science, and other fields where women and girls have historically faced considerable barriers to access and involvement.

Prior to Title IX, sex discrimination was rampant. Many colleges limited the number of women by requiring higher grades and test scores than men, pregnant students were frequently expelled from high schools, and athletic programs for females were virtually nonexistent.

Today, women comprise over half of undergraduate students, roughly half of students in medical and law schools, and girls’ participation in high school sports has increased tenfold.

To commemorate this landmark legislation, I am introducing a Resolution to Commemorate the 40th Anniversary of Title IX along with Reps. GWIN MOORE, MARCIA FUDGE, ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON, BARBARA LEE, FREDERICA WILSON, BETTY MCCOLLUM, LAURA RICHARDSON, EDOLPHUS TOWNS, RUSS CARNAHAN, LYNN WOOLSEY, JIM McDERMOTT and JIM McGOVERN. The countless girls and women that have benefited from Title IX are a testament to the importance of gender fairness and the obstacles girls and women still face in overcoming the wage gap, sexual harassment and shattering ceilings in lines of work that still favor men.

It’s my great hope that we will use this momentous occasion to affirm the equal treatment of men and women and boys and girls and endeavor to work towards a time when women and girls can achieve true equality in athletics, education, and employment.

HONORING UNITED WAY’S 125TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. ROBERT A. BRADY
OF PENNSYLVANIA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Wednesday, June 20, 2012

Mr. BRADY of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Pennsylvania’s First District Chapter of United Way, in honor of the nonprofit’s Annual Day of Action and 125th anniversary. In 125 years, United Way has become the world’s largest privately supported nonprofit dedicated to combating social welfare issues in cities across the country. The organization now boasts nearly 1,800 community-based United Way chapters in 41 countries, raising more than $5 billion dollars annually. The nonprofit’s efforts have translated into a nationwide campaign to create programs that foster healthy children, families and communities.

United Way and its partners are a leading community impact organization as they increase public awareness of social welfare issues affecting our nation. Dedicated to improving education, income stability and healthy lives, the organization has relentlessly challenged the system to create better opportunities for all. United Way’s ability to make connections between individuals and government agencies, have made it easier to address the pressing needs of local communities.

Thousands of individuals across the country will participate in United Way’s Annual Day of Action to advance the common good by creating strategies to improve education, income and health. More than 125 years later, United Way still honors its original mission that focuses on utilizing the resources of local communities to make a difference in people’s lives.

I ask that you and my other distinguished colleagues join me in honoring the First District Chapter of United Way for their commitment to improving the lives of families and communities of millions of people in Philadelphia and beyond.

RECOGNIZING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE GIRL SCOUTS

HON. ADAM SMITH
OF WASHINGTON
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Wednesday, June 20, 2012

Mr. SMITH of Washington. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the 100th Anniversary of the Girl Scouts of the United States of America and the designation of 2012 as the Year of the Girl.

In 1912, Daisy Low began the Girl Scouts Movement with only 18 girls. Low’s mission was to give girls the opportunity to develop skills in self-reliance and resourcefulness that will help them as professional women and citizens.

Over the years, more than 50 million girls and women have participated in the Girl Scouts, giving them the tools to lead with courage, confidence and character. Some of the most accomplished women in public service, business, science, education and the arts are alumnae of the Girl Scouts.

Today, Girl Scouts of the USA is developing more programs to help girls become more involved in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM), environmental stewardship, healthy living, financial literacy, and global citizenship. Across the country, Girl Scouts dedicate over 70 million hours of service to their communities annually. Girls who achieve their Gold Award, the highest achievement a Girl Scout can earn, take extraordinary steps to solve a problem and make a lasting impact on their community.

Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I honor the great accomplishment of the Girl Scouts of the USA. I know today’s Girl Scouts will be part of the next generation of women leaders in our country.

HONORING DIANE NUNN FOR SERVICE TO CALIFORNIA

HON. KAREN BASS
OF CALIFORNIA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Wednesday, June 20, 2012

Ms. BASS of California. Mr. Speaker, today I honor a remarkable constituent of California, Diane Nunn, for receiving the First Annual Mark Hardin Award for Child Welfare Legal Scholarship and Systems Change. Ms. Nunn is characterized by her leadership, humility, and her deep driving compassion for the lives of families and children in California.

Ms. Nunn was recognized for this award because of her lifetime commitment to improving the lives of families and children in California as a teacher and through her work at the Administrative Office of the Courts.

Ms. Nunn joined the Administrative Office of the Courts in 1986 as an attorney in private practice with an emphasis on family and criminal law, including domestic violence prevention and intervention. Since 2000, Ms. Nunn has been the Division Director of the Center for Families, Children & the Courts, and the Administrative Office of the Courts. During her time in this office, Ms. Nunn also served as a juvenile court referee for the Superior Court of Los Angeles and has published influential written material for her field.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to have such a pioneering and inspirational community leader like Diane Nunn in my home state of California and I congratulate her on the receipt of this award.

RECOGNIZING STAFF SERGEANT MITCHELL CORBIN

HON. PETE OLSON
OF TEXAS
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Wednesday, June 20, 2012

Mr. OLSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Staff Sergeant Mitchell Corbin of the Texas Air National Guard for his immense bravery and heroism. After Houston, Texas resident Marie Decke’s car crashed and flipped on its side on Beltway 8, Corbin saved her life by pulling her out of the vehicle moments before it caught on fire. Corbin put his own safety in jeopardy to help a stranger. He is a true hero.

When Decker’s vehicle crashed, Corbin, who was traveling with a friend, pulled over to help. After multiple attempts to get Decker out of the car, Corbin used a fire extinguisher that a bystander brought to the scene to break the passenger window. He then pulled Decker to safety moments before the vehicle burst into flames.

Corbin joined the Texas Air National Guard in 2005 and is a technician for the 147th Reconnaissance Wing, located at Ellington Field Joint Reserve Base in Houston. Using his military skills, Corbin provided first aid to Decker and made sure she was safe until paramedics arrived. Decker suffered a concussion and a broken heel in the crash, but her life was saved because of Corbin.

Staff Sergeant Mitchell Corbin exhibited true military bravery on behalf of a stranger. His actions are a tremendous source of pride for our community and our nation. On behalf of the 22nd Congressional District of Texas, I thank him for his incredible valor.

OUR UNCONSCIONABLE NATIONAL DEBT

HON. MIKE COFFMAN
OF COLORADO
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Wednesday, June 20, 2012

Mr. COFFMAN of Colorado. Mr. Speaker, on January 20, 2009, the day President Obama took office, the national debt was $10,626,877,048,913.08. Today, it is $15,784,676,619,110.62. We have added $5,157,799,570,197.54 to our debt in just over 3 years. This is debt our nation, our economy, and our children could have avoided with a balanced and budgeting reformation.

On this day in 1782, the Great Seal of the United States was adopted. This seal represents the freedom that we as Americans so