

## RECOGNIZING ANGELA BRUSCATO

**HON. RODNEY ALEXANDER**

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, February 29, 2012*

Mr. ALEXANDER. Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the United States Congress, it is with enormous pride and admiration that I rise today to recognize Angela Bruscato.

Angie joined the St. Francis Medical Center volunteer program in May of 1975, and recently surpassed 20,000 hours of service. Needless to say, this is a tremendous feat.

In her long-standing role as a volunteer, Angie has been recognized for her caring service. Over the years, this extraordinary woman has been awarded the Auxilian of the Year, bestowed St. Francis Medical Center's Certificate of Merit for Dedicated Auxiliary Service, and last year, Angie was named one of my Hometown Heroes.

Angie has provided decades of consistent strength and a caring heart for the patients and staff of St. Francis Medical Center. I am honored to bring forth her exceeding 20,000 volunteer hours before this body and our Nation today.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 60TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE MARINE CORPS LOGISTICS BASE IN ALBANY, GEORGIA

**HON. SANFORD D. BISHOP, JR.**

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, February 29, 2012*

Mr. BISHOP of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the men and women who have served and currently serve at the Marine Corps Logistics Base (MCLB) in Albany, Georgia. On Thursday, March 1, 2012 base personnel, Armed Services veterans and local dignitaries will celebrate the facility's 60th anniversary.

Over the last 60 years, the brave men and women who have served at MCLB, Albany have made significant contributions in defending our homeland and safeguarding our liberties.

On March 1, 1952, MCLB, Albany was commissioned as the Marine Corps Depot of Supplies. By 1954 the station was sufficiently complete with warehouses and administration buildings to assume supply support for Marines east of the Rocky Mountains and in the Atlantic area.

In 1967, the base became a Storage Activity and Depot Maintenance Activity.

On January 17, 1990, the Commandant of the Marine Corps designated the Commanding General, Marine Corps Logistics Base, Albany to also be Commander, Marine Corps Logistics Bases. The reorganization placed control of Marine Corps Logistics Base, Barstow, California; Blount Island Command, Jacksonville, Florida, as well as Marine Corps Logistics Base, Albany under this single command.

Over the last several decades, MCLB, Albany has provided exceptional support to the Marine Air Ground Task Forces sent to Southwest Asia. The MCLB, Albany military and civilian team's hard work and dedication, combined with equal efforts from MCLB, Barstow

and Blount Island Command, have reaped outstanding results for our nation's Armed Services.

Mr. Speaker, I have had the pleasure of traveling to many U.S. military installations around the world and the Marine Corps Logistics Base in Albany, Georgia is one of the finest military bases I have ever had the pleasure of visiting.

Through my ongoing interaction with MCLB, Albany personnel, one of the things I have come to admire about our nation's Marines is that their commitment to serving our country does not end once they separate from Active Duty.

MCLB, Albany Marines hold themselves to a higher standard—that service to our nation is a lifelong commitment, not just a tour of duty.

Whether it is going on to work as policemen, fire fighters, teachers or business professionals, a MCLB, Albany Marine's commitment to making our nation better remains at the fundamental core of what not only makes them great during their Armed Services career, but what will also make them invaluable members of our society once their military careers end and their transition into civilian life begins.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me today in paying tribute to the men and women who have served at the Marine Corps Logistics Base in Albany, Georgia over the last 60 years for their outstanding valor and patriotic service.

## PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. JESSE L. JACKSON, JR.**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, February 29, 2012*

Mr. JACKSON of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, on Monday, February 27, and Tuesday, February 28, 2012, I was unavoidably detained for personal reasons, and missed the recorded vote for the Senate Amendment to H.R. 347, the Federal Restricted Buildings and Grounds Improvement Act, H. Res. 563, providing for consideration of H.R. 2117, the Protecting Academic Freedom in Higher Education Act.

If present, I would have recorded my votes as the following: On Monday, February 27, "yea," on rollcall vote 73; on Tuesday, February 28, "nay," on rollcall vote 74, "yea" on rollcall vote 75, "yea" on rollcall vote 76, "yea" on rollcall vote 77, "yea" on rollcall vote 78, and "nay" on rollcall vote 79.

CELEBRATING ST. FRANCIS MEDICAL CENTER'S AUXILIARY MEMBERS

**HON. RODNEY ALEXANDER**

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, February 29, 2012*

Mr. ALEXANDER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in celebration of the St. Francis's Auxiliary Members ringing in their 85th year of service and assistance to the patients of the medical center. These men and women have dedicated countless hours to help those during times of need, and I am evermore grateful.

To say that this group is a source of strength within the Monroe community is an

understatement. Bringing comfort and hope to patients and their families is a priceless gift. They have made a real difference in the lives of many, and I commend each member, past and present, for their admirable service and leadership.

This group is among Louisiana's finest, and it is an honor to pay tribute to the 85th anniversary of such devoted and selfless individuals. Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me today in applauding such an outstanding benchmark.

A TRIBUTE IN HONOR OF BARBARA DOUGLAS

**HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, February 29, 2012*

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in great sadness to mark the passing of Barbara Douglas, an exceptional businesswoman and a champion of the game of golf who displayed tremendous courage during her three-year battle with cancer.

Although Barbara faced challenges and endured discrimination as a female and minority, she never let that get in the way of her personal and professional goals. She was a successful executive for IBM, but what she was most well-known for was her passion and contributions to the game of golf.

Barbara started playing golf on New York-area public courses and went on to compete as an adult in the U.S. Women's Amateur Public Links, a United States Golf Association national tournament.

Among her many accomplishments was serving as the first minority chairman of the U.S. Golf Association's Women's Committee in 2009 and 2010; receiving the Golf Writers Association of America's 2011 Ben Hogan Award for overcoming a physical disability to remain active in golf, serving as president of the National Minority Golf Foundation, and being inducted as a member of the National Black Golf Hall of Fame. She also found time to champion causes such as the LPGA-USGA Girls Golf Program.

The world has lost a true champion. Those who knew her will miss her compassionate spirit, but her legacy to the game of golf will live on forever. My deepest sympathies and my prayers go out to her friends and family and the many lives she touched along her 69-year journey.

THE RECENT VISIT OF GEORGIAN PRESIDENT MIKHEIL SAAKASHVILI

**HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, February 29, 2012*

Mr. BURGESS. Mr. Speaker, I rise to note the recent visit of Georgian President Mikheil Saakashvili to Washington. He met with President Obama, Vice President BIDEN, Secretary Clinton, and many Members of Congress. President Saakashvili's high-profile visit helped consolidate bilateral relations, and the NATO Summit in Chicago in May could witness progress towards Georgia's membership.