

our nation. He will be deeply missed by his family, his community and his nation.

Our thoughts and prayers are with his family and friends that knew and loved him.

I am honored to rise today to draw the attention of the U.S. House of Representatives upon Colonel Charles Greene so that a grateful nation can honor him for his service to our nation. We are proud of his commitment to the cause of liberty, freedom and public service.

HONORING JUDGES THOMAS AND LINDA TEODOSIO FOR RECEIVING THE 2012 BISHOP COSGROVE JUSTICE AWARD

HON. BETTY SUTTON

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, December 7, 2012

Ms. SUTTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate two outstanding public servants who have dedicated their lives to serving others and working for social justice in our community. Judges Thomas and Linda Teodosio will receive the 2012 Bishop Cosgrove Justice Award, which will be presented by the Catholic Commission of Summit County. This award is bestowed upon exemplary individuals and organizations that demonstrate a strong commitment to social justice in accordance with biblical values.

I have known the Teodosio family for many years and I am honored to call them my friends. Over the years, they have so generously given of their time, talent, and resources to numerous organizations in our community. What strikes me the most in this moment is how the Teodosios have chosen to use tragedy to make a positive impact. I will never forget where I was the day I learned of that terrible accident that took Andrea's life back in February 2011. Andrea Rose Teodosio was a beautiful woman whose kindness enveloped you like a warm ray of light. Her smile always beamed brightly.

Andrea lived her life with compassion and selflessness. She always looked for opportunities to help others, and would do so in a manner that preserved their dignity. Her mother, Linda, recounted a story of how Andrea at age 16 asked if she could give their pizza to a homeless man. Andrea tapped the man on the shoulder and said, "My mom and I have all these packages and can't carry this pizza. Do you mind taking it?"

Andrea helped others, but never elevated herself in the process. She treated people with dignity.

Today, Andrea's memory and legacy lives on through the Andrea Rose Teodosio Foundation, which was established by Judges Thomas and Linda Teodosio and is administered by their son Christopher. Now, the Andrea Rose Foundation has already made a significant impact on the lives of so many. This organization works to demonstrate the values that Andrea held so dear—assisting the underprivileged and the elderly, actively addressing environmental issues, and promoting community service and education.

The Teodosio Family's service to our community is truly commendable and their exam-

ple will continue to inspire others to give of their time, talent, and resources to those who are in need. Judges Tom and Linda Teodosio deserve our recognition and appreciation for their diligent work to bring the Andrea Rose Teodosio Foundation to fruition. I congratulate them both for receiving the 2012 Bishop Cosgrove Justice Award and thank them for all that they do to make our community stronger.

HONORING THE 80TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE SAINT PAUL PORT AUTHORITY

HON. BETTY McCOLLUM

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, December 7, 2012

Ms. McCOLLUM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the 80th anniversary of the Saint Paul Port Authority. For decades, the Port Authority has successfully managed the Port of Saint Paul, Minnesota, at the head of navigation on America's greatest river. Additionally, this regional industrial redevelopment organization has redeveloped major tracts of polluted industrial land in Saint Paul, Minnesota, resulting in more than \$150 million of private investment, new job creation and tax revenue for the metropolitan area.

The Saint Paul Port Authority was created by the Minnesota Legislature in the early 1930s as a direct result of Congress' decision to dredge a nine-foot channel in the Mississippi River from Saint Paul to New Orleans. As the manager of the Saint Paul Harbor, the Port Authority continues to foster a thriving commodities transportation network that has created thousands of jobs, increased the city's population, and has made St. Paul a major hub for agricultural and commodity shipping.

Over time, the Saint Paul Port Authority's role was expanded to include revitalization. Today, the Saint Paul Port Authority specializes in restoring polluted and vacant properties, remediating Brownfields, and financing small and large business ventures. Through their knowledge, expertise, and ability to partner with key players, the Port Authority has become a major economic development force in our city, creating 22 business centers, and generating more than \$33 million a year in real estate and property tax revenue.

As noted in the June 26, 2012, New York Times article titled, "Reconciling History and Hope at 3M's Old Home," the Saint Paul Port Authority's most recent development of the 61-acre abandoned 3M manufacturing site is a redevelopment success story and a testimony to their expertise. Because of the Port Authority's work, the old 3M home has been reborn into a private commercial development, committed to employing local residents with good-paying jobs and an eye towards preserving the local history that complements the city's unique and diverse East side neighborhoods.

Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to submit this statement for the RECORD commemorating the Saint Paul Port Authority's 80th anniversary, and commending its vital role in promoting economic development and fostering growth in

the Saint Paul areas for the past eight decades.

CONGRATULATING THE KING OF THAILAND ON HIS 85TH BIRTHDAY

HON. HOWARD COBLE

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, December 7, 2012

Mr. COBLE. Mr. Speaker, on December 5, 2012, His Majesty King Bhumibol Adulyadej of Thailand celebrated his 85th birthday. I would like to take this opportunity to express my well wishes to him and join the people of Thailand in commemorating this important occasion.

King Bhumibol acceded to the throne in Thailand on June 9, 1946. During his reign, Thailand has transformed into a prosperous, modern state, with a strong and growing economy. Thailand today boasts a robust agricultural sector, modernized manufacturing and services industries, and is increasingly becoming an influential participant in the global marketplace. King Bhumibol has played an instrumental leadership role in moving Thailand in this modernizing direction.

King Bhumibol has used his position to advocate for causes such as sustainable, human-centered development. Since the early 1950s, he has helped Thailand modernize by working hard to address critical development issues facing people, particularly those living in remote, rural areas. He travelled to virtually all corners of the country to meet and learn about people's problems and work with them on solutions. In addition to key projects in areas, such as public health, education, environmental preservation, and reforestation, King Bhumibol has specifically been focused on improving agricultural development, applying scientific knowledge to initiate development projects that have helped improve Thailand's agricultural output, and increase the food security and welfare of the Thai people, thereby contributing to the strength of the country's agricultural exports.

His hard work on behalf of the Thai people has not only earned him their love and respect, but the respect of leaders throughout the region and the world.

The end of this year brings much to celebrate. As we celebrate the King's birthday, we look forward to next year's marking the 180th anniversary of the U.S.-Thailand Treaty Alliance. Thailand was the United States first friend in the region and has remained a loyal ally for almost 200 years. President Obama recognized the importance of this partnership in his visit to Thailand in November. After his audience with King Bhumibol, he stated that the King is "a leader of wisdom and dignity who embodies the identity and unity of this nation."

On behalf of the citizens of the Sixth District of North Carolina, we are pleased to congratulate our great friend His Majesty King Bhumibol of Thailand, and on behalf of the people of the United States of America wish him the happiest of 85th birthdays.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. TIMOTHY V. JOHNSON

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, December 7, 2012

Mr. JOHNSON of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, on Wednesday, December 5, 2012 I had a previous engagement that necessitated my involvement. I was speaking to students from Lakeland College during one of their American Government Classes. The Professor's name is Shane Roger and his class was American National Government. I missed procedural votes on the following votes—S. Con. Res. 50, which is a concurrent resolution expressing the sense of Congress regarding actions to preserve and advance the multi-stakeholder governance model under which the Internet has thrived; H.R. 6602, which would make revisions in title 36, United States Code, as necessary to keep the title current and make technical corrections and improvements; and finally on S. 2367 the 21st Century Language Act of 2012, which removes references to the word “lunatic” from rules of construction of the U.S. Code and banking law provisions concerning: (1) trust powers of banks, and (2) bank consolidations and mergers.

Had I been present, I would have voted “aye” on the above stated bills.

A WORK OF ART IN MEMORY OF
ART MODELL AND HIS GIFTS TO
OUR WORLD

HON. C.A. DUTCH RUPPERSBERGER

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, December 7, 2012

Mr. RUPPERSBERGER. Mr. Speaker, I submit the following.

A WORK OF ART
(By Albert Carey Caswell)

A . . .
A Work of Art this day . . .
A man of faith,
whose fine heart portrayed . . .
Who on this day,
up in Heaven has so found his place . . .
Who in those early days . . .
So helped to set the stage!
For a new league to become all of the
rage . . .
The NFL, as history now so tells!
What so in this man's heart so dwelled . . .
A pioneer so very clear
who a league held up so very dear!
As an innovator,
such a creator who'd so cast his spell . . .
But, In The Game of Life his greatest touch.
Was that he was a man who gave so much!
For Thou Art was of such!
And though most of his life's work . . .
Was so given to and in Ohio first!
To Cleveland and The Cleveland Browns,
as he so gave so many gifts to this blue col-
lar town . . .
Until his heart would burst!
But the hardest break up's of all,
are first love's as we saw!
As there was another blue collar town!
Who so needed Art, so now!
As it was one of those other teams,
that which so made all of The NFL's dreams!
Where Johnny It's U,
brought the NFL into the modern age!
For there has never been any greater NFL
fan's,

than Baltimore's on any given Sunday who
would rock those stands!
As they so invented the word SELL
OUT! . . . understand!
And the way they were cheated was a shame!
When, in came riding on a white horse to
stake his claim . . .
Was a man of such a great heart . . . as
Modell was his name!
And Baltimore may have lost their name,
but in the end regained a team . . .
As Art said, quote The Raven . . .
about losing your team . . . it won't happen
“Never More!”
As a city which once “pondered so weak and
wearily”,
“once upon a midnight of Sundays dreary”
over their lost loves for sure!
As all around this State,
suddenly upon each face a smile appeared!
And you know that in the end,
I'm sure for Cleveland he shed a tear!
But, if you really wished to see all in what
Art so believed!
Look to his charities!
For his greatest of all life's work,
was that one that which he would not so
shirk!
Was to give to you and me!
For this man's heart,
In God and Country Tis of Thee so believed!
Living by,
Making The World a better place when you
leave!
As was his selfless motto for all to see!
Now, up in Heaven Art and Vince on angels
wings are watching the games on flat
screen!
So as we now so look back at all of the
facts . . .
Yes Art,
a better world you so left indeed!
As Art,
your life was but a Work of Art for all to see!

EXPRESSION OF CONDOLENCES TO
THE FILIPINO PEOPLE

HON. EDWARD R. ROYCE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, December 7, 2012

Mr. ROYCE. Mr. Speaker, on December 5, 2012, Typhoon Pablo (international name Bopha) swept across the southern Philippines, devastating Mindanao and parts of the Visayas. 450 Filipinos are dead and more than 750 injured or missing. Over 10,000 homes were destroyed and over 300,000 people have been displaced and are seeking shelter at evacuation centers.

I would like to express my deepest condolences to the harmed individuals and families in the Philippines. Given the close relationship the United States has with the Philippines, it is essential that we assist the Filipino people as best as we can in their time of desperate need.

I commend the ongoing rescue and relief efforts. The search for the missing becomes more critical as time progresses and focusing on rebuilding will be the next vital step in helping the Filipino people restore their communities.

Again, I express my sincerest condolences to the Filipino people. As the holiday season approaches, we extend our support as the nation heals from this devastation.

PALM BAY CHRISTMAS
EXTRAVAGANZA

HON. BILL POSEY

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, December 7, 2012

Mr. POSEY. Mr. Speaker, on December 15, 2012, Palm Bay families, businesses and local community organizations will gather together to celebrate the Fourth Annual Christmas Extravaganza. This wonderful event, which will take place at the Max K. Rodes Park in West Melbourne, will provide an uplifting message of hope during this Christmas season as so many families are still facing difficult challenges.

“The House” of Palm Bay (House of Prayer International), Brevard County Parks & Recreation and their partners have recognized the importance of providing a positive venue for residents and children to celebrate Christmas.

What makes the Christmas Extravaganza so special is that there is no cost to attend—everything is free to the public. From cotton candy and hot dogs, to live music and fun activities for kids, the sponsors of this annual event have committed to serving others during this Christmas season and giving back to their community in order to make a difference in someone's life.

This year, over forty local businesses and organizations have made donations of food, gift certificates, equipment, cash and goodie bags. Toys for Tots donated hundreds of books for local children while police and firemen have volunteered their time. Even “Chagy the Clown”, a former Ringling Brothers & Barnum and Bailey Circus clown, will be in attendance.

Pastor Ken Delgado of The House of Palm Bay said, “At this time, especially at this season, when economic difficulty has been rampant, there's only a small window of opportunity to bring out the smiles in children's faces. To see the business community come together and create a venue where families can find hope and joy—it's really an example of the kind of peace and love as expressed to us through the life of Jesus Christ 2000 years ago.”

I commend all those who have given so much to make the Annual Christmas Extravaganza possible, and applaud all the communities across our great nation who have seized upon this opportunity to spread the Christmas spirit through good deeds and charitable acts.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. TIMOTHY V. JOHNSON

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, December 7, 2012

Mr. JOHNSON of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, on Tuesday, December 4, 2012 I had a meeting with my constituents from Shelby, Douglas and Cole counties in Illinois and I missed procedural votes on approving the Journal and motion to adjourn. I also missed one Suspension vote on H.R. 6582, which would allow for innovations and alternative technologies that meet or exceed desired energy efficiency goals, and to make technical corrections to existing Federal energy efficiency laws to allow