

awards and accolades, including the prestigious Sagamore of the Wabash.

Today, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Dr. Marcia Goldstone for her outstanding service to the City of Indianapolis. Her retirement from the JCRC closes a chapter on an impressive career. She has been an extraordinary friend and adviser both to me and to my grandmother, the late Congresswoman Julia Carson. I wish her the very best and look forward to working with the JCRC of Indianapolis for many years to come.

#### CELEBRATING 100 YEARS OF COOPERATIVE EDUCATION AT THE ROCHESTER INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY

**HON. LOUISE McINTOSH SLAUGHTER**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 19, 2012*

Ms. SLAUGHTER. Mr. Speaker, it is my esteemed honor to celebrate the Rochester Institute of Technology's 100th year of Cooperative Education. I am joined by the Honorable KATHY HOCHUL and the Honorable TOM REED as we congratulate the Rochester Institute of Technology (RIT). RIT is home to our nation's fourth oldest established Cooperative Education Program. Cooperative Education provides students with the opportunity to enrich their traditional higher education experience by alternating periods of full-time study with periods of full-time, for credit, paid employment appropriate to their educational and career goals. It is a true testament to the progressiveness of Rochester region to be home to this longstanding educational program.

Established in 1912, RIT's Cooperative Education has grown to be nationally recognized as one of the nation's top programs by U.S. News and World Report and the Office of Cooperative Education and Career Services. RIT offers one of the largest programs in the world with more than 3,800 students completing nearly 5,800 quarterly work assignments with more than 2,000 employer partners throughout the U.S. and in 40 other countries around the world each year.

In the Cooperative Education program, RIT encourages students to explore their interests through hands-on experience while they are still working towards their degree. By providing students with the opportunity to experience their field of interest outside the classroom, RIT's graduates are better equipped to enter full-time jobs and thrive.

Cooperative Education is a required component in several of RIT's colleges including the Kate Gleason College of Engineering, the Golisano College of Computing and Information Sciences, The Saunders College of Business, and the College of Applied Science and Technology.

Through Cooperative Education programs, our universities ensure that American students are trained in best practices and have in-depth knowledge of the cutting edge technologies of today's global world. RIT's program and others like it are crucial to ensuring that the next generation of American professionals can compete and win in a globalized world.

Through the support of RIT faculty and administration, countless students have expanded their knowledge and skills in the Co-

operative Education program. They've been exposed to unique experiences and unparalleled knowledge that has prepared them for successful careers. For one hundred years, RIT has dedicated itself to providing these unique learning opportunities, and helped to prepare America's next generation for years of success to come.

Today I stand with Representatives HOCHUL and REED to congratulate the Rochester Institute of Technology on its 100th anniversary of enriching countless students through Cooperative Education. I ask my colleagues to join me in celebration of this momentous occasion.

#### HONORING THE FRANCO AMERICAN WAR VETERANS

**HON. MICHAEL H. MICHAUD**

OF MAINE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 19, 2012*

Mr. MICHAUD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Franco American War Veterans (FAWV) on their 80th Anniversary, and Post 31 of Lewiston, Maine on their 25th Anniversary.

In early 1932, veterans of World War I began meeting in Massachusetts to establish a veteran's organization for veterans of French descent. They gathered signatures and were granted a charter by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. In the succeeding years, posts were formed around Massachusetts, and quickly expanded to Rhode Island, Connecticut, New Hampshire, and Maine.

This year, Post 31 of Lewiston, Maine celebrates its 25th Anniversary. Post 31 is an integral part of the Lewiston/Auburn community. Members of the Post have served as national officers in FAWV, and as leaders in the community. Among their many accomplishments, members of Post 31, through their work on the L/A Veterans' Council, helped establish and maintain the Veterans' Park in Lewiston and helped convince the Department of Veterans' Affairs to locate its new community based outpatient clinic in Lewiston. In addition, the Post 31 Color Guard participates in many ceremonies each year, and their presence helps enhance the ceremony.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in congratulating the Franco American War Veterans on their 80th Anniversary and Post 31 of Lewiston, Maine, on their 25th Anniversary.

#### IN RECOGNITION OF ECOWATCH

**HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 19, 2012*

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of EcoWatch, a non-profit organization that focuses exclusively on news from the grassroots environmentalist movement.

Founded in 2006 by Stefanie Penn Spear, EcoWatch is a Cleveland-based non-profit organization dedicated to uniting the voice of the grassroots environmental movement on their website, EcoWatch.org. The EcoWatch website is a dedicated and neutral platform for nearly 1,000 grassroots environmental organizations that helps transform the ability of indi-

viduals to learn about environmental issues and take action. This news service provides timely access to relevant information that motivates individuals to become engaged in their community, adopt sustainable practices and support strong environmental policy.

In addition to the website, EcoWatch's Next Generation program encourages students to be good stewards of the planet by providing free copies of the EcoWatch Journal to teachers of grades 6-12.

On Friday, September 14, 2012, EcoWatch will be celebrating its Fourth Annual Green Gala at Cleveland, Ohio's Rock n' Roll Hall of Fame and Museum. The event will feature the Blue Sky Riders, which is comprised of musicians Kenny Loggins, Georgia Middleman and Gary Burr.

Mr. Speaker and colleagues, please join me in recognizing EcoWatch, a group dedicated to uniting and giving a voice to grassroots environmentalists.

#### RECOGNIZING THE ACHIEVEMENTS OF REVEREND DOCTOR WALLACE S. HARTSFIELD, SR.

**HON. EMANUEL CLEAVER**

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 19, 2012*

Mr. CLEAVER. Mr. Speaker, I proudly rise today in recognition of the achievements of Reverend Doctor Wallace S. Hartsfield, Sr. a minister, dedicated community activist, veteran, civil servant, compassionate role model, and a member of the Fifth District of Missouri, which I am deeply honored to represent. Doctor Hartsfield was born in Atlanta, GA and at an early age the family moved to Jacksonville, FL, where he received his element. and secondary education, graduating from Stanton High School.

After a three-year tour of duty in the United States Armed Services, he entered Clark College in Atlanta, GA and graduated with a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Elementary Education with minors in Religion and Psychology. He was listed in Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities in his Junior and Senior Years. In September 1954 he entered Gammon Theological Seminary from which he graduated with Degrees of Bachelor and Masters of Divinity.

Dr. Hartsfield has held pastorates in Pickens, SC; Brunswick, GA; Bartow, FL; Kansas City, MO; and Wichita, KS. Upon the request of Metropolitan Missionary Baptist Church of Kansas City, MO, Dr. Hartsfield returned to assume the pastorate for the second time in 1972 and served until December of 2007 as Senior Pastor. He retired having served 41 years as Pastor of Metropolitan Missionary Baptist Church. Doctor Hartsfield now holds the title of Pastor Emeritus, and his son, Wallace II, was appointed Senior Pastor.

This week, Dr. Hartsfield is to be inducted into the Missouri Walk of Fame during a reception as part of the Congressional Black Caucus Foundation's Annual Legislative Conference, an event held to honor the achievements of African-Americans who have made significant contributions to Missouri and the nation. Because of his sage understanding of the ills and gifts of the people in the urban core, he is frequently called the "Godfather" of the African-American community.