

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.

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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 MCELLIGOTT

**HON. PETE OLSON**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, March 8, 2012*

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