

Women's Chorus, Church Program Committee and the Faith Walkers. In the greater Dallas community, she is involved with the Dallas Retired Teachers Association, AARP Volunteer Tax Preparer, Dallas Lincoln-James Madison Alumni Association, and the Jarvis Christian College National and Local Alumni Association.

Mrs. Washington was honored at the Hyatt Regency in Dallas alongside the company of her husband and daughter. She and her sisters looked graceful and youthful as they received recognition to their commitment to this long-standing institution. Mrs. Washington joined the alumni chapter of the Delta Sigma Sorority in 1966, a time when education and opportunities were still denied to African Americans in Dallas.

Mr. Speaker, for her dedication to an organization that promotes equality internationally, for her deep and rich commitment to the community, and for her selfless career as an educator, past National President of the Delta Sigma Sorority, Congresswoman MARCIA FUDGE, and I would like to join together in formally recognizing this wonderful woman and her impressive milestone here in Congress.

HONORING MRS. LILLIAN
GERSTNER

HON. JANICE D. SCHAKOWSKY
OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 25, 2016

Ms. SCHAKOWSKY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and celebrate Mrs. Lillian Gerstner, who is being recognized by the Village of Skokie for her 25 years of hard work and dedication to make the Illinois Holocaust Museum and Education Center the wonderful place it is today.

An only child born to two Holocaust survivors, Rosalie and Moses Polus, Mrs. Gerstner came to Evanston in 1969 to pursue a degree in theater and a secondary school teaching certification at Northwestern University. Mrs. Gerstner married her husband, Mr. Alan Gerstner in 1976, and has two children, Michael and Lisa, born in 1980 and 1983, respectively.

Mrs. Gerstner began volunteering at the Holocaust Memorial Foundation of Illinois on Main Street in Skokie in 1985. With her young daughter Lisa in tow, she began her services by stuffing envelopes, typing, and filing. When Lisa began school, Mrs. Gerstner's duties increased to include production of the monthly newsletter. Mrs. Gerstner was a regular volunteer for years, feeling very much at home among the small staff and the survivors who visited. When staff began requesting that Mrs. Gerstner join their team after the executive director, Ms. Pearl Karp, retired, Mrs. Gerstner declined initially, unable to take on a full time job. In the meantime, Mrs. Gerstner and the rest of the Foundation's staff worked tirelessly to convince Illinois legislatures to mandate a school curriculum inclusive of the Holocaust. All of their efforts paid off when, on January 1, 1999, Illinois became the first state in the nation to pass a Holocaust Education Mandate.

On January 31, 1991, to the delight of the Foundation's officers, Mrs. Gerstner accepted her third offer to work as Executive Director. She was put in charge of a three-person staff

and began working to make the Foundation's vision a reality. Her first year was focused on working with the Foundation's Education Director to provide professional development for teachers who were to begin implementing the newly enacted Illinois Holocaust Education Mandate.

Over the years, the Holocaust Memorial Foundation of Illinois accumulated many memorable achievements; they include, but are not limited to: Production of four documentaries, one of which—"Choosing One's Way—Resistance in Auschwitz-Birkenau"—received the Chicago International Film Festival Hugo Award in 1994; onsite training to over 2,000 educators to aid them in their teachings on the Holocaust; speaking to tens of thousands annually through the Speaker's Bureau; conducting annual creative expression competitions for children; taping survivor interviews, starting in 1991; conducting unique Yom HaShoah observances within the community; supervising Holocaust Expression Theater, a program to aid high school students in the development and performance of Holocaust dramatic material; and welcoming non-Jewish volunteers from the Action Reconciliation Service for Peace starting in 1997.

Mrs. Gerstner was an asset in the transition from the small Holocaust Memorial Foundation of Illinois on Main Street to the huge Illinois Holocaust Museum and Education Center that can be seen today, in Skokie, Illinois. From her work as site director for the Main Street facility until it closed in 2008, to Director of Special Projects and then Director of Public Programs in 2015, Mrs. Gerstner has truly been indispensable in both garnering cultural acknowledgment for the Holocaust, as well as educating and engaging youth and adults in its events and activities.

Mrs. Gerstner is a remarkable woman who has dedicated 25 years of her life to the success of the Illinois Holocaust Museum and Education Center. I want to congratulate her for being recognized by the Village of Skokie during their Board Meeting on March 7, 2016; she is an outstanding member of society who has brought much-needed attention to the Holocaust both within her town, and nationally. I am proud to honor her today for her achievements, and look forward to all she will continue to do in the future.

ENDOCRINE SOCIETY CELEBRATES
100 YEARS OF PUBLIC HEALTH
BREAKTHROUGHS

HON. JOSEPH P. KENNEDY III

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 25, 2016

Mr. KENNEDY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate the Endocrine Society, in honor of its Centennial anniversary.

A century ago, a small group of physicians joined together to unlock the secrets of the body's hormones—the chemical signals that govern breathing, metabolism, growth, reproduction and other critical biological functions. They were endocrinologists, and from this impassioned gathering, the Endocrine Society was born.

Over the next 100 years, endocrinologists would discover lifesaving treatments and provide quality care for hundreds of millions of

people with diabetes, osteoporosis, thyroid conditions, infertility, sleep disorders, hormone-related cancers and many other conditions. Today, the Society has more than 18,000 members in 122 countries and is the world's oldest and largest organization devoted to hormone research and the clinical practice of endocrinology.

During its centennial year, the Endocrine Society will celebrate endocrinology's contributions to science and public health—while keeping an eye on today's promising research which will lead to tomorrow's discoveries. It will recognize Nobel Prize winners in the field (including four Society Past-Presidents) and historic breakthroughs such as the 1921 discovery of insulin, which transformed diabetes from a death sentence to a manageable chronic condition. In April, I am very pleased to recognize, the Endocrine Society will conduct its Annual Meeting and Expo, in Boston, Massachusetts. ENDO is the world's premier event for getting the latest updates in endocrine science and medicine, drawing thousands of endocrinologists from around the globe. ENDO 2016 will feature special programming celebrating the field's history and notable achievements.

Because hormones affect nearly every cell of the human body, the work of endocrinologists is essential to manage conditions that affect millions, including:

About 415 million adults worldwide who have diabetes, according to the International Diabetes Federation;

More than 36 percent of American adults who are obese, according to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention;

An estimated 48.5 million couples worldwide who were infertile as of 2010, according to the World Health Organization; and

More than 10 million American adults who have osteoporosis, according to the Society's Endocrine Facts and Figures report.

Endocrine Society members have been at the forefront of historic accomplishments in medicine and research. I offer my warmest congratulations to the Endocrine Society on its celebration of 100 years of breakthroughs and I look forward to what the next century brings.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. MARLIN A. STUTZMAN

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 25, 2016

Mr. STUTZMAN. Mr. Speaker, on February 12, 2016, due to a funeral in my state, I was absent for four roll call votes. Had I been present, I would have voted in the following manner:

Roll Call Vote No. 79—McMorris-Rodgers of Washington Amendment No. 1—Yes.

Roll Call Vote No. 80—Schrader of Oregon Amendment No. 3—No.

Roll Call Vote No. 81—H.R. 2017, Common Sense Nutrition Disclosure Act of 2015—Yes.

Roll Call Vote No. 82—(Motion to Suspend the Rules and Concur in the Senate Amendment) H.R. 757, North Korea Sanctions and Policy Enforcement Act of 2016—Yes.

INTRODUCTION OF THE PIPELINE INSPECTION ENFORCEMENT ACT OF 2016

HON. JANICE HAHN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 25, 2016

Ms. HAHN. Mr. Speaker, today, I am reintroducing the Pipeline Inspection Enforcement Act to prevent oil pipeline leaks like the one that greatly damaged the community of Wilmington, California in my district.

Los Angeles is home to one of the most vast pipeline networks in the United States. Both oil and gas pipelines connect the Port of Los Angeles and the Port of Long Beach with the refineries in the area. Therefore, pipeline safety is a very important topic for me and the communities which make up the neighborhoods surrounding the Port of Los Angeles—including Wilmington, a primarily working class community. I have represented Wilmington for over 10 years—first on the Los Angeles City Council, and now as a Member of Congress.

Since Wilmington sits on top of one of the largest oil fields in the nation and a complex system of pipelines, this community lives with a heightened threat of a pipeline leaking or exploding. This became an unfortunate reality for many residents of Wilmington two years ago when a pipeline ruptured, causing thousands of gallons of crude oil to spill onto a residential street wreaking havoc on the lives of families who live in the community.

When Phillips purchased the pipeline, they were told that it was empty. In 15 years, the pipeline was not inspected to ensure that it was true.

As a result, the people in Wilmington paid the price.

I remember racing over there the morning it happened and discovering that yards were destroyed and homes were damaged. The smell of oil made people sick. The residents had to deal with the noise of jackhammers tearing up streets to locate the leak. Some people could not leave their houses and get to work.

The legislation I am reintroducing today would have prevented the damage these families experienced by forcing companies like Phillips 66 to simply have firsthand knowledge of what their pipelines contain. My legislation will ensure that a company purchasing a pipeline does its due diligence and inspects the status of the pipelines they purchase within 180 days of the sale. This inspection needs to have third party verification by either PHMSA or a state authority.

It is neglectful not to inspect the pipelines. The oil spill endangered the health and safety of many of my constituents as well as property damage and costs to the local economy.

These basic improvements to federal policy would protect countless communities like Wilmington. I look forward to working with my colleagues in Congress to make this legislation law.

IN HONOR OF THE 100TH BIRTHDAY OF SALLIE PAULINE NAUGHER PUTNAM

HON. MIKE ROGERS

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 25, 2016

Mr. ROGERS of Alabama. Mr. Speaker, I ask for the House's attention today to recognize the birthday of Sallie Pauline Naugher Putnam of Piedmont, Alabama. She will turn 100 on March 28th.

Pauline was born to Jennie Elizabeth Warren Naugher and William Morris Naugher. She had two brothers, both World War II Veterans, and one sister who married a World War II Veteran. She married Volyer C. Putnam (deceased), also a World War II Veteran, on March 2, 1940. She is the proud aunt of her nephew Michael Naugher and niece Susan Ponder.

Pauline attended school in Oxford, Alabama until 7th grade and then finished 8th–12th grades at Piedmont High School. She was Salutatorian in 1934. She attended a year and a half at Jacksonville State University.

After her time at JSU, she worked at Stand-ard Coosa Thatcher, a cotton mill in Piedmont. There she worked as a spinner, in the lab and in the payroll department before retiring.

She attends First Baptist Church of Piedmont where she has been a member since 1955.

In the fall, she cheers on the Piedmont Bulldogs and Alabama Crimson Tide. She still drives and goes to the beauty shop each week.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in recognizing the life and achievements of Sallie Pauline Naugher Putnam and wishing her a happy 100th birthday.

HONORING THE 168 INVENTORS INDUCTED AS THE 2015 FELLOWS OF THE NATIONAL ACADEMY OF INVENTORS

HON. DAVID W. JOLLY

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 25, 2016

Mr. JOLLY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the 168 inventors who will soon be recognized at the United States Patent and Trademark Office and inducted as the 2015 Fellows of the National Academy of Inventors (NAI) in an induction ceremony that will feature a keynote address by U.S. Commissioner for Patents Andrew Hirshfeld. In order to be named as a Fellow, these men and women were nominated by their peers and have undergone the scrutiny of the NAI Selection Committee, having had their innovations deemed as making significant impact on quality of life, economic development, and welfare of society. Collectively, this elite group holds nearly 5,400 patents.

The individuals making up this year's class of Fellows include individuals from 109 research universities and non-profit research institutes spanning the United States and the world. The now 582-member group of Fellows is composed of more than 80 presidents and senior leadership of research universities and

non-profit research institutes, 310 members of the other National Academies, 27 inductees of the National Inventors Hall of Fame, 36 recipients of the U.S. National Medal of Technology and Innovation and the U.S. National Medal of Science, 27 Nobel Laureates, 14 Lemelson-MIT prize recipients, and 170 AAAS Fellows, among other awards and distinctions.

The NAI was founded in 2010 by Paul R. Sanberg at the University of South Florida. Its mission is to recognize and encourage inventors with patents issued from the United States Patent and Trademark Office, enhance the visibility of academic technology and innovation, encourage the disclosure of intellectual property, educate and mentor innovative students, and translate the inventions of its members to benefit society.

We are greatly indebted to innovators such as these for contributions to society through their inventions. I commend these individuals, and the organizations that support them, for the work they do to revolutionize the world we live in. As the following inventors are inducted, may it encourage future generations to strive to meet this high honor and continue the spirit of discovery and innovation.

The 2015 NAI Fellows include; C. Mauli Agrawal, The University of Texas at San Antonio; Dean P. Alderucci, The University of Chicago; Jayakrishna Ambati, University of Kentucky; Iver E. Anderson, Iowa State University; Kristi S. Anseth, University of Colorado Boulder; Allen W. Applett, Oklahoma State University; Charles J. Arntzen, Arizona State University; Harry A. Atwater, Jr., California Institute of Technology; Lorne A. Babiuk, University of Alberta; John M. Ballato, Clemson University; John S. Baras, University of Maryland; Issa Batarseh, University of Central Florida; Ray H. Baughman, The University of Texas at Dallas; Angela M. Belcher, Massachusetts Institute of Technology; Stephen J. Benkovic, The Pennsylvania State University; Shekhar Bhansali, Florida International University; Sangeeta N. Bhatia, Massachusetts Institute of Technology; J. Douglas Birdwell, The University of Tennessee, Knoxville; Kenneth J. Blank, Rowan University; Dale L. Boger, The Scripps Research Institute.

Charles A. Bouman, Purdue University; John E. Bowers, University of California, Santa Barbara; Gary L. Bowlin, University of Memphis; C. Jeffrey Brinker, The University of New Mexico; Emery N. Brown, Massachusetts Institute of Technology; Milton L. Brown, Georgetown University; Richard B. Brown, The University of Utah; Steven R.J. Brueck, The University of New Mexico; Joe C. Campbell, University of Virginia; Selim A. Chacour, University of South Florida; Mau-Chung Frank Chang, National Chiao Tung University; Shu Chien, University of California, San Diego; Mary-Dell Chilton, Washington University in St. Louis; Diana S. Chow, University of Houston; Chung K. Chu, University of Georgia; Yoginder P. Chugh, Southern Illinois University; William J. Clancey, Institute for Human and Machine Cognition; Katrina Cornish, The Ohio State University; Delos M. Cosgrove III, Cleveland Clinic; Alan W. Cramb, Illinois Institute of Technology.

Benjamin F. Cravatt III, The Scripps Research Institute; Roy Curtiss III, University of Florida; P. Daniel Dapkus, University of Southern California; John G. Daugman, University of Cambridge; Mark E. Davis, California Institute of Technology; Robert C. Dean, Jr., Dartmouth