

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

RECOGNIZING THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF AMILCAR CORDOVA

HON. ALAN GRAYSON

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 16, 2014

Mr. GRAYSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today, in honor of Hispanic Heritage Month, to recognize Amilcar Córdova. Mr. Córdova hails from the “City of Giants,” Carolina, Puerto Rico. He persuaded his mother to move to the United States after his graduation from high school in 1985. His family moved to Pennsylvania, where he began working at a national insurance company as a mail clerk. He slowly started moving up the ranks within the industry until he became a Health Claims Supervisor.

In 1994, Mr. Córdova moved to Orlando, FL this time with his own family. After moving, he left the insurance industry for a sales career in advertising. In 2008, Mr. Córdova co-founded Amigos Profesionales Business Network, an organization that focuses on introducing and showcasing Hispanic professionals and business owners to the general market. Inspired by both his new profession and having an in-depth understanding of the growing vibrant and thriving Hispanic demographic, in 2010 he founded his own advertising agency, Córdova Marketing Solutions, which specializes in the development of small businesses by providing consulting, marketing, and advertising services.

In 2010, he also joined the Puerto Rican Chamber of Commerce of Central Florida as its Executive Director and in 2013 he was elected President. In this capacity, he has organized trade mission trips to Puerto Rico to help establish connections between businesses in the Commonwealth and Central Florida.

He has also been a member of Hispanic Young Professionals and Entrepreneurs (HYPE), an organization that strives to provide guidance and support to Hispanic youth in middle and high school. HYPE promotes higher education and vocational training in order to prepare youth for their future careers so that they can advance our economy and improve our community.

Mr. Córdova is the Marketing and Public Relations Director of The Valle Law Firm. He recently became an Authorized Local Expert for Constant Contact, a company that provides tools to empower small businesses to grow customer relationships and level the playing field.

Mr. Córdova has two sons, Amilcar Córdova II and Schavier Córdova, and three grandchildren, Yamilette, Gabriel, and Isabella. His mother, Aida I. Cruz lives in Orlando, FL, and his father, Gypsy M. Córdova, still lives in Puerto Rico.

I am happy to honor Amilcar Córdova, during Hispanic Heritage Month, for his contributions to the Central Florida community.

HONORING PEGGY KIRKPATRICK FOR OVER 22 YEARS OF SERVICE TO THE FOOD BANK FOR CENTRAL & NORTHEAST MISSOURI

HON. VICKY HARTZLER

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 16, 2014

Mrs. HARTZLER. Mr. Speaker, I stand today to recognize Peggy Kirkpatrick who has served the needs of Missouri citizens for over 22 years as the Executive Director of the Food Bank for Central & Northeast Missouri and will be retiring at the end of this year. This incredible woman has cared for and made a resounding difference in the lives of thousands of families in Missouri’s 4th District and beyond.

Mrs. Kirkpatrick began her career at the Food Bank for Central & Northeast Missouri over two decades ago. Transforming a nearly-shuttered program into one of the most prominent food banks in the United States, Peggy’s legacy will continue long after her retirement. Under Mrs. Kirkpatrick’s leadership, the Food Bank went from distributing about 3.4 million pounds of food in 1992 to over 36 million pounds in 2013. She was also instrumental in making the Food Bank one of only two in the entire nation, at that time, to not charge client agencies for their products and services. I rise to recognize Mrs. Kirkpatrick’s passion for her tireless work to better the lives of those in her community.

In closing, Mr. Speaker, I call all my colleagues to join me in applauding the service and commitment of Mrs. Kirkpatrick. Her steadfast and enduring service is a shining example for all. We are blessed to have such dedicated citizens like Peggy serving us, and we wish her the best in the years to come.

CELEBRATING 160 YEARS OF THE DEKALB MUNICIPAL BAND

HON. ADAM KINZINGER

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 16, 2014

Mr. KINZINGER of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, it is an honor to rise today in celebration of the DeKalb Municipal Band as they celebrate 160 years of concerts this December.

From humble beginnings as the Silver Cornet Band in 1854, the DeKalb Municipal Band has a history as interesting and unique as its many members. In its early years it was the official band of the Third Regiment of the Illinois National Guard, and was later renamed the DeKalb Military Band following the return of musicians who served in World War I. In the 1930s, Hopkins Park was built and the band found a permanent home for concerts. Since then, Hopkins Park has been outfitted with a wooden shell, funded by the band members themselves, which was eventually

upgraded to the current concrete and steel band shell that includes seating for 3,000 to enjoy today’s concerts.

As one of the most historic bands in the Midwest, the DeKalb Municipal Band keeps the tradition of providing music and entertainment to DeKalb and the surrounding communities alive with their annual summer concert series, including their July 4th Fireworks Spectacular. The commitment of the musicians, conductors, and volunteers who have helped the Municipal Band survive and thrive for 160 years is to be commended. DeKalb and the surrounding communities can take pride in the Band’s historic traditions and I know we can all look forward to many more decades of music in Hopkins Park.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of Illinois’ Sixteenth District of Illinois, I wish to express our appreciation and sincere congratulations to all those who have helped make the DeKalb Municipal Band a success over the past 160 years.

SCOTLAND

HON. TED POE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 16, 2014

Mr. POE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, it is an exciting and historic time for self-determination in Scotland. Scots (and others) are voicing the pros and cons for Scotland’s vote this week on independence. To go it alone or not from the United Kingdom is the question before the feisty Scots.

Thousands of Scots came to the United States for a new life over 300 years ago. My own family line traces back to Scotland and the Weems (Wemyss) clan. (Some would say it explains my personality.) The Weems castle, built in the 15th Century, still proudly stands in the town of Fife, Scotland.

My ancestors fought with Robert the Bruce in the Battle of Bannockburn in 1314. The King of England, Edward II, invaded Scotland with the largest English Army to ever attack Scotland. His army outnumbered Robert the Bruce’s common Scot army 4 to 1. But the Scots are fearsome warriors. After days of hand to hand combat, the Scots beat the English and declared Scotland’s de facto Independence.

However, Scotland and England were joined under the United Kingdom 400 years ago.

Texas Weems came by way of the Carolinas in the 1700s then they moved to Tennessee and finally settled in early Texas in the 1800s.

From America’s struggle for Independence and Texas’s successful fight for Texas independence from Mexico (Texas was a sovereign republic from 1836–1845), such causes are noble but difficult. During the Texas War of Independence, at least four Scots fought and died at the cradle of Texas liberty—The Alamo.

If government truly is of the people, by the people and for the people, then people that

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are ruled over by a government should be the ones to choose that government. Self-determination is a natural right.

Scotland will have that peaceful choice this week, and do what is best for “Scotland the Brave.”

And that’s just the way it is.

TRIBUTE TO HONOR THE LIFE OF
RYLAND KELLEY

HON. ANNA G. ESHOO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 16, 2014

Ms. ESHOO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of an extraordinary American, Richard Ryland Kelley, who was born on October 2, 1925, in Palo Alto, California, and died on August 30, 2014. He was an energetic, creative, generous and poetic man, and was a central figure in the development of Silicon Valley.

Ryland Kelley was a graduate of Stanford University and served his country in the Army Air Corps during World War II. He joined his father in forming a real estate firm that became known as Hare, Brewer and Kelley (HBK). The firm developed many San Francisco Peninsula communities, including Ladera, Lindenwood, Atherton Heights and Hidden Valley in Woodside. HBK also built the Palo Alto Office Center, Mayfield Mall, Webster House, a retirement community in Palo Alto, and the Pajaro Dunes resort in Watsonville.

Ryland Kelley was a writer and a poet, who at the time of his death was planning to produce six one-act plays. He wrote seven plays and published three books of poetry. He was deeply involved in athletics since his days on the Stanford football and basketball teams, and tasted politics while helping Paul N. “Pete” McCloskey in his successful campaign against Shirley Temple Black for an open seat in Congress. He was a true renaissance man. Realizing that he was near death, he held a poetry reading for his closest friends at his son’s home in June.

Ryland Kelley leaves his devoted wife of 65 years and my precious friend, Shirley Sneath Kelley; his son Rich and his wife Gina of Woodside; his son Tom of San Francisco; and his son Bruce and his wife Susan, of West Hartford, Connecticut; and four grandchildren.

I had the privilege of knowing Ry for over three decades. His friendship, sage advice and counsel, and keen observations enriched my life immeasurably. Mr. Speaker, I ask the entire House of Representatives to join me in expressing our deepest condolences to Ryland Kelley’s family and to all those who knew, respected and loved him. I consider it a great blessing to have called him my friend, and his countless contributions to our community are eloquent statements about this uniquely gifted and giving man. Our country and our community were blessed by his life, and we are bettered having known him.

IN RECOGNITION OF MR. JOHN HEUBERGER, DEPUTY COMMANDER OF THE DEFENSE LOGISTICS AGENCY DISTRIBUTION CENTER IN TOBYHANNA, PA

HON. MATT CARTWRIGHT

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 16, 2014

Mr. CARTWRIGHT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of Mr. John Heuberger, who will retire on Friday, October 3, 2014 from his position as the Deputy Commander of DLA Distribution in Tobyhanna, Pennsylvania.

Mr. Heuberger is a Vietnam Era Veteran, having served in the United States Navy from 1971–1974 as a Hospital Corpsman 3rd Class. He later spent three years in the Naval Reserve and began his career as a federal employee, where he continued to proudly serve our country.

As a federal employee, Mr. Heuberger worked at a wide range of facilities across New York and Pennsylvania. His assignments included the Veterans Administration Extended Care Center in St. Albans, New York, the Veterans Administration Medical Center in Brooklyn, New York, the Veterans Administration Center in Northport, New York, and as a General Supply Officer at Tobyhanna Army Depot in Tobyhanna, Pennsylvania.

Since 1992, Mr. Heuberger has served as Distribution Facilities Manager, DLA Distribution at Tobyhanna Army Depot.

Mr. Heuberger is the recipient of the Army Award for Civilian Service, the Department of the Army Certificate of Appreciation, numerous other awards, and has been honored by Vice-President Al Gore with the National Partnership for Reinventing Government Award.

Mr. Heuberger is a role model in the workplace—truly an individual other federal employees should seek to emulate. His hard work and dedication to all facets of our making our military the best it can be are overly commendable. During his Tobyhanna years, he drew on past experiences and relationships to hone his leadership skills, consistently sought to promote positive thinking, and provided invaluable guidance to his colleagues and fellow employees. The role Mr. Heuberger played in his years of service at DLA is an integral part of the critical mission to supply and equip our military. I am honored to recognize outstanding individuals engaged in this mission.

I extend my congratulations to Mr. Heuberger for a job well done in service to our nation. The Department of Defense and everyone at Tobyhanna will miss him, I’m sure, but I wish him well in retirement.

RECOGNIZING THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF JOSE R. BALASQUIDE

HON. ALAN GRAYSON

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 16, 2014

Mr. GRAYSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today, in honor of Hispanic Heritage Month, to recognize Jose Balasquide. Born in Puerto Rico, Mr. Balasquide has been residing in Central Florida since 1993.

Mr. Balasquide has been active in the political, civic, and business communities in Cen-

tral Florida. As Governmental Affairs Director for the Puerto Rican Chamber of Commerce of Central Florida, he worked to promote the region’s economic development.

A former Legislative Assistant to a Florida State Senator, Mr. Balasquide has remained politically active. He served as the Florida State Director of the Mi Familia Vota Educational Fund (MVEF), where he led campaigns to help increase civic engagement in the Latino community and build a new, influential community of voters. He has also directed Latino civic engagement efforts, and mobilized over 75,000 Latinos in Florida during the 2012 elections.

Mr. Balasquide is also a Member-at-Large for the Executive Board of the Central Florida Redistricting Council. In this capacity, he has been battling for the fair redistricting of the state of Florida.

Mr. Balasquide served as the Director of the Latino Civic Engagement Working Group, a platform for Latino civic organizations to develop a regional and state progressive civic engagement plan. In 2013, he served as the President of the Florida Democratic Hispanic Caucus and he is currently the President for its Osceola County Chapter. He is also a Partner at Business Entities Advisors LLC., a consulting company, and a Consultant with Beacon Solutions, LLC.

A graduate of the Interamerican University of Puerto Rico, College of Business Administration, Mr. Balasquide is a licensed insurance adjuster and a financial advisor.

I am happy to recognize Jose R. Balasquide, during Hispanic Heritage Month, for his contributions to the Central Florida community.

INTRODUCTION OF THE UNITED STATES-CARIBBEAN PARTNERSHIP ACT OF 2014

HON. ELIOT L. ENGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 16, 2014

Mr. ENGEL. Mr. Speaker, today, I am pleased to introduce the United States-Caribbean Partnership Act of 2014.

I ask my colleagues to imagine countries where tens of thousands of American citizens travel for pleasure or business; where thousands of American citizens go to school; where there is a constant concern about drug trafficking to the United States; but where the United States has no U.S. embassies. Surprisingly, there are five countries in the Caribbean—only a few hundred miles from the United States—where we have no physical diplomatic presence. My legislation will correct this problem by establishing U.S. embassies in the five countries in the Caribbean with which the United States has diplomatic relations but no permanent diplomatic presence: Antigua and Barbuda, Dominica, St. Kitts and Nevis, St. Lucia and St. Vincent and the Grenadines. Currently, all diplomatic relations with these countries are run out of the U.S. embassy in Barbados.

While these countries are small, they must not be taken for granted. They are key voting members of the United Nations and other international organizations. As members of the Organization of American States (OAS), their

votes are extremely important, particularly as countries in the hemisphere choose a new Secretary General next May. We must work with our partners in the Caribbean to ensure that the next OAS Secretary General is committed to upholding the principles enshrined in the Inter-American Democratic Charter. Without a U.S. presence in these five countries, it is very difficult to conduct in-person diplomacy with our counterparts on a range of crucial international issues. These countries are also of profound interest and importance to the millions of Caribbean-American citizens in the United States.

Currently, in order to meet with local officials, the private sector or civil society, U.S. diplomats must fly in from Barbados (or Washington) on often expensive, infrequent flights, and stay overnight in often expensive island hotels. Close working relationships with key leaders cannot develop, because our diplomats are not there to establish them. And, our diplomacy is limited to phone calls, emails and faxes, even though we all know that the best interaction is carried out in person. In addition to our stymied diplomacy, U.S. citizens living in these countries do not have full consular services to assist in the event of emergencies.

This bill establishes new embassies in Antigua and Barbuda, Dominica, St. Kitts and Nevis, St. Lucia and St. Vincent and the Grenadines while using existing funding. I authored an amendment to create these embassies in 2011 which was approved unanimously by the House Foreign Affairs Committee. I look forward to working with the Obama Administration to get this legislation across the finish line this time.

I urge my colleagues to join me in supporting this legislation.

RECOGNIZING THE IMMACULATA UNIVERSITY MIGHTY MACS 1972–1974 WOMEN'S BASKETBALL TEAMS

HON. JIM GERLACH

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 16, 2014

Mr. GERLACH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the players and coaches of the Immaculata University Mighty Macs 1972–1974 Women's Basketball Teams on the occasion of their enshrinement into the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame.

Led by their young coach, Cathy Rush, the Mighty Macs won the first three women's college basketball championships in 1972, 1973, and 1974 and this performance is considered the birthplace of modern college women's basketball. Rush is a Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame inductee, Class of 2008. In addition to the national championships, the Mighty Macs were the first women's team, along with the University of Maryland, to appear on national TV; first women's team, along with Queen's College, to play at Madison Square Garden, and the first women's college team to play outside the United States (Australia in 1974). Their inspirational story was made into a feature-length theatrical movie called *The Mighty Macs* and released by Sony Pictures in 2011.

The Mighty Macs are: Janet Ruch Boltz '73 of Glen Mills, PA; Denise Conway Crawford

'74 of Havertown; Janet Young Eline '74 of Gettysburg, PA; Theresa Shank Greutz '74 of West Chester, PA; Nancy Johnston '76 (deceased); Barbara Deuble Kelly '77 of White Bear Lake, MN; Tina Krah of Indianapolis, IN; Patricia Mulhern Loughran '77 of Broomall, PA; Judy Marra Martelli '75 of Media, PA; Maureen Mooney '73 (deceased); Sue Forsyth O'Grady '72 of Drexel Hill, PA; Patricia Opila Penater '72 (deceased); Rene Muth Portland '75 of Bloomington, IN; Betty Ann Hoffman Quinn '73 of Ardmore, PA; Cathy Rush (coach) of Sarasota, FL; Mary Scharff '77 of Audubon, NJ; Marianne Crawford Stanley '76 of Raleigh, NC; Maureen Stuhlman of South Lake Tahoe, CA; and Marie Liguori Williams '77 of Hollywood, FL.

Mr. Speaker, in light of their outstanding accomplishments, history-making seasons, and enshrinement in the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame, I ask that my colleagues join me today in recognizing the players and coaches of the Immaculata University Mighty Macs 1972–1974 Women's Basketball Teams.

OUR UNCONSCIONABLE NATIONAL DEBT

HON. MIKE COFFMAN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 16, 2014

Mr. COFFMAN. Mr. Speaker, on January 20, 2009, the day President Obama took office, the national debt was \$10,626,877,048,913.08.

Today, it is \$17,741,170,643,844.86. We've added \$7,114,293,594,931.78 to our debt in 5 years. This is over \$7.1 trillion in debt our nation, our economy, and our children could have avoided with a balanced budget amendment.

TRIBUTE TO HONOR THE 75TH ANNIVERSARY OF NASA AMES RESEARCH CENTER

HON. ANNA G. ESHOO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 16, 2014

Ms. ESHOO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and congratulate the scientists, engineers and staff of the NASA Ames Research Center for their legacy of contributions to our nation. For three quarters of a century NASA Ames has been a center of research, innovation, creativity and discovery.

NASA Ames was established on December 20, 1939, in Sunnyvale and Mountain View, California, and is now part of the 18th Congressional District of California which I'm privileged to represent.

Aeronautical researchers at NASA Ames constructed the world's greatest series of wind tunnels, improved the aircraft that led America to victory in World War II, and helped design supersonic jet aircraft.

Spacecraft engineers at NASA Ames played a major role in the exploration of space and continue to study human-machine interaction, fundamental space biology and biotechnology.

Information technologists at NASA Ames opened the fields of supercomputing, helped

lay the foundations of the commercial internet and network security, and serve as a conduit for the sharing of ideas between government and the firms of Silicon Valley. The planetary scientists of NASA Ames have inspired a sense of awe at the vastness, beauty and complexity of the universe through robotic missions to explore our solar system.

The earth scientists of NASA Ames helped bring better understanding to the environmental dynamics of our planet, and collaborated with scientists to develop new tools to fight fires, address the challenges of climate change, and make us better stewards of our ecosystems.

The educators of NASA Ames have inspired successive generations of young people to engage in careers in science, technology, engineering and mathematics.

The government entrepreneurs of NASA Ames have done better science for less expense. NASA Ames builds, manages, and operates some of the most spectacular spacecraft that explore our solar system, as well as other solar systems, and it is a powerful and reliable source of employment and innovation with a highly skilled and motivated workforce.

Mr. Speaker, I ask the entire House of Representatives to join me in saluting the extraordinary contributions made by NASA Ames Research Center over the past 75 years to the history, economy, ecology and knowledge of our nation.

TRIBUTE TO MAJOR AJ KUEN

HON. JOHN R. CARTER

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 16, 2014

Mr. CARTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to Major AJ Kuen, of the United States Army, for his extraordinary service to our nation. He served both Congress and the Army during his time on Capitol Hill with the Army's House liaison division. Major Kuen was recently assigned to continue his excellent work in the Army's chief of legislative liaison office at the Pentagon.

A native of Montville, New Jersey, Major Kuen graduated from the United States Military Academy with a Bachelor's Degree in Systems Engineering before reporting to the Army's prestigious aviation school. He excelled as a young lieutenant and completed the challenging qualifications for both the Kiowa and Blackhawk helicopters.

Major Kuen reported to his first duty assignment in Fort Polk, Louisiana to serve as a Blackhawk platoon leader for the Joint Readiness Training Center. His skills as both a leader and aviator were on full display while he trained units to conduct dangerous aviation missions in Afghanistan.

Major Kuen continued his great work during later assignments. He served with the 1st Cavalry Division in Fort Hood, TX where he ensured that the Lone Star State received immediate emergency air support from the 1st Air Cavalry Brigade during Hurricane Ike. Shortly thereafter, Major Kuen deployed to Iraq as the Headquarters and Headquarters Company Commander for the 1st Air Cavalry Brigade.

Major Kuen's exceptional performances as an Army officer allowed him to compete for

the Army Congressional Fellowship Program and serve as a defense fellow for Congressman Silvestre Reyes. Major Kuen transitioned to the Army house liaison division and took on the challenging responsibilities of a legislative liaison between the Army and the U.S. House of Representatives.

His dedication to duty and country are matched by his strong devotion to his family. He is married to his lovely wife Lauren and is the proud father of his newborn son Wesley.

Major Kuen is a dedicated officer who has paved a path for future leaders to follow. It is my honor to recognize his commitment to duty as he proceeds to the next chapter of his remarkable career. I wish him and his family nothing but the best in the years to come.

IN HONOR OF MS. VERA BABERS

HON. BILL FLORES

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 16, 2014

Mr. FLORES. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Ms. Vera Babers on her 100th birthday which took place on June 16, 2014. Ms. Babers has led a remarkable life that is grand in accomplishments through her hard work and dedication. I join her family, friends, and the community of Calvert, Texas in celebrating this event. I wish her more years of happiness, fulfillment, and health. Congratulations to Ms. Babers on her centennial birthday milestone.

THE RISE OF ANTI-SEMITISM AROUND THE WORLD

HON. FRANK R. WOLF

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 16, 2014

Mr. WOLF. Mr. Speaker, it has been said that anti-Semitism is the longest hatred in the world. And some have likened the freedom and safety of the Jewish people to "the canary in the coal mine" of a nation's religious freedom and tolerance, meaning if the Jewish population comes under attack, so too will others in time.

Speaking last December at the Ethics and Religious Liberty Commission's annual Leland Award Lecture on Religious Liberty, award recipient and religious liberty champion Dr. Robert George noted "the persistence of anti-Semitism worldwide, including in the nations of Western Europe, where it again appears to be on the rise."

Dr. George cited the observations of Britain's former Chief Rabbi, Lord Jonathan Sacks, that one of the ways that hatred of the Jewish people has persisted through the ages is by "expressing and justifying itself in terms of the dominant discourses of time and place."

In the Medieval period it was justified in warped theological terms—much to my regret as a follower of Jesus. At the end of the 19th century and into the 20th century it was expressed in nationalist terms, culminating in the horror that was the Nazi-perpetrated Holocaust.

And today, Dr. George observed, "when the dominant mode of discourse is the language

of human rights, anti-Semitism is expressed by accusing Jews of violating human rights in the name of national aspirations embodied in Zionism . . ." In recent years, particularly in the months since Israel's operations in Gaza responding to Hamas' rockets, we have seen a disturbing rise in anti-Semitic incidents in the Middle East, Europe and even, I regret to say, here in the United States, particularly on college campuses.

This trend has left many Jewish students feeling intimidated and threatened, as evidenced by the recent findings of the Anti-Defamation League's (ADL) annual "Audit of anti-Semitic Incidents" for 2013 which notes that "the ADL continues to receive complaints about anti-Semitic behavior on our campuses. These incidents include threats as well as verbal and written taunts promoting anti-Semitic stereotypes or evoking disturbing Holocaust themes."

Consider the following: in a nationwide anti-Israel campaign, some pro-Palestinian student groups such as Students for Justice in Palestine (SJP) have distributed "mock eviction notices" in college dormitories timed to coincide with so-called Israeli Apartheid Week. Still others have set up mock "check points."

According to Fox News, Boston's Northeastern University suspended SJP in March, 2014, "after years of alleged anti-Semitism that included repeated calls for the destruction of Israel, a 2011 disruption at a Holocaust Awareness Week event and the defacing of a statue of a Jewish donor and trustee of the university."

In some cases Jewish students who openly express their support for Israel are subjected to an increasingly hostile and intimidating environment where professors seek to promote their personal anti-Israel agenda. The local CBS affiliate in Boston reported last year that a Jewish student at Northeastern University wrote a paper arguing that Hamas was not a legitimate organization in direct response to one professor's lecture praising the terrorist organization. According to the news account, the professor instructed her to rewrite the paper.

In November 2012, two students vandalized a menorah on display in Northeastern's Krentzman Quad in Boston. On the same day, at Harvard College, fliers were distributed with phrases such as "Jews need not apply."

In 2006, the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights released its report on Campus Anti-Semitism. A number of recommendations were included in the report, including that the Office of Civil Rights "conduct a public education campaign to inform college students of the rights and protections afforded to them under federal civil rights laws, including the right of Jewish students to be free from anti-Semitic harassment."

Seeing as how anti-Semitism seems to be worse today, one has to wonder if the 2006 recommendations fell on deaf ears. That is why today I am asking the Civil Rights Commission to update its 2006 report. Not only should it look at incidents since 2006 but also examine which of recommendations were implemented and, if not, why?

Perhaps we should not be surprised at the increasingly hostile campus environment given the actions taken by certain academic associations. For example, at the end of last year, the American Studies Association voted to boycott Israel's higher education institutions as

part of the International Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions movement. Bear in mind this is not simply individual professors expressing their political views; rather it is the country's largest organization for the study of American culture and history that is doing so.

Notably, discussion of boycotts, divestment and sanctions is largely limited to Israel, but not the world's most egregious state abusers of human rights and religious freedom, like China, Saudi Arabia, Qatar, Bahrain, Vietnam and Pakistan, to name a few. To the contrary, many American universities are actually pursuing deeper relationships and funding from these countries—especially with China and the Gulf States.

As Jeffrey Goldberg observed, writing in the New York Daily News last December, "The American Studies Association has never before voted to boycott the academic institutions of another country. The organization's president, Curtis Marez, an associate professor of ethnic studies at the University of California, San Diego, told The New York Times, when its reporter asked him why his group was singling out Israel, that 'one has to start somewhere.'"

Looking beyond academia we have seen other institutions and entities, including my own denomination, the Presbyterian Church USA (PCUSA), singling out Israel in troubling ways. In June, I took to the House floor to express my disappointment at the PCUSA's action on Israel, namely its decision to divest the denomination's stock from three American companies that do business with Israel in the West Bank. The Wall Street Journal ran a piece following the PCUSA decision that noted that the denomination's "Middle East Issues Committee sees only one Middle East issue. All 14 of the matters before it this year concerned Israel and Palestine. No Syria. No Iraq."

The obsession with Israel's alleged abuses seems almost farcical given the barbarism that has unfolded in recent months in Syria and Iraq and which threatens the very existence of ancient Christian communities. The same year PCUSA adopted its divestment policy of companies that do business with Israel, it refused to join other prominent Christian churches in signing a pledge to stand with the persecuted church in the Middle East, for fear that speaking out for oppressed religious minorities might somehow be perceived as "anti-Muslim." How the church can take such an extreme position against Israel but not join others in the Christian community in speaking out against religious persecution in the Middle East is hard to reconcile.

The situation in Europe is decidedly more troubling. While anti-Semitism has been on the rise for some time now, it has been most acutely experienced by Europe's Jewish population during this summer of protests surrounding the escalation of the war in Gaza. In recent months, we have witnessed a degree of open and, at times, violent anti-Semitism in Europe that hasn't been seen since World War II.

An August 9 USA Today article described the phenomenon this way: "Four weeks of fighting between Hamas militants and Israel fueled a rise in anti-Semitism outbursts across Europe, ranging from violent attacks to chants of 'Death to the Jews' at anti-Israel demonstrations." The article continued, "In Germany and other European countries—especially France, which has a large Jewish and

Muslim population—Jews have been attacked on the streets, synagogues have been bombed, Jewish groups have received hate mail and anti-Semitic slogans have been sprayed on buildings.”

In short, what should have started and ended as a free speech exercise—as is expected and encouraged in any healthy democracy—in many cases morphed into violent and destructive demonstrations aimed at harming or intimidating local Jewish populations.

Commenting on the recent spate of violence and the incendiary language of the protests, the president of the Central Council of Jews in Germany Dieter Graumann aptly stated, “When calls for Jews to be gassed, burned and murdered are bawled on the streets of Germany, which no longer has anything to do with Israel’s politics and Gaza. It is the most abhorrent form of anti-Semitism.”

The demonstrations and protests are certainly not the whole story.

Consider this: On the afternoon of May 24, 2014, a young man casually approached the entrance of a Jewish museum in Brussels, Belgium. Pulling a Kalashnikov rifle from his bag he began to shoot. Within seconds, three people lay dead: a couple visiting from Israel and a museum volunteer. A fourth person, severely wounded, would die later. Weeks after the attack a suspect, who claimed responsibility for the deadly rampage, was arrested. The gunman reportedly spent over a year in Syria and, according to the BBC, “had links with radical Islamists.”

On July 25, CNN reported that what was to be a friendly preseason soccer match in Austria between two teams from Israel and Germany, respectively, had to “be abandoned after pro-Palestinian protesters invaded the pitch and started attacking the players” from the Israeli team.

On August 1, The New York Times reported that police in the German city of Wuppertal “detained two young men on suspicion of throwing firebombs at the city’s new synagogue . . .” The article continued, pointing to an incident of vandalism at the home of a prominent critic of anti-Semitism as well as a threatening anonymous phone call to a local rabbi who was told that 30 Frankfurt Jews would be killed if the caller’s family in Gaza was harmed.

The Times piece also reported on several troubling incidents in Rome where Jewish shop windows in multiple neighborhoods were defaced with swastikas and abhorrent threats including, “Jews your end is near.”

The British anti-Semitism watchdog, Community Security Trust reported 240 anti-Semitic incidents in Britain in July alone compared with 304 incidents in the first six months of the year combined.

The current chief Rabbi of Britain, Ephraim Mirvis, recently wrote in the Telegraph that the Jewish people can be viewed as the “canaries in the coal mine for Western civilization” and pointed to the recent wave of attacks as indications of a “new anti-Semitism” in which passion about the Israeli-Palestinian conflict is used to justify “something more sinister.”

Taking a step back from current events, it is important to view the phenomenon of anti-Semitism through the lens of history. From the Roman Empire’s persecution of the Jews, to the burning of Jews during the Middle Ages, from the second-class codification of Jewish populations during the Inquisition, to the vio-

lent pogroms carried out against Jewish communities in the 18th, 19th and 20th centuries and finally through the worst genocide in human history, the Jewish people have experienced more persecution than any other minority group in the world. Jews have been the favored scapegoats of tyrants who knew that by persecuting Jews, they could silence the messengers of the great truth of the Jewish faith—a potent teaching which inspires fear in the hearts of dictators—the equality of all created in the image of God.

Indeed, there is ample evidence that Jews truly are the canaries in the coal mine—not just in the West, but globally. Nowhere is this more evident than in the Middle East. In January, 2013, I sent a strongly worded letter to roughly 300 prominent Christian leaders in the United States urging them to utilize their spheres of influence to speak out on behalf of the persecuted church around the world, specifically in the Middle East. Even then, ancient Christian communities in countries like Iraq, Syria and Egypt were increasingly under siege. These troubling realities, of course, predated ISIS’s murderous advance across large swaths of Iraq and Syria and the ensuing carnage it has left in its wake, particularly targeting religious minorities like Christians, and the previously little-known Yazidis, now a household name.

A phrase not often heard outside the majority Muslim world is “First the Saturday People, then the Sunday People.” The “Saturday people” are, of course, the Jews. Their once-vibrant communities in countries throughout the region are now decimated. In 1948 there were roughly 150,000 Jews in Iraq; today, fewer than 10 remain. In Egypt, there were once as many as 80,000 Jews; now, fewer than 50 remain. Of those, all are older than 60.

It increasingly appears that a similar fate awaits the ancient Christian community in these same lands. Iraq’s Christian population has fallen from as many as 1.5 million in 2003 to 300,000 today. And the remaining population is being further squeezed from its ancestral homeland in Nineveh and the surrounding areas. A July 18 New York Times article reporting on ISIS’ edict that the remaining Christians must leave soberly noted, “While a few scattered souls may find a way to stay in secret, the community will be gone.” In Egypt, Coptic Christians, numbering roughly 8 million are leaving in droves. In Homs, Syria, almost the entire Christian population has reportedly fled.

Over the span of a few decades, the Middle East, with the exception of Israel, was virtually emptied of Jews. The world was largely silent. The same thing will happen to the Christian community if the current trajectory holds true.

Incredibly, this reality has been met with a stunning silence on the part of many Western policymakers and even Church leaders. There are notable exceptions, including the nearly 300 American Christian leaders and prominent lay people who signed a Pledge of Solidarity with their suffering brothers and sister in the region, launched at a press conference on Capitol Hill in May.

Washington, D.C.’s Cardinal Donald Wuerl was among the distinguished participants in the Capitol Hill event. Just recently, at a Mass marking the start of the academic year at Catholic University, he spoke of the current crisis facing these imperiled communities and wondered aloud at the silence in face of mur-

derous efforts to “eliminate” these brothers and sisters in faith. He urgently concluded that what is happening to them is “something that we really are not free to ignore . . .”

I mention the horrific assault on Christians in Iraq, and other parts of the region, to put the rise of anti-Semitism in other parts of the world in context. We see here a region where anti-Semitism has long been tolerated and in some cases glorified. From Iranian mullahs, to Saudi textbooks, to the Hamas charter, hatred of the Saturday People has found fertile soil and taken root.

In societies where one minority religion is demonized, is it any surprise that pluralism itself and religious freedom more specifically are in jeopardy? Is it any wonder that respect for “the other” is trumped by “death to the infidel?”

As Jews were driven from much of the Middle East, so too Christians—the Sunday People—are finding an environment that is not simply inhospitable to the practice of their faith, but downright deadly.

I was heartened by a recent New York Times op-ed penned by Ronald S. Lauder, president of the World Jewish Congress, titled “Who Will Stand Up for the Christians?” Mr. Lauder wonders at the seeming indifference of much of the world to what is currently happening in Iraq. He writes, “Historians may look back at this period and wonder if people had lost their bearings. Few reporters have traveled to Iraq to bear witness to the Nazi-like wave of terror that is rolling across that country. The United Nations has been mostly mum. World leaders seem to be consumed with other matters in this strange summer of 2014. There are no flotillas traveling to Syria or Iraq. And the beautiful celebrities and aging rock stars—why doesn’t the slaughter of Christians seem to activate their social antennas?”

Mr. Lauder recalls a speech he gave in Budapest in June during which he “made a solemn promise that just as I will not be silent in the face of the growing threat of anti-Semitism in Europe and in the Middle East, I will not be indifferent to Christian suffering.” In talking of the historic Judeo-Christian commonalities, he notes that sadly now these two great Abrahamic traditions share “a kind of suffering: Christians are dying because of their beliefs, because they are defenseless and because the world is indifferent to their suffering.”

Lauder concluded: “I will not be indifferent to Christian suffering.”

Would that his conviction might be shared by faith leaders, the political elite and regular citizens the world over. Whether it is the expansion of an insidious anti-Semitism in Europe or the reality of deadly ethnic cleansing of Christians in Iraq, these expressions of hatred, these manifestations of evil, these violations of religious liberty must not go unaddressed and unanswered.

I am reminded of the haunting words of German Pastor Martin Niemöller, which are etched in the walls of the Holocaust Museum just blocks from here. Speaking of the Nazis, he said, “First they came for the Socialists, and I did not speak out—because I was not a Socialist . . . Then they came for the Jews, and I did not speak out—because I was not a Jew. Then they came for me—and there was no one left to speak for me.”

In order for the Nazi machinery of extermination to have been as ruthlessly successful

as it was, hundreds of thousands of ordinary Germans had to simply turn a blind eye to what was happening around them.

In the book "When a Nation Forgets God," there is this unnerving account:

"I lived in Germany during the Nazi Holocaust. I considered myself a Christian. We heard stories of what was happening to the Jews, but we tried to distance ourselves from it, because, what could anyone do to stop it?"

"A railroad track ran behind our small church and each Sunday morning we could hear the whistle in the distance and then the wheels coming over the tracks. We became disturbed when we heard the cries coming from the train as it passed by. We realized that it was carrying Jews like cattle in the cars!"

"Week after week the whistle would blow. We dreaded to hear the sound of those wheels because we knew that we would hear the cries of the Jews en route to a death camp. Their screams tormented us.

"We knew the time the train was coming and when we heard the whistle blow we began singing hymns. By the time the train came past our church we were singing at the top of our voices. If we heard the screams, we sang more loudly and soon we heard them no more.

"Years have passed and no one talks about it anymore. But I still hear that train whistle in my sleep. God forgive me; forgive all of us who called ourselves Christians and yet did nothing to intervene."

Haunting words.

Without question, today, once again, the canary is struggling. In far too many places the air is poisoned with hate. What remains to be seen is whether we, who recognize this to be true, will be silent in the face of it.

RECOGNIZING THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF DANIEL HILARIO BARAJAS

HON. ALAN GRAYSON

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 16, 2014

Mr. GRAYSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of Hispanic Heritage Month, to recognize Daniel Hilario Barajas for his service to Florida's Ninth Congressional District. Daniel Hilario Barajas was born on May 4, 1982 in Winter Haven, Florida, into a migrant farm worker family. He grew up working the orange groves of Florida, tobacco fields of North Carolina, and apple orchards of Michigan.

As a young man, Daniel had legal problems due to misguided affiliations with gangs. Though he did not complete high school, he earned his GED in 2001. In 2009, he decided to walk away from gang life and founded the "Library of Hope," a charitable organization focused on collecting books and eyeglasses to donate to inmates in Polk County. Daniel is also a Fourth Degree member of The Knights of Columbus, which he joined in 2010.

After the passing of his younger sister, Maria Isabel, in June 2012, Daniel began taking a more active role within the leadership of The Young American Dreamers (YAD) which his sister founded in 2010. Daniel uses his own personal story of his struggles as a farm worker and former gang member, as exam-

ples when speaking with at-risk kids. Through his leadership as the Executive Director of YAD, Daniel has set educational standards for all members and set up an in-house tutoring program. He travels often from Polk County to Tallahassee and Washington, DC, advocating for the issues that affect his community and YAD members.

Daniel has successfully helped stop the deportation of the father of four YAD members and is a respected local leader of the immigration reform movement. He challenged Polk County's Board of County Commissioners to build a new sidewalk between Auburndale and Lakeland, after two students were fatally hit due to the lack of a walkway outside the newly built Tenoroc High School. On August 8th, 2014, construction work began on this much needed sidewalk. Currently, Daniel is working on the passage of legislation that will designate Lake Shipp Drive in Winter Haven as a memorial highway in remembrance of his beloved sister, Maria Isabel.

Daniel credits his father, Hilario, and his mother, Maria, both of whom are veterans of the social justice movement, having worked with Cesar Chavez himself, with guiding him. Daniel also attributes his life changes to his sister, Maria Isabel, and is grateful to her husband, Enrique Martinez, for helping him in all that he does. Daniel looks to his children, Mayra and Carlos, as the motivation for his social justice work. He intends to show his children how democracy works, so that they are left with a better world when they become tomorrow's leaders.

I am happy to recognize Daniel Hilario Barajas, during Hispanic Heritage Month, for his perseverance and commitment to helping the Central Florida community.

TRIBUTE TO HONOR THE LIFE OF GREG BROWN

HON. ANNA G. ESHOO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 16, 2014

Ms. ESHOO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of an extraordinary American artist and muralist, Greg Brown, who died in Palo Alto, California, on August 28, 2014, at the age of 62, after a brief bout with cancer. Born in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, he moved to Palo Alto with his family at the age of two and remained in the community for the rest of his life.

Greg Brown began his painting career as a second-grade student when he painted a mural of a pilgrim as part of an assignment on Christopher Columbus. A graduate of Palo Alto High School, he took few formal art classes, but an apprenticeship with the Italian artist Roberto Lupetti helped him gradually begin to grow as an artist.

Greg Brown was Palo Alto's artist in residence in 1975, and created art for Palo Alto's centennial in 1994. His murals are a significant part of Palo Alto's public art collection and the nine trompe l'oeil vignettes adorning the walls of city buildings are treasures for all to enjoy. He also produced drawings and paintings and worked for private clients in

many places. Greg Brown was a learner, a reader, and a keen observer of people. Mr. Brown leaves his wife, Julie, of Palo Alto, his daughter Whitney of Palo Alto, and his son Justin of Redwood City.

Mr. Speaker, I ask the entire House of Representatives to join me in expressing our deepest condolences to Greg Brown's entire family and to all those who knew and loved him. His legacy lives on in the lively, whimsical art he created and shared with countless appreciative people, and our community and our country have been enriched and blessed by his life.

RECOGNIZING THE DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION AS THEY HONOR THE TWO HUNDRED TWENTY-SEVENTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE DRAFTING OF THE CONSTITUTION OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

HON. TOM McCLINTOCK

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 16, 2014

Mr. McCLINTOCK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution, Gold Trail chapter and Sierra Amador chapter, as they celebrate the two hundred twenty-seventh anniversary of the drafting of the Constitution of the United States of America.

The National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution was founded in 1890 with the mission of promoting historic preservation, education, and patriotism.

The Gold Trail and Sierra Amador chapters include members across California's fourth district. The Gold Trail chapter has 154 members—some of whom are direct descendants of the Founding Fathers—residing in Roseville, Rocklin, Lincoln, Loomis, Granite Bay, and Folsom. The Sierra Amador chapter has more than 70 members residing in Amador, Calaveras, and surrounding counties.

I rise to join the Gold Trail and Sierra Amador chapters of the Daughters of the American Revolution in observing "Constitution Week" from September 17 through September 23. This week will be dedicated to paying tribute to our foundational document and the freedom that it continues to enshrine two hundred twenty-seven years after its drafting.

Mr. Speaker, Daniel Webster charged that our nation must "Hold on . . . to the Constitution and to the Republic for which it stands. Miracles do not cluster and what has happened once in 6,000 years, may not happen again. Hold on to the Constitution, for if the American Constitution should fail, there will be anarchy throughout the world." It is groups like the Gold Trail and Sierra Amador chapters who are heeding Webster's charge and preserving the Constitution for future generations.

The Constitution of the United States of America ensures through the written law that the individual liberties of all Americans are protected and preserved, and it is my privilege to rise in recognition of the Gold Trail and Sierra Amador chapters' efforts to honor this anniversary with a weeklong tribute.

TRIBUTE TO THE AMERICAN
LEGION

HON. PAUL C. BROUN

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 16, 2014

Mr. BROUN of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the nation's largest war-time veterans service organization, the American Legion, which was chartered by Congress in 1919 on this date in history. Since then, it has grown to include more than 2.5 million members in over 14,000 American Legion posts worldwide, and its influence is invaluable.

The American Legion supports a variety of programs that benefit the communities in my home state of Georgia and those around the world. As a Marine and retired officer in the Naval Reserves, I am deeply grateful for the Legion's commitment to mentoring youth, advocating patriotism and honor, promoting strong national security, and encouraging continued devotion to fellow service members, veterans, and their families. Therefore, it is my honor to applaud the great work of the American Legion.

Furthermore, it is my privilege to recognize the Wesley Lee Farley American Legion Post 583 and Auxiliary in Eatonton, Georgia. Incorporated in 1952, Post 583 was first comprised of World War II and Korean War veterans, who built the post from the ground up, supported by donated material from the Eatonton community and unending fundraisers by the future Unit 583 Auxiliary. Today, the post proudly presents to qualified students the "Fannie Pearl Farley Scholarship." A charter member, Mrs. Farley served as the 69th Department of Georgia President, which is the highest office in the American Legion Auxiliary, and today she is still an active member of the post.

On behalf of the United States Congress, I express my sincere respect and support for the American Legion, dedicated to upholding the ideals of freedom and democracy, while working to make a difference in the lives of fellow Americans around the world.

HONORING THE RETIREMENT OF
DEBBIE S. FRANK

HON. TIM RYAN

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 16, 2014

Mr. RYAN of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, I rise today on behalf of this great institution and those who serve and work here to acknowledge and to express appreciation to one of our long-tenured House employees, Debbie Frank, who is retiring from the House following her twenty years of service as a Senior Employee Assistance Counselor with our Office of Employee Assistance (OEA).

Following the completion of her Master's Degree in Social Work at the University of Pennsylvania and the initiation of her career in New Jersey with the Employee Assistance Programs (EAPs) at Cooper Medical Center and New Jersey Transit, Debbie joined the OEA staff in 1994, as the OEA and other non-legislative services transitioned from the Clerk

of the House to the newly created Chief Administrative Officer (CAO). Throughout her career with the House and the CAO organization, Debbie has worked tirelessly with managers and employees, whether it is the House, Congressional Budget Office or the United States Capitol Police, she has assisted them in addressing the myriad of personal challenges, mental health and addiction problems, and other behavioral and work-life balance issues that potentially impact the performance and productivity of our workforce. Whether Debbie was providing the OEA's critical assessment, referral and follow-up services to an employee in crisis, consulting with a Member or Chief of Staff on strategies to manage an employee's return to work following an absence for addictions treatment, facilitating a Member's annual staff retreat, or conducting a training session for the general House workforce, Debbie consistently brought compassion, competence, organizational insight, institutional sensitivity, and practical solutions to her work. Over the years, she also became a strong advocate for a mindfulness approach to building personal resiliency in dealing with the stresses of an employee's work life and those of his or her personal life—an approach that I've studied, advocated and personally practiced for years.

During her tenure with the OEA and the House, Debbie managed a number of key initiatives for the OEA, including the House Health and Wellness Fair, the Drug-free Workplace training, and the OEA's Disaster Response capability. Since its inception in 1994, Debbie also served as the OEA's field placement supervisor for graduate level social work students interning with the OEA and learning the fundamentals of employee assistance programming and service delivery in the workplace.

In addition to her day-to-day work with the employees, managers, and Members routinely seek out the services and resources of the OEA to deal with the challenges presented when an employee's personal issues impact their performance or the effectiveness of the office, and Debbie has been on the front lines in providing support, assistance, guidance, and reassurance to the House community in the midst of some of the most troubling events of the past two decades. She was on-site in Oklahoma City working with House staffers following the Murrah Federal Building bombing in 1995. In 1998, she was part of the OEA team's response to the Capitol Police and House communities following the tragic fatal shooting of two Capitol Police officers in the Capitol Building. Following September 11th and the anthrax incident in October 2001, Debbie was also part of the CAO's communications effort, managed by the OEA and serving as the critical informational conduit to the House workforce throughout the six weeks that sections of the House campus were closed—keeping employees and families informed of the status of the remediation efforts and the staggered opening of offices and the availability of House services as sections of the House buildings were cleared for occupancy and resumption of operations. She served as the OEA's lead in working with the House response team following Hurricane Katrina in 2005. And she helped manage the OEA's immediate and ongoing response to the tragic shootings in Tucson in January 2011.

As Debbie departs the House and embarks on her retirement in Texas, I join the Chief Ad-

ministrative Officer, Ed Cassidy; the CAO's Chief Human Resource Officer, Jason Hite; and the entire OEA team—Bernard Beidel, Liz McBride-Chambers, Kristin Welsh-Simpson, and Margot Hawkins-Green—in wishing Debbie well and Godspeed. And I personally thank her on behalf of the many Members, employees and family members she has helped, assisted and supported over the past two decades. Well done, Debbie!

ACKNOWLEDGING THE 25TH ANNI-
VERSARY OF THE DONALD RIE-
GLE COMMUNITY SERVICE
AWARDS

HON. DANIEL T. KILDEE

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 16, 2014

Mr. KILDEE. Mr. Speaker, I ask the U.S. House of Representatives to join me in recognizing the 25th Anniversary of the Donald Riegle Community Service Awards. For the past 25 years the Flint Jewish Federation has utilized this event as a vehicle to recognize individuals in the Flint area who have displayed an exceptional commitment to community.

As Michigan's former senior United States Senator, Donald W. Riegle, Jr., retired after three terms in the U.S. Senate, and ten years of service in the U.S. House of Representatives. Throughout his federal legislative career, Senator Riegle served as a champion of Soviet Jewry. In addition, he co-sponsored major legislation pertaining to freedom of immigration issues and personally intervened with the leadership of the former Soviet Union on behalf of Jewish Refuseniks.

This year's award recipients, Debra Golden-Steinman, Philip Shaltz and Ernelle Taylor, have worked hard to make our community a better place. The proceeds from the event will provide funding for the necessary acculturation of social programs, as well as the continuation of services, such as transportation, interpreters, meal services and citizenship preparation for Genesee County residents.

Mr. Speaker, I applaud the Flint Jewish Federation for upholding the life, legacy and leadership of Senator Donald W. Riegle, Jr. and applaud them on this milestone celebration.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. CHERI BUSTOS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 16, 2014

Mrs. BUSTOS. Mr. Speaker, on the Legislative Day of September 15, 2014, a series of votes was held. Had I been present for these rollcall votes, I would have cast the following votes: Rollcall 497—I vote "yea."

CELEBRATING HISPANIC
HERITAGE MONTH

HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKY

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 16, 2014

Mr. VISCLOSKY. Mr. Speaker, it is with great respect and admiration that I rise to celebrate National Hispanic Heritage Month and

its 2014 theme, Hispanics: A legacy of history, a present of action, and a future of success. The people of the United States will once again celebrate the histories, cultures, and traditions of our Hispanic American brothers and sisters from September 15, 2014, through October 15, 2014.

Hispanic Heritage Month begins each year on September 15, the anniversary of the independence of five Latin American countries: Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, and Nicaragua. Mexico and Chile observe their independence days on September 16 and September 18. Since its inception as National Hispanic Heritage Week in 1968, which later became National Hispanic Heritage Month in 1988, Americans have taken this time to not only pay tribute to the rich culture and traditions of Hispanic Americans, but also to reflect on the numerous contributions they have made that have led to improvements within their communities, and in turn, a better America.

Our nation's success is reliant upon the rich heritage and cultural diversity of its people. Hispanic Heritage Month celebrates the many Hispanic leaders and members of our communities who have added to the prosperity of the United States in every facet of society including medicine, business, arts and entertainment, sports, education, politics, and the military.

Mr. Speaker, at this time, I ask you and my other distinguished colleagues to join me in recognizing Hispanic Heritage Month. Throughout America's history, present, and future, the Hispanic community has played and continues to play a major role in enriching the quality of life and culture of our great nation, and for their outstanding contributions they are worthy of the highest praise.

HONORING MATTHEW BARMANN

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 16, 2014

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Matthew Barmann. Matthew is a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 419, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Matthew has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Matthew has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community. Most notably, Matthew has contributed to his community through his Eagle Scout project.

Mr. Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Matthew Barmann for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JOE WILSON

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 16, 2014

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, I submit the following remarks regarding my absence from votes which occurred on September 15, 2014. Listed below is how I would have voted if I had been present.

Roll Number 497—H.R. 5018—To establish the Law School Clinic Certification Program of the United States Patent and Trademark Office, and for other purposes—On Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass, as Amended—aye.

HONORING GEORGIA INDUSTRIES
FOR THE BLIND

HON. LYNN A. WESTMORELAND

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 16, 2014

Mr. WESTMORELAND. Mr. Speaker, it is with great honor that I rise today to recognize Georgia Industries for the Blind as they celebrate National Disability Employment Awareness Month.

Since the opening of its first manufacturing plant in 1949, Georgia Industries for the Blind has been creating, sustaining and improving employment opportunities for people who are blind. Georgia Industries for the Blind is part of the Georgia Vocational Rehabilitation Agency and operates from its corporate headquarters in Bainbridge, Georgia. They have operations in three other facilities in Georgia that collectively employ over 100 blind individuals. They are proof that a workplace should be welcoming to the talents of all people and should be a critical part of everyone's efforts to build an inclusive community and a strong economy.

Georgia Industries for the Blind has demonstrated the importance of raising awareness throughout the year about disability employment issues and to acknowledge the many and varied contributions of people with disabilities.

It is with great pride that I recognize the contributions of Georgia Industries for the Blind to the personal and economic independence of blind individuals not only during National Disability Employment Awareness Month, but throughout the entire year.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JANICE HAHN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 16, 2014

Ms. HAHN. Mr. Speaker, due to a change in floor schedule, I was unavoidably absent on Monday, September 15, 2014.

Had I been present I would have voted as follows: On rollcall No. 497, I would have voted "aye" (September 15) (H.R. 5108, To establish the Law School Clinic Certification Program of the United States Patent and Trademark Office, and for other purposes (REP JEFFRIES)).

CELEBRATING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF EL PASO BRANCH OF THE NAACP

HON. BETO O'ROURKE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 16, 2014

Mr. O'ROURKE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today, along with Congresswoman BARBARA LEE of California, to honor and celebrate the 100th anniversary of the El Paso Branch of the NAACP.

Founded in 1914 by civil rights activist Dr. Lawrence Aaron Nixon, the El Paso Branch was the first branch of the NAACP established in the state of Texas. The El Paso Branch's long history is rich with examples of El Pasoans taking the lead to end discrimination in Texas.

In 1923, the Texas legislature passed a law which prohibited African-Americans from voting in Democratic primaries. On July 26, 1924, with the sponsorship of the NAACP, Dr. Nixon took his poll-tax receipt to a Democratic primary polling place and was refused a ballot. Thus began a twenty-year struggle in which Dr. Nixon and his El Paso attorney, Fred C. Knollenberg, twice carried their case to the United States Supreme Court. It was not until the landmark decision in *Smith v. Allwright* ended the white primary that the way was cleared, and on July 22, 1944, Dr. and Mrs. Nixon walked into the same El Paso voting place and voted in a Democratic primary.

In 1955, the El Paso Branch sought to challenge the segregation clause contained within the state constitution. The NAACP asked Thelma White, valedictorian of segregated Douglass High School in El Paso, to challenge the law. With the assistance of the NAACP, she submitted her application to Texas Western College (now the University of Texas at El Paso). Texas Western returned Ms. White's application along with her unopened transcripts.

Ms. White's attorneys, including Thurgood Marshall, filed suit in federal district court in March 1955, claiming White's rights of equal access to an education had been violated. That summer, in anticipation of an adverse ruling from the court, the University of Texas (UT) Board of Regents voted to allow Texas Western to admit African-American students, while promising to investigate desegregating the main university in Austin at a later date. Ms. White's attorneys refused to abandon her suit, and on July 18th, Federal District Judge Robert E. Thomason issued a declaratory judgment on her behalf, permanently enjoining the UT system from denying her or any other African-American student the right to study at Texas Western. He further ordered all Texas universities to immediately desegregate. That fall, both Texas Western College and the main university in Austin admitted their first black students. In El Paso, twelve students gained admission to the school.

Mr. Speaker, I ask the House of Representatives to rise with me to honor the El Paso Branch of the NAACP and the extraordinary work they have done to make our community, the State of Texas and our country a more just world.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. VICKY HARTZLER

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 16, 2014

Mrs. HARTZLER. Mr. Speaker, on Monday, September 15, 2014, I was unable to vote. Had I been present, I would have voted as follows: on rollcall No. 497, "yea."

HONORING ALEXANDER LAPP

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 16, 2014

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Alexander Lapp. Alex is a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 374, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Alex has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Alex has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community. Most notably, Alex has contributed to his community through his Eagle Scout project. Alex remodeled a loft at Liberty Christian Fellowship Church in Liberty, Missouri, repainting it and adding railings and other safety improvements as the church converts the loft from a space for teenage youth to a space for children to meet.

Mr. Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Alexander Lapp for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 100TH BIRTHDAY OF NANCY STEPHENS CAMPBELL

HON. MIKE ROGERS

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 16, 2014

Mr. ROGERS of Alabama. Mr. Speaker, I ask for the House's attention today to honor Nancy Stephens Campbell on occasion of her 100th birthday.

Ms. Campbell was born September 16th, 1914 in Borden Springs in Cleburne County, Alabama. She went to school in Chulafinnee through 7th grade, moving to Ranburne schools in 9th grade. She graduated from high school in Selma in 1933. After graduating, Nancy returned to Cleburne County to teach. She married Hugh Campbell, of Heflin, and together they had four children. Between their children Hugh Jr., Jim, Linda and Ann, Ms. Campbell has 10 grandchildren and 23 great-grandchildren.

Nancy Campbell taught preschool at Heflin First United Methodist Church for many years, and the children there began to call her "Nannie." She has been a member of Chulafinnee United Methodist Church her entire adult life. Ms. Campbell has resided at Au-

turn Cove Retirement Community in Anniston for the past three years.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in celebrating Ms. Campbell's 100th birthday today.

HONORING THE LIFE OF JOSEPH "BEBO" MANJIKIAN

HON. JUDY CHU

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 16, 2014

Ms. CHU. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the long, full life of a beloved constituent, family man, athlete, gardener, centenarian, and genocide survivor: Joseph "Bebo" Manjikian.

I had the great pleasure of celebrating Bebo's 104th birthday with him and a great many members of his family, the Armenian community in the San Gabriel Valley of California, and other local elected officials. Bebo was an extraordinary man and an example of triumph over tragedy.

He was a man who, well into his 90s, was power-lifting and competing in the Senior Olympics, winning gold medals no less. Bebo trained by staying active with a unique blend of traditional exercise and his diligent gardening, tilling the soil and tending to his cherished fruit trees. It was said that if everyone did this, the way Bebo did, their fitness would be rewarded with good crops and a beautiful garden. And in many ways, this was the philosophy of Bebo's life. He believed in being a role model through his actions. He would say, "You have to walk the walk."

Bebo was also a genocide survivor. He was born in 1910 in the Armenian village of Kessab, which was then part of the Ottoman Empire. His father, an Armenian officer conscripted into the Ottoman Army, was killed in the Armenian genocide of 1915. Bebo and the rest of his family were driven from their village and forced into exile by Turkish soldiers. Their village was destroyed and they endured sickness and hunger, walking for miles. They could not stop or they risked being shot, so his mother fed her children with weeds and grass. Eventually Kessab became part of Syria after World War I and Bebo was able to return. And, though his life would ultimately take him far from his childhood home, he ended up marrying a woman also from his village, named Sara. Bebo rejoiced in Sara's traditional cooking, harkening back to the couple's roots. They never forgot where they came from, and never ceased to keep their best memories and traditions alive.

Bebo was a self-taught man and entrepreneur of great skill. At 18 he left his village again and settled in Palestine, where he lived for over two decades and worked as a mechanic for the British Army. In 1950 he came to the United States with his young family and settled in Inglewood, California, where he operated his own mechanic shop for 25 years. His family recalls that he could fix anything, and he would tell them "In Kessab, there were no Home Depots." Once again, he taught others through his example, not only sharing his skills but also his belief in empowering himself and others. He also spoke a remarkable seven languages, despite much formal education. These included German, French, Hebrew, Turkish, Arabic, English, Armenian, and Kessaberen.

Perhaps most of all, Bebo was a family and community man. He and Sara eventually moved to the West Hills and spent much time with family in Pasadena. They had three children, eight grandchildren, and seven great-grandchildren. Bebo was always quick to help a relative or friend in need, opening his home to them. After his retirement he worked at Camp Kessab, an Armenian youth camp in California focused on traditions from Bebo's home village. He was instrumental in keeping the place going. Bebo was deeply devoted to his family and community, sharing stories and testifying to over a century of history, still sharp in his mind.

His loss is a loss for all of us. He was an incomparable repository of experiences; an unbelievable specimen of physical and mental acuity; an exemplary citizen and humanitarian. But most of all Bebo was an inspiration to know. He will be greatly missed and long remembered; he who always walked the walk.

RECOGNIZING THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF TRINI MESTRE-QUIROZ

HON. ALAN GRAYSON

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 16, 2014

Mr. GRAYSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today, in honor of Hispanic Heritage Month, to recognize Trini Mestre-Quiroz. Mrs. Mestre-Quiroz is an example of leadership and dedication.

Born in Guayaquil, Ecuador, she moved to New York at age fifteen. She later moved to New Jersey where she met her late husband, Jose Manuel Mestre, and became a mother to two wonderful daughters, Jacqueline and Jeannette.

Upon moving to New Jersey, Mrs. Mestre-Quiroz began her lasting commitment to civic involvement. She was instrumental in the creation of several community-based organizations, including the first multi-cultural, multi-lingual day care center in New Jersey.

Due to her community leadership, Mrs. Mestre-Quiroz was selected to become the first minority female to serve as an assistant to a Mayor of a major city in New Jersey. She was later appointed to serve as one of 200 nationwide Community Service Specialists for the Department of Commerce.

During the early seventies, Mrs. Mestre-Quiroz worked tirelessly with the students and faculty at her alma mater, Rutgers University, in order to further the implementation of affirmative action measures. Her efforts helped persuade the university to hire its first Hispanic Dean of Academics at its Newark campus.

Mrs. Mestre-Quiroz is active in politics and has been involved in local and federal elections in New York, New Jersey, and Florida. She currently serves as Secretary and Chair-in-Waiting for the Black, Latino and Puerto Rican Alliance for Justice of Florida.

I am honored to recognize Trini Mestre-Quiroz, during Hispanic Heritage Month, for her lifelong commitment to serving her community.

JUDGE DONALD J. VOLKERT, JR.

HON. BILL PASCRELL, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 16, 2014

Mr. PASCRELL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Judge Donald J. Volkert, Jr., who will be joined by his friends, family and colleagues tomorrow night in celebration of his retirement as assignment judge for Passaic County.

Judge Volkert received his undergraduate degree from the University of Charleston in 1966, and later received his law degree from Ohio Northern University in 1969. He then began his impressive career at the Supreme Court of Ohio, and from there he had many different judicial appointments in Essex County from the criminal division, to the family division, to drug court. During his tenure in Essex County, Judge Volkert served on a wide range of committees; he was chair of the New Jersey Conference of Family Presiding Judges, chair of the Bail Judges Sub-Committee as well as co-chair of the Essex County Youth Services Commission.

In May 2008, Judge Volkert was named assignment judge of the Passaic Vicinage by Chief Justice Stuart Rabner. Since his appointment, Judge Volkert has helped make the Passaic County Drug Court into a model for other vicinages.

A strong believer in continuing education, Judge Volkert serves as chair of the Sub-Committee on Judicial Education and is a frequent lecturer for the Institute of Continuing Legal Education, Judicial College and New Judge Orientation as well as numerous other seminars and learning programs.

Judge Volkert has always been an avid supporter of our troops and with one son in the Marine Corps his dedication has only grown. Judge Volkert was instrumental in instituting Military Appreciation Month in Passaic County which honors veterans as well as assists them in getting the services they may need. Judge Volkert's appreciation for our veterans is unwavering; at the first Military Appreciation Month event he stated, "I don't think we could ever do enough to honor the men and women who have served our country."

Judge Volkert has made an outstanding mark on Passaic County with his compassionate nature and dedication towards upholding justice. I know he is looking forward to spending more time with his wife Susan, his six children Christine, Scott, Jaime, Elizabeth, Stephen, and Michael, as well as his three grandchildren, Jack William, Paula Marie and Max Higgins.

The job of a United States Congressman involves much that is rewarding, yet nothing compares to recognizing and commemorating the achievements of individuals like Judge Volkert.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you join our colleagues, Judge Volkert's coworkers, family and friends, all those whose lives he has touched, and me, in recognizing Judge Donald J. Volkert, Jr.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. GARY C. PETERS

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 16, 2014

Mr. PETERS of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, on Monday September 15, 2014 I was not present for 1 vote. I wish the record to reflect my intentions had I been present to vote.

Had I been present for rollcall No. 497, I would have voted "yea."

TRIBUTE TO CHARLES D. FIELD

HON. KEN CALVERT

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 16, 2014

Mr. CALVERT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today with my colleague, Congressman MARK TAKANO, to honor and pay tribute to an individual whose dedication and contributions to the community are exceptional. Riverside, California has been fortunate to have dynamic and committed leaders who willingly and unselfishly give their time and talent to make their communities a better place to live and work. Charles Field is certainly one of these individuals. Charles' wide ranging accomplishments have made a permanent mark on Riverside. On September 17, 2014, Charles will be stepping down from the Western Municipal Water District Board of Directors after seven remarkable years of service.

During Charles' time with the Western Municipal Water District Board, he enthusiastically gave his talents to a variety of positions, including President, Vice President and Secretary. Additionally, Charles represented the Western Municipal Water District through distinguished leadership on the Chino Desalter Authority and on the Chino Basin Watermaster Board as well as serving on additional Western Municipal Water District and regional committees during his tenure.

Charles' dedication to civic service was matched by his passion in the legal field. Prior to joining the Western Municipal Water District Board of Directors, Mr. Field spent more than forty years in the various legal capacities, serving as a judge at the Riverside County Superior Court from 1990 to 2004 and also as a partner at the Riverside law firm Best, Best and Krieger.

It is hard to imagine that Charles would have any free time on his hands, yet he always found time to further support the community and the lives of those around him. The variety of organizations Charles gave his efforts to include the Riverside Arts Council, the Riverside County Barristers, the Mission Inn Foundation Board, the Historic Committee for Riverside Superior Court, the Press-Enterprise Board of Directors, the Board of Regents of the University of California, and the UCR Alumni Association.

For all that he has done, it is no surprise that Charles has been the recipient of numerous community awards. His dedicated civic leadership, service and support of the Riverside community were honored with the prestigious Frank Miller Civic Achievement Award. Charles, along with his wife, Virginia, also received the Lifetime Achievement Award for

their devoted community involvement from Riverside's Mayor's Commission on Aging.

Charles' unparalleled commitment and tireless passion for public service has contributed immensely to the betterment of the Riverside community. We are proud to call him a fellow community member, American and friend. I know that many individuals are grateful for his service and we salute him as he steps down and embarks on a new chapter.

HONORING RILEY TOMLINSON

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 16, 2014

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Riley Tomlinson. Riley is a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 419, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Riley has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Riley has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community. Most notably, Riley has contributed to his community through his Eagle Scout project.

Mr. Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Riley Tomlinson for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

HONORING THE 10TH ANNUAL
HISPANIC PIONEERS BREAKFAST

HON. BILL FOSTER

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 16, 2014

Mr. FOSTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of the Hispanic Pioneer's Breakfast in Aurora, Illinois.

For the past ten years, Alderman Juany Garza, who represents Ward 2 on the City Council of Aurora, has hosted a breakfast to honor the members of the Hispanic community who have given back and inspired us all.

These breakfasts have honored diverse members of the community. Past honorees have included local sports figures, health care providers, police officers, firefighters, and members of the military.

For the 10th Annual Hispanic Pioneer's Breakfast, Alderman Garza is highlighting the contributions of the unsung heroes in Aurora, people who have dedicated their time and effort to making their community better without looking for praise or reward.

I would like to thank our unsung heroes for their dedication to making our community stronger. I would also like to thank Alderman Garza for her continued service to the people of Aurora, Illinois.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JARED HUFFMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 16, 2014

Mr. HUFFMAN. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall No. 497: I was unavoidably detained in my district. Had I been present, I would have voted "yes."

HONORING THE LIFE OF JEAN H.
"GRANNY" HARPER

HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 16, 2014

Mr. HASTINGS of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Mrs. Jean H. Harper, who sadly passed away on August 28, 2014. "Granny," as Jean was affectionately called by loved ones, community members, and those in her church family, lived a life of service and selflessness.

Born in Avondale, North Carolina, on January 14, 1921, she was the fifth child of David and Alda Sims Hart's twelve children. Shortly after, her family relocated to Washington, DC, where she resided for the rest of her life.

Jean worked as a dietitian at Freedman's Hospital (the forerunner of Howard University Hospital) for 32 years. While working at the hospital, she met the love of her life, James "Jimmy" Harper, who she soon married before the birth of her sole child, her daughter Barbara Jean. In 1954, the family moved to their eventual life-home on Taylor Street NW., She remained a devoted servant of her community and missionary within her church, working actively up until her passing in the Pastor's Aide Ministry of the Trinity A.M.E. Zion Church.

However, Jean was most devoted to her family. She could always be found with Barbara, her grandchildren, great grandson, and other members of her extended family and close friends. She enjoyed traveling, cooking and socializing, but was renowned for being a problem solver for all who came into contact with her.

I had the privilege to know "Granny" through her daughter Barbara, a former staff member of my office. I was always delighted to check in with her over a birthday call or simply reminiscing about the old days. She was a comforting soul and devoted woman of God, who had time for anyone that needed her. While "Granny" is no longer with us, her spirit and loving memory will always live on.

In memory of her mother, Barbara recited a poem by Calan Booth at Jean's funeral entitled, "Mother," which I include, as it resonated with me deeply:

Without you Mother,
I would not be here,
for the start of my life
came from you Mother dear.
When I was a child
you sacrificed for me,
and shaped what I would be.
Now the years have gone
and I'm not always there,
but I know you still worry,
about my welfare
I can never pay for
all you've had to do,

but I can say Mother,
I still love you

Mr. Speaker, Jean "Granny" Harper was a dear friend, and a wonderful human being. I am so truly saddened by her passing. She will be dearly missed.

MY LIFE IS WORTH IT CAMPAIGN

HON. MARSHA BLACKBURN

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 16, 2014

Mrs. BLACKBURN. Mr. Speaker, few words are more isolating and strike fear in the heart of a person or the parent of a child than cancer. 36,570 Tennesseans will be diagnosed with cancer this year. Thankfully, due to the work of thousands of scientists, death rates due to all cancers continue to decline. 14 million Americans who are cancer survivors will celebrate their birthdays this year. These stories of hope in the face of a devastating illness inspire us all.

But not everyone is surviving. It is sobering to think, in the U.S., someone dies because of cancer every 60 seconds. We must continue the fight against this devastating illness. We must examine all barriers to finding the cure for all cancers.

One such barrier is the time it takes for new therapies to reach the patient. Delays occur at the regulatory level and at the reimbursement level. The time it takes for a new drug to move from the laboratory to Food and Drug Administration (FDA) approval can take 10–15 years. Additional time is spent in determining the reimbursement level by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS).

Recently, the FDA showed that it has the flexibility to greatly shorten the time line to approval. A meningitis vaccine, not previously available in the U.S., was granted FDA approval in a remarkably shortened timeline. The landmark decision came after meningitis outbreaks at U.S. colleges resulted in deaths and disability and a great public outcry.

The same flexibility needs to be shown to those who have cancer and are reaching for promising therapies that regulators have kept just out of their reach.

I am pleased that the grassroots organization, "My Life is Worth It," has begun an online campaign to collect one million signatures in support of several critical actions that can be taken to bring innovative cancer therapies to the patients that need them most.

On September 16th there will be a powerful display around the Capitol Reflecting Pool on the National Mall. The "Lights of Hope" sponsored by the American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network is estimated to involve over 15,000 committed advocates, serving as a beacon of hope to those who have been touched by cancer—while remembering those who have been lost. As we look out on the National Mall and see these lights, let Congress resolve to do all we can to ensure that those who need it most have the hope to survive and live a happy and fruitful life.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ADAM B. SCHIFF

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 16, 2014

Mr. SCHIFF. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall No. 497 had I been present, I would have voted "aye."

RECOGNIZING THE LEADERSHIP
OF STATE SENATOR DARREN
SOTO

HON. ALAN GRAYSON

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 16, 2014

Mr. GRAYSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today, in honor of Hispanic Heritage Month, to recognize Florida Senator Darren Soto. Born in New York in 1978, Darren Soto is of both Puerto Rican and Italian descent. He earned a bachelor's degree in Economics at Rutgers University and attended law school at George Washington University in Washington, DC.

Darren is a commercial and civil rights attorney proudly practicing law in Central Florida. He is an ardent defender of civil rights and is committed to rendering legal services pro bono to the community. In 2006, he was named class counsel in the federal class-action brought on behalf of Hispanic voters against the City of Kissimmee in the U.S. District Court for the Middle District of Florida.

Darren is also a former member of the Civil Service Board for the City of Orlando, and held the positions of Treasurer of the Orange County Democrats and Vice President of Communications for the Orange County Young Democrats (YD). He was also the co-host for YD's Speak Easy events, which provide a monthly forum for local and state leaders to speak to young voters.

Darren was elected to represent District 49 in the Florida House of Representatives in a special election in 2007, and was subsequently re-elected in 2008 and 2010. He has passed several important pieces of legislation including the Luis Rivera-Ortega Street Racing Act, the Firefighter Death Benefit Bill (inspired by the death of Volusia County firefighter John C. Curry), and the Bus Driver Notification Bill. He has also been a critical voice in defeating attempts to convert Florida to non-judicial foreclosures, stopping the split of the Florida Supreme Court, and blocking a proposed anti-Hispanic Arizona-style immigration law in Florida.

In 2012, Darren was elected to represent District 14 in the Florida Senate. He is currently serving as Vice Chair on the Judiciary Committee. Senator Soto also serves on the Appropriations Subcommittee on Criminal and Civil Justice, the Appropriations Subcommittee on General Government, the Community Affairs Committee, the Environmental Preservation and Conservation Committee, and the Ethics and Elections Committee.

In May of 2013, Darren married Amanda Betlow, an Orange County school teacher.

I am honored to recognize Senator Darren Soto, during Hispanic Heritage Month, for his leadership and contributions to the Central Florida community.

HONORING LIEUTENANT COLONEL
MARK F. NEWSOME

HON. JOHN R. CARTER

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 16, 2014

Mr. CARTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor Lieutenant Colonel Mark F. Newsome for his unrivaled dedication to the United States Army and this great nation. LTC Newsome recently completed a prestigious assignment with the Army's budget congressional liaison office and now serves as the Chief Financial Officer for Fort Belvoir Community Hospital.

A native of Prentiss, Mississippi, LTC Newsome enlisted in the Army in 1986 and completed the Army's rigorous basic training. He's served in an array of military assignments throughout his career. LTC Newsome led medical platoons with the 25th Infantry Division in Hawaii and set a superior example while serving as Chief Financial Officer for various Army community hospitals across the nation. His leadership has positively impacted the soldiers and peers he served with over the years.

LTC Newsome is both a warrior and scholar who enhanced his education throughout his career. After a successful enlistment, he pursued the Army's Green-to-Gold scholarship with the Reserve Officer Training Corps at North Carolina A&T State University. LTC Newsome is a distinguished military graduate and graduated Magna Cum Laude with a Bachelor of Science in Accounting. He's also a graduate of the Defense Comptrollership Program at Syracuse University with a Masters of Business Administration and Masters of Public Administration.

It has been a pleasure to work with LTC Mark F. Newsome during his time as an Army budget congressional liaison where he inherited the tremendous responsibility of staffing Army senior leaders and briefing Congressional Members. These officers provide an invaluable service to both the military and Congress. They assist Members and staff in understanding the Army's policies, actions, operations, and requirements. Their firsthand knowledge of military needs, culture, and tradition is a tremendous benefit to Congressional offices. His efforts and relationships with Congress left an everlasting impression of professionalism and commitment.

On behalf of a grateful nation, I join my colleagues today in recognizing and commending LTC Newsome for dedicating over two decades of service to his country. We wish Mark, his fiancée S. Kiayona, and his children D'Angeleau and D'Antoine all the best as they continue their journey with the United States Army.

HONORING TAKODA LUCKER

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 16, 2014

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Takoda Lucker. Takoda is a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the

Boy Scouts of America, Troop 419, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Takoda has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Takoda has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community. Most notably, Takoda has contributed to his community through his Eagle Scout project.

Mr. Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Takoda Lucker for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

HONORING MR. LUKE P. MARTIN,
JR.

HON. G. K. BUTTERFIELD

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 16, 2014

Mr. BUTTERFIELD. Mr. Speaker, I rise in recognition of Mr. Luke P. Martin, Jr. who will be honored on Thursday, September 18, 2014 in New Bern, North Carolina for his rich and unique family history and his commitment to his community by having the day forever named in his honor.

Luke P. Martin, Jr. is 97 years old and the surviving son of an escaped slave who became one of the first men to enlist in the Union Army's First North Carolina Colored Volunteers during the Civil War. Mr. Martin's father, Private Luke Martin, Sr. escaped slavery in 1863 near Plymouth, North Carolina and found his way to New Bern where he joined what became the 35th Regiment of U.S. Colored Troops.

A statue of Private Martin, Sr. is currently displayed in the North Carolina Museum of History as an enduring reminder of the approximately 200,000 African Americans who fought during the Civil War. Private Martin's 1861 Springfield rifle and a Confederate Calvary sword acquired by Private Martin when he courageously fought and was wounded in the 1864 Battle of Olustee can also be found there. After fighting in the war, Private Martin settled in New Bern where he became the third pastor of St. John Missionary Baptist Church and was regarded as a well-respected civic leader. Private Martin died in 1917, the same year his son, Luke, Jr., was born.

Luke P. Martin, Jr. was born on July 11, 1917, making him one of Craven County's oldest living residents. He continues to live in the home built by his father in the 1890s. Mr. Martin was the lead Master Mason in the restoration of the historic Tryon Palace in the early 1950s, and supervised the construction and brickwork on more than fifty major buildings throughout the southeast. He taught vocational classes for over 20 years at Pamlico County High School putting his considerable talents into teaching others.

At 97 years old, Mr. Martin still works as a funeral assistant for Oscar's Mortuary, as he has since the business opened its doors in 1954. He and his late wife, Inez, reared seven children including their son Frederick, who was killed while serving our country in Vietnam on February 28, 1968. He is a lifelong member of St. John Missionary Baptist Church, where he holds the distinction of

being the congregation's oldest and longest-serving trustee, having served in that capacity for more than sixty years.

Mr. Speaker, Luke Martin has spent his life as an active and engaging member of his community. He has built upon the courageous sacrifices his father made so long ago, and I am happy to participate in the celebration of Luke P. Martin, Jr. Day.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Luke P. Martin, Jr. and the Martin family for their contributions to the city of New Bern and our Union.

TRIBUTE TO JUDY McCAULEY

HON. SHELLEY MOORE CAPITO

OF WEST VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 16, 2014

Mrs. CAPITO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor Judy McCauley upon her retirement from the U.S. Small Business Administration as its West Virginia District Director. Judy has served as the state's District Director since 2004 and has worked diligently with West Virginia's small businesses providing lending assistance, government contracting assistance, business counseling and training, disaster assistance, international business opportunities and compliance. Judy also had oversight of the Small Business Development Centers, Women's Business Center and SCORE Chapters.

Prior to her appointment, McCauley served as procurement center representative, commercial marketing representative, and contracting officer for SBA in western Pennsylvania and West Virginia, overseeing the release of procurement opportunities and contract awards.

She was recently appointed to the 2011–2012 Affiliate Leadership Council for the West Virginia High Technology Consortium Foundation and serves on the Board of Advisors for the Small Business Development Centers, West Virginia Export Council, Glenville State College Department of Business and Vision Shared Entrepreneurship Committee. McCauley serves on the SBA Administrator's Area Director/District Director Council and functions as the SBA point-of-contact for the West Virginia FEMA Voluntary Agency Liaisons and the West Virginia Voluntary Organizations Active in Disasters. She is actively involved in the statewide collegiate business plan competition, hosted by West Virginia University and is a recipient of the West Virginia Women in Business Champion Award.

McCauley recently served on the SBA Administrator's National Advisory Council, representing the District of Columbia, Maryland, Pennsylvania, Delaware, Virginia, and West Virginia. She served on the West Virginia Chamber of Commerce Small Business Committee and the Regional Contracting Assistance Center Board of Advisors. McCauley was instrumental in the creation of West Virginia's premier federal procurement conference, "Teaming to Win", and served as chairman of the board, and conference director.

As a member of the Northern West Virginia Chapter of the National Contract Management Association (NCMA), McCauley served as chapter president and national director. She is a recipient of the chapter's "Award of Excellence," the national "Blanche Witte Award," a

contributor to NCMA's national magazine, and a featured speaker at the national conference. McCauley is an NCMA Fellow.

A native of West Virginia, McCauley earned her bachelor's and associate's degrees from Fairmont State University. She currently resides in Fairmont with her husband, Matt and her daughter, Lauren.

Mr. Speaker, the State of West Virginia owes Judy McCauley a tremendous debt of gratitude for her many years of service with the Small Business Administration. It is my honor to thank Judy for her dedication to small business owners all over West Virginia, and congratulate her on her much deserved retirement. I am proud to call her friend and fellow Mountaineer.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE DEEP-SEA SUBMERSIBLE "ALVIN"

HON. WILLIAM R. KEATING

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 16, 2014

Mr. KEATING. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in commemoration of the 50th anniversary of the deep-sea research submersible *Alvin* and in celebration of the critical role the Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution (WHOI) has played in supporting ocean exploration for generations.

Commissioned on June 5, 1964, *Alvin* epitomizes American innovation and has allowed our nation to secure its position as a global leader in oceanography and marine sciences. Throughout over 4,760 dives, *Alvin* has shed light on countless discoveries, including the first observation of the deep-sea mid-ocean ridge during the French-American Mid-Ocean Undersea Survey known as Project FAMOUS, exploration of wreck of the RMS *Titanic*, and emergency recovery of a hydrogen bomb from the Mediterranean Sea in 1966. Recently, *Alvin* served at the front lines of the response to the Deepwater Horizon disaster and investigated impacts to the deep-sea habitats in the Gulf of Mexico.

Today, *Alvin* continues to inspire scientists and engineers in developing a new generation of deep-submergence technology, which is vital to our national security and United States Naval operations, as well as marine commerce and maritime industries. Further, *Alvin* is a working example of the critical need for continued federal investments in research and development that will ensure that our understanding of this remaining frontier for discovery continues on trend.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in commemoration of *Alvin* and the irreplaceable advances in scientific research that it has helped to achieve. I am proud to represent Massachusetts, where *Alvin* and the Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution call home.

RECOGNIZING THE 25TH ANNIVERSARY OF ESPERANZA COMMUNITY HOUSING CORPORATION

HON. LUCILLE ROYBAL-ALLARD

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 16, 2014

Ms. ROYBAL-ALLARD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Esperanza Community

Housing Corporation on the celebration of its 25th anniversary.

Esperanza has been a South Los Angeles institution since 1989, when it was founded as part of a community organizing campaign to keep families in local affordable rental housing. Over the years, it has grown into a prominent social justice and community development non-profit, serving a wide array of needs for tens of thousands of people in the Figueroa Corridor and throughout South L.A.

Esperanza has been a leader in the fight to improve South L.A.'s housing, economic, health, cultural, and environmental conditions. No race, ethnicity, age, or gender is exempt from the organization's outreach. Esperanza has spent a quarter-century establishing partnerships in every corner of the community—building relationships with South L.A.'s residents, community leaders, and local businesses, and bringing them together in common cause to achieve remarkable goals.

The fruits of Esperanza's work are visible for all to see. Esperanza has provided more than 400 community residents with training in grassroots leadership and in comprehensive community health education services. It has promoted local economic growth by creating more than 200 local jobs and providing housing for almost 20 small businesses and non-profits. It has also fought to reduce slum housing, while at the same time developing safe and affordable residential properties that offer housing for 165 low-income families. It developed the Mercado la Paloma, a community meeting place and economic development incubator that has become a first-rate forum for cultural events and community non-profit activities, as well as a home for 13 small family-owned businesses. And on a range of other subjects—from human rights, to food policy, to the arts, to environmental justice—Esperanza has been an unwavering voice for a stronger, more sustainable, and more vibrant community.

Mr. Speaker, as Esperanza Community Housing Corporation celebrates its 25th anniversary, I want to thank and congratulate Executive Director Nancy Halpern Ibrahim, all the remarkable staff, and the organization's visionary founder, Sister Diane Donoghue, for their outstanding record of grassroots service to the residents of South Los Angeles. I ask my colleagues to join me in celebrating all that Esperanza has done to improve the community. Esperanza's 25 years of dogged and productive work have been a model for community development organizations and activist movements across the country, and I wish it many more years of success.

IN SUPPORT OF SCOTTISH INDEPENDENCE REFERENDUM

HON. MIKE McINTYRE

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 16, 2014

Mr. McINTYRE. Mr. Speaker, the Friends of Scotland Caucus was founded to honor the spirit of freedom and the bonds of friendship, prosperity, and culture which our two great nations cherish and respect. It is in that spirit that I have joined my fellow Co-Chairman of the Friends of Scotland Congressional Caucus, Rep. JOHN J. DUNCAN, in introducing H.

Res. 724. This resolution voices the support of the U.S. House of Representatives for the peaceful, inclusive, and democratic way in which the Independence Referendum is taking place. Indeed, the future of Scotland must be determined by the People of Scotland, and we should support that effort.

INSURANCE CAPITAL STANDARDS CLARIFICATION ACT OF 2014

HON. JEB HENSARLING

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 16, 2014

Mr. HENSARLING. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of H.R. 5461, the Insurance Capital Standards Clarification Act of 2014, sponsored by our colleague Mr. BARR of Kentucky.

This bill is a common sense fix to several problems that have arisen from the implementation of the Dodd-Frank Act—problems that are detrimental to our economy and needlessly limit opportunities for our fellow Americans to live better lives.

Mr. Speaker, we all know that today 19 million Americans are unemployed or underemployed. No matter how hard many of them try to find work, the jobs just aren't there in this economy because the President's economic policies have failed them. Clearly, job number one for Congress continues to be job creation and economic growth. That's why the House has passed more than 40 bills aimed at creating jobs, many of them I am proud to say originated in the Financial Services Committee, which I chair. These are common sense ideas, many of them bipartisan, aimed at supporting wage earners, strengthening small businesses, and removing Washington's onerous red tape road blocks that stifle growth and kill opportunity.

Yet Senate leaders have failed to bring a single one of these jobs bills up for a vote, even though they are supported by both Republicans and Democrats. Before time during this Congress runs out, I once again call on the Senate's leaders to get to work. They can start with H.R. 5461. Both Democrats and Republicans strongly support this bill. Even the Ranking Member of the Financial Services Committee—who has announced she will be voting against H.R. 5461—acknowledges in a "Dear Colleague" letter circulated to all our offices that the bill offers "bipartisan, sensible regulatory relief;" yet still for some reason she will vote against it.

Let me briefly describe this bill and why it's needed to help the American people.

H.R. 5461 provides the Federal Reserve with the flexibility to set capital standards for insurance companies under its supervision. Because of the onerous Dodd-Frank Act, Washington regulators are imposing one-size-fits-all capital standards designed for banks onto firms that are not banks but insurance companies. Research has shown that applying capital standards that are meant for banks to insurance companies could massively increase costs between \$5 billion to \$8 billion. This increase in costs will result in higher premiums and reduced benefits for policyholders. Many policies could simply become unavailable to consumers as companies stop offering certain insurance products. H.R. 5461 ensures proper capital standards are applied to insurers under the purview of the Fed and that

these institutions can continue serving American consumers.

In addition, H.R. 5461 incorporates three other bills that originated in the Financial Services Committee and previously received overwhelming bipartisan support: H.R. 634, the Business Mitigation and Price Stabilization Act; H.R. 3211, the Mortgage Choice Act; and H.R. 4167, the Restoring Proven Financing for American Employees Act.

In this time when there seems to be so little that Republicans and Democrats in Washington agree on, I think it's important to note just how much bipartisan support all of these bills earned.

H.R. 634 passed the Financial Services Committee 59–0 on May 7, 2013 and then passed the House 411–22 on June 12, 2013. This bipartisan bill exempts manufacturers, ranchers and small companies that buy and sell derivatives to hedge against business risk from burdensome margin and capital requirements of the Dodd-Frank Act.

H.R. 3211 passed the committee unanimously by voice vote on May 22 of this year and then passed the House by voice vote on June 9. This bipartisan bill increases access to mortgage credit for low- and middle-income Americans by modifying the definition of "points and fees" for the purposes of determining whether a mortgage is eligible for treatment as a "Qualified Mortgage" under Dodd-Frank.

H.R. 4167 passed the committee 53–3 on March 14, 2014 and then passed the House by voice vote on April 29. This bipartisan bill addresses unintended, harmful economic consequences for collateralized loan obligations caused by the final version of Dodd-Frank's Volcker rule.

Mr. Speaker, not a single one of these ideas is divisive. All are bipartisan, and each one offers common sense regulatory relief to our struggling economy. Anyone who tries to claim otherwise is simply misstating the facts because the record is absolutely clear.

I urge House passage of this bipartisan bill, including its provisions that were previously and overwhelmingly approved by the House with support from Republicans and Democrats, and I call on Senate leaders to put partisanship aside and to stop their dilatory tactics. The House once again is offering bipartisan solutions to help our economy and create jobs. There's no excuse why the Senate should not do the same.

HONORING THE JOLIET REGION
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND
INDUSTRY, 2014

HON. BILL FOSTER

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 16, 2014

Mr. FOSTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of the Joliet Region Chamber of Commerce and Industry as it celebrates its 100 year anniversary.

For the past century, the Joliet Region Chamber of Commerce and Industry has supported local businesses with training, charitable work, and community promotion.

I would like to recognize and thank the Joliet Region Chamber of Commerce and Industry Chair of the Board Jeff Thompson and the

rest of the Chamber Board for their leadership and dedication to our community. I would also like to recognize and thank Russ Slinkard, the President and Chief Executive Officer of the Joliet Region Chamber of Commerce and Industry, and all of the staff.

The Joliet Region Chamber of Commerce and Industry has been a partner to the city as it has grown and changed over the past 100 years. The Chamber plays a vital role in the economic health of Joliet and the surrounding area.

Again, I would like to congratulate the Joliet Region Chamber of Commerce and Industry for 100 years of service to our community.

IN HONOR OF CLARA MAE MILLER

HON. BILL FLORES

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 16, 2014

Mr. FLORES. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Ms. Clara Mae Miller on her 100th birthday. Ms. Miller has led a remarkable life that is grand in accomplishments through her hard work and dedication. I join her family, friends, and the community of Calvert, Texas in celebrating this event. I wish her more years of happiness, fulfillment, and health. Congratulations to Ms. Miller on her centennial birthday milestone.

RECOGNIZING THE
CONTRIBUTIONS OF JULIO ROCHA

HON. ALAN GRAYSON

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 16, 2014

Mr. GRAYSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today, in honor of Hispanic Heritage Month, to recognize Julio Rocha. A motivated leader, Julio Rocha's passion for entrepreneurship, business management, and volunteerism is evidenced by 14 years of experience as a financial advisor and community leader.

A business owner with a successful track record in Central Florida, Julio has utilized his business management, business development, and investment know-how through leadership positions at several community and national organizations. Julio has been recognized as an "Orlando Power Broker" by the Orlando Sentinel and one of the "25 Most Influential Hispanics" in Central Florida by Vision Magazine.

Julio's work to further education started in 2006 and has earned him national recognition. In 2012 Julio received the "Brillante Award for Volunteer Excellence" from the National Society of Hispanic MBAs. Among his many endeavors in this area, he was instrumental in establishing scholarships and fellowships with local colleges and universities.

Julio was born in New York City and raised in the South Bronx. He is a graduate of "San Jose" La Salle, Lake Brantley High School, and earned an AA from Seminole State College. He has a BA with a concentration in Behavioral Science, and an Advanced Management and Financial Planning Certificate from the University of Central Florida. Julio also has an MBA with a concentration in entrepreneur-

ship from Rollins College, Crummer Graduate School of Business.

I am honored to recognize Julio Rocha, during Hispanic Heritage Month, for his leadership and contributions to the Central Florida Community.

HONORING JAMISON DUNN

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 16, 2014

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Jamison Dunn. Jamison is a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 1414, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Jamison has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Jamison has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community. Most notably, Jamison has contributed to his community through his Eagle Scout project. After graduation, Jamison plans to continue a life of service by enlisting in the Armed Forces and serving our country.

Mr. Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Jamison Dunn for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

FIGHT AGAINST CANCER

HON. CHRIS STEWART

OF UTAH

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 16, 2014

Mr. STEWART. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to speak about the fight against cancer. Although there have been great medical strides made over the years, it is sobering to think that today, in this nation, someone will die of cancer every 60 seconds. That is a terrible outcome, and we need to remain vigilant in our fight to eradicate this awful disease.

It is true that much has been done in recent decades to extend lives, to save lives, and to improve the lives of individuals who have cancer, but still there is much more that we can do. Patients are still being denied access to innovative treatments for reasons that have nothing to do with the effectiveness of a treatment and everything to do with the fact that we are studying, regulating, and paying for new cancer drugs in the same way we did 50 years ago. In the face of the Ebola crisis, the federal government and healthcare organizations have reduced regulatory barriers in order to reduce the time required to get new medicines to patients from six years to less than two. We owe it to cancer patients to allow them the same rapid access to these treatments, particularly when it might be their only hope of survival.

In particular, there are three at least policy objectives we should be pursuing: (1) to direct the FDA to approve new life-extending drugs for cancer once Phase I studies show a high

response rate; (2) to encourage programs that provide early detection and identification of genetic mutations that are known to increase cancer risks; and (3) to require that the FDA accelerate access to experimental treatments for patients who have run out of treatment options or are excluded from clinical trials.

These are critical policy goals that must be considered by Congress. There is no doubt that some minds at the FDA may be difficult to change. But I believe that difficulty cannot be compared to the life and death decisions that our citizens and their families and friends face when access to the innovative cancer therapies that provide their best or only chance to save, prolong and improve their lives remains out of reach because of our lack of action.

This is a challenge we can meet, and I'm optimistic that we will.

TAIWAN NATIONAL DAY 2014

HON. ELIOT L. ENGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 16, 2014

Mr. ENGEL. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to congratulate Taiwan on their National Day. On October 10, Taiwan will celebrate their 103rd National Day, also known as Double Ten day because it falls on the tenth day of the tenth month.

October 10, 1911 marks the beginning of the Wuchang Uprising which led to the fall of China's Qing Dynasty. In turn, the fall of the Qing Dynasty paved the way for Taiwan to become the beacon of democracy and economic powerhouse it is today.

We greatly appreciate Taiwan as a friend and as an economic partner. Taiwan is the United States' 16th largest export market. As a matter of fact, in 2013 Taiwan imported almost \$26 billion dollars in goods from the United States last year. From my state, New York, Taiwan imported over \$750,000,000 dollars worth of goods in 2013.

Both in New York and nationwide, the U.S. economy greatly benefits from a robust economic relationship with Taiwan—this relationship is good for Taiwan and it is good for America.

Congratulations again to Taiwan on their National Day. We look forward to many more years of close friendship.

RECOGNIZING MAJOR GENERAL
DEBORAH A. ASHENHURST

HON. STEVE STIVERS

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 16, 2014

Mr. STIVERS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Major General Deborah A. Ashenhurst for being elected Chair of the National Guard Association of the United States Board of Directors. General Ashenhurst has the distinguished honor of being the first woman to serve in this position.

Since enlisting in the Ohio Army National Guard in 1978, General Ashenhurst's military career has been nothing short of outstanding. General Ashenhurst was commissioned as an

Engineer Officer through the Ohio Army National Guard Officer Candidate School in 1980. After completing the Engineer Basic Course, she served as a reconnaissance officer with the 54th Support Center. Throughout her service, General Ashenhurst has commanded and held staff officer assignments located at all levels of the Guard.

General Ashenhurst's most recent assignments include: the Commanding General of the 73rd Troop Command; the Commander of the 237th Personnel Services Battalion; the Director of the Property and Fiscal Operations for the United States Property and Fiscal Office for Ohio. She has also formally served as the Central Ohio Chapter President of the Association of the United States Army and President of the Ohio National Guard Association.

Today, General Ashenhurst continues to serve our country with great commitment and enthusiasm. She serves as the Adjutant General of the Joint Force Headquarters—Ohio. She is also a member of the Ohio Governor's cabinet where she is responsible for commanding the Ohio National Guard and maintaining the military readiness of the Ohio Militia.

General Ashenhurst has been unwavering in her service to both Ohio and to the United States. I offer my sincere congratulations to Major General Deborah Ashenhurst for being elected to this position. On behalf of Ohio and the country, I thank her for her service and wish her the best in her new role.

RECOGNIZING THE HOLLEY FAMILY AS THE 2014 OKALOOSA COUNTY, FLORIDA, OUTSTANDING FARM FAMILY OF THE YEAR

HON. JEFF MILLER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 16, 2014

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I rise to recognize the Holley Family from Baker, Florida, for being selected as the 2014 Okaloosa County, Florida, Outstanding Farm Family of the Year.

Like so many farmers in our Nation, farming is a family affair for the Holley's. Together, three generations of the Holley family—Hughdon and his wife of 47 years, Joan, along with their son Gary and his wife Susan, and their grandchildren, Michael and Bryan—work together on their nearly 200 acre farm on a wide variety of agricultural areas. On their family farm, the Holley's produce high quality vegetables and row crop corn and wheat. In addition to successfully cultivating vegetables, corn, and wheat, the Holley's also work tirelessly to successfully maintain a wide array of additional farming activities, including beekeeping, timber production, and raising cattle.

The Holley's are a hard-working family that exemplify the qualities and high-character that have been hallmarks of our Nation's agricultural heritage. During nearly a half-century of marriage, both Mr. and Mrs. Holley worked full-time jobs away from the farm, while also raising their two sons, Gary and Keith. As Mr. and Mrs. Holley have grown older, the row cropping and oversight of the majority of the farming operations have been left to Gary; however, Hughdon and Joan still enjoy farm-

ing on a smaller scale in their retirement years.

Being a member of the Farm Bureau has allowed the Holley family to expand their vast knowledge of farming and has allowed for their great success, and the greater Northwest Florida community has been able to share in the fruits of their labor through local farmers markets where the Holley's sell their produce.

Mr. Speaker, our great Nation was built by farmers and their families. The Okaloosa County Outstanding Farm Family of the Year Award is a reflection of the Holley's tireless work and their dedication to family, and farming. On behalf of the United States Congress, I would like to offer my congratulations to the Holley family for being outstanding in their field. My wife Vicki and I extend our best wishes for their continued success.

TRIBUTE TO MARY BETH WALKER

HON. DARRELL E. ISSA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 16, 2014

Mr. ISSA. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to recognize Mary Beth Walker who is leaving the House to take a position with the Office of the Solicitor of the United States Patent and Trademark Office. Ms. Walker served in the House's Office of General Counsel for two and one half years as an Assistant Counsel. We will miss her.

Ms. Walker provided frequent and invaluable legal advice and representation to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, as well as to Members, officers, and other committees of the House more generally. Our staff came to rely on her expertise and guidance in connection with many of their investigative and oversight activities, as well as in connection with the Committee's interactions with the other branches of the federal government. Over the years, Ms. Walker played a significant role in safeguarding the legal and institutional interests of the House of Representatives.

Ms. Walker served the House with great distinction, and we know she will serve the Patent and Trademark Office with that same level of distinction. We thank her for her service to the House and extend to her our very best wishes for her continued success.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JOHN A. YARMUTH

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 16, 2014

Mr. YARMUTH. Mr. Speaker, I was unable to cast the recorded vote for rollcall 497. Had I been present I would have voted "yes" for this measure. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that my statement appear in the permanent RECORD immediately following these votes.

Bill: H.R. 5108—On Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass, as Amended; Rollcall No. 497; Vote: "yes."

HONORING THE 30TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE MABEL WADSWORTH CENTER

HON. MICHAEL H. MICHAUD

OF MAINE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 16, 2014

Mr. MICHAUD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Mabel Wadsworth Center as it celebrates its 30th anniversary of providing outstanding health care and educational services to the women of Maine.

The Mabel Wadsworth Center is the only private, not-for-profit, feminist health center in the state of Maine. The center is named for Mabel Wadsworth, a pioneer in Maine for women's health, education, and reproductive justice. Since 1984, the organization has been dedicated to providing quality health care to women while empowering patients to take control of their health and their lives.

The Mabel Wadsworth Center works tirelessly to provide clinical and educational services to women regardless of their age, ability, race or ethnicity, sexual orientation, or economic status. Across Maine and the region, the Center has also become an advocacy leader on issues important to women and women's health.

This year, the Mabel Wadsworth Center celebrates 30 years of promoting and protecting access to quality women's healthcare in Maine. I am delighted to recognize the accomplishments of the Center and their dedicated team and look forward to their continued success in the years to come.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in congratulating the Mabel Wadsworth Center on three decades of exceptional care and advocacy.

POLITICAL PRISONERS ON HUNGER STRIKE IN EGYPT

HON. JAMES P. MCGOVERN

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 16, 2014

Mr. MCGOVERN. Mr. Speaker, approximately 80 political prisoners in Egypt are on a hunger strike to protest their detention and the Egyptian government's continuing crackdown on dissent.

Over the past several years, the Government of Egypt has undertaken harsh measures to silence its critics. Even as Egypt has committed to undertake a democratic transition, its efforts to quell dissent have increased and worsened within the past year.

Last November, former Egyptian President Adly Mansour approved a severe anti-protest law that effectively bans any protests not sanctioned by the government. Under that law, dozens of peaceful protesters have been arrested for demonstrating against it.

According to international human rights organizations, those arrested for violating the protest law over the past several months join the more than 41,000 people who have been subjected to politically-motivated arrests since last July. Among those now in detention are opposition leaders, human rights activists, peaceful protesters, and journalists.

Many of these detainees have given up any hope for a fair trial or for securing their freedom, and more than eighty prisoners have gone on hunger strike in protest of their detentions and the Government's on-going crackdown on dissent.

Today, I call upon the Government of Egypt to immediately release all those detained for political reasons or for exercising their rights to free speech, expression and assembly. I also call upon the Egyptian government to repeal or amend those laws currently being used to repress peaceful dissent and ensure compliance with Egypt's obligations under international human rights law.

I welcome the release on bail yesterday of at least three of the prisoners who were taking part in the hunger strike. They will continue to pursue an appeal of their convictions for violating the anti-protest law. Despite their release, however, dozens of other activists remain imprisoned and as of today, over 80 prisoners are estimated to be on hunger strike.

In September, Egyptian authorities announced that an initiative for reconciliation would be put on the table following the passage of a transitional justice law once the new parliament is established at the end of the year. Reconciliation requires respect for individuals, political parties and organizations that hold differing points of view. And such respect requires that the government and the people of the nation allow for the free expression of dissenting views. As one of our key security partners in the region, the United States should insist that Egypt respect peaceful dissent and pledge to support and help Egypt achieve a truly democratic transition.