in all his future accomplishments.

RECOGNIZING POLISH CONSTITUTION DAY

HON. JANICE D. SCHAKOWSKY

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 3, 2011

Ms. SCHAKOWSKY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Polish Constitution Day and to commemorate the signing of Europe's first codified constitution on May 3, 1791.

Three years after the adoption of our own constitution, Poland became the second nation in the world to codify a constitution. Under the leadership of King Stanislaw August, Poland approved a constitution that contained many of the groundbreaking democratic principles also embraced by America's founding fathers. Among those was the separation of legislative, executive, and judicial powers. The constitution also placed peasants under the protection of the government and established the concept of political equality.

Since the adoption of the 1791 Constitution, Poland has withstood countless hardships to emerge as a strong U.S. friend and ally. Here in the United States, Polish-Americans have made critical contributions to the development of our nation. This weekend, the city of Chicago's vibrant Polish community, the largest outside of Warsaw, will hold its 120th annual parade in honor of this historic document.

I join with people in the United States, Poland, and around the world in commemorating the anniversary of this historic document, celebrating Polish history, and recognizing the important contributions that the Polish people have made to the development of democracy.

RECOGNIZING NATIONAL MPS AWARENESS DAY

HON. KENNY MARCHANT

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 3, 2011

Mr. MARCHANT. Mr. Speaker, I would like to recognize the National MPS Society for their 36 years of supporting families while searching for cures. Mucopolysaccharidosis or MPS is a group of genetically determined lysosomal storage diseases that render the human body incapable of producing certain enzymes needed to break down complex carbohydrates. The damage caused by MPS on a cellular level adversely affects the body and damages the heart, respiratory system, bones, internal organs, and central nervous system. MPS often results in intellectual disabilities, short stature, corneal damage, joint stiffness, loss of mobility, speech and hearing impairment, heart disease, hyperactivity, chronic respiratory problems, and, most importantly, a drastically shortened life span.

Symptoms of MPS are usually not apparent at birth and without treatment; the life expectancy of an individual affected begins to decrease at a very early stage in their life. Research has resulted in the development of limited treatments for some of the MPS diseases.

I urge my colleagues and their staff to join me in recognizing May 15, 2011 as National MPS Awareness Day. This is an important time during which the MPS disease community will help increase the awareness of this devastating disease, as well as supporting research to improve treatments, find cures and receive early diagnosis. The MPS families are encouraged to reflect and support each other and to reach out to those families who have lost loved ones to MPS. By wearing their purple ribbons and sharing these ribbons within their community, they are increasing public awareness about this disease. This date is also the start of the national MPS Run/Walk season along with other local community activities to raise awareness along with money for research and for family assistance programs.

I commend the National MPS Society for their unwavering commitment to bring about awareness of this disease and to continue to advocate for federal legislation to streamline the regulatory processes and to speed effective treatments and cures for their loved ones while advocating for funding of respite and enhancing special education. More must be done to find cures and effective treatments.

IN RECOGNITION OF CHARLIE GETZ

HON. JACKIE SPEIER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 3, 2011

Ms. SPEIER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to congratulate Charlie Getz, a nearly four-decade veteran of the California Attorney General's office, on the occasion of his retirement. Charlie has served the people of the Bay Area and the entire state of California with great distinction.

I got to know Charlie when I first ran for Congress in 1979 and I've considered him a

close and dear friend ever since. He served as co-manager pf my successful campaign for San Mateo County Supervisor in 1980 and has played a significant role in legislative victories at all levels of government.

Charlie has worked in the California Attorney General's office for 38 years in numerous high-level positions, and holds the distinction of being the second-youngest person to be appointed as Deputy Attorney General IV. He investigated the Los Angeles Unified School District when it built a high school on a toxic waste site. He successfully shut down a statewide development scam where local government bonds were being used to finance private developers that preyed on seniors and other people on fixed incomes. Mr. Getz won an Attorney General Award for Excellence, among other honors, for his work on litigation surrounding the infestation of Mediterranean fruit flies (Medfly). A University of California-Berkeley study later concluded that his work on the Medfly saved the state's economy $5 billion per year. During that time, Charlie never lost a single case or motion.

Charlie is an avid model railroader. He is a member of the board of directors of the National Model Railroad Association, has given talks around the world about this popular hobby, and has written for Narrow Gauge and Shortline Gazette magazine for over 30 years. He is an acknowledged expert on the assassination of President Kennedy, has lectured on this subject on numerous occasions and has a library of volumes on JFK that is extraordinary. He is a highly-talented poet and not so gifted comedian. Charlie could have earned a lot more money over his lifetime if he had gone into writing comedy for late night television. Instead, he dedicated his life to statewide public service. Charlie is also passionate about the public's interest at the local level. Despite a demanding daytime schedule at the California Department of Justice, Charlie served for many years on the planning commissions of two communities in which he lived: South San Francisco and San Carlos. Unbeknownst to most of us, his votes and vision shaped the character of these two cities for many decades.

Charlie Getz is a graduate of the University of California at Los Angeles with a bachelor's degree in history and the University of Southern California School of Law.

In short, Charlie Getz is a Renaissance man in our modern era. He is fortunate to be blessed with a wonderful wife, Margaret, who is also brilliant, a computer specialist, teacher, and a professional chef. Margaret will have her hands full ensuring that Charlie stays on track during retirement. I wish both Charlie and Margaret the very best in the next chapter of their lives.

Mr. Speaker, I ask this body to join me in celebrating the extraordinary career of a dedicated public servant, a wise citizen, and an uncommon friend, Charlie Getz.

HONORING RABBI STEVEN CHESTER

HON. BARBARA LEE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 3, 2011

Ms. LEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the extraordinary career and long-time spiritual guidance of Rabbi Steven Chester as he retires from over 22 years at the helm of East Bay's oldest Synagogue, Temple Sinai, located in the City of Oakland. Under Rabbi Chester's excellent leadership, Temple Sinai has become even more effective in the promotion of worship, education, service and volunteerism within its large congregation, and throughout our community.

Additionally, with the completion of the new Rabbi Steven and Leona Chester Campus, the Rabbi's work and his family's many contributions have formed a tangible legacy within Temple Sinai. Consistent with his many years of service, Rabbi Chester's namesake is a place of gathering and good works that will serve both the modern and traditional needs of his beloved congregation.

Rabbi Steven Chester's multi-faceted career began long before his tenure at Temple Sinai. After receiving his bachelor's degree in History from the University of California, Los Angeles, he earned a B.H.L from Hebrew Union College in Los Angeles and an M.H.L from Hebrew Union College in Cincinnati, Ohio. He spent a seventh year of rabbinical studies in Israel, and was ordained in 1971. By the time of his ordination, Rabbi Chester was already a vocal advocate for many social issues, including supporting civil rights and ending the war in Vietnam. This early penchant for activism and the promotion of peace and human dignity would play a role in Rabbi Chester's spiritual teachings and community service throughout the span of his career.

Spending five years of his rabbinate at Temple Beth Israel in Jackson, Michigan, Rabbi Chester utilized proximity to the state's main prison to provide weekly counseling and spiritual services to its prisoners as the facility's Jewish chaplain. From 1976 to 1989, Rabbi Chester served Temple Israel, located in Stockton, California, where he was also an adjunct professor in the Religious Studies department at the University of the Pacific.

Over two decades ago, he left Stockton to become Rabbi at Temple Sinai. Founded in 1875, the Synagogue is a historic landmark that continues to serve the largest Jewish community in the East Bay and has deep roots in the Oakland community. During Rabbi Chester's tenure, he added a pre-school, introduced adult education programs and supported the congregation's return to more traditional practices, including the re-introduction of Hebrew into the service. He also continued the congregation's history of advocating for social justice by championing local affordable housing and health care for the underserved, supporting women's reproductive rights and protesting the genocide in Darfur.

Whether participating in the Hurricane Katrina prayer service at the Oakland Arena, taking a bold public stance on global conflicts, or sponsoring a school for the poor and orphaned in Siem Reap, Cambodia—Rabbi Chester has inspired many through his insight and actions. In fact, among his many accolades, Rabbi Chester was voted the 2006 Reader's Choice for "Minister/Rabbi/Imam with the Biggest Heart" in the East Bay Express.

On behalf of the residents of California's 9th Congressional District, Rabbi Steven Chester, I salute you. I thank you and your wife, Leona, for your countless contributions to the well-being of our East Bay community. Your work promoting the values and traditions of Judaism has served our many Jewish community members and enriched the amazing diversity we enjoy in Oakland. I congratulate you on your many achievements, and I wish you and your loved ones all the best in this next chapter of life.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE CHI STATE ORGANIZATION OF THE DELTA KAPPA GAMMA SOCIETY INTERNATIONAL

HON. DORIS O. MATSUI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 3, 2011

Ms. MATSUI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the Chi State Organization of the Delta Kappa Gamma Society International as they join together to celebrate their 75th year in California. It is a great pleasure to recognize the Chi State Organization of the Delta Kappa Gamma International Society's dedication to promoting the professional and personal growth of women educators, and excellence in education. Over 6,000 California members will celebrate this historic milestone at their annual convention this year, themed "Soar on Wings of Transformation." I ask all of my colleagues to join me in honoring their leadership in our community, our state, and throughout the country.

Delta Gamma Society International was founded in 1929 and the Chi State Organization was established in 1936. The seven purposes of the organization are: to bring women educators of the world together; to honor women who are committed to distinctive service in the field of education; to advance the professional interest of women in education; to initiate, endorse and support legislation and public policy that is in the interests of education and of women educators; to endow scholarships to aid outstanding women educators; to stimulate the personal and professional growth of members; and to inform the members of current economic, social, political and educational issues so that they may participate effectively in our society.

Over the last 75 years, the Chi State Organization has funded and participated in a number of literacy projects throughout California, given scholarships to members and grants to non-members to pursue continuing education, and volunteered in classrooms and communities.

Mr. Speaker, I am honored to pay tribute to the Chi State Organization of Delta Kappa Gamma Society International on their 75th anniversary, and their outstanding commitment to California's teachers and students, while promoting excellence in education.

KAYLA KOVAL

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 3, 2011

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Kayla Koval for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. Kayla Koval is a 7th grader at Drake Middle School and received this award because her determination