

Tony recently accomplished a \$15 million campaign to open a new facility that will help expand the cause of addressing homelessness in central Iowa. The new facility, which opened in September, consists of more than two hundred beds; includes emergency, transitional, and permanent housing options; and features an on-site health clinic, food pantry, clothing closet, classroom, and a resource center for homeless veterans and other veterans in need of assistance. Outside of CISS, Mr. Timm has been the president of the Des Moines Downtown Chamber of Commerce, appointed to the Iowa Council of Homelessness by Governor Branstad, a board member of the Greater Des Moines Partnership and the Downtown Community Alliance, and was the recipient of the 2012 Social Czar designation from the Des Moines Social Club. Raised in Tipton, Iowa, Tony now resides in the Des Moines area with his wife Channon and their two children, Charlie and Sophia. In all facets of his life, Tony is an example of hard work and service that our State can be proud of.

Mr. Speaker, it is a profound honor to represent leaders like Tony in the United States Congress and it is with great pride that I recognize and applaud Mr. Timm for utilizing his talents to better both his community and the great State of Iowa. I invite my colleagues in the House to join me in congratulating Tony on receiving this esteemed designation, thanking those at Business Record for their great work, and wishing each member of the 2013 Forty Under 40 class continued success.

COMMEMORATING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF HARRIET TUBMAN'S DEATH

HON. DANIEL B. MAFFEI

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 12, 2013

Mr. MAFFEI. Mr. Speaker, I rise to join Auburn and the entire Central New York community in commemorating the 100th Anniversary of Harriet Tubman's death. Few Americans have fought so courageously for freedom and equality as Harriet Tubman. To pay tribute to her life and legacy, I introduced the Harriet Tubman National Historical Parks Act. This bill establishes two National Historic Parks in her honor: The Harriet Tubman National Historical Park in Auburn, NY and the Harriet Tubman Underground Railroad National Historical Park on the Eastern Shore of Maryland.

The proposed national park encompasses several of Auburn's important historical sites including Harriet Tubman's Home, the Home for the Aged, the AME Zion Church, and the cemetery where she is buried. The legacy she left in Auburn is one of America's lasting treasures and we should honor her as the first African-American woman to have a national park established in her honor.

Establishing this park is not just about our history and the past, it is also about the present and our future, particularly our economic future. This new park would be a significant piece of an emerging tourist region with both historical and natural attractions.

We must work together to preserve Harriet Tubman's legacy and promote Auburn's future. Her story is a lasting lesson that still resonates today. Tubman was not someone who

accepted the circumstances of her time—she fought tirelessly for freedom and progress and that legacy is one worth fighting for. There is still work to be done to make this idea a reality and like Tubman, we cannot stop now. I am committed to working with my colleagues in the House, my counterparts in the Senate, and advocates in this community and around the country to pass this legislation which is long overdue.

HONORING GARY CASERI ON HIS RETIREMENT

HON. JEFF DENHAM

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 12, 2013

Mr. DENHAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge and honor Stanislaus County Agricultural Commissioner and Sealer of Weights Gary Caseri on his retirement. He retired on March 2, 2013, after 37 years of valuable service to the agricultural and business community and five years as the Agricultural Commissioner and Sealer of Weights for Stanislaus County.

Mr. Caseri has been a committed member of the California Agricultural Commissioner and Sealers Association (CACASA) for over 12 years. He has enforced laws and regulations from a prospective of service and outreach to the agricultural and business communities.

Mr. Caseri provided equity in the marketplace through fair enforcement of weights and measures laws and regulations. He was instrumental in establishing the first grower-led spray safe workshop—an event designed to help pesticide applicators apply material in a safe manner.

Mr. Caseri served on the Agricultural Advisory Board providing valuable guidance on important issues that included the Agricultural and the draft Ground Water Export Ordinance. Through his leadership on the CACASA Seed, Apiary and Nursery Committee, he facilitated the standardization of colony-strength inspection procedures used during the important almond pollination season.

Mr. Caseri served on the Shell Egg Advisory Committee and was successful in establishing a model pilot retail egg inspection program, which will be used throughout the State of California.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in honoring Stanislaus County Agricultural Commissioner and Sealer of Weights Gary Caseri on his retirement and in wishing him the best of luck in his future endeavors.

RECOGNIZING THE PEOPLE OF NAGORNO KARABAKH AND THE TWENTY-FIFTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE SUMGAIT POGROMS

HON. JIM COSTA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 12, 2013

Mr. COSTA. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to recognize the twenty-fifth anniversary of the pogroms against people of Armenian descent in Sumgait, Azerbaijan. This ungodly mas-

sacre in 1988 resulted in the murder of scores of Armenians. Tragically, women and girls were viciously raped and hundreds of Armenians were wounded. The chaos led to thousands of Armenian refugees who were left without homes or livelihoods. It was from the ashes of these terrible fires that arose the Nagorno Karabakh democracy movement that has, after many terrible years of Azerbaijani war, blockades, and aggression, resulted in hard-won freedom and democracy for the proud citizens of this ancient Christian land.

As we recognize this tragedy, it is also proper that we celebrate the courage of the people of Nagorno Karabakh as the first to rise up against the Soviet Union and to demand their right to freedom and self-governance. We celebrate the self-determination of the people of Nagorno Karabakh, their declaration of independence more than two decades ago, and their role in ending the Soviet threat to America. We should never forget the brave efforts of this small nation in sparking the democracy movement that ended decades of dictatorial rule in the USSR and eventually led to the fall of the Soviet Union.

Sadly, over the past quarter century, the Azerbaijani government has attacked the people of Karabakh with a clenched fist. Azerbaijan has consistently obstructed the peace process, walking away from its own agreements, and instead sought to incite hatred within its own population with anti-Armenian rhetoric and regular cross border attacks and threats of renewed war. Perhaps the most telling example was the President of Azerbaijan's decision to pardon, praise, and even promote Ramil Safarov, an Azerbaijani soldier who was sentenced to life in prison for the brutal murder of unarmed Armenian Army officer Gurgen Margaryan in Budapest in 2004.

Today, I ask my colleagues to stand with the proud people of Nagorno Karabakh because our two peoples share so many of the same foundational ideals including a commitment to the values of freedom, human rights, self-determination, and democracy.

CROWN CANDY KITCHEN

HON. WM. LACY CLAY

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 12, 2013

Mr. CLAY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the 100th anniversary of the Crown Candy Kitchen restaurant in the great city of St. Louis. Since its founding in 1913, the Crown Candy Kitchen has become deeply intertwined into the community and continues to serve as an example of continued success in the Old North St. Louis neighborhood.

The story of the Crown Candy Kitchen is predominately an American story. The Crown Candy Kitchen was opened in 1913 by Harry Karandzieff and his best friend Pete Jugaloff. They were immigrants who brought their culinary skills from Greece, along with a dream of providing a friendly environment for diners to enjoy their unique dishes. During the early 50's Harry's son George took the business over and built the business into what it is today. Now George's three sons Andy, Tommy, and Mike run the business with a little help from the 4th generation.

Unique features of the Crown Candy Kitchen include homemade chocolate candy which