

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

HONORING AND CELEBRATING THE ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF SIG SANCHEZ

HON. ZOE LOFGREN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 4, 2013

Ms. LOFGREN. Mr. Speaker, I rise to acknowledge and honor Sig Sanchez.

Sig was born to Spanish immigrant parents, as the second of eleven children. His mother worked in a cigarette factory in San Francisco and his father was an agricultural laborer. In 1942, Sig moved to Gilroy because of his involvement in agriculture. For 20 years, Sig owned a melon-packing operation with two of his brothers and a 600-acre farm to the south of Los Banos.

Sig entered public service over 55 years ago when one of his tractors broke down. He went to repair his tractor and the owner of the shop was on the Gilroy City Council. The councilmember proceeded to encourage Sig to join him on the council. Sig served for five years as a councilman and another five years as the mayor. He then served 16 years on the Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors. As a county supervisor, Sig advocated for the merger of the Santa Clara County Flood Control and Water District with the Santa Clara Valley Water Conservation District to better address floor management and water importation. In all his years of public service, he tried to never leave his office without returning every phone call.

In 1980, Sig was appointed as an at-large director to the water district board. He was a key player in the 1987 merger of the Gavilan Water District in South County with the Santa Clara Valley Water District, which allowed for full integration of all the county's reservoirs and groundwater facilities. Sig was a charter board member in the 1992 development of the San Luis and Delta-Mendota Water Authority, a joint organization of 32 water and irrigation agencies that contract with the US Bureau of Reclamation for water from the Central Valley Project. He was also instrumental in water importation into Santa Clara County with the county Board of Supervisors, South Bay Aqueduct, water district board, and the San Felipe project. As the longest serving member of the water district's board of directors, Sig guided the agency on pressing water quality problems, steered the valley through both floods in the 1980s, and helped it survive the 1987–1992 drought.

Sig has served as a board member of HOPE Rehabilitation, Wheeler Hospital Foundation, and the Gilroy Elks Club. As a passionate advocate for water and flood control issues, he has been an active member of national, state, and local water resource organizations, including the Agricultural Water Advisory Committee, Central valley Project Authority, Pajaro River Watershed Flood Prevention Authority, San Luis & Delta Mendota Water Authority Board and Finance Committee,

Uvas/Llagas Flood Control and Watershed Advisory Committee, Santa Clara Valley Water Commission, Santa Clara Valley Water District Board Ad Hoc Audit Committee, and the South County Regional Wastewater Authority.

In recognition of his service and contributions, Sig was inducted into the Gilroy Hall of Fame in 1991. A building in San Martin is named after Sig. He also has a 10-mile portion of state Highway Route 101, the Sig Sanchez Freeway, named in honor of his 12-year effort to lobby various government agencies to build the highway.

Sig is being honored as the Gilroy Chamber of Commerce's 2013 Man of the Year on February 9. I join in honoring his decades of contribution and service to the betterment of our society. The community is very fortunate to have benefited from his dedication, commitment, and advocacy. He has left his mark in the community and I know he will continue to play a positive role in the years to come.

GREAT LAKES EXPLORATION GROUP

HON. DAN BENISHEK

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 4, 2013

Mr. BENISHEK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Great Lakes Exploration Group on the occasion of the work they do to discover and preserve the maritime history of the State of Michigan and the Great Lakes. The group has not only worked to identify and save historic artifacts, but do so in a way that preserves the cultural heritage of the Great Lakes.

In particular, I wish to commend the Great Lakes Exploration Group on discovering the possible location of *Le Griffon*, a ship that went missing in 1697. If *Le Griffon* is found, not only will a centuries-long mystery be solved, but, more importantly, the Great Lakes Group will add to the historical treasure trove of our Nation's earliest days of settlement.

Through community-based, non-invasive underwater archaeology and research that leaves the bottomlands intact, the Great Lakes Exploration Group was formed to be a worldwide leader in identifying, protecting, and preserving rare pieces of North American history found in Michigan's waters.

I wish the Great Lakes Exploration Group all the best in locating and preserving the wreck of *Le Griffon* and learning what secrets it may hold.

IN CELEBRATION OF THE 20TH ANNIVERSARY OF BAKER AND O'BRIEN, INC.

HON. PETE SESSIONS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 4, 2013

Mr. SESSIONS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Baker and O'Brien, Inc. as they celebrate twenty years of outstanding business.

Founded in 1993, Baker and O'Brien, Inc. started with merely six employees. With their commitment and vision, the company has since flourished to three offices and forty dedicated staffers that have served over 700 different clients. They uphold themselves to the highest standards of professionalism and integrity, which is reflected in the quality of their services and outstanding reputation. I commend Baker and O'Brien, Inc. for holding steadfast to their guiding principles of service, commitment, integrity, and confidentiality in their approach to business. Their success story exemplifies the American Dream; that in this land of great opportunity, hard work and dedication can turn a dream into reality.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my esteemed colleagues to join me in expressing our heartiest congratulations to Baker and O'Brien, Inc. as they celebrate twenty years of success.

HONORING THE LIFE AND SERVICE OF FORMER MAYOR VICENTE IGNACIO AGUON

HON. MADELEINE Z. BORDALLO

OF GUAM

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 4, 2013

Ms. BORDALLO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and service of Vicente Ignacio Aguon, the former Mayor of the village of Chalan Pago-Ordot, Guam. Vicente was born on July 6, 1939, to the late Jose Manglona Aguon and Emperatriz Cruz Ignacio Aguon. He married Pacita Baza Aguon and had seven children. Vicente passed away on January 21, 2013, at the age of 73.

Vicente attended Chalan Pago Elementary and graduated from George Washington Senior High School. He then went on to graduate from the National Technical School in Inglewood, California and the Harcourt Learning Direct in Hotel Management. Additionally Vicente studied Electrical Engineering at Guam Community College and he completed seminars from Chicago Technical College in Building Construction.

Vicente was a dedicated public servant. From 1965–1985 he worked for the Guam Department of Public Works as an Electrical and Refrigeration Technician, Construction Inspector, Construction Inspector supervisor, construction Project Manager, and Acting Engineer. In 1986, he moved to the Guam Legislature and was a Legislative Consultant for the

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18th and 19th Guam Legislature under the Rules Committee. He also served as the manager of the Tumon Village Complex from 1991–1995.

In 2000, Vicente was elected Mayor of Chalan Pago-Ordot. He paid particular attention to the wellbeing of the people of Chalan Pago-Ordot by voicing their concerns. When Vicente was not serving the people of Chalan Pago-Ordot he volunteered his free time as a Parish Council Member of Our Lady of Peace and Safe Journey Catholic Church. He also volunteered as Assistant State Commissioner for Guam Babe Ruth Baseball, and he was a Municipal Planning Council Member at the Chalan Pago-Ordot Community.

Vicente will be missed by all who knew and loved him. I extend my condolences to his wife Pacita Baza Aguon, his family and loved ones, including his children, Peter, Frances, Vicente, Raymond, Anthony, Josephine, and Beatrice.

HONORING THE LIFE OF LIEUTENANT COLONEL JACK REED, USAF

HON. DAVID SCOTT

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 4, 2013

Mr. DAVID SCOTT of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, it is with a heavy heart that I stand before you today to honor Lt. Col. Jack G. Reed, USAF (Ret.), who passed away at the age of 82 in December of 2012 in Granbury, TX. Lieutenant Colonel Reed was an honorable man who dedicated his life to his country.

Lieutenant Colonel Jack Reed was born near Rio Vista, Texas, on August 25, 1930. After attending Texas Tech, Mr. Reed joined the United States Air Force in January 1951 as an enlisted Soldier during the Korean War. In 1953, his abilities soon won him entrance to the Aviation Cadet program and a commission as a Second Lieutenant.

In 1954, Lieutenant Colonel Reed was selected for assignment to the B-47 program, and transferred to Mather AFB, Sacramento, CA. From 1954 to 1960, Mr. Reed was assigned to the 22nd Bombardment Wing, March AFB, and Riverside, CA. From 1960 to 1965, Mr. Reed was assigned to B-58s with the 63rd Bomb Squadron, 43rd Bombardment Wing, Carswell AFB, and Fort Worth, TX, where he participated in military preparedness for action against Cuba during the missile crisis of 1962.

Lieutenant Colonel Reed performed exceedingly above all that was asked of him as an Airman. In August 1965, Lieutenant Colonel Reed was one of two Air Force officers selected for assignment to the CIA/USAF programs OXCART/TAGBOARD/SENIOR BOWL at Groom Lake, NV, and later Beale AFB, CA.

Lieutenant Colonel Reed was a well rounded individual who consistently went above and beyond for his country. In 1971, Lieutenant Colonel Reed began working for the Pentagon where he worked on leading edge technology for air and space-based reconnaissance assets, including the U-2R. Mr. Reed promoted the development of many of the first unmanned aircraft flown by the United States military.

Lieutenant Colonel Reed's developmental work in the Air Force, Boeing and at Sperry/

Unisys on unmanned air vehicles and remotely piloted aircraft led to the use of these systems today by various military departments and government agencies.

Though committed to service, Jack was not consumed by work. Despite numerous and lengthy absences from home to serve his country, Mr. Reed loved and mentored his children, participated in their activities, was a deacon in church congregations, and found time to travel and enjoy the outdoors, particularly the challenge of fishing. Everybody was drawn to Mr. Reed's charisma, because he genuinely enjoyed helping children, family, and even strangers; learn more about the wonders of this world, how it worked and what made things grow.

I commend Lieutenant Colonel Reed's contributions and his record of service to our Nation, his community and his family. I ask my colleagues to join me in extending heartfelt condolences to his wife of more than 59 years, Norma, his sons Jack W. Reed and Stephen E. Reed and their families.

CONGRATULATING BOB BENNETT

HON. BRUCE L. BRALEY

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 4, 2013

Mr. BRALEY of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Bob Bennett for being inducted into the Dubuque Area Labor Hall of Fame. Bob has dedicated his life to improving the relationship between labor and management through his service as a Commissioner of the Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service (FMCS).

Bob spent the early part of his career working at the Clinton Corn Processing Company where he joined the American Federation of Grain Millers union. He was appointed as a FMCS Commissioner in 1973. As Commissioner, Bob mediated over one thousand contracts in the private, public and healthcare sectors. Many of these cases were in the Dubuque area. Bob was also instrumental in providing a start up grant to establish a Labor Management Council in Dubuque.

Bob has the honor of being the namesake for an award given at an annual dinner. The Bob Bennett Good Faith Award is given to a representative from labor or management who lives up to the definition of "good faith". I congratulate Bob on his induction into the Dubuque Area Labor Hall of Fame and wish him all of the best in his future endeavors.

HONORING THE LIFE OF TRACY A. SUGARMAN

HON. JAMES A. HIMES

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 4, 2013

Mr. HIMES. Mr. Speaker, on Sunday, January 20, we lost a cherished and dearly loved member of our community. Tracy Sugarman lit up the town of Westport, Connecticut, for 60 years with his ceaseless generosity, well-known sense of humor, and passion for social justice.

Mr. Sugarman served as a naval officer in World War II, leading troops up Normandy

during the historic D-Day assault. His courage and fortitude in battle are emblematic of the heroism of the "Greatest Generation."

As an acclaimed illustrator and chronicler of the Civil Rights Movement, Mr. Sugarman bore witness to the many struggles faced by African Americans living in the Deep South. Mr. Sugarman's drawings helped bring to national attention the horrors of 1960's Mississippi, where black Americans faced threats of violence and death for registering to vote or attending a desegregated school.

Mr. Sugarman's sketches of major news events appeared in hundreds of magazines, books, and other media across the country. He brought his skilled and emotional work to the Saturday Evening Post, Forbes Magazine, Louis Armstrong record covers, and hundreds of children's books.

Mr. Sugarman's artwork is, by all counts, his greatest legacy: his drawings of the Civil Rights Movement are permanent archives in Mississippi and New York City. His painting, "The Heroes of Nine-Eleven," is on permanent display in Washington, DC. His painting of the Space Shuttle Columbia is part of NASA's archives at Cape Kennedy. And his collection of art from World War II is in use by the Library of Congress' Veterans History Project.

Mr. Sugarman also wrote a number of books, many relating to his experiences in the South. "Stranger at the Gate—A Summer in Mississippi" details the Freedom Summer of 1964, during which more than 1,000 volunteers flooded rural Mississippi to register voters; "We Had Sneakers, They Had Guns: the Kids Who Fought for Civil Rights in Mississippi" recounts the civil rights work of white college students, many of whom were arrested and beaten.

Whether it was in writing or on canvas, Mr. Sugarman brought to his work artful introspection, keen awareness, and brutal honesty. His strong dedication to his fellow man—and particularly to his community here in Connecticut—will be sorely missed.

IN HONOR OF MR. GORDON PROUT

HON. FRANK PALLONE, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 4, 2013

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the life of Mr. Gordon Prout. Mr. Prout, a resident of Tinton Falls, New Jersey, passed away on December 17, 2012 after decades of public service as a civil engineer for the New Jersey Department of Transportation.

Prior to his 34 years of public service, Mr. Prout served his country honorably in the U.S. Army Air Corps during World War II. He was a navigator on a B-17 Flying Fortress for nine missions over Europe before being shot down and captured. Consequently, he spent 16 months as a prisoner in Stalag Luft I in Germany. Mr. Prout successfully returned home on the Queen Mary after being liberated by the Soviets in May, 1945.

Mr. Prout is survived by his devoted wife of 67 years, Anne Bruno Prout; a daughter and son-in-law, Judith and Mickey McCabe of Monmouth Beach and Bayonne; a son and daughter-in-law, Donald and Deborah Prout of VA; four grandchildren, Allison McCabe Matto

and her husband Joseph, Michael McCabe and his wife Tina, Derek Prout and his wife Jessica, and Bryan Prout and his fiancée Taylor Lytle; and five great-grandchildren, Madelyn, Luke, Grace, Aiden and Abigail.

Mr. Speaker, I sincerely hope that my colleagues will join me in honoring Mr. Prout for his lifetime of public service to the State of New Jersey, and his dedicated service to our country.

REMEMBERING JUDGE JAMES H. TAYLOR

HON. STENY H. HOYER

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 4, 2013

Mr. HOYER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to remember my friend, the late Judge James H. Taylor, who passed away on October 31 at his home in Upper Marlboro, Maryland. A prosecutor, judge, and family man, Jim was also a trailblazer as the first African-American to serve on the circuit court in Prince George's County.

Raised in Howard County, Maryland, Jim was one of ten children in a family that emphasized hard work and education. As a young man, he attended Carver Vocational-Technical High School in Baltimore to learn bricklaying, and he worked as a postal employee, a railroad oilman, and a cook to help support his widowed mother and his siblings.

After serving the nation in the Army Air Corps in 1945–1946, Jim matriculated at Howard University, where he graduated in 1950. In 1953, he was the first African-American law school graduate at American University.

In practicing law as one of the first African-Americans admitted to the bar in Prince George's County in 1956, Jim was described as a bold prosecutor who took risks and achieved results. Named Maryland's first African-American assistant state's attorney in 1963, Jim rose through the ranks of our state's legal establishment, breaking barriers along the way. In 1969, he was appointed to the bench by Governor Marvin Mandel and served for eighteen years before retiring from Maryland's Seventh Judicial Circuit in 1987.

Much of his casework dealt with family and child custody issues, and Jim drew on the experiences of his youth to help ensure that rulings of the court served the best interests of children and their future success.

An advocate for education in the study and practice of the law, Jim was a trustee of Prince George's Community College, which named a scholarship in his honor for paralegal students in 1992.

Above all else, Jim was a gentle giant who was able to accomplish great things in service to his fellow citizens without seeking attention for himself. He was a master of working behind the scenes to help others climb mountains and overcome hardships.

Jim, who was age 86, is survived by his wife of forty-four years, Jan Johnson Taylor; three children, and one stepdaughter; seven grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren. He also leaves behind his first wife, Lillian Miles Taylor, and a brother, Captain Milton Taylor (Ret.) of the Maryland State Police.

I join in remembering the life of Judge James H. Taylor and in celebrating his groundbreaking achievements as he helped

advance the cause of justice in Maryland. He will be dearly missed by me and many others across my home state—but surely never forgotten.

THE HIGH SCHOOL DATA
TRANSPARENCY ACT

HON. LOUISE McINTOSH SLAUGHTER

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 4, 2013

Ms. SLAUGHTER. Mr. Speaker, I am proud to rise today to introduce the High School Data Transparency Act. Since the enactment of Title IX in 1972, the number of women competing in college sports has soared by more than 600 percent while the number of high school girls competing in sports increased by over 1,000 percent. Yet, despite our incredible progress over the years, we still have more work to do.

Young women in high school currently receive 1.3 million fewer opportunities to play sports than young men, and this gap is increasing. The problem stems from a lack of transparency and accountability in our high schools. Federal law requires colleges and universities to report basic information about the funding of athletic programs for men and women and the participation of men and women throughout these sports. Due in part to this public information, American women have unrivaled opportunity at the collegiate level.

Unfortunately, the basic actions required of our universities are not required of our high schools. As a result, we are seeing fewer and fewer high schools realize full equality for male and female athletes, and more young women being denied the opportunity to realize their full potential both on and off the field.

I've met with many Olympic gold medalists who have told me that Title IX—and the accompanying athletic scholarships it made possible—was the reason they were able to attend college and pursue their dreams. These Olympians have emphasized that the benefits of sports participation are not limited to their achievements on the field. Indeed, statistics have shown that young women thrive when they participate in sports and are less likely to get pregnant, drop out of school, do drugs, smoke, or develop mental illness. Increasing young students' physical activity can also help combat childhood obesity, which is at an all-time high.

To address the lack of reporting at the high school level, the High School Data Transparency Act would require that high schools report basic data on the number of female and male students in their athletic programs and the expenditures made for their sports teams. This would be an easy change for our high schools to make. Several states, including Kentucky, Georgia, and New Mexico, have already implemented similar reporting requirements at the state level, and high school athletics directors from those states tell us that it usually takes just 2–6 hours of one person's time to complete each year.

The extraordinary accomplishments we've achieved together over the past four decades of Title IX are a cause for celebration, but we must look forward and continue our steady march of progress.

I urge my colleagues to build on our advancement and help ensure that young

women in high school have equal opportunities to play sports by supporting the High School Data Transparency Act.

Thank you.

INTRODUCING THE DONATE FOR
DISASTER RELIEF ACT

HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 4, 2013

Mr. HASTINGS of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to introduce the Donate for Disaster Relief Act.

Forty-seven major disasters were declared last year. The year before that, we had 99 major disasters. Three major disasters have already been declared in 2013. On top of that, there were a number of smaller incidents that don't rank on the scale. A tornado that destroys a single house might not be a "super storm," but for the family that lost its home, that tornado certainly is a major disaster.

Things are not going to get better. There are going to be more major disasters. We are going to have to pay for the response and repair. We need to start thinking about what we can do ahead of time to be prepared for when they strike. We don't have to wait for the worst to happen before we actually do something. This bill will help us get ready beforehand. Why wait?

The Donate for Disaster Relief Act creates a completely voluntary check-off on income tax returns that lets taxpayers elect to donate to a disaster relief trust. This bill is an opportunity for us to share our selflessness and generosity before an emergency situation.

The harsh reality of disasters is that while we may not be able to predict when, we certainly can be prepared. The altruism of the American people is on display in their willingness to pitch in and help those in their greatest time of need. This bill creates an easy way for concerned Americans to anticipate the need for disaster relief, wherever and whenever it may be necessary.

CONGRATULATING WALT PREGLER

HON. BRUCE L. BRALEY

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 4, 2013

Mr. BRALEY of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Walt Pregler for being inducted into the Dubuque Area Labor Hall of Fame. Walt has been active in both the labor community and local politics in Dubuque since the 1950s.

Walt worked as a Tool Room Machinist at John Deere from 1955 to 1992. After starting at John Deere, Walt became a member of the United Auto Workers (UAW) Local 94. His involvement in the UAW eventually got him involved in Dubuque city politics. In 1965, Walt was elected to the Dubuque City Council where he served for nine years. During his tenure on the City Council, Walt was elected by his colleagues to serve as Mayor in 1966 and 1969. While on the Council, Walt was able to get federal funding to build a floodwall in Dubuque. Walt had a large list of other accomplishments while on the Council including

expansion of the Dubuque airport and expansion of the water treatment facilities at Eagle Point.

Throughout his life, Walt has continued to serve Dubuque's labor community. He was a delegate to the Dubuque Federation of Labor and chaired the UAW Local 94 Cope Committee. Walt currently serves as the President of the UAW Local 94 Retiree Chapter. I congratulate Walt on his induction into the Dubuque Area Labor Hall of Fame and wish him all of the best in his future endeavors.

IN RECOGNITION OF DELTA SIGMA
THETA SORORITY, INC.'S 100TH
ANNIVERSARY

HON. FRANK PALLONE, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 4, 2013

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. as it celebrates its 100th anniversary. Since its inception at Howard University in January 1913, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. has striven to serve the community. For 100 years, its leaders and members have continued the legacy and goals of its founders. They are committed to public service, education and social action locally, nationally and worldwide.

Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. has a rich history to celebrate. Its second chapter was established in 1914 at Wilberforce University and it was incorporated as a national organization in 1930. In 1950, its first foreign chapter was established in Port-au-Prince, Haiti. Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. celebrated its Golden Anniversary Year in 1963 with President Kennedy and Vice President Johnson and four years later met with President Johnson to discuss community issues and concerns. Over the years, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. has continued to grow, and in 2010, welcomed over 16,000 members from across the globe to its 50th National Convention.

Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. works toward the advancement of civil rights, women's rights and equality and provides support and education to the community and world. Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. has been responsible for the establishment of numerous schools in the United States and abroad. It has held conferences and summits for women, blacks, single parents and young men. In 1992, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. was the first African American organization to become affiliated with Habitat for Humanity.

Mr. Speaker, once again, please join me in congratulating Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. on its 100th Anniversary and recognizing the Monmouth County Alumnae Chapter for the work they do to progress the mission of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.

HONORING THE LIFE AND SERVICE
OF FORMER UMATAC MAYOR
DEAN SANCHEZ

HON. MADELEINE Z. BORDALLO

OF GUAM

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 4, 2013

Ms. BORDALLO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and service of Dean D. San-

chez, former Mayor of the village of Umatac, Guam. Dean was born on June 21, 1961, and was one of the seven children of a former village Chief Commissioner, Vincente Q. Sanchez, and his wife Priscilla Q. Sanchez. Dean married Jennifer Aguon Sanchez and have two sons, Alexander Dean and Chance Theo. Dean passed away on January 14, 2013, at the age of 51.

Before Dean was appointed Mayor of Umatac by former Governor Joseph F. Ada in 1991 he served as the Administrative Assistant to late former Mayor T. Topasna. Dean served as Mayor of Umatac until January 1993, after which he returned to his position as Administrative Assistant for former Mayor Daniel Q. Sanchez. In 2008, Dean ran for the position of Mayor and was elected by the residents of Umatac.

As Mayor of Umatac, Dean dedicated his life to serving the residents of his village. He paid particular attention to the wellbeing of the people of Umatac by voicing their concerns, such as the closing of F.Q. Sanchez Elementary and increasing cultural awareness in his participation in hosting Discovery Day festivities in Umatac. In addition to his elected role as Mayor of Umatac, Dean wore many hats and served the entire community of Guam as a member of the Commission on Self Determination; the Guam Product 19 Seal Task Force; the Department of Agriculture Aquatic & Wildlife 20 Resources—Fisheries; Civilian/Military Task Force; Association of Mariana Islands Mayors (AMIM), Vice Mayors, and Elected 22 Municipal Council Members.

Dean will be missed by all who knew and loved him. I extend my condolences to wife Jennifer, his family and loved ones, including his children, Alexander and Chance.

RECOGNIZING BRIAN BOATRIGHT,
RECIPIENT OF THE BOY SCOUT
HONOR MEDAL

HON. DANIEL WEBSTER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 4, 2013

Mr. WEBSTER of Florida. Mr. Speaker, today I am pleased to commend the heroic actions of a young member of our Central Florida community. In recognition of his swift and decisive action in a moment of life or death, Brian Boatright has been awarded the Boy Scout's Honor Medal.

On the fifth day of a tough hike up Big Red, a rugged New Mexico mountain, one of Brian's troop leaders suffered an apparent heart attack and collapsed. Stranded without cell phone reception 11,000 feet up the mountain, Brian and his fellow scouts acted on the skills and knowledge learned during scouting.

While others in the group searched for cell reception and applied CPR, Brian led several of his fellow Scouts as they navigated four miles to the nearest staffed camp. From the camp, a helicopter was called to the site and the leader was evacuated to a hospital where he underwent successful heart bypass surgery. For his actions on Big Red that day, Brian was awarded the Boy Scout's Honor Medal, one of the highest honors awarded by the Boy Scouts.

The Honor Medal is bestowed on scouts who demonstrate unusual heroism and skill or

resourcefulness in saving or attempting to save life at considerable risk to self. In the 90-year history of the Boy Scouts, only 2,302 other scouts have been awarded the Honor Medal. Brian is a sophomore at Bishop Moore High School and a member of Troop 6 in Orlando.

I commend Brian for his quick thinking and decisive actions under great pressure. His deeds are a credit to the Boy Scouts and he is well deserving of this recognition.

OUR UNCONSCIONABLE NATIONAL
DEBT

HON. MIKE COFFMAN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 4, 2013

Mr. COFFMAN. Mr. Speaker, on January 3, 2009, the day I took office, the national debt was \$10,627,961,295,930.67.

Today, it is \$16,433,791,850,294.04. We've added \$5,805,830,554,363.37 to our debt in 4 years. This is \$5.8 trillion in debt our Nation, our economy, and our children could have avoided with a Balanced Budget Amendment. We must stop this unconscionable accumulation of debt.

IN HONOR OF THE UNI-CAPITOL
WASHINGTON INTERNSHIP PRO-
GRAM

HON. SAM FARR

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 4, 2013

Mr. FARR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the Uni-Capitol Washington Internship Program. Since its inception 14 years ago, the program has placed some of Australia's best and most passionate university students with House and Senate offices for two-month full-time internships annually. These internships have enabled me and my staff, who have participated since the program's inception, to share in our common values and ideals while at the same time learning more about the culture and people of Australia.

This year, I am delighted to welcome Elizabeth Flora into my Washington, DC office. I am thrilled to have the opportunity to participate in this valuable exchange program, meeting Australian students that have a passion for American politics. Since its commencement, the program has seen more than 130 young Australians walk the halls of Congress in various capacities and it is with the utmost pride that I recognize the importance of the Uni-Capitol Washington Internship Program in the United States House of Representatives.

Elizabeth joined my office on January 2, 2013 from the University of Canberra where she is pursuing her B.A. in Communications and Media. During her time in my office, Elizabeth has proven herself to be a caring, humorous, intelligent and dedicated intern and I am honored to host her. In addition to serving my constituents with professionalism and respect, she has attended hearings and briefings, drafted legislative correspondence and has assisted my staffers with a variety of important research projects.

In addition to working in offices throughout Congress, all Uni-Capitol Washington interns are given the opportunity to explore our brand of democracy through panel discussions with political correspondents, Members of Congress and representatives from various government offices as well as professionals at non-government agencies.

Founded and directed by former House and Senate staffer, Eric Federer, the program fosters cultural and educational exchanges between the United States and Australia. Mr. Federer deserves distinguished praise for his efforts and dedication in coordinating this program, and the support and opportunities he provides to all participants is truly incredible.

Mr. Speaker, I cannot fully express how critical this program is to strengthening ties with America's allies and offering inspiration for the students of today that may become the leaders of tomorrow. Participating in this program has been a remarkable experience that has inspired Elizabeth for her future endeavors and gave my office the sincere pleasure of having an Australian working among us. I extend my sincere appreciation to Mr. Federer for developing and organizing this program, to my fellow Members of Congress and their dedicated staff for hosting, to Elizabeth for grasping this opportunity with an open heart and a curious mind and to all participants for engaging in public service. I ask my colleagues to join with me in recognizing the contributions of the Uni-Capitol Washington Internship Program and, again, thanking Elizabeth Flora for her admirable participation and diligent work.

CLAIRTON BEARS PIAA CLASS A STATE CHAMPIONS

HON. MICHAEL F. DOYLE

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 4, 2013

Mr. DOYLE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating the Clairton Bears on another perfect high school football season and their fourth consecutive PIAA Class A state championship victory.

The Bears now have 63 straight wins after their victory in Hershey, PA, giving them the longest winning streak in all of high school, collegiate, and professional football. It is also the longest such streak in Pennsylvania history.

Both the players and the coaches put in years of hard work that led to this sustained success on the field, and in their success they have brought hope to the town and the region.

Tom Nola has now served as the team's head coach for 11 years, and he is assisted by coaches Tim Bukowski, Jim Dumm, Eric Fusco, Marc Gambino, Wayne Wade, Jr., and Remondo Williams, Sr.

The team was led by sixteen seniors—Tyus Booker, Santeaun Sims, Bryon Clifford, Terrish Webb, Titus Howard, Nick Boswell, Vinny Moody, Robert Boatwright, Armani Ford, Tyler Boyd, Sedrick Nash, Devonte Harvey, Damond Flowers, Jordan Gresseem, Kyuss Jeter, and Garret Santoline.

In addition, the team included a number of underclassmen—JoJuan Bray, Ryan Williams, Tyreike Hammonds, Khalil Berry, Aaron Matthews, Vance Allen, Esaias Hammons, Brandon Murphy, James Hines, Deven Fritz,

Demar Bell, Juan Jackson, Brian Brown, Raymone Clifford, Josh Wilson, Dylanavenport, Vance Gibson, Israel Melvin, Will Hampton, Jhsia Miles, Devondre Brown, Jayll Hall, Carlito Spence, and Allen Norris.

The Clairton Bears continue to make Pittsburgh proud through the high standard of athletic excellence they have brought to the gridiron. Clairton has a rich history of perseverance and hard work, and the Bears continue to build on that legacy. I give them my hearty congratulations, and I wish them all the best as they look to dive deeper into the record books next season.

IN REMEMBRANCE OF BLACK JANUARY

HON. GENE GREEN

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 4, 2013

Mr. GENE GREEN of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise in remembrance of the over 130 innocent men, women, and children who were killed by the Red Army in the days following its invasion of Azerbaijan 23 years ago.

On January 20, 1990, the Soviet Union, in a brutal attempt to end the growing independence movement in Azerbaijan, sent in 26,000 troops under the pretext of restoring public order, while actually aiming to forcefully end peaceful demonstrations for independence.

The invasion and subsequent massacre, which resulted in over 130 killed, 611 injured, and 841 arrests, is remembered as "Black January" in the Republic of Azerbaijan today and has left an indelible mark on that nation's memory.

It was the overt oppression of innocent people by the Soviet government that further inspired the Azerbaijani people to regain its independence after 70 years of foreign rule.

Less than two years later, on October 18, 1991, Azerbaijan gained its independence from the Soviet Union and was soon recognized by the international community.

Today, the United States and Azerbaijan enjoy a close and important relationship, built on trust, understanding, and mutual support. It is important on this day that America remembers the trials and tribulations our friends in Azerbaijan have had to endure for the cause of freedom and continue to support their vital role as a beacon of democracy and prosperity in the Caspian Region.

Mr. Speaker, I ask the House of Representatives to please join me in remembering the tragic events of Black January and honor those who gave their lives in order to give birth to their country.

HONORING ANDERSON HOUSE FOR ITS PUBLIC SERVICE

HON. LEONARD LANCE

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 4, 2013

Mr. LANCE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Anderson House for two decades of public service. Anderson House has been a resource for women in need in Hunterdon County. It has a record of accomplishment for

which the organization should be very proud. It has have selflessly played a role in lives of countless women and I thank Anderson House for its public service.

Anderson House offers the best in comprehensive care that treats all aspects of the disease of addiction. It offers physical, psychological, emotional and spiritual treatment to provide the top care to those who need it most. The outstanding staff and volunteers help those suffering from addiction obtain the tools necessary to become drug-free, to rejoin their awaiting families and to reenter the community.

I thank all members of the Anderson House family for their fine work. They have made a difference in the lives of many women and those who receive their excellent care will forever remember the fine service and dedication of Anderson House.

I also wish to praise the following honorees for their fine work: Janet Schmidling, Marfy Goodspeed, Dr. Boris Ivovich, and the late Kay Applegate.

I again thank these public servants.

IN RECOGNITION OF ST. JAMES' CHURCH AND BEATRIZ OESTERHELD

HON. FRANK PALLONE, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 4, 2013

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate St. James' Church and Beatriz Oesterheld as they are honored by the Long Branch Concordance at their "Success Starts at Home" fundraiser. The work St. James' Church and Beatriz Oesterheld do for their community is truly deserving of this recognition.

Celebrating its 100th anniversary at its current location, which also now houses the Long Branch Concordance Family Success Center, St. James' Church has continued to grow and provide spiritual guidance to the community of Long Branch. St. James' Church was founded in the mid-1850s in response to the need for Episcopal worship services for summer visitors and residents. Since that time, St. James' Church has expanded to include an educational room, choir room, meeting room and many other facilities for the congregation and community at large. The church also houses St. Brigid's Pantry and Kitchen, which provides food and other items to those in need and has been especially helpful to residents in the aftermath of Superstorm Sandy. St. James' Church provides faith, fellowship and solace to its parish and the community.

As Executive Director of the Community Affairs and Resource Center, Beatriz Oesterheld works to ensure all those in need receive assistance. The Community Affairs and Resource Center provides services to Monmouth County residents despite of their language and ethnic background. Ms. Oesterheld is also an outreach coordinator at the Monmouth Family Health Center and an advocate for lead screening and treatment for children. Ms. Oesterheld's work helps advance the well-being of the community.

The Long Branch Concordance is a resource center that provides services, information and support to the community. It works

with other organizations to reach and assist the residents of Long Branch. Its "Success Starts at Home" fundraiser honors its community partners for the work they do to strengthen the community.

Mr. Speaker, once again, please join me in congratulating St. James' Church and Beatriz Oesterheld for their contributions to the community and thank the Long Branch Concordance for hosting tonight's "Success Starts at Home" event.

CONGRATULATING FRANCIS GIUNTA

HON. BRUCE L. BRALEY

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 4, 2013

Mr. BRALEY of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Francis Giunta for being inducted into the Dubuque Area Labor Hall of Fame. Francis has been an active member of the Communication Workers of America (CWA) for over 40 years.

Francis has been an active member of the Dubuque labor community. In 1975, he was elected Chief Union Steward for his CWA local. In 1977, Francis was elected President of his CWA local which is a position he continues to hold today. Francis has served many different roles in the Dubuque labor community. He served as President of the Dubuque Federation of Labor in the 1980s and has sat on various labor boards such as the United Labor Participation Committee and the Dubuque Area Labor Management Council.

Francis has also seen a lot of change throughout his career. When Francis began his career in telecommunications, many Americans were using "party lines" which were shared telephone lines used by multiple households. When he retired, he worked in a digital subscriber age dealing with DSL and Broadband lines. I congratulate Francis on his induction into the Dubuque Area Labor Hall of Fame and wish him all of the best in his future endeavors.

HONORING MR. DANNIEL J. PETRO, RECIPIENT OF THE FIRST INAUGURAL DANNIEL J. PETRO—"THE BRIGHT FUTURE OF WEST ORANGE" AWARD

HON. DANIEL WEBSTER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 4, 2013

Mr. WEBSTER of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to take this opportunity to recognize a close friend of mine and a highly accomplished leader in the electrical contracting field. Mr. Danniel J. Petro is a co-founder and Chief Executive Officer of Bright Future Electric, LLC, and he is a devoted servant to the Central Florida community.

Dan began his electrician career as an Apprentice Electrician for Indiana University in the early 1960's. In 1965, after completing his training and passing his journeyman qualifications test, Dan became supervisor of his father's company, Petro Electric.

Relocating to Florida in 1970, Dan began working for Orange County Schools as an

Area Lead Electrician until 1973 when he acquired his Florida Master Electrician License and joined the Local 606 while working with Fishbach & Moore. Continuing his education, Dan earned his Florida Teaching Certificate in 1975 and started an electrician program for Westside Vo-Tech. After several years of teaching others, Dan took his talent and founded Amber Electric in 1979.

Amber Electric became known for its quality and reliable service, and under his leadership, grew into a multi-million dollar company which was sold in 1998 to Integrated Electrical Services, IES, based out of Houston, Texas. In the Amber Electric and IES merger, Dan joined IES as one of their Founding Partners and as the Regional Operating Officer for the State of Florida.

After 17 years of partnership, Dan resigned from his post as President of Eastern Operations for IES in 2005. In 2006, Dan, Roger Scroggins and Allen McMain founded Bright Future Electric, LLC, with offices located in Florida and Alabama.

Throughout his long career, Dan has established an impressive and storied history of involvement in the Central Florida community. He has served many boards and committees, including the Florida State Department of Education Advisory Committee and the West Orange Chamber of Commerce, where he formally served as Chairman and currently serves as a trustee. Due to his leadership in the community, he has also received many awards and recognitions for his efforts including the Florida Association of Electrical Contractors, FAEC, Lifetime Achievement Award and on several occasions the FAEC Man of the Year Award.

Dan has been a constant source of support for our community. He has promoted an array of community associations including, the Florida Department of Community Affairs, West Orange Boys and Girls Club, Friends of Lake Apopka, Oakland Nature Preserve, Health Alliance Family Care Center, the Winter Garden Heritage Foundation, and Winter Garden Rotary Club. His generous spirit is an example of the life-changing impact a dedicated leader can have on individual lives and a community.

On February 7, 2013, the West Orange Chamber of Commerce will be honoring Mr. Petro with the first inaugural Danniel J. Petro—"The Bright Future of West Orange" Award at the Annual Big Orange Awards Reception in West Orange County. Through his investment in the community, he has created opportunities and served others in our community in a way that keeps our futures bright. There is no doubt that this prestigious award deserves to bear Dan's name.

On behalf of the citizens of Central Florida, I am honored to recognize Dan for the devotion with which he serves our community. His commitment to excellence, leadership and service is to be admired, and his example inspires others to follow in his footsteps.

DR. PETER R. BETZER HONORED FOR HIS VISIONARY LEADERSHIP

HON. C.W. BILL YOUNG

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 4, 2013

Mr. YOUNG of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise to join the leaders of the science and edu-

cation community of the Tampa Bay area who are honoring Dr. Peter R. Betzer of St. Petersburg, Florida this Saturday with the 2013 ARCS STEM Visionary Catalyst Award for his life-long work to inspire generations of students to pursue the study of science, technology, engineering and math, STEM.

There is no more appropriate award with which to honor Peter than one that pays tribute to his vision because he has brought vision and strong leadership to every area in which he has been involved over the more than 40 years he has lived and worked in our community.

Peter found his way to St. Petersburg in 1971 after receiving his Ph.D. from the University of Rhode Island. He taught chemical oceanography at the University of South Florida's Department of Marine Science. By 1982 he became Chairman of the Department and in 2000 he was named Dean of the newly established College of Marine Science. I still remember my first meetings with Peter as the Department and College grew. We agreed at the time that we would do all we could to make the University of South Florida in St. Petersburg a world-class center for the study of marine science. With Peter's vision and his passion we have done just that.

Under Peter's guidance, the College became an important partner of the United States Navy in developing systems to protect our nation's ports and waterways as well as those of our allies. The technology and systems developed there have proven extremely useful to our nation's homeland and environmental security agencies. These include an underwater mass spectrometer and an underwater mapping system that have created tremendous commercial opportunities and were critical to monitoring the impact of oil from the 2010 Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill.

The development of these systems only enhanced the growth of the University's reputation as a world-class center for the study of marine science, and strengthened Peter's efforts to bring other agencies and businesses to St. Petersburg: this to create a true marine science hub in the southeast U.S. Together, the community developed an innovative plan to bring the United States Geological Survey to campus and established an office of NOAA's National Marine Fisheries Service in downtown St. Petersburg. Along with the city, we developed a public/private partnership to bring the world-renowned SRI International to the port and to bring nearby a new division of Draper Labs. Peter was at the center as the architect of all these developments. With each one, the opportunities to study the sciences grew along with the interests of local, national and international students.

It is Dr. Peter Betzer's ability to provide the vision and act as the catalyst that the ARCS Foundation, which stands for Achievement Rewards for College Scientists, will be honoring at a dinner to raise funds to support Tampa Bay area students pursuing the study of science, technology, engineering and math.

As a leader in Marine Science education at the University of South Florida, Peter recognized early-on the importance of promoting the broad spectrum of STEM to USF's students. Back in the early 1990's, a bright marine science student named Mike Morris started with an idea born of studying ocean chemical processes and created a company worth tens of millions of dollars in a few short years—

Ocean Optics. Peter is quick to recognize that the success took a team led by Mike Morris, but it would not have happened if not for Peter's leadership, mentorship and behind-the-scenes support.

In the world of business, Ocean Optics was just the beginning. Other companies, like Claro Scientific, came to St. Petersburg because of Peter's efforts. And, Peter's behind-the-scenes support for the "STEM-business" connection was ultimately a deciding element in both SRI International's and Draper Lab's decisions to locate in St. Petersburg. Those organizations brought dozens of high-paying knowledge jobs to the region and thus helped to establish an emerging regional technology cluster.

While Peter has always understood the importance of developing new businesses, for him an emphasis on education has been his highest priority. While leading the world-class ocean research programs at the College of Marine Science, Peter spearheaded the creation of the Oceanography Camp for Girls to inspire them to consider career opportunities in the sciences, with nearly 1000 "teenaged scientists" attending the camp so far. He also established a marine science-based remote learning program which televises informative middle-school marine science lessons across the country reaching tens of thousands more.

When Peter retired from academic life, he decided to push the throttle further forward. Leading the St. Petersburg Downtown Partnership as its President and CEO, Peter continued to perform miracles. From providing vision for the downtown waterfront, to making international connections with world-class groups such as Cousteau Divers to securing businesses like LumaStream for St. Petersburg, his many accomplishments seem to have no end. Most noteworthy is Peter's passionate championing of the SunBay Digital Math program for Pinellas County middle schools. The SunBay math program, through a collaborative partnership of SRI International and the University of South Florida St. Petersburg, has positively impacted more than 2500 students by enhancing their understanding of the principles of algebra—a crucial element in the future success of anyone in a STEM-related career.

Mr. Speaker, at a time when this Congress and our nation are doing all we can to encourage our youth to consider careers in math and science, let there be no doubt of Dr. Peter Betzer's life-long passion in this regard. For Peter, it has been a multiplier effect as the students he has inspired throughout his career have in turn passed along Peter's passion to their students and coworkers to bring more interest and more focus to STEM education and careers. There is clearly no one more deserving of the ARCS STEM Visionary Catalyst Award than Dr. Peter Betzer and I am proud to say to him thank you for a job well done.

RECOGNIZING THE SERVICE OF CAROL HAFNER

HON. JIM COSTA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 4, 2013

Mr. COSTA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Ms. Carol Hafner for her service, as

she prepares to retire from her position as Fresno County's Agricultural Commissioner/Sealer of Weights and Measures. Carol will be leaving the Fresno County Department of Agriculture after more than 34 years of service.

Born into a farming family, Carol has a deep understanding of agriculture—the lifeblood of California's San Joaquin Valley. She earned a Bachelor's degree in Biological Sciences, with an emphasis in botany from California State University, San Jose. In 1979, she was offered a job as an agricultural biologist/inspector at the Fresno County Department of Agriculture and immediately formed an attachment with the community. After 10 years as an agricultural biologist/inspector she was hired as a deputy and served in that position for 19 years. Carol then worked as assistant commissioner for nine months before becoming the Agricultural Commissioner. She held that position for over four years.

Carol has made many outstanding contributions during her time at the Fresno County Department of Agriculture. The methyl iodide application and the European grapevine moth (EGVM) quarantine was a challenge that Carol encountered. Even though it created an obstacle for the department, she ended the chaos and fixed the problem in a short period of time. Also, while other departments in the County were facing tough budget challenges, Carol found the money to fill four positions in her department. In addition, Carol developed great relations between the Fresno County Department of Agriculture and growers in the surrounding area.

The Agricultural Commissioner plays a vital role in Fresno's multi-billion dollar agriculture industry. Carol's hard work and dedication to our Valley made her perfect for the position, and she served the County of Fresno proudly.

Carol plans to stay active in the agricultural community when she retires. She will serve on the Specialty Crop Block Grant Review Committee, and she will resume her involvement in California Women for Agriculture (CWA). In addition, Carol and her husband, Tye will both be retiring, so they can spend much needed time with their sons and prize winning miniature schnauzers.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing the service of Ms. Carol Hafner. The work she has done for Valley agriculture will have a lasting impact on Fresno County and the entire State of California.

THE EVAN AMENDMENT BY HOLLY SCHEUREN

HON. MARK POCAN

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 4, 2013

Mr. POCAN. Mr. Speaker, I would like to submit the following by Holly Scheuren:

It was 4 years ago and it still feels like it was yesterday.

Our daughter Maia was 2 years old and we were halfway through our second pregnancy. I could feel our baby moving. I had my "20 week ultrasound" when I was actually 21 weeks pregnant. We were so excited.

At the ultrasound, the technician told us that we're having a baby boy! I thought "A boy? I know nothing about raising a boy!"

The technician joked with us that he must have his legs tucked up under him. Then she

just got really quiet, finished the ultrasound and led us into the waiting room. We called our moms to tell them that we are having a BOY! They were equally excited.

Minutes later, we were called back. The nurse practitioner was VERY serious. I asked if there was something wrong. And she said "Well, yes. Your baby's limbs are measuring in the 5th percentile and you need to have another ultrasound with another doctor." My mind was blank . . . what do you mean, his limbs are in the 5th percentile? Is that dwarfism?" I asked. She said the physician would answer my questions. She said don't go on-line looking for answers, but of course that's what I did.

I could not be seen for 3 days. In those 3 days I researched what is meant when a fetus has short limbs . . . it must be some form of dwarfism. I read how it may be associated with Down's syndrome. I was preparing to have a baby with Down's syndrome or dwarfism. I started researching support groups in Madison. I started thinking about how we would eventually have to remodel our kitchen to accommodate a person with dwarfism. I was crying and wondering what kind of life my boy would have. Would it be better to have Dwarfism or Down's syndrome? . . .

When I called my Dad and told him that the baby probably has dwarfism. In his best job to comfort me, he said "well, them are nice people, too." (that actually made me laugh). I knew that both my family and I were ready for this.

We had no idea.

The 3 days until my ultrasound were torture. The day of, I was dizzy with anticipation. I tried to crack jokes but soon, the room was filled only with clicks on the computer. At one point, they turned the screen to show me my baby! They got a shot of my baby giving the "I love you" in sign language! He was telling me he loves me. They printed a picture of my baby. He looked peaceful. He looked normal.

After a long wait, the genetic counselor came in and wrote 2 long words on a piece of paper and turned it towards us and slowly read out loud "Thanatophoric dysplasia". "What's that???" I interrupted.

She said it is a rare form of dwarfism. "Oh, so our baby will be a dwarf." The air was so thick. Pointing at the first word she said "thanatophoric" means "imminent death". WHAT?? What do you mean??? My head was screaming, even though the room was completely silent.

She explained our baby's long bones were short. His skull is strawberry shaped. His jaw is deformed. His brain has a lot of fluid in it. If he was born, he would not be able to breathe because his lungs could not expand in his tiny rib cage. I pleaded "maybe his bone growth will catch up with the rest of his body!! Maybe he will just be very small!!" She said that the baby would not survive much past birth.

I felt like I couldn't breathe. The doctor came back into the room. I showed her the ultrasound picture "But he looks normal and peaceful!"

They then told us that we have two options. We can choose to terminate the pregnancy, or carry the baby to term, and the delivery staff would be ready with ventilators and pain management until the baby died. My regular doctor happened to be on call that day; she came into the room and hugged me. She said she also looked at the ultrasound, and the baby was not going to live.

We were devastated. What would we do?? Part of me wanted to give birth to him, just so I could hold him. But I knew that the image of seeing him suffer would haunt me for the rest of my life.

We decided we would end the pregnancy.

When the genetic counselor returned I told her we decided to terminate, and wanted it done at a hospital. She said that the hospital refers all abortion procedures to the Planned Parenthood's health center where abortions are still available. I did NOT want to go to a clinic and walk through protesters on one of the worst days of my life.

The genetic counselor confirmed no hospital would perform this abortion, and she would schedule an appointment for me at Planned Parenthood.

We went to Olin park and just sat in the car, crying. Calling our parents, calling my boss. All this time, I could feel the baby alive moving inside of me. My son. Alive and inside of me.

Our counselor called with more bad news. To comply with Wisconsin's 24 hour waiting period law, I would be too far along to have the procedure at Planned Parenthood. She said there is a clinic in Chicago who could see me in a few days. If they assessed that the baby was too big, then I would have to go to Kansas.

She said the abortion in Chicago is a 3 day process, so I would need to get a hotel. Over this time they would slowly dilate my cervix with bamboo reeds and would do the procedure Friday morning and it would cost \$1500 cash.

Now I am calling my Dad to ask for money. Word of this spread fast at work and someone took up a collection that raised \$200. My Dad gave us \$1000 and we came up with the rest. Our moms bought the hotel room and came with us, along with our 2 year old daughter Maia.

The clinic was in an unfamiliar neighborhood and there were tons of protesters with signs about killing babies. I expected this, but I didn't expect them to SHOUT at me. JESUS!! They have NO CLUE why I am having an abortion. They don't know what I am going through. I wanted to scream SHUT UP!!

The clinic staff were friendly but the 70's decor waiting room had no privacy. I was crying, my mom was holding me, and people were staring at me. I wanted to explain to everyone that my baby was going to die.

My name was called and the nurse did an ultrasound, I finally went to a room that looked like an operating room, put my feet up in the stirrups and had reeds inserted into my cervix. OUCH!! It felt like the worst period cramps ever!

Friday morning, lying on my hotel bed, my partner and our moms all laid their hands on my belly. We said prayers. We said goodbye. Goodbye baby boy. Goodbye Evan.

On Friday there were even more protesters. They must know that this is "abortion day". They yelled that a girl just died here last week.

Inside, the staff was friendly and warm, but I felt like we were cattle, being moved from one room to the next, just wearing a thin gown. No privacy, no loved ones.

Finally, I went into the surgery room, was put under anesthesia and I woke up to a nurse calling my name. "Holly . . . wake up. Holly." I opened my eyes. I was in a room with maybe 20 other women all lined up in beds. I felt like I was dreaming. I remember looking at the floor and it seemed far, far away. I felt so dizzy. I knew something was wrong the minute I threw up the ginger ale that I just drank.

The nurses wanted to bring me back to the recovery room. On the way there, I felt so dizzy, I fell on the floor with one of them. I peed all over!! The anesthesiologist came and asked me some questions, gave me a shot to help me wake up. I started having horrible rib pain and I couldn't stay awake. I could hear the nurse ask me questions, but I felt like I was dreaming.

The doctor said there was nothing unusual about my procedure and would check back with me. I felt so alone. My ribs were killing me. The nurse told me they would allow me to either bring back my mom or my partner. I chose my mom.

My mom stared into my face. She held my hand. She told the nurse that something was very wrong. Then the clinic director came and sat with us. And while they talked, I kept passing out.

My mom suggested to the doctor and anesthesiologist it might be pulmonary embolism. The doctor said when he was done he would call an ambulance and go with us to Northwestern Hospital. If they called an emergency ambulance, they would take us to the nearest hospital, which was Catholic and he wanted me to go to Northwestern.

All the women were recovered and going home. Except me. Around 5 pm, the ambulance came. The EMT lifted me onto the bed. I screamed in pain. WHAT WAS HAPPENING TO ME?

The ride to Northwestern seemed to take forever.

The emergency room doctor said he needed to wait for an emergency OB/GYN, who then did a trans-vaginal ultrasound and told me I would need a cat scan right away. They put a catheter in me and my urine was brown. My Mom panicked and thought my organs were shutting down. (my Mom watched WAY too many ER shows at the time. . .)

The emergency doctor came back and said my uterus had been perforated during the abortion and I was bleeding internally. He said they may have to take my uterus.

I heard my Mom on the phone to my dad, crying about what was happening. The doctor told me that they had to wait for a special team of OB/GYN doctors and specialized nurses. I waited just staring into darkness. Hearing the fear in my Mom's voice, I just kept thinking about my daughter Maia. Then in walks in the anesthesiologist. . .

The next thing I remember, I was in a bed, looking at big Chicago buildings and it looked like dawn. There was a man looking at me. I asked him if I lost my uterus. He said "yes." I remember pleading: "Why didn't they just sew it back up??" I was stunned and crying.

My partner had to take the moms and Maia back to Madison. My mom came in to hug and kiss me, and then they left. I've never felt so alone.

The doctor who did the surgery came in. He held my hand. He told me that I am a very lucky person, that I lost 2 liters of blood and nearly died.

I was in the hospital for 4 days, including Mother's Day. My Mother's Day was spent looking out at a rainy, cold Chicago, again thinking about Maia, who was in Madison with her Grandma. I had no baby boy, no uterus, and I nearly lost my life. Maia almost lost her Mother.

Flash forward a month. The bills start rolling in . . . surgery room \$17,000 . . . Anesthesiologist \$11,000 . . . Facility charges \$75,000. AND . . . my insurance denied EVERYTHING because expenses were related to a non-covered service. My insurance company only covered abortions if the mother's life was in danger. Not if the baby's life was in danger.

It seemed like I was sobbing 20 hours a day. I didn't want to talk to anyone except my mom.

I started going through the appeals process which kept getting denied. I was supposed to appeal, in front of the appeals board, made up of people I work for! I was filled with anxiety and dread THEN, my insurance case worker called and said someone at my company went up the chain to the top to plead my case. The person at the top decided that

our insurance company would cover all my expenses at 100% AND that a new policy would be implemented for all members to cover abortion care for fatal fetal anomalies!!!! I call this the Evan Amendment!! Hallelujah.

A great way to get through my grief was to bury myself into the world of adoption as I wanted a second child.

A year and a half later, my mom and I flew to Ethiopia to bring home our beautiful daughter Amara Selamawit.

No family should have to go through what I went through. Hospitals should be performing later-term abortions. I can't help but wonder how the outcome would have been different had I been able to have my abortion done at a safe, modern hospital.

No one should have to suffer while trying to do what's right for their children.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE BIRTHDAY OF JANICE JENNINGS

HON. MIKE ROGERS

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 4, 2013

Mr. ROGERS of Alabama. Mr. Speaker, I would like to ask for the House's attention today to recognize Jan Jennings who is celebrating her 60th birthday on Thursday, February 7th, 2013.

Mrs. Jennings was born on February 7th, 1953 in Anniston, Alabama to Johnny and Ruby Reaves. She is one of seven children. She graduated from Saks High School and went on to attend Gadsden State University, where she got her degree in Nursing. She later received her Business degree from Jacksonville State University in 1989.

In 1983, Jan married Jeff Jennings, also a native of Anniston, Alabama. Later, in 1987, they welcomed their only child, Jessica. In 2010, they adopted their beloved labradoodle, Tully.

For almost 20 years, Jan practiced as a nurse at Regional Medical Center in Anniston, Riverview Medical Center in Gadsden, and Montclair Baptist Hospital in Birmingham. Jan then left to pursue her dreams of traveling the world when she joined the medical sales industry. Jan is still in the industry today, working as a Trainer for EndoGastric Solutions.

After over 40 years of living in Anniston, Alabama, Jan and her family relocated to High Point, North Carolina, where they live today. Although she lives in North Carolina, Jan remains a dedicated fan of the University of Alabama Crimson Tide.

Mr. Speaker, we join her family and friends in celebrating Jan's birthday and wishing her many more.

RECOGNIZING MS. OLLIE LEE MCMILLAN MASON

HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 4, 2013

Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the life and achievements of Ms. Ollie Lee McMillan Mason. Ms. Mason lived her life with determination and with a commitment to serving others. As the first black nurse on the staff of

Parkland Memorial Hospital in 1937. Ms. Mason was a trailblazer for others who would follow in her path.

A Dallas, Texas, native, Ms. Mason moved to Washington, DC, to study at the Freedmen's Hospital School of Nursing. After graduating in 1929, she served as chief nurse at the McMillan Sanitarium in Dallas, an institute founded by her father, Dr. W. R. McMillan. Ms. Mason later studied obstetrics for a year at Bellevue Hospital Center in New York City. During her time in New York, she married Duane B. Mason.

When Ms. Mason and her husband returned to Dallas, Ms. Mason began working at Parkland Memorial Hospital in the obstetrics department. She became a public health nurse for Dallas in 1941. Ms. Mason continued her nursing education at Michael Reese Hospital in Chicago, and earned her bachelor's degree in nursing at Case Western Reserve University in Cleveland. Ms. Mason always used her education to serve her community in Dallas, whether teaching others to care for premature infants or working for the school district.

Never shying away from a challenge, Ms. Mason joined the Peace Corps in 1972 and served in Mauritius. After working overseas, Ms. Mason came back to Dallas and worked for Tremont Health Care Center until her retirement at the age of 84.

Ms. Mason died last week at the age of 107 in Irving, Texas. Her lifelong dedication to helping others and her love for nursing changed our Dallas community for the better. Ms. Mason is survived by her daughters, Sandra Ruth Dixon and Anne Young, eight grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

HONORING THE LIFE OF LAURA LASALVIA

HON. JIM COSTA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 4, 2013

Mr. COSTA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the life of Laura LaSalvia, who lived a long and fulfilling life of 95 years. Laura joined her late husband, Tony LaSalvia, on January 5, 2013.

Laura and Tony raised three children together: Antonia, Nicola, and Steven. Laura spent most of her time at home with her children while Tony ran the family business, the Los Banos Abattoir. After Tony's passing, Steven took over the business with Laura's help. She was well-known to both the producers and the customers, keeping a tight watch on the business affairs to ensure they were fulfilled as Tony would have wanted.

Laura was a trailblazer for women in the meat industry. It can be a tough business for women, but her dedication and hard work helped her to accomplish many successes. She passed these strong traits along to her children, grandchildren, great grandchildren, and to all those associated with the family business. Laura's presence at the Los Banos Abattoir will be greatly missed.

Laura was extremely active in her community. She served on school boards and participated in school-related activities for her children and grandchildren. She was also very involved at Saint Joseph's Church in Los Banos. Religion and faith were strong components of

her life. In 1957, Laura was a charter parent of Our Lady of Fatima School, and she served as president various times. She was also a member of Altar Society and the Italian Catholic Federation.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in paying tribute to the life of Laura LaSalvia. She will undoubtedly be missed by all for her wise and loving counsel. We thank Laura today for her outstanding contributions to the Central Valley and the State of California.

IN SUPPORT OF UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE RELEASE OF COMMEMORATIVE ROSA PARKS STAMP

HON. JOYCE BEATTY

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 4, 2013

Mrs. BEATTY. Mr. Speaker, today is the 100th birthday of Rosa Parks, the mother of the modern Civil Rights Movement.

In celebration of this year's Black History Month, it is with great honor that I wholeheartedly lend my voice in support of the release of a commemorative stamp, created by the United States Postal Service, to pay respects to her legacy and contributions to this country to ensure the equal treatment of all citizens.

Her civil disobedience in refusing to give up her seat on that bus in Montgomery, Alabama sparked a movement that continues today to push the possibilities of our society into new realms.

As a member of the Ohio General Assembly, where I also served as House Minority Leader, I was proud to have led the efforts that resulted in the 2005 passage of House Bill 421 of the 130th General Assembly to mark December 1st as Rosa Parks Day—the first state to do so in the Nation.

That day in 1955, she started something larger than herself.

Her action sparked the peaceful Montgomery Bus Boycott that lasted 381 days and successfully desegregated the public transportation system across the country. Her fight didn't end there: she continued to champion civil rights all across the country until her passing on October 24, 2005. And with this stamp, we further add to the recognition of her selflessness and pioneering spirit that she deserves.

The unveiling of the stamp will take place in Detroit, Rosa Parks' final place of rest. Detroit is also the location of the Rosa and Raymond Parks Institute for Self Development, an organization she help found in 1987 to inspire young people—just as her actions inspired many across our nation in Alabama years before.

Now that we are at the start of this year's Black History Month, a year that celebrates the 150th anniversary of the Emancipation Proclamation and the 50th anniversary Martin Luther King Jr.'s March on Washington, I cannot think of a better 100th birthday memorial to help further etch Rosa Parks' name into the fabric of our nation's history than with this stamp.

“SOMETHING INSIDE” BY MADDIE GREENE

HON. MARK POCAN

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 4, 2013

Mr. POCAN. Mr. Speaker, I would like to submit the following by Maddie Greene:

SOMETHING INSIDE

(By Maddie Greene)

PLANNED PARENTHOOD OF WISCONSIN PRESENTS
OUR LIVES—OUR STORIES—OUR CELEBRATION:
THE 40TH ANNIVERSARY OF ROE V. WADE

On a sunny, slightly chilly weekend in May of 2000 I was preparing for final exams. Despite the stress of impending tests, it was a beautiful spring.

I woke up early Saturday morning with severe stomach pain. This was a type of pain with which I was entirely unfamiliar. It came in waves, dull but intense. It would recede for a time then return so strong I could barely stand. Pressing my fingers against my lower belly, I determined that the lowest right-hand region was swollen, hot, and hard to the touch. So did I jump out of bed and call the hospital? Oh, heavens, no. Now, a blister—that's a tragedy worth swooning over. A swollen stomach? Eh, I'll ignore that.

That evening, I went to study with a friend. We made jokes about appendix trouble. I laughed—then rushed home and read up on appendicitis. My symptoms weren't quite right. With so much else to worry about, my attitude was this: "It will get worse, or it will get better. I'll adjust to either option as needed."

It got better. I went on about my week as usual. However, by happy chance, I had a routine annual gynecologist appointment scheduled for that Thursday at Planned Parenthood. That appointment was going to change my life.

Thursday morning, May 11, 2000, I took a final exam. A few hours later I was at my appointment at the old Mifflin Street Planned Parenthood a few blocks from my dorm. I mentioned the pain of the previous weekend, expecting little to come of it.

The R.N. conducting my examination was named Elizabeth. She was lovely. One element of my routine checkup involved Elizabeth pressing her fingertips into my lower belly. A few painful presses into the exam, her lips tightened. Then she smiled and said in a bright, cheerful voice, "Well, you're pregnant." I'm pretty sure I gave a witty and decimating retort, probably something like "No, I'm not." She gauged me at about three months pregnant based on the firm swelling. Mind you, the math didn't work out. I couldn't be pregnant. But when a nurse thinks you're having a baby, you entertain the notion. I took a pregnancy test.

Sitting in that exam room awaiting the results of my test constituted the longest five minutes of my life up to that point. When Elizabeth came back she was frowning again. "Well, you're not pregnant," she informed me, and I punched the air triumphantly. She let me have my little celebration but she didn't smile with me. Instead, she said pointedly "But if you're not pregnant, then I don't know what that thing is inside you."

This disturbed me greatly.

Elizabeth sent me home to relax. "Take the day off work," she said. "Think about your next step." She promised to be in touch. I went back to my dorm and called my parents in tears. "Mom? Dad? I'm not pregnant! . . . But something's wrong." They came to Madison and took me out to lunch.

When I got back there was a message on the answering machine from Elizabeth asking what I'd decided. Well, I hadn't decided anything yet. That evening she called again and finally revealed the depth of her concern. She said, "Maddie, I didn't want to scare you too badly earlier. You needed time to cope. But I want to stress to you the: importance of contacting someone NOW. Please find a doctor and have that checked out."

So I did. And it was cancer. Just after my final exams I started treatment for a volleyball-sized malignant tumor that used to be my right ovary.

As a college student I was covered under my family's health insurance. But I was at school far from home—and I wanted some agency over my health and my life. For a busy student struggling through full-time coursework and a part-time job, Planned Parenthood was the best option for monitoring my reproductive health privately and affordably.

Without Elizabeth, without the convenience and affordability of that Planned Parenthood on Mifflin St, maybe I'd be dead. Who knows? I know that they wouldn't have caught my cancer until I could no longer

avoid the symptoms. Maybe until that fast-growing malignancy had done what it was trying to do.

Planned Parenthood didn't just do what I asked, they did what I needed. They identified that I was very sick and they gently, kindly, but insistently urged me toward seeking specialized care.

Today I'm healthy, cancer-free, and grateful that Planned Parenthood was available to me and that its kind, smart R.N. Elizabeth caught my cancer.

SENATE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Title IV of Senate Resolution 4, agreed to by the Senate of February 4, 1977, calls for establishment of a system for a computerized schedule of all meetings and hearings of Senate committees, subcommittees, joint committees, and committees of conference. This title requires all such committees to notify the Office of the Senate Daily Digest—designated by the Rules Committee—of the time, place and purpose of the meetings, when scheduled and any cancellations or changes in the meetings as they occur.

As an additional procedure along with the computerization of this information, the Office of the Senate Daily Digest will prepare this information for printing in the Extensions of Remarks section of the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD on Monday and Wednesday of each week.

Meetings scheduled for Tuesday, February 5, 2013 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's record.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED

FEBRUARY 7

10 a.m.

Committee on Armed Services

To hold hearings to examine the Department of Defense's response to the attack on United States facilities in Benghazi, Libya, and the findings of its internal review following the attack;

with the possibility of a closed session in SVC-217 following the open session.

SD-G50

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

To hold hearings to examine No Child Left Behind, focusing on early lessons from state flexibility waivers.

SH-216

Committee on the Judiciary

Business meeting to consider the nominations of Robert E. Bacharach, of Oklahoma, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Tenth Circuit, William J. Kayatta, Jr., of Maine, to be United States Circuit Judge for the First Circuit, Richard Gary Taranto, of Maryland, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Federal Circuit, Caitlin Joan Halligan, of New York, to be United States Circuit Judge for the District of Columbia Circuit, Patty Shwartz, of New Jersey, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Third Circuit, Pamela Ki Mai Chen, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of New York, Katherine Polk Failla, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of New York, Andrew Patrick Gordon, to be United States District Judge for the District of Nevada, Ketanji Brown Jackson, of Maryland, to be United States District Judge for the District of Columbia, Raymond P. Moore, to be United States District Judge for the District of Colorado, Troy L. Nunley, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of California, Beverly Reid O'Connell, to be United States District Judge for the Central District

of California, Analisa Torres, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of New York, Derrick Kahala Watson, to be United States District Judge for the District of Hawaii, and Mark A. Barnett, of Virginia, and Claire R. Kelly, of New York, both to be a Judge of the United States Court of International Trade.

SD-226

10:30 a.m.

Committee on Environment and Public Works

To hold an oversight hearing to examine implementation of Corps of Engineers water resources policies.

SD-406

2:30 p.m.

Select Committee on Intelligence

To hold hearings to examine the nomination of John Owen Brennan, of Virginia, to be Director of the Central Intelligence Agency.

SH-216

FEBRUARY 12

10 a.m.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

To hold hearings to examine opportunities and challenges associated with America's natural gas resources.

SD-366

Committee on the Judiciary

Subcommittee on the Constitution, Civil Rights and Human Rights

To hold hearings to examine proposals to reduce gun violence, focusing on protecting our communities while respecting the Second Amendment.

SD-226