

their native land during the murderous reign of Khmer Rouge. Cambodia, according to the United Nations Inter-Agency Project on Human Trafficking is one of the leading sources and destinations of trafficking in persons. Many of these victims are the friends and relatives of my constituents. They want very much to see their loved ones protected, and so do I.

I have strongly advocated each year for enhanced funding to combat human trafficking, and I have spoken on the subject to the European Union Inter-Parliamentary Assembly as a part of the House Helsinki Commission. In the 111th Congress, I also introduced House Resolution 929, which recognizes December 2 as "International Day for the Abolition of Slavery." This resolution encourages member states of the United Nations to intensify their efforts to eradicate modern-day slavery, and it urges Americans to help raise awareness of the prevalence of this human rights abuse. I introduced a similar resolution in the 112th Congress supporting the goals and ideals of the International Day for the Abolition of Slavery.

I am proud to report that House Resolution 929 was endorsed by the Frederick Douglass Family Foundation, the Coalition to Abolish Slavery & Trafficking, Safe Horizon, Freedom Network, Humanity United, Coalition to Abolish Modern-Day Slavery in Asia, Boat People SOS, and the Polaris Project blog. These modern day abolitionists are the true heroes, fighting on the frontlines to protect trafficking victims and serving as models of the compassion and leadership we should all strive to display every day.

Mr. Speaker, this month marked the 150th Anniversary of the Emancipation Proclamation. On September 22, 1862, President Abraham Lincoln issued a proclamation that all slaves residing in the states in rebellion against the Union would forever be free. President Lincoln's bold move changed our nation for the better and is a defining moment in American history when we fully committed ourselves to protecting the liberty of every man, woman, and child.

We must remain aware that the struggle continues and even hides within the borders of the United States. Human trafficking remains one of the gravest injustices of our time as it continues to rob millions of people of basic self-determination and dignity. Yet our government is making significant progress. I firmly believe that, through American leadership and global cooperation, we can bring the goal of eradication within reach.

Mr. Speaker, I thank President Obama and Secretary of State Clinton for their steadfast support for anti-human trafficking initiatives, and I reaffirm my own dedication to combating all forms of modern slavery and upholding the American promise of freedom.

HONORING MARTIN BRELAND

HON. STENY H. HOYER

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 28, 2012

Mr. HOYER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Martin Breland on his recent selection to the Board of Directors at the National Association of Federal Credit Unions (NAFCU).

Mr. Breland has been president and CEO of Tower Federal Credit Union in Laurel, Maryland, since 1994. Under his leadership, Tower has experienced significant and healthy asset growth. With over 16 branches spanning four counties, Tower is the largest federal credit union in the state of Maryland and provides a range of financial products to meet the needs of their 124,000 member-owners, a number of whom live in my district. Prior to becoming CEO in 1994, Mr. Breland served in other capacities at Tower including Vice President of Finance and Vice President of Member Services.

With over 30 years of experience in the financial industry and an M.B.A. from The Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore, Mr. Breland is a welcomed addition to the NAFCU board. In his new role he will have the opportunity to play an important role in public policy formation.

I wish Mr. Breland the best of luck in his new role on the NAFCU Board and look forward to working with him in this capacity. I ask that my colleagues join me today in congratulating Mr. Breland on this achievement.

A TRIBUTE TO TREVOR SCHAFER, 2012 SACRED HEART PREPARATORY ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME AWARD RECIPIENT

HON. ANNA G. ESHOO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 28, 2012

Ms. ESHOO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Trevor Schaffer, a 1998 graduate of St. Joseph's School and a 1992 graduate of Sacred Heart Preparatory. The School is proud to offer the Athletic Hall of Fame to honor him for his athletic achievements. The award recognizes contributions of alumni athletes, teams, coaches, and administrators of Sacred Heart Preparatory. Individuals like Trevor Schaffer who are inducted into the Hall of Fame have made significant achievements in his sports of soccer, baseball and basketball and exemplified the principals of sportsmanship and Christianity as illustrated in the Goals and Criteria of Sacred Heart Schools.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Trevor Schaffer, an athlete who lives a life which embodies the goals and criteria of Sacred Heart Schools. He lives the five commitments of faith, respect, social awareness, community building and personal growth, and his contributions to his sport have strengthened our community and our country immeasurably.

HONORING JOAN WHEELER

HON. MICK MULVANEY

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 28, 2012

Mr. MULVANEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and mark the passing of Mrs. Joan Schlaudt Wheeler, one of my constituents and a matriarch of the Cherokee County, South Carolina Republican Party.

Mrs. Wheeler was born in Cleburn, Texas, in 1927 to Edo Schlaudt and Marjorie Nail

Schlaudt. Mrs. Wheeler was a very intelligent woman who valued education as one of the most reliable assets a person can possess. She graduated from Montreal and Converse Colleges, and worked as a teacher in York County, South Carolina. She particularly loved history and government, so her life-long dedication to public service came as no surprise.

For more than 20 years, Mrs. Wheeler was active in community concerns and local politics, fighting for her convictions even if at times they were unpopular. She fought to stop the damming of Broad River, led a group to stop wasteful school spending and halt a public school building program, and worked to stop a landfill in the McKowns Mountain community. Most notably, she was an alternate delegate to the Republican Convention in 2000, and served as the chair of the local Republican Party for seven years. During her chairmanship, the party increased both its membership and visibility, and started a scholarship program for Gaffney and Blacksburg High School seniors. Mrs. Wheeler always had the best interests of her community at heart.

Mrs. Wheeler was often recognized for her public service. She received the Woman of the Year award for the South Carolina Federation of Republican Women. She was the first recipient of the Palmetto Elephant award for the S.C.G.O.P. In 2010, Governor Mark Sanford presented Mrs. Wheeler with The Order of the Palmetto, the highest civilian honor in my State, recognizing a person's lifetime achievements and contributions to South Carolina.

Mrs. Wheeler was also a woman dedicated to her family. She is survived by her husband of 63 years, George Wheeler, and four children—David, Tom, Mary Lois and Jan.

We will remember Mrs. Wheeler not only for her convictions and her work to improve the lives of others, but more importantly, as a dear friend. My thoughts and prayers are with Joan's family and for all those who knew her and share in her loss.

LAMAR COMMUNITY COLLEGE 75TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. CORY GARDNER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 28, 2012

Mr. GARDNER. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to honor the 75th anniversary of Lamar Community College.

Located in Prowers County, Colorado, Lamar Community College has grown to over 1,000 students, and fosters an environment that supports students and the surrounding community. The value of having an institution of higher education committed to enriching the lives of its students has proven to be invaluable for Southeastern Colorado.

Through a variety of partnerships, the college is able to offer students the opportunity to obtain admission and degrees from four-year universities. Properly representing the Eastern Plains of Colorado, Lamar Community College has become known for its successful agriculture and equestrian programs.

The college hosts five National Junior College Athletic Association sports as well as a National Intercollegiate Rodeo Association team, and these programs have risen to prominence in the region. Lamar Community College's core values of Respect, Integrity, Open