

of Arts degree from Norwich University, she champions the importance of education. She has facilitated countless workshops on Black History to empower members of the Black community with knowledge of their history and culture as well as to inform members of other ethnic communities. Her main goal was to bring people together through learning.

Many young people and adults throughout the South Bronx consider Nellie a second mother. She has cared for hundreds of children in her home and coordinated numerous events with young people in the community. The fashion shows she organized with Mott Haven HeadStart children created wonderful memories for many. While Nellie may have a special place in her heart for children, she is also very concerned with general community development and giving everyone, children and adults alike, a sense of pride in their neighborhood. She has spearheaded the reparation of abandoned buildings and vacant lots and the repaving of roads and sidewalks. Knowing that she and her neighbors deserved quality public transportation service, she called for and received improvement of the local bus line. Nellie has also helped empower fellow Bronx residents by participating in a number of voter registration drives, encouraging her neighbors to make their voices heard.

Mr. Speaker, at 74 years of age, Nellie continues to work hard and is currently the chairperson of the Housing Committee of Planning Board I, assistant chairperson of the Patterson Volunteer Committee, a lifetime member of the National Council of Negro Women, and a member of the New York NAACP, as well as many other prestigious organizations.

In a day in age when many people do not pay attention to their neighbor, Nellie's selflessness is refreshing. For that reason, I ask that my colleagues join me honoring the contributions of this remarkable woman.

HONORING ST. SAVA SERBIAN
ORTHODOX CHURCH

HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKY
OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Tuesday, March 9, 2004

Mr. VISCLOSKY. Mr. Speaker, it is with great honor and enthusiasm that I congratulate St. Sava Serbian Orthodox Church as they join together in celebration of their 90th anniversary. They will be celebrating this very momentous and special occasion November 13 and 14, 2004.

St. Sava Serbian Orthodox Church and School is known throughout the northwest Indiana community as "Serbian Gary" because of its continued efforts over the past 90 years to perpetuate the Serbian Orthodox faith and traditions. In 1914, the founders proclaimed their mission of their new church before the Secretary of State in Indianapolis, Indiana. Their mission is as follows: "The purpose of this parish is to preach the Word of God (the Lord Jesus) and take spiritual care of its members; to spread goodness, justice, brotherly love, and respect among its members."

After much debate and discussion on who would be their chosen patron saint, it was unanimously decided that the patron saint of the parish and church would be St. Sava, the First Serbian Archbishop and Enlightener. In

1917, the parishioners, although under tremendous economic hardships, built the first church and school on 20th Avenue and Connecticut Street in Gary. Mr. Michael Pupin, a well-known Serbian scientist, served as Kum at the consecration services. Immediately after the Great Depression, the parish built an even larger church, school, parish hall, and library on 13th Avenue and Connecticut in 1938. Mr. Nikola Tesla, a well-known Serbian inventor and scientist, served as Kum at the consecration services.

In 1969, after Chairman Nick Chabraja purchased 40 acres of property on 49th Avenue in Hobart, the parish built a new parish hall for their summer meetings and family picnics. In February of 1978, during the day of honor to St. Simeon and Ana, the church was completely destroyed by a terrible fire. Under the leadership of President Zivojin Cokic and many volunteers, they built another church in the small hall of the 49th Avenue building. In May of 1991, the parish celebrated a "new beginning" when a brand-new building was constructed. The new building opened in Merrillville, where relics which survived the fire were blessed and installed into the new church.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you and my other distinguished colleagues join me in honoring and congratulating St. Sava Serbian Orthodox Church on their 90th anniversary. Throughout many hardships and trials, the members of St. Sava have dedicated themselves to providing a spiritual and guiding light through the protection of the Serbian Orthodox faith and traditions for all of northwest Indiana. Their constant dedication and commitment is worthy of the highest commendation.

HONORING LIEUTENANT GENERAL
SUNG EUN KIM (RET.)

HON. JAMES P. MCGOVERN
OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Tuesday, March 9, 2004

Mr. MCGOVERN. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to insert in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD the following statement signed by the Massachusetts Congressional Delegation as well as our dear friend and colleague, U.S. Representative CHARLES B. RANGEL of New York.

As you know, Mr. Speaker, Mr. RANGEL served in the U.S. Army from 1948 to 1952, during which time he fought in Korea and was awarded the Purple Heart and Bronze Star.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to personally thank my colleagues for signing this letter to Lieutenant General Sung Eun Kim (Ret.).

CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES,
Washington, DC, March 5, 2004.

Lieutenant General Sung Eun Kim (Ret.) served as the 4th Commandant of the Republic of Korea Marines Corps (ROKMC) and as ROK Minister of National Defense from 1963 to 1968. In General Kim, the United States has a true friend.

General Kim is a patriot who cares dearly for freedom and has a strong personal affinity for America. He also is an ardent supporter of the Korean War Memorial of Central Massachusetts, having made a significant contribution toward its construction and then encouraged many other ROKMC Commandants and other military leaders to join him in support of the Memorial, which stands as a symbol of Freedom.

The alliance between the ROK Marine Corps and the U.S. Marine Corps was forged in the fires of the Korean War, where Commandant General Kim and his ROK Marines fought shoulder-to-shoulder with U.S. Marines to repel brutal Communist aggression. According to historian Lieutenant Colonel James Durand, USMC, "... in the history of the ROK Marine Corps, General Kim is certainly in a class by himself. General Kim led ROK Marines in more battles than any other commander, including the amphibious landing at Tong Yong, which resulted in the first unit-wide promotions of the Korean War."

In a letter to Korean War Memorial Chairman Francis Carroll of Worcester, Massachusetts, General Kim wrote, "I want to thank the American people for all the sacrifices they have made for Korea. Had the United States not come to our aid 53 years ago, I would surely not be alive today to write this letter. . . . I know that South Korea would not be the prosperous, democratic nation it is today without the military, economic, and political assistance America has given us over the past half century."

Thank you General Kim, the ROK Marine Corps, and the people of the Republic of Korea for your friendship. We salute you.

Sincerely,
Charles B. Rangel, Edward J. Markey,
James P. McGovern, Barney Frank,
Richard E. Neal, Martin T. Meehan,
William D. Delahunt, Stephen F.
Lynch, John W. Olver, John F. Tierney,
Michael E. Capuano.

TRIBUTE TO MS. PALOMA
IZQUIRDO-HERNANDEZ

HON. JOSÉ E. SERRANO

OF NEW YORK
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Tuesday, March 9, 2004

Mr. SERRANO. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I rise during this month of March, which has been designated Women's History Month, to pay tribute to Ms. Paloma Izquierdo-Hernandez, a remarkable woman who has dedicated most of her life to the serving others.

Paloma, who was raised in the Bronx, New York, attended Boston College as an undergraduate and holds two masters degrees, a MS and a MPH from Teachers College, Columbia University and the School of Public Health, Columbia University, respectively. She is currently the President and Chief Executive Officer of Urban Health Plan Inc.

Paloma has been steadily associated with Urban Health Plan since 1980 and has risen to the top of the organization by dedicating over 23 years as the organization's Administrator, Executive Director and currently as its President and Chief Executive Officer. Throughout her tenure with Urban Health Plan, Ms. Hernandez has worked, despite monumental challenges, to deliver care in a culturally and linguistically competent manner while increasing the number of services offered to patients that her agency serves. She takes pride in acknowledging that despite the dramatic changes that she has witnessed both in her community and in the health care environment she has had the will to persist to fulfill the mission that was set before her.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to say that today over 30,000 community residents are provided with top quality health care and in the past

year over 120,000 primary and specialty care visits were rendered at Urban Health Plan. Paloma can also add to her list of achievements the successful relocation of Urban Health Plan's main site, a project she embarked upon over 15 years ago. Through her spearheading efforts, financing was secured through municipal tax free bonds as well as a New York City Council Grant. The new site is a 40,000 square foot state of the art medical facility that will further support Urban Health Plan's ability to continue to provide medical services to its community.

Paloma currently serves on multiple boards and organizations. She is a true example of the consistent and outstanding leadership that exist in our cities' community based organizations. For her service to the people of her community, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring this remarkable woman.

TRIBUTE TO THE ACTION OF
NAVAL RESERVISTS IN BALTI-
MORE, MARYLAND

HON. BENJAMIN L. CARDIN

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 9, 2004

Mr. CARDIN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay special tribute to the brave members of the U.S. Naval Reserve unit stationed at the Naval Reserve Center near Ft. McHenry in Baltimore, Maryland. The quick thinking of these Reservists saved the lives of 21 patrons of a Baltimore water taxi when a freak storm capsized their vessel on the afternoon of Saturday, March 6, 2004.

This tragic accident could have been much worse. Approximately 20 Naval Reservists were at the waterfront Reserve Center for weekend exercises when the storm struck. They saw the water taxi, Lady D, flip over and quickly rushed to their ACUV-27 vessel to help the victims of the overturned craft.

Their quick action saved almost all the victims of this tragedy. Unfortunately, one person died and three others are still missing. The survivors of the accident and Coast Guard officials credit the rescue efforts of the Naval Reservists as critical to saving most of those who were on the overturned water taxi in 44 degree waters.

I know, in some respects, it was pure luck that the water taxi capsized so near the Naval Reserve Center and that the Reservists were on site to carry out the rescue. But it also represents the quick action and outstanding bravery and courage of these Reservists.

I hope my colleagues in the U.S. House of Representatives will join me in saluting the members of the Naval Reserve, who, through quick thinking and action, saved the lives of 21 patrons of the Baltimore water taxi accident. While we honor the courage of these Naval Reservists, our hearts and prayers are with the victims of this tragedy and their families.

THE 125TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE
ESTABLISHMENT OF THE
UNITED STATES GEOLOGICAL
SURVEY

HON. JAMES P. MORAN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 9, 2004

Mr. MORAN of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, today I am introducing a resolution to acknowledge 125 years of reliable, timely, and objective science that illustrates and enhances our understanding of the Earth, and serves the important needs of individuals and communities across this great land.

The United States Geological Survey has an outstanding history of public service and scientific breakthroughs. It has been at the forefront of advances in our understanding of the Earth, its processes, and its resources. Scientists from the U.S. Geological Survey pioneered hydrologic techniques for gauging the impact of floods and modeling the flow of complex ground-water systems. The astronauts who landed on the Moon in 1969 were trained in geology by the USGS.

Innovative ventures with the private sector have given the world access to digital images of neighborhoods and communities in one of the largest data sets ever made available online. Modern-day understanding of the formation and location of energy and mineral resource deposits is rooted in fundamental scientific breakthroughs by USGS scientists. Their biologists revolutionized thinking about managing wildlife resources, providing a sound scientific basis that lets waterfowl conservation and recreational hunting work in tandem as adaptive management, not as conflicting interests. Advances in seismology are making early warnings of earthquakes a reality that will give the needed alert time to save lives. The future of the global community presents infinite opportunities for the science of the USGS to continue to make substantive and life-enhancing contributions to the betterment of the nation and the world.

I congratulate the United States Geological Survey on its 125th anniversary. By commemorating this date, I hope we will come to recognize the crucial services that this institution continues to provide this nation.

The United States Geological Survey is a vital Federal science agency that is headquartered in my District in Northern Virginia; however, Members should know that this agency has an important presence in every state of the union.

How has 125 years of independent science benefited our nation? It has given us an extensive record of our land and resources, which allows us to realize and track the changes in our land, water, and wildfire. It has provided a wealth of long-term data and research, which continues to serve thousands of government agencies, companies, non-profit organizations, recreational groups, and individual Americans. And it has given us scientific expertise and understanding that we can count on to be accurate and up to date.

Since its inception, the United States Geological Survey has become the premier science organization for the nation, covering all of the natural science disciplines (biology, geography, geology, and hydrology) in every state. This expansive coverage provides us

with the comprehensive information we need to tackle many complicated issues in many geographical areas.

As an unbiased science agency, the United States Geological Survey often serves the needs of the nation behind the scenes. Whether it's research on windborne dusts, mercury contamination, or West Nile Virus used to protect public health; or natural hazards assessments used to ensure public safety; or the energy and mineral resources, water and biological information, and geologic mapping and geospatial information used to serve our economy, for 125 years, the United States Geological Survey has provided the science that serves as the basis for our most important decisions.

It's time we congratulated those whose labor provides us with the information we need to manage our resources and safeguard society. I am delighted to have this opportunity to bring attention to the work of the United States Geological Survey and showcase its remarkable history. I urge you to support this resolution, thereby confirming our appreciation for their ongoing work that has served the health, safety, and prosperity of the United States for 125 years.

In addition to Congressman James P. Moran, the following members are original sponsors of the House Resolution Congratulating the United States Geological Survey on its 125th Anniversary: Barbara Cubin, Tom Davis, Norm Dicks, Anna G. Eshoo, Ron Kind, Eddie Bernice Johnson, Zoe Lofgren, Ralph Regula, Nick Smith, Bill Young, and Sherwood Boehlert.

RESOLUTION

Whereas March 3, 2004 will mark the 125th Anniversary of the establishment of the United States Geological Survey;

Whereas the United States Geological Survey has become the Nation's premiere earth and biological science agency;

Whereas during its 125-year history, the United States Geological Survey has been the birthplace of a number of other Federal agencies, including the Reclamation Service (later renamed the Bureau of Reclamation) in 1902, the Forest Service in 1905, the United States Bureau of Mines in 1910, the Grazing Service (later renamed the Bureau of Land Management) in 1934, and the Minerals Management Service in 1982;

Whereas the United States Geological Survey has been a widely respected source of relevant and objective science to address the Nation's diverse natural resource issues;

Whereas the United States Geological Survey continues to serve the Nation as an independent fact-finding agency that collects, monitors, analyzes, and provides scientific information and understanding about natural resource conditions, issues, and problems;

Whereas a hallmark value of the United States Geological Survey to the Nation is its ability to carry out studies on a national scale and to sustain long-term monitoring and assessment of natural hazards and natural resource conditions;

Whereas the United States Geological Survey is an agency of the Federal Government with no regulatory or land management responsibilities and is thus a trusted entity to provide impartial science that serves the needs of the Nation; and

Whereas the United States Geological Survey has a scientific presence in every State and Territory of the United States and serves the Nation's extensive and diverse needs for objective scientific knowledge and understanding; Now, therefore, be it