

long remembered in Montgomery County and throughout Southwest Virginia.

HONORING DR. BARBARA DAVIS

HON. ANN MARIE BUERKLE

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 8, 2012

Ms. BUERKLE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Dr. Barbara Davis for 25 years of service to the Hebrew Day School in Syracuse, New York.

Dr. Davis earned her Bachelor's Degree from Barnard College and received an M.A. and Ph.D. from Columbia University. She began her relationship with the Syracuse Hebrew Day School in the mid-1980's. She was a parent volunteer and served as chair of the Education Committee. Her service escalated in 1986 when she agreed to serve as co-principal of the school along with Dr. John Blasi, a position she would hold for the next 25 years.

For two and a half decades, Dr. Davis was the leader of the Syracuse Hebrew Day School. During her tenure there she was instrumental in the school's growth; a new wing was constructed, student enrollment hit record high numbers, and the endowment fund grew to nearly \$500,000.

In addition to her work at the Syracuse Hebrew Day School, Dr. Davis serves as a Professor Emerita of Modern Languages at Onondaga Community College. She was also a member of the first Lookstein Center Principals' Seminar at Bar Ilan University, a selective intensive program combining seminars in Israel and America.

Dr. Davis' dedication to her community is not only seen in her role at the Syracuse Hebrew Day School, but also in her countless hours of volunteerism and participation in numerous organizations. She serves on the board of RAVSAK, the Jewish Community Day School Network, she is executive editor of the quarterly journal of Jewish education, *Ha Yidion*, and has co-authored a forthcoming history of the Syracuse Jewish Community.

Dr. Davis has played a significant role in the lives of so many people, especially youths, with her dedicated service to our community. Her passion and leadership have made the Syracuse Hebrew Day School and the area it serves a better place. I thank Dr. Davis for her service and am proud to honor her here today.

FORTNEY H. "FISH" STARK III

HON. FORTNEY PETE STARK

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. STARK. Mr. Speaker, I submit for the RECORD a statement written by my 16-year-old son, Fortney H. "Fish" Stark III.

In 2004, I visited the Democratic National Convention with my dad. I don't remember much, being 8, but I do remember my visit with Dennis Kucinich. He was a little quirky, in a Ron Paul kind of way, but he was earnest, he was friendly, he was sincere, and he believed in what he was doing. Someone took a photo of us that night—I was almost as tall as him, even at 8—and he sent me a copy, signing it:

"Dear Fish: Someday I hope to come to the convention to help nominate YOU! Thank you for your support. Your Friend, Dennis Kucinich."

Congressman Kucinich wasn't a perfect politician. At times he's more concerned with taking a principled stand than trying to negotiate a principled compromise. But even though he was quirky and at times obstinate, he stood out in Congress because he truly believed in what he was doing, because he was passionate and never said die, because he was willing to stand up and say something that he believed needed to be said when no one else would stand up with him, because he believed strongly that our children needed to live in a world free from war, enjoy lives free of hunger, in families free from poverty.

Congressman Kucinich looks like he's going to lose in his primary campaign tonight. Congresswoman Kaptur is a great lady, even if she does have a penchant for needless military spending and has been flimsy on pro-choice issues. She'll do great things for the district, I know it.

But I want to honor Congressman Kucinich by sharing what he taught me—that it's OK, even when you're alone, to stand up for something if you feel it is right. I don't think—few do—that we should run the country exactly as Congressman Kucinich believes we should, but there always needs to be someone to say the things that he is saying—to have the bold ideas, even if they're not always feasible, to have the idealism and hope, even if it's sometimes fleeting.

"Courage is when you know you're licked before you begin, but you begin anyway and you see it through no matter what"—Atticus Finch, *To Kill a Mockingbird*

Congressman Kucinich made this quote come alive for me. He stood up for peace, for health care, for the environment, for reform, even when he knew he wasn't going to win—because he believed in it. And while he never should have (and never did) run the table, he always brought something to our national discussion that contributed. It was a light, an optimism, a compassion, and a humanism.

He was willing to take a political bullet to spread that message. Tonight, that's what happened. Here's to a courageous man who stood up for what he believed in, who stood up for helping others, and who would rather lose an election than lose his principles. A man who taught an 8-year-old that believing in yourself held a far greater reward than selling yourself.

Rock on, Dennis.

RECOGNIZING THE ANNIVERSARY OF MASSACRES AGAINST ARMENIANS IN SUMGAI

HON. JIM COSTA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 8, 2012

Mr. COSTA. Mr. Speaker, once again I rise on behalf of the thousands of Armenian Americans in my congressional district to remember the evening of February 27, 1988, when a murderous campaign began against Christian Armenian civilians living in Sumgait, Azerbaijan. Tragically, police in nearby Baku ignored the atrocities and allowed the rampage to continue for three days.

Azerbaijani rioters murdered, raped and maimed Armenians, throwing women and children from windows and burning victims alive. While some estimate that more than 30 individuals were killed and more than 200 injured,

others estimate that hundreds were murdered. The Soviets banned journalists from entering the area and, for two decades, Azerbaijani authorities relentlessly covered up, ignored and whitewashed these tragic events.

Even worse, many believe the atrocities were officially sanctioned by Azerbaijani authorities to send a clear message to the Armenians, who were peacefully demonstrating against Azerbaijani repression and discrimination in Nagorno Karabakh just days before the massacre.

The anniversary of this horrifying moment in history serves as yet another call to action to build a more peaceful and just world. The United States must stand firmly against repression and human rights abuses.

NATIONAL BREAKFAST WEEK

HON. MARCIA L. FUDGE

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 8, 2012

Ms. FUDGE. Mr. Speaker, this week is National Breakfast Week, and every child should start the day with a healthy breakfast—whether it's served at home or at school.

A healthy breakfast provides the fuel a young body needs to stay alert. Studies have consistently shown that children who eat breakfast do better in school than those that go to school hungry.

Eating breakfast not only can help children improve their academic performance, but statistics show it improves their behavior and results in fewer school absences.

Unfortunately, breakfast is not always on the menu for millions of American children.

According to the U.S. Department of Agriculture, one in five children live in a home where food is not always available. Finding workable solutions to the problem of hunger in America, and feeding America's children is a top priority.

The "Share Your Breakfast" program—a partnership between Kellogg's and Action for Healthy Kids—is working to achieve this goal. The "Share Your Breakfast" campaign seeks to provide one million breakfasts to kids by increasing participation in school breakfast programs across the country.

I encourage my colleagues and all Americans to Celebrate National Breakfast Week by sharing their breakfast with a child in need.

HONORING JOSEPH P. MURPHY

HON. NITA M. LOWEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 8, 2012

Mrs. LOWEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Joseph P. Murphy of Rye, NY. Leaders of local veteran groups, as well as students and graduates of the United States Service Academies and their families, will join me Tuesday, March 13 in honoring Mr. Murphy for his three decades of distinguished volunteer service as chair of New York's 18th Congressional District's Service Academy Review Board.

Each fall, my Service Academy Review Board interviews several dozen young men

and women to determine who merits nominations to our nation's Service Academies. Chair of the SARB for my first 22 years in the House of Representatives, from 1989 until his retirement last year, as well as serving in the same role for my two predecessors, Mr. Murphy selflessly devoted thousands of hours to the comprehensive review process, from meeting with every applicant to advocating with the Academies on their behalf. As a result of his efforts, several hundred topnotch young people from the 18th Congressional District have received outstanding college educations and leadership training that prepared them to admirably serve our country. A retired Naval Officer himself, he has followed the careers of many of these Academy graduates, continuing as their mentor and friend.

Joe Murphy's volunteer efforts extend well beyond the Service Academy Review Board. He is a former school board member of the Rye City School District; Commander of the American Legion Post 128 in Rye; lector and CCD instructor at the Church of the Resurrection in Rye, and vice president of the Westchester Chapter of the National Association of Social Workers.

A Licensed Clinical Social Worker (LCSW) and certified social worker (CSW) of the State of New York, Mr. Murphy has had a distinguished professional career working in secular and United Way agencies, civil rights organizations, child care agencies, court-affiliated programs, a settlement house, health related/skilled nursing facilities and mental health settings throughout New York State. He currently is focusing on developing, administering and implementing eldercare services that combine high standards for consumers and resource development to enhance quality care.

I urge my colleagues to join me in paying tribute to Joseph P. Murphy for his exceptional accomplishments and thanking him for his tremendous contributions to our community and country.

HONORING THE LIFE OF "STEREO" SAM HUPPIN, AN EASTERN WASHINGTON LEGEND

HON. CATHY McMORRIS RODGERS

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 8, 2012

Mrs. McMORRIS RODGERS. Mr. Speaker, it is with a very heavy heart that I rise today to honor the life of a great friend and Eastern Washington legend, Mr. Sam M. Huppin. His eighty-five years on this Earth were marked by infectious vivacity, a uniquely entrepreneurial spirit, and a genuine desire to help those around him. Sam exuded such an extraordinary love of life that his legacy will live forever in the hearts of those who knew him.

As a Spokane native, Sam received his degree in aeronautic engineering from Washington State University and, in the 1950s, he transformed his family's downtown Spokane clothing store into a major electronics retailer. It was with remarkable success that he revolutionized his family-owned business—one radio and camera at a time. In the early 1970s, Sam donated the business's remaining men's clothing to charity and proudly opened "Huppin's Hi-Fi and Photo." With two storefronts in Spo-

kane today, Sam forever transformed the business that his grandfather started in 1908.

While Sam will be remembered for his success as business leader—and his aptly given nickname of "Stereo Sam"—he will be remembered even more for the impact he made on the lives of others. His customers. His family. His friends. He loved to tell stories, ask questions, and make jokes. His son Murray said about his father: "He was really someone from a different era. Every part of the business was relationship oriented."

While Sam's passing is met with tremendous sadness, it is also with great joy that we pay homage to his remarkably full life. To the impact he had. The relationships he created. The community he changed. The people he touched. He has taught us—not only in the great sorrow of his death, but in the beauty of his life—that our years on this Earth should be lived with exuberance and gratitude for all the days we are given. It is for that lesson—and so many others—that he shall never be forgotten.

THE NATIONAL BLACK LEADERSHIP COMMISSION ON AIDS, INC'S EXPRESSION OF SORROW ON THE PASSING OF CONGRESS- MAN DONALD M. PAYNE

HON. DONNA M. CHRISTENSEN

OF THE VIRGIN ISLANDS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 8, 2012

Mrs. CHRISTENSEN. Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the National Black Leadership Commission on AIDS, Inc, I submit a statement on condolence on the passing of my dear colleague, Donald M. Payne.

NATIONAL BLACK LEADERSHIP
COMMISSION ON AIDS, INC.

NBLCA MOURNS THE PASSING OF REP.
DONALD M. PAYNE

In reaction to the death of Rep. Donald M. Payne, Tuesday, March 6, 2012, C. Virginia Fields, President and CEO of the National Black Leadership Commission on AIDS, Inc, issued the following statement of condolence:

The National Black Leadership Commission on AIDS, Inc. (NBLCA) expresses its profound sorrow at the death of Rep. Donald M. Payne. For over two decades, Rep. Payne served his constituents in New Jersey's 10th Congressional District and the nation with courage and distinction. He was a longtime supporter of the NBLCA and dedicated his 12 terms in the U.S. House of Representatives to fighting social injustice and advocating for the health and well-being of all Americans and other fellow citizens of the world. His support in the House was instrumental in the full implementation of the Minority AIDS Initiative and other legislation addressing disease prevention and health promotion. Rep. Payne was especially passionate about ending HIV/AIDS and human rights violations in Africa during his distinguished service on the House Foreign Affairs Committee where he chaired the Subcommittee on Africa.

Mr. Payne will be sorely missed by all who had the pleasure and honor to work along side him in the fight against HIV/AIDS and health disparities based on race and ethnicity. On behalf of the NBLCA's Board of Directors and staff, I convey heartfelt condolences to Rep. Payne's family, constituents,

and colleagues in the 112th Congress of the United States. In Mr. Payne's memory, we rededicate ourselves to enhancing our advocacy to protect the health, human rights, and civil liberties of all Americans. May God grant him peace.

CELEBRATING INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY

HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 8, 2012

Mrs. MALONEY. Mr. Speaker, as a longtime advocate for women both in the United States and around the world, I am pleased to recognize the many achievements of women on International Women's Day which we celebrate today, March 8, 2012. We honor the countless contributions made by women in all areas and observe the tireless work of female leaders throughout the world who have struggled to attain social, economic and political equality for women.

While there is much to be proud of, there is also much work to be done. Throughout the world, women continue to face the same collective barriers and embrace the same hopes—to live in a world free from violence, to be educated, vital members of society and to possess the independence to make decisions that govern their bodies and well-being. This is why I continue to fight for women and have authored legislation to achieve these outcomes: H.R. 418, the International Women's Freedom Act to establish a Commission on International Women's Rights to report yearly on the status of women's rights around the world; H.R. 949, the Obstetric Fistula Prevention, Treatment, Hope and Dignity Restoration Act to aid in the prevention and treatment of obstetric fistula; and, H.R. 2759, the Business Transparency on Trafficking and Slavery Act, which works toward ending human trafficking by increasing transparency in the business supply chains of multi-million dollar global companies.

We know that when women are empowered, nations are fairer and stronger, governments flourish, and society as a whole benefits. Today, I salute the immeasurable successes of women and pledge to work to create a world filled with greater opportunities for women here and abroad, where women are safe, empowered and are heard and respected.

ESSAY BY MAXIMILLIAN McELIGOTT

HON. PETE OLSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. OLSON. Mr. Speaker, I am privileged to interact with some of the brightest students in the 22nd Congressional District who serve on my Congressional Youth Advisory Council. I have gained much by listening to the high school students who are the future of this great Nation. They provide important insight into the concerns of our younger constituents and hopefully get a better sense of the importance of being an active participant in the political process. Many of the students have written short essays on a variety of topics and I