

Designation Act, introduced by my good friend and colleague, DAVE HOBSON.

Tony Hall has a long and distinguished history of service to the people of Ohio, our nation, and the world. He served in the Ohio General Assembly and the Ohio Senate. Tony Hall then served 12 terms in the U.S. House of Representatives where he worked tirelessly for the interests of the residents of the third district of Ohio, the district I now have the honor to represent. Not only did he ably represent his constituents, Tony Hall was also concerned about the well-being of those who lived beyond the boundaries of his congressional district, and his work on hunger and human rights issues throughout the world have benefited the lives of many. His work for the less fortunate around the world is held in such high regard that he has been nominated for the Nobel Peace Prize three times.

Today, Tony Hall serves as the U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations Agencies for Food and Agriculture in Rome. On a personal level, my wife and I had the honor to be Tony Hall's guest for dinner last Christmas in Rome. His hospitality and graciousness helped make this holiday very special, and is a typical example of how he treats people with openness and warmth.

We also share a unique connection: Tony Hall's father was once the mayor of Dayton, a position which I also held. As mayor, I was always conscious of the extraordinary reputation his father had earned in that office. Clearly, a sense of public duty, a commitment to high standards, and a passion for improving the lives of others was handed down from father to son.

The legislation we consider today properly honors a man whose accomplishments demonstrate how one man can make a positive difference in the lives of his countrymen and his fellow man throughout the world. I strongly urge the passage of this legislation.

TRIBUTE TO JAMES DAILY WAHL  
OF ST. LOUIS, MO

**HON. RUSS CARNAHAN**

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, February 9, 2005*

Mr. CARNAHAN. Mr. Speaker, my remarks today are to recognize James Daily Wahl, recipient of the Ancient Order of Hibernians' Irishman of the Year Award.

Mr. Wahl, the son of Margaret Dailey Wahl and John Wahl, is a life-long resident of St. Louis, who has always been active in his church and community. He graduated from St. Louis University and St. Louis University Law School, and currently practices law, serves as a municipal judge in the City of St. Louis.

Mr. Wahl's dedication and loyalty to his family and friends is evident in his 23-year marriage to his wife, Kathy Adelman, and in his support of his four children: Kelly, Kerry, and the twins, Kristin and Tom.

Mr. Speaker, the nearly 250 people in attendance for the presentation of his award made it evident to all that his devotion to his Irish heritage is ever present. This was best exemplified by his steadfast support of the McBride Principles Bill, which barred the State of Missouri from investing in and contracting with businesses that practice discrimination

against Irish Catholics in Northern Ireland. My congratulations are with Mr. Wahl and his family.

TRIBUTE TO THE RESPOND  
CULINARY ACADEMY

**HON. ROBERT E. ANDREWS**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, February 9, 2005*

Mr. ANDREWS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commend and honor the first graduating class of the Respond Culinary Academy, an innovative vocational program that provides youth with essential vocational skills needed for success when they return to their homes and communities. A collaborative effort between the New Jersey Juvenile Justice Commission, Respond, Inc., and Union Local 54, the program looks to help juveniles transition successfully back into their communities by preparing them for jobs in the restaurant industry.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to commend Jeff Green, Shawn Harris, Ron Gatewood, and Raafat Hanna for their work in providing an invaluable service to their homes and communities. I would also like to honor John DiDonna, Tim Wilson, Remel Ortiz, Kevin Hicks, and Levond Clemmons, who have successfully graduated from the Respond Culinary Program. May their success in this program help them realize their full potential for rewarding and successful lives.

RECOGNITION OF NEVADA  
FEDERAL CREDIT UNION

**HON. SHELLEY BERKLEY**

OF NEVADA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, February 9, 2005*

Ms. BERKLEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Nevada Federal Credit Union (FCU), located in my district of Las Vegas, for its efforts to support our troops abroad by providing them outstanding financial services.

Patriotism can be demonstrated by soldiers and civilians alike. As a show of support for our troops, Nevada FCU is refunding all savings and checking related fees for new and existing members who are actively serving in a designated war zone. This benefit represents an excellent example of what we at home can do for those who put their lives on the line, and I hope that other financial institutions will follow suit.

Nevada FCU, with over 82,000 members, has a commitment to providing the best service, rates and products to its membership. From its modest beginnings in the 1950s, Nevada FCU has flourished into the largest credit union in my State with the understanding that community involvement begins at home.

I applaud Nevada FCU and its President and CEO, Brad Beal, for their ongoing commitment to their customers, this country and to those who bravely serve it.

FEBRUARY SCHOOL OF THE  
MONTH

**HON. CAROLYN MCCARTHY**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, February 9, 2005*

Mrs. MCCARTHY. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I announce the Archer Street School of Language Arts, Mathematics and Technology in the Freeport Union Free School District as School of the Month in New York's Fourth Congressional District for February 2005. The Archer Street School's Principal is Paula R. Lein, the Assistant Principal is Kevin Bishop, and the Superintendent of Schools in the Freeport Union Free School District is Dr. Eric Eversley.

The Archer Street School is committed to teaching their young students the ins and outs of the "real world". They have developed their own community called "Archerville" in which students, in addition to their regular studies, run two-dozen mini-businesses including a post office, banking and recycling center, and even a historical society and museum. The Archer Street School affords their students all the opportunities needed to help them succeed in a world that is becoming increasingly more technological and keeping these kids in tuned with the demands of a fast paced world.

Even with the Archer Street School's commitment to the arts, math and technology, the students and faculty are committed to a strong, productive relationship with the community of not only their hometown but with the world. On February 14th, the Archer Street School will participate in an Act of Kindness day in efforts to return to what they feel is a long-lost human value—simplicistic kindness to others.

In an effort to keep within the spirit of Act of Kindness Day, the students and faculty of this wonderful school community will present a check to me that will help aid the victims of the Tsunami tragedy. The money the students raise will be donated to the organization Save the Children, because they know that any amount will be a tremendous welcome. It is because of this generous and gigantic gesture that the Archer Street School is my choice for School of the Month.

The Archer Street School of Language Arts, Mathematics, and Technology deserves all the accolades in the world and it is an immense honor for me to stand before all of you and talk about the students and faculty and admirable accomplishments. Once again, it is my esteemed pleasure to announce the Archer Street School as New York's 4th district School of the Month for February 2005.

HONORING HOSPICE OF NAPA  
VALLEY, INC.

**HON. MIKE THOMPSON**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, February 9, 2005*

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Hospice of Napa Valley, Inc. as it celebrates the grand opening of its newest facility.

Hospice of Napa Valley has provided hospice services throughout the Napa Valley for