

odds and overcame prejudice and discrimination, and intolerance and worked to make everyone including America be a more welcoming place succeeding generations of LGBT community members.

#### RECOGNIZING MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS WEEK

#### HON. RAÚL M. GRIJALVA

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 2, 2012*

Mr. GRIJALVA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mental Illness Awareness Week. Every year the American Psychiatric Association, the National Alliance on Mental Illness and the National Mental Health Association designate one week in October to put the spotlight on mental illness and the associated policy issues. This year we recognize this important time on October 7th through 13th.

Mental illness doesn't discriminate. One in five Americans bear mental illness, ranging from mild depression to severe disorders such as schizophrenia and bipolar disorder. One in five children endures a diagnosable disorder and one in ten children suffers from a serious disorder which, if unaddressed, can lead to poor school performance, social anxiety and seclusion and even violence against themselves and other people. Unfortunately, less than one-third of adults and less than half of children receive treatment for diagnosed serious disorders, leading to an average lifespan 25 years less than the general population.

Organizations like the American Psychiatric Association, the National Alliance on Mental Illness and the National Mental Health Association and their field partners work with municipal and state governments to make sure those who need care have access to it. In my district and around the country, local governments such as the Pima County Board of Supervisors are working diligently to ensure high-quality, cost-efficient community mental healthcare is available.

However, there is still much work to be done. When there is a lack of mental healthcare in a community, we see more lost jobs, more people out on the streets and more broken families. Often these communities see more emergency room visits, larger prison populations and higher social services costs all around. We must stay diligent in addressing mental illness and always stay focused on the individual.

Again, I want to recognize these organizations for their important work, and I urge those who need help to ask for it.

#### RECOGNIZING SISTERS FRANCIS GERARD KRESS, EDWARD JOSEPH MURPHY AND ALICE FRANCIS YOUNG ON THE OCCASION OF THEIR 80TH JUBILEE

#### HON. STEVE ISRAEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 2, 2012*

Mr. ISRAEL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize three remarkable nuns who have dedicated their lives to helping the poor and

sick, and educating the youth of Long Island. These nuns, and the organization they are part of, represent the absolute best of all of us.

Sister Francis Gerard Kress, Sister Edward Joseph Murphy and Sister Alice Francis Young, all nuns with the Sisters of St. Joseph of Brentwood, have served the communities in my district for the past 80 years.

The Sisters of St. Joseph of Brentwood's history in America began in Carondelet, Missouri in 1936, where the Bishop called on the Sisters to establish a school for the deaf. The Congregation soon spread from Missouri, and in 1856 the Sisters were called by the Bishop of Brooklyn to come tend to the needs of the city. Mother Austin Kean, along with Sister Baptista Hanson and Sister Theodosia Hegeman, came and established what is now the Sisters of St. Joseph of Brentwood, New York. Since the establishment of the Sisters of St. Joseph of Brentwood order, over 2,500 Sisters have served, with 588 of those Sisters currently serving or in retirement around the United States.

All three Sisters are 80th year Jubilarians this year, and in that time have done tremendous things for our communities. Sister Edward Joseph Murphy has devoted her life to educating children, instilling in them a lifelong love of learning, as well as community service. As a part of the Order's English as a Second Language program, Sister Murphy helped some of the newest arrivals to our nation.

Sister Francis Gerard Kress has been an active proponent of the environment and health care for her 80 years in the Order, even coming here to Washington D.C. to testify before the United States House of Representatives about the environmental dangers surrounding Newton Creek in Williamsburg, Brooklyn, New York. Her work to protect our world's natural resources has helped to shed light on the importance of the Clean Water Act and other environmental protection legislation to all Americans.

Sister Alice Francis Young has dedicated her life to early childhood education, something we know is so important to the development of our young children. She helped start the first Head Start program in New York, worked as a professor of Child Study at St. Joseph's College of Brooklyn for over 40 years, and a Master Teacher there for 20 years. Sister Alice's work has impacted and bettered, both directly and indirectly, the lives of thousands of students in New York and around the country.

Mr. Speaker, I could go on and on about the accomplishments of these three amazing nuns. They have worked to protect our environment both locally and nationally, provide key support to the newest members of our communities, and educate our children. Their work has been tireless, and I sincerely appreciate it.

Mr. Speaker, these nuns have devoted their lives to bettering not just the communities in my district, but those around the nation. I would like the United States House of Representatives to recognize and honor Sisters Francis Gerard Kress, Edward Joseph Murphy and Alice Francis Young for their work, and to help me in congratulating them on their 80 year jubilees.

HONORING MS. NANCY HINDS, FOUNDER OF HINDS HOSPICE CARE

#### HON. JIM COSTA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 2, 2012*

Mr. COSTA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Ms. Nancy Hinds for her many years of service to our local community, our State and our Nation. As a young woman, Nancy resolved to become a nurse and spend her life caring for people. In 1981, Nancy brought her dream to fruition when she established Hinds Hospice, an organization often recognized as the premier provider of comprehensive end-of-life services in California's San Joaquin Valley. Her superior moral character and deep level of compassion truly make her a shining example of the best of what our Nation has to offer.

Nancy Hinds studied nursing at St. John's College in Cleveland, Ohio, where she developed an interest in missionary work. After working for a year in the intensive care unit at Cleveland Clinic Hospital, Nancy saved enough money to go on her first mission to the West Indies. Nancy's time as a missionary nurse in the West Indies solidified her desire to do missionary work in other parts of the world.

Following her year in West Indies, Nancy signed up with the Catholic Medical Mission Board. She was assigned to Nigeria, West Africa, providing aid to malnourished and neglected children. In 1969, Nancy met her future husband, Godfrey Hinds, a missionary doctor who had been in Africa for 20 years. They shared a deep love and affection for each other and held a high regard for a life of service. After Nancy finished her tour in Nigeria, she reunited with Godfrey in Ireland and the two were married. Nancy and Godfrey spent the following years of their lives doing missionary work while starting a family at the same time. They had three sons: Sean, Conor, and Patrick.

The strength and courage that Nancy possesses has helped her during the extremely difficult struggles in her life. Godfrey passed away from an untreatable cancer in March 1977, and months later her mother lost her battle with breast cancer. As a widow with three small children, Nancy pushed through and thrived without two of the most important people in her life.

After three years of living on her own in Ireland, she moved to Fresno, California near her father and brother. Nancy worked as an oncology nurse at St. Agnes Medical Center, and then decided it would be best to work from home so she could be with her boys. Nancy opened her first hospice home on Simpson Avenue in Fresno in 1981. The Simpson home provided care for over 72 patients and their families during the next four years. Unfortunately, in 1985 the home was forced to close by the Department of Health due to lack of a license to operate. No license of that kind was in existence in California.

For the next two years, Nancy fought for the right legislation to be created and finally obtained a license to provide quality, in-home, end-of-life hospice care. In 1987, she opened the second Hinds Hospice home. Clearly, Nancy's tenacity and perseverance made her

goal come about. Her persistent positive attitude coupled with her zest for life has been a blessing to our entire community.

Hinds Hospice has expanded to include outpatient care in Fresno, Madera, and Merced Counties. A Pediatric Hospice Program has been created to help families with terminally ill children. Other programs include an Angel Babies Program, Center for Grief and Loss, Multicultural Outreach, Physician Education, Prison Hospice, and Thrift Stores. For over 30 years, Hinds Hospice has touched thousands of lives by providing support, compassion, hope, and comfort during some of the most painful times for a family.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Ms. Nancy Hinds for her leadership, vision, and service. We thank Nancy today for her outstanding contributions to the San Joaquin Valley, and to the entire world.

#### RECOGNITION OF JEROME AND KATHY HAMLIN

#### HON. FRANK PALLONE, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 2, 2012*

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Jerome and Kathy Hamlin on the occasion of their 50th wedding anniversary. Jerome and Kathy Hamlin are proud parents of two, Tyrone, age 49 and Ray, age 48, and grandparents of four, John, age 24, DJ, age 19, RL, age 15, and Asia, age 10.

Jerome and Kathy Hamlin were married on September 22nd, 1962 at Trinity AME Church in Long Branch, New Jersey. Jerome Hamlin was a graduate of Wilson High School in Florence, South Carolina before moving to Long Branch in 1960. He then went on to receive degrees from Brookdale Community College and Shaw University. Kathy Hamlin is a lifelong resident of Long Branch, and graduated from Long Branch High School in 1962. Mrs. Hamlin worked as an associate for A&S Clinique Cosmetics. Mr. Hamlin was a detective and sergeant in the Long Branch Police Department for twenty-five years, as well as a special projects coordinator for the Monmouth County Prosecutor's Office. Currently, Kathy Hamlin is actively involved in interior design, while Jerome Hamlin spends his time practicing photography. Despite raising two children and working full time jobs, Kathy and Jerome Hamlin, along with other members of the Hamlin family, have been actively involved in the local community in Long Branch for a number of years.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in leading this body in congratulating Jerome and Kathy Hamlin on their 50th wedding anniversary. I would like to take this opportunity to wish Kathy and Jerome continued health, happiness, and success.

#### RECOGNIZING 3RD ANNIVERSARY OF MATTHEW SHEPARD AND JAMES BYRD, JR. HATE CRIMES PREVENTION ACT

#### HON. LAURA RICHARDSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 2, 2012*

Ms. RICHARDSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 3rd anniversary of the passing of the Matthew Shepard and James Byrd, Jr. Hate Crimes Prevention Act. On October 28, 2009, President Barack Obama signed into law the Matthew Shepard and James Byrd, Jr. Hate Crimes Prevention Act, which I cosponsored and voted for when it was passed by a Democratic led Congress on October 8, 2009 as part of the 2010 Defense Authorization Act.

The Matthew Shepard and James Byrd, Jr. Hate Crimes Prevention Act greatly expands the 1969 United States Federal Hate-Crime Law to include crimes motivated by the victim's perceived or actual sexual orientation, gender, gender identity, or disability. The bill expands prosecution beyond instances of federally protected activities, enables the federal government greater freedom in prosecuting cases that local authorities do not pursue, and is the first federal law to extend protection to transgender persons.

The Matthew Shepard and James Byrd, Jr. Hate Crimes Prevention Act is named for Matthew Shepard, a 19-year-old gay man from Wyoming who was beaten and left for dead, and James Byrd, Jr., a 49-year-old African American man from Texas who was beaten and dragged behind a truck until he was dead.

This legislation which was first introduced in Congress a decade ago marks a proud step forward for our nation in strengthening the dignity and personal rights of all Americans. It is a matter of simple justice, one that says violence against people based on individual variations like race, gender, sexual orientation, military status and religion will not be tolerated.

Mr. Speaker, I represent an exceptionally diverse district. The Hate Crimes Prevention Act is especially important to me in that it has, and will continue to, improve the safety of so many of the people I represent. From our LGBT community to our historic African American and Hispanic neighborhoods, this law improves the protection of all of us against senseless violence based on bias and hate.

#### CONGRATULATING JOHN VOLPI FOR BEING NAMED TOP CTO OF THE YEAR

#### HON. SAM JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 2, 2012*

Mr. SAM JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I stand today to recognize and congratulate Chief Technology Officer (CTO) of Lone Star, John Volpi, for being named Corporate CTO of the Year at this year's Tech Titans awards ceremony. John received this distinguished award in recognition for his outstanding contributions in the technology development industry.

On Friday, August 24, 2012, the Metroplex Technology Business Council (MTBC), the largest technology trade association in Texas, hosted its 12th annual Tech Titans gala. This black-tie affair was launched in 2001 in order to recognize the accomplishments of outstanding tech companies and individuals throughout Texas. Each year leaders from more than 4,000 tech companies meet to celebrate the cutting edge achievements of the more than 10,000 corporations that are headquartered in North Texas, making the North Texas region the largest concentration of corporate headquarters in the U.S.

A co-founder of Lone Star, John Volpi is responsible for managing the company's technical innovation resources. John has played a significant role in shaping Lone Star as a leader in next generation technology development within the defense and telecommunications industries, and has helped the company gain international recognition for its decision analysis and business modeling services.

Throughout his career, John has spent over 40 years leading or providing critical support in the development of groundbreaking technologies. "This acknowledges a lifetime of excellence," said Lone Star CEO, Steve Roerman. "Our firm is recognized in business and technology decision support because of John's innovations in TruNavigator, the only 4th generation decision analysis toolset."

Mr. Speaker, I would ask that my colleagues join me in congratulating John Volpi, Chief Technology Officer of Lone Star, for his lifetime achievements. I wish him continued success as he continues to pioneer technology development around the country.

#### RECOGNIZING ARPANA SATYU

#### HON. ROB WOODALL

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 2, 2012*

Mr. WOODALL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize one of my constituents, Ms. Arpana Satyu. She is the owner of Dutch Monkey Doughnuts, a small business in Cumming, Georgia, that specializes in making fresh, hand-rolled gourmet doughnuts.

Dutch Monkey Doughnuts was recently named by American Express as one of the top five small businesses, among a group of nearly 12,000 businesses, in the country. This is a tremendous honor, and one that is well-deserved.

There is no doubt that times are tough economically everywhere we look, and yet Dutch Monkey Doughnuts stands as a ray of hope and achievement. When she set out to create Dutch Monkey Doughnuts, Ms. Satyu not only wanted to make the best doughnuts in the country, she wanted to create a business that would bring people together. She wanted to make a difference in her community, and she succeeded in doing that. I am proud to share her story with the nation.

I am especially impressed with Ms. Satyu's response to being named as a winner of the American Express small business competition. When American Express awarded Dutch Monkey Doughnuts a cash prize for its fifth place finish, Ms. Satyu expressed that she is very grateful for receiving the monetary award, but