

## EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

A PROCLAMATION HONORING MR.  
AND MRS. JAY McDOUGAL

**HON. ROBERT W. NEY**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 10, 2005*

Mr. NEY. Mr. Speaker:

Whereas, Jay and Sarah McDougal were united in marriage April 23, 2005 in Marietta, Ohio; and

Whereas, Jay and Sarah McDougal have dedicated their lives to each other; and

Whereas, Jay and Sarah McDougal shared their wedding day with family and friends; and

Whereas, Jay and Sarah McDougal have illustrated the love and commitment necessary to live a long and beautiful life together.

Therefore, I join with their family, friends, and the entire 18th Congressional District of Ohio in congratulating Jay and Sarah McDougal on the occasion of their marriage.

IN HONOR OF CHARLOTTE FRAAS

**HON. GEORGE MILLER**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 10, 2005*

Mr. GEORGE MILLER of California. Mr. Speaker, it is with the deepest sorrow that I rise to honor a woman who gave so much to the Congress, to children and students in America, to her family and friends, and to me as a trusted aide and friend.

Charlotte Fraas died today after a long battle with brain cancer. She leaves behind her loving and devoted husband Phil, her two beautiful and smart teenage children, Paul and Katie, her dogs, and many close friends at the Congressional Research Service and across the country.

Charlotte, full of grace and beauty, has left us her spirit to keep. In the pain and sorrow of her untimely death, we have the memory of her wonderful life to hold.

Charlotte was my legislative director for two years, between 1993 and 1995. And she was a class act.

There are many important skills a good congressional aide must possess—being smart, well-informed, good at writing and speaking, and so forth. But there is another quality that is rarer but especially important—being able to tell your boss that he or she might be wrong. Charlotte could do that. With a quick glance she could let me know whether I was on track, or off, and would be ready with an alternative.

Charlotte was instrumental in my work on so many issues, including Social Security, higher education, education for children with disabilities, but most importantly on the reauthorization of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act. Her knowledge of the history of the law and the details of the issues involved in the reauthorization was outstanding. She was dedicated to getting it right. And she did so with such grace and class.

She was really a star.

After she left my office, Charlotte worked briefly for the Department of Education under President Clinton and then became the head of government affairs for the American Federation of Teachers where I continued to appreciate Charlotte's professionalism.

But the bulk of her career—more than 20 years—was spent at the Congressional Research Service at the U.S. Library of Congress, providing expert analysis and assistance to Members of Congress from both sides of the aisle and to their committees and personal staff.

Charlotte had a distinguished career of active engagement in and in support of the legislative process while at the Congressional Research Service. She received numerous "outstanding" performance ratings, very infrequently awarded in the Service. Charlotte was unusually productive during her career at CRS. The CRS archives contain over 200 reports and substantive, confidential memoranda that she prepared over the period of 1970 to 1993. Her CRS reports were not only numerous but also of the highest quality. For example, Section management used Charlotte's work as a model for other analysts. She was also highly respected by her colleagues and was frequently chosen by her peers, as well as by management, to lead team efforts.

Charlotte worked in a wide variety of issue areas, beginning her career with responsibilities in the topics of veterans and the G.I. Bill, immigration and refugees, and crime, especially juvenile justice/delinquency. She was the lead CRS analyst supporting congressional consideration of the Refugee Act of 1980. However, during most of her career at CRS, Charlotte was a specialist in education policy, serving as CRS' lead analyst on two of the largest, most complicated, and significant education assistance programs.

For many years Charlotte was the lead CRS analyst in the major and complex area of education for students with disabilities. This legislation—then called the Education of the Handicapped Act and now known as the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act—has myriad complex, and sometimes controversial, provisions aimed at improving educational opportunities for all students with disabilities. Charlotte was the lead analyst in this area during the 1980s, supporting congressional consideration of the Education of the Handicapped Act amendments of 1983 (P.L. 98–199) and the Education of the Handicapped Act Amendments of 1986 (P.L. 99–457). Her work was especially helpful to Congress as it considered legislation to expand assistance to include infants and toddlers with disabilities.

For the last several years of her service at CRS, Charlotte was the lead analyst on major programs of the Higher Education Act, the primary source of federal aid to postsecondary education. In the mid-1980s, she lead a CRS team that prepared a groundbreaking series of analyses of the relationships between federal aid programs and the growing for-profit sector of postsecondary education. She was respon-

sible for and especially productive in preparing high quality analyses of the increasingly important higher education student loan programs. These are the most wide-ranging and complex forms of federal aid to education at any level. In particular, she lead the Service's support of congressional debates on student loans during consideration of the Higher Education Amendments of 1986 (P.L. 99–498) and the Higher Education Amendments of 1992 (P.L. 102–325). In the early 1990s she prepared ground-breaking analyses of the highly charged issues associated with the Administration proposal to replace or supplement federally guaranteed loans with direct loans.

Charlotte also supported congressional deliberations in a number of other education-related policy areas. For example, she was the lead CRS analyst on aid to libraries from late 1970s to mid-1980s and particularly supported congressional consideration of the Library Services and Construction Act amendments of 1983.

In addition to her numerous written analyses, during her CRS career Charlotte communicated her policy analyses through multiple consultations, briefings, and testimony in committee hearings; for example, she testified before the House Budget Committee on student loan issues before the House Budget Committee in 1991. Charlotte was one of the most articulate analysts that CRS has had. Other analysts sought her advice about how to approach any number of issues, even those outside her immediate areas of expertise. She understood the impact that analysis could bring to bear on social issues and enabled congressional committees to understand the policy dimensions involved in decisions that came before them.

In all of her work, Charlotte exhibited the highest level of professionalism in serving the Congress on some of the most politically charged issues in education policy. In her career at CRS, she exemplified the best that CRS has to offer the Congress, a consummate professional analyst doing work of the highest caliber on sensitive, difficult issues critical to the Nation's well-being.

Her great achievements at CRS were certainly supported and encouraged by close friends and colleagues, including Angela Evans, Wayne Riddle, Carol O'Shaughnessy, Karen Spar, Joe Richardson, Richard Price, Jim Stedman and Margot Schenet.

In the end, the cancer was too great for even Charlotte's power. But as a testament to the rich life she led, she spent the last weeks of her life in a hospice in Alexandria, Virginia, being visited by one friend and family member after another. The staff at the hospice remarked at how many friends Charlotte had.

To her family, I offer my thanks for giving us Charlotte for the time we had her. The members of my staff in Washington and California and at the Committee on Education and the Workforce join me in sending our deep condolences to her family and friends. We will keep you in our thoughts, just as we will hold Charlotte in our prayers and memories at this saddest of times and forever.

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HOLOCAUST REMEMBRANCE DAY

SPEECH OF

**HON. MICHAEL H. MICHAUD**

OF MAINE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 5, 2005*

Mr. MICHAUD. Mr. Speaker, I rise to add my voice to those marking this most solemn of days—Yom Hashoah. Holocaust Remembrance Day commemorates one of the darkest periods in our shared human history. We remember the victims of this unspeakable tragedy. At the same time, this day marks the beginning of the Warsaw Ghetto uprising, and we celebrate the indomitable spirit of freedom and hope that resides in all of us.

This day does not belong to one people or commemorate just one moment in time. Yom Hashoah reminds us of the darkness and evil that still exists in this world and charges each of us to stand against the atrocities that men can bring about.

We remember only too well the horrors of "ethnic cleansing" in the Balkans and the genocide in Rwanda just a few years ago. Not only do we remind ourselves of the evils of our recent past, but also we take this time to look at the world we live in today as well. Religious, ethnic, racial and cultural strife continue to divide people around the world. Despite the lessons of our past, we are shamed by the knowledge that the world community was once again too slow to respond to the tragedy that is taking place in the Darfur region of Sudan. We are shamed by the knowledge that we have the ability to prevent genocide and suffering, but we do not act.

That is why it is so important that we speak out today to remember the victims of the Holocaust and of all genocides throughout the world. This year marks the 60th Anniversary of the end of World War II. Our greatest generation did not stand still against this evil. We must be ready and willing to follow in their footsteps.

Merely saying "never again" is not enough. Only by raising awareness of these atrocities can we begin to stop them from happening to any group or people again. While this day is somber and full of self-reflection, it is important to also recall the kindness of so many who risked everything to save and hide their neighbors, friends, or even complete strangers.

For many people, the bravery of Anne Frank sums up the best hopes for the future of humanity. Though she and her family fell victim to the horror, and ultimate fate of millions, she still wrote in her diary:

"I don't think of all the misery, but of all the beauty that still remains. . . . In spite of everything, I still believe that people are really good at heart."

Through understanding our past and each other, we can create the beautiful, peaceful, and hopeful world Anne Frank once envisioned.

A PROCLAMATION HONORING  
CHOLENE ESPINOZA ON HER  
40TH BIRTHDAY**HON. ROBERT W. NEY**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 10, 2005*

Mr. NEY. Mr. Speaker:  
Whereas, Cholene Espinoza is celebrating her 40th Birthday today; and

Whereas, Cholene Espinoza has been a positive influence on those individuals who have been fortunate to meet her; and

Whereas, Cholene Espinoza has exemplified a love for her family and friends and must be commended for her dedication to helping others.

Therefore, I join with the residents of the entire 18th Congressional District of Ohio in congratulating Cholene Espinoza as she celebrates her 40th Birthday.

HONORING THE VAN VANDALS

**HON. JEB HENSARLING**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 10, 2005*

Mr. HENSARLING. Mr. Speaker, today I would like to honor the Van Vandals boy's basketball team who won the Texas 3A High School Basketball Championship on March 11, 2005. In their first trip to the state finals in 63 years, the Vandals beat Graham High School to return home with the state championship trophy. The victory capped off an outstanding season for the Vandals with an impressive record of 38–2.

I would like to recognize teammates Grant McMillan, Kacey McCauley, Cory Foster, Beau Garland, Marcus Brown, Cody Huffman, Dalvin Davis, Duncan McFarland, Brandon Roberts, Chris Gossett, Andrew Thompson, Kenny Ghormley, Jeramie Calhoun, Wade Mackey, as well as Head Coach Jerry Cassell and Assistant Coaches Jeff Hutchins and Rick Jones.

As the congressional representative of the families, coaches, and supporters of the Van Vandals, it is my pleasure to recognize their tremendous victory and outstanding season. This is an accomplishment that these young men will remember for the rest of their lives.

TRIBUTE TO LLOYD CUTLER

**HON. JOHN CONYERS, JR.**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 10, 2005*

Mr. CONYERS. Mr. Speaker, I rise in tribute to a friend and champion of democracy, Lloyd Cutler. Sadly, Lloyd passed away this past Sunday.

His accomplishments are too numerous to list. Serving as Counsel to two presidents and founding a distinguished law firm are just two of the feats he is known for. But Lloyd was more than just the Washington insider he is often portrayed as and his legacy extends far beyond the highest levels of our government; his connections to Presidents did not diminish

his resolve to fight for the rights of all Americans.

At President Kennedy's request, he founded and co-chaired the Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights Under Law and developed the organization's mission to engage private lawyers in securing equal justice for all minorities and races in our nation. Indeed, it was because of Lloyd's efforts that many of those arrested for protesting segregation decades ago received legal representation.

He also never wavered in his commitment to the preservation of our democracy anytime the strength of our democracy came into question. After the tragedy of September 11, he was a welcome co-chair of the Continuity of Government Commission. After the 2000 elections, he led the National Commission on Federal Election Reform to ensure no American would be denied the right to vote.

What many may not know is that even as a young man, Lloyd was not content to sit by the sidelines in times of trouble. As a newly minted lawyer, he left a high-profile New York law firm at the start of World War II to enlist in the Army. Time and time again, the pattern has repeated itself; where others saw challenges and setbacks to our country, Lloyd saw another opportunity to serve.

He was a model of civility and bipartisanship that almost seems anachronistic in today's strident debates. It has been said that cooler heads prevail; it must be true because Lloyd accomplished so much.

LIEUTENANT GENERAL BRIAN A.  
ARNOLD—A CAREER OF SERVICE**HON. JANE HARMAN**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 10, 2005*

Ms. HARMAN. Mr. Speaker, commanding the Space and Missiles System Center at the Los Angeles Air Force Base, the Nation's leading supplier of military space technology, is an accomplishment in itself. Leading the base to an unprecedented 41 consecutive successful launches is nothing short of historic. Lt. Gen. Brian A. Arnold, a 34-year veteran of the United States Air Force, has achieved this record over the past 4 years.

As Base Commander, the three star General has managed the entire spectrum of the Air Force's missile and satellite systems—from research and design to the command, control and launch of these systems.

General Arnold's record of success is more than a statistical anomaly. His organization is responsible for providing cutting edge space technology to the warfighter by creating transformational technologies like the Evolved Expendable Launch Vehicle; the Space-Based Infrared System; military communication satellites; the Navstar Global Positioning System; intercontinental ballistic missile programs; the Defense Meteorological Satellite Program; and many other emerging systems critically important to the warfighter.

Leading more than 6,500 employees nationwide, with an annual budget of \$10 billion and an active program portfolio of \$60 billion, General Arnold has established SMC as the Nation's leading center of excellence for military space acquisition.

Under his stewardship, the El Segundo base has built a record of excellence translating directly to a more cost-effective military and a safer America.

Before becoming a guiding force in space procurement, General Arnold spent the majority of his career as a pilot in FB-111 and B-52 aircraft, serving with distinction as a squadron commander, wing commander and sub-unit commander.

Fortunately, General Arnold's retirement from the Los Angeles Air Force Base does not mean that he is leaving the South Bay, as he and his delightful wife Tina will be residing in San Pedro, a part of my Congressional District.

I join the airmen and airwomen at the Los Angeles Air Force Base, as well as countless space program team members, in thanking General Arnold for his outstanding leadership as Base Commander and distinguished service in the war against terrorism.

A PROCLAMATION HONORING  
BRUCE RATNER ON HIS 60TH  
BIRTHDAY

**HON. ROBERT W. NEY**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 10, 2005*

Mr. NEY. Mr. Speaker:

Whereas, Bruce Ratner is celebrating his 60th birthday with family and friends; and

Whereas, Bruce Ratner is a positive influence on all persons in his life, leading by example; and

Whereas, Bruce Ratner has exemplified a love for his family, and must be commended for his dedicated service to the community.

Therefore, I join with the residents of the entire 18th Congressional District of Ohio in congratulating Bruce Ratner as he celebrates his 60th birthday.

HONORING FILER ELEMENTARY  
SCHOOL'S PARTICIPANTS IN THE  
"50 MILE BIG WALK"

**HON. MICHAEL K. SIMPSON**

OF IDAHO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 10, 2005*

Mr. SIMPSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a dedicated group of Filer Elementary School students, teachers, parents and volunteers who will be participating in a fifty mile walk between the Malad Gorge State Park and Filer, Idaho.

Each day this week, the fourth grade class of Filer Elementary School will walk 10 miles along the Snake River Canyon, following the same path crossed over 150 years ago by settlers migrating west on the Oregon trail. These students have been training for months for this big week where they will literally be taking school out on the road. By participating in a physical challenge that is attainable through goal setting, hard work and perseverance, these students redefine their personal potential far beyond what they once thought possible.

While the students journey through Southern Idaho, they will learn about and identify

the large melon shaped boulders along the Snake River Canyon that were formed 15,000 years ago. They will also learn about the hardships faced by the first settlers in whose footsteps they are following. Much like Lewis and Clark, every evening the students will record their impressions in a journal. These journals become a reflection of the transformation that takes place within these children during this memorable week.

Over the past 10 years, more than 1,000 students, teachers, parents and volunteers have completed the "50 Mile Big Walk" The students come to understand that if you can walk 50 miles when you are in fourth grade, there isn't anything in life you can't do if you set a goal, work hard and help others along the way.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to congratulate everyone involved in the "50 Mile Big Walk" and commend them on their hard work and dedication. To the walkers, I want you to know that I will be thinking of you and wishing you well every step of the way. Thank you, Filer Elementary School for being an inspiration to us all.

HONORING THE LIFE OF ALVARO  
AGUIRRE

**HON. JON C. PORTER**

OF NEVADA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 10, 2005*

Mr. PORTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the life and achievements of Mr. Alvaro Aguirre. A lifelong educator and member of the Latin Chamber, Las Vegas, Nevada, 74, Mr. Aguirre passed away peacefully the morning of Friday, April 22, 2005. Born to Arturo Aguirre Matheu and Marta Diaz Raphael on December 22, 1930, in Guatemala City, Guatemala, Alvaro moved to the United States when he was 17 years of age, graduated from San Mateo Junior College, with a degree in Biochemistry from the University of California at Berkeley. He later completed his doctoral studies in Animal Nutrition at the University of Florida.

Alvaro taught at Harvard Project Escuela Agricola Panamericana in Honduras, and served as the professor of the College of Biological Sciences as well as president of the National University of Guatemala San Carlos regional campus system. He served on the team at the Nutritional Institute of Central America and Panama, credited with creating INCAPARINA, a food substitute for indigent people. Additionally, he was active in the Lions International in Guatemala, having served as president of the Quetzaltenango Club.

Alvaro spent his life as an educator and academic counselor. As a bilingual counselor, he helped thousands of Nevada students, prior to his retirement from the Clark County School District. His dedication to providing the youth of southern Nevada with the finest of educations commends us to look to Alvaro as a role model and personification of the value of education.

Alvaro was a loving husband, father, brother, grandfather and friend. My sympathies go out to those who survive him: his loving wife, Eugenia, sons, Alvaro, Jr., Luis Pedro; Aldo Adrian and Hernan, and daughters Rita and

Eugenia Maria. Alvaro was blessed with many grandchildren, living in Las Vegas, New Mexico and in Guatemala.

I join the community in thanking Alvaro Aguirre for his dedication, commitment and hard work on behalf of so many communities all across the American continent. Our thoughts and prayers are with his family. I urge all of my colleagues to heed the example set by this extraordinary individual in his devotion to providing education to our most vulnerable children.

COMMENDING THE HEROISM AND  
VALOR OF THE UNITED STATES  
NAVY'S CARRIER AIR GROUP 83

**HON. MARK FOLEY**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 10, 2005*

Mr. FOLEY. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to recognize and commend the heroism and valor of the United States Navy's Carrier Air Group 83. During World War II, Navy Carrier Air Group 83 was responsible for the identification of, and subsequent successful attacks on, the Japanese midget submarine base on an island off Okinawa before the invasion by Allied forces in April 1945. Carrier Air Group 83 also attacked and contributed to the sinking of the Japanese battleship *yamato* in April 1945.

Carrier Air Group 83 was specifically commended by the commander of the United States Tenth Army for close air support strikes in support of operations on Okinawa in April 1945, and continued to perform those missions in an exemplary manner through May 1945. In addition, Air Group 83 engaged in attacks against the Kure naval facility and the Japanese battleship *negato* in July 1945.

Carrier Air Group 83 is credited with the destruction of over 220 Japanese aircraft in aerial combat and over 75 aircraft on the ground during the months of March to August 1945, a critical contribution to Allied victory over the Empire of Japan in the Pacific Theater during World War II. All Americans should know of and commend the heroism and valor of Navy Carrier Air Group 83 and the contribution of that Air Group and its personnel to the defeat of Japan in the Pacific Theater during World War II.

A PROCLAMATION HONORING  
KAREN RANUCCI ON HER 50TH  
BIRTHDAY

**HON. ROBERT W. NEY**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 10, 2005*

Mr. NEY. Mr. Speaker:

Whereas, Karen Ranucci is celebrating her 50th Birthday with friends and family; and

Whereas, Karen Ranucci has experienced many accomplishments in all aspects her life; and

Whereas, Karen Ranucci has exemplified love for her family and friends and must be applauded for her devotion to her loved ones.

Therefore, I join with the residents of the entire 18th Congressional District of Ohio in congratulating Karen Ranucci as she celebrates her 50th Birthday.

HONORING DENVER PUBLIC  
SCHOOLS SUPERINTENDENT  
JERRY WARTGOW

**HON. MARK UDALL**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 10, 2005*

Mr. UDALL of Colorado. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Denver Public Schools (DPS) Superintendent Jerry Wartgow, an exceptional leader in our Colorado education community. Dr. Wartgow will leave his post as superintendent on June 1st of this year.

For four years, Superintendent Wartgow has worked tirelessly to improve education in Colorado by closing the achievement gap between minority and non-minority students, raising accountability standards, promoting innovative reform and building a strong relationship between the school district and the city.

Before coming to DPS, Dr. Wartgow was President Emeritus at Colorado Community College and Occupational Education System. He was also the President and Chief Executive Officer for International Training and Education Alliance. Dr. Wartgow holds a PhD from the University of Denver, a Masters Degree of Education from the University of Hawaii, a Bachelor of Science from the University of Wisconsin, and has done post-doctoral work at the East-West Center in Honolulu and Harvard University in Boston.

Denver Public Schools is the second largest school district in Colorado—with an extraordinarily diverse student body—and with a long history of serious challenges that have included teacher strikes, racial and ethnic divisions and difficult budget choices. Jerry has faced each of these challenges head on with characteristic innovation and enthusiasm. Through his leadership a progressive new professional compensation plan will be brought to Denver voters in November 2005. This program, "ProComp," will give teachers financial incentives for student achievement. His vision, compassion and tenacity allowed him to forge alliances between parents, students, teachers and school districts to both raise standards for Colorado kids and to provide teachers the professional opportunities they deserve.

While certainly much work remains to be done, Jerry Wartgow's leadership throughout his tenure as superintendent of DPS has paved a formidable path for the future of education in Colorado. He is widely respected in the community and has set a high bar for his successor. I ask my colleagues to join me in thanking Jerry Wartgow for his enormous contribution to the Colorado education community.

HONORING BEAUMONT, TEXAS  
MAYOR EVELYN LORD

**HON. TED POE**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 10, 2005*

Mr. POE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a sterling individual in my Southeast Texas District—the Mayor of Beaumont—Mrs. Evelyn Lord.

Following an over-two-decade-long tradition of service to Jefferson County, she will step down from office on May 17th. Through the

years, Mayor Lord has left an indelible imprint on the Beaumont community and while she is entitled to a well-deserved break, she undoubtedly will be missed.

Mayor Lord began her legacy in local government in 1980 when she was elected to the first of two terms on the Beaumont City Council. Her plans to run for office in 1984 were cut short when her husband and close confidant, Sam, was transferred to Northern Ireland by his employer. Towards the end of 1988, however, she returned to Beaumont and was elected mayor two years later. Mayor Lord then served two successful terms and retired in 1994.

At a critical juncture in the City's history, she was encouraged to return to public life and in 2002 was once again elected to the mayorship. Only when she was certain that the City was on the path to healing did she decide to forego a fifth term as Mayor.

During her tenure, Mayor Lord remained keenly aware of the unique threats that the Beaumont area could face in a post-September 11 environment. Accordingly, she shepherded the efforts to develop a distinct homeland security plan for Southeast Texas, which has served as a model state-wide. And, realizing that quality of life issues are often the basis for community revitalization, she spearheaded the creative charge to improve Beaumont's park system through public-private partnerships.

Demonstrating the high regard in which she is held among her peers, Mayor Lord was elected to the Board of Directors of the United States Conference of Mayors and served in such key positions as Chair of the organization's Arts and Recreation Standing Committee and as a member of its Homeland Security Task Force.

Even before she came to Beaumont, Mayor Lord was a committed public servant wherever Sam's career opportunities led them. She was elected as a State Senator in the State of Delaware and served as an Administrative Assistant to a County Judge in Kentucky. In Beaumont, she served with distinction in many capacities, including Vice President of Texas Commerce Bank and as Chairwoman of the Texas State Spindletop Centennial Commission.

Finally, few charitable organizations in Beaumont have escaped Mayor Lord's helping hand, highlighted by her work at the United Way, Texas Energy Museum, Boy Scouts, Julie Rogers "Gift of Life" Program, Chamber of Commerce, and Community Partners for Children.

Mayor Lord's leadership at Beaumont City Hall will always be remembered and her accomplishments will be felt throughout the community for years to come. Nonetheless, I am confident that she will not disappear from public life entirely and I join all of those in Texas' Second Congressional District in wishing her and Sam the best as they enter this exciting new phase of their lives.

As Margaret Thatcher once said, "Success is having a flair for the thing that you are doing; knowing that is not enough, that you have got to have hard work and a sense of purpose." Mayor Lord . . . she has that, Mr. Speaker.

RECOGNIZING AMANDA BLAKELY

**HON. JEB HENSARLING**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 10, 2005*

Mr. HENSARLING. Mr. Speaker, today, I would like to recognize the outstanding achievement of Amanda Blakely of Crandall, Texas, who was recently named the winner of the 37th Annual Robert F. Kennedy Journalism Award.

Amanda, who is a graduating senior from Crandall High School is the High School Print Winner for her work, "Ms. Mary and the Big Blue House." Her work takes readers into the home of foster parents Mike and Mary Brooks through moving interviews with three teenagers who have been placed in their care by the Texas Children's Protective Services.

The Robert F. Kennedy Journalism Awards honor outstanding reporting of problems of the disadvantaged. RFK Journalism Award winners have covered such diverse issues as child abuse, juvenile crime, bank redlining and discrimination against people living with AIDS. Past winners of this prestigious award include Diane Sawyer of ABC, The Chicago Tribune, The Washington Post, National Public Radio, and CBS's "60 Minutes."

This is the second major national journalism award for Amanda. In November 2003, Bob Scheiffer presented Amanda with the Ryan White Foundation National Journalist Award at the Journalism Educators Association Convention in Washington, DC. Amanda has also received national honors from the Los Angeles Times in August of 2004.

Award-winning work and journalism must run in Amanda's genes. In 1988, her late grandmother, Jannette Cox, of Athens, Texas, was honored by both the Texas House and Senate as well as by United States Congressman Jim Chapman for her work with the Athens Creative Center. Amanda's grandfather, John H. Cox, now a journalist for the Cedar Creek Pilot, once was assigned to cover former Texas Governor, now President, George W. Bush for the Jacksonville Daily Progress.

As Congressman for the Fifth Congressional District of Texas, I would like to recognize Amanda and congratulate her grandparents, along with her parents Gerald and Lynda Blakely, for her outstanding accomplishment.

A PROCLAMATION HONORING  
LIZZY RATNER ON HER 30TH  
BIRTHDAY

**HON. ROBERT W. NEY**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 10, 2005*

Mr. NEY. Mr. Speaker: Whereas, Lizzy Ratner is celebrating her 30th Birthday today; and

Whereas, Lizzy Ratner has been and continues to be a positive influence on all persons fortunate to meet her; and

Whereas, Lizzy Ratner has shown love for her family and friends and must be commended for her dedication to these relationships.

Therefore, I join with the residents of the entire 18th Congressional District of Ohio in congratulating Lizzy Ratner as she celebrates her 30th Birthday.

HONORING THE CONTRIBUTIONS  
OF PAIGE COLLIER HEMPHILL  
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL TEACHER  
OF THE YEAR

**HON. HENRY CUELLAR**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 10, 2005*

Mr. CUELLAR. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the many accomplishments of Paige Collier, Hemphill Elementary School Teacher of the Year.

Paige Collier did not always know she would be a schoolteacher. She took a personality test at the age of seventeen that told her that her ideal career would be as a motivational speaker. She doubted this was right for her, but, at the assurance of her friends, she realized she did possess an ability to inspire others.

Paige has since used this ability to be an outstanding elementary school teacher. She cites several elements that contribute to her teaching ability: a passion to love and serve people, a devotion to putting children first, and the desire to continuously learn and grow.

Paige contributes to her school community in many ways. She organizes an annual Storybook Festival and mentors her fellow teachers, caring for their students as if they were her own. Yet her greatest accomplishment remains the connections she establishes within her own classroom.

I am honored to recognize Paige Collier as the Hemphill Elementary School Teacher of the Year. Her dedication to her students and her passion to serve her community are a shining example to all teachers.

A SPECIAL TRIBUTE TO J. RUSSELL KEITH IN RECOGNITION OF HIS SERVICE TO OHIO'S STATE EMPLOYMENT RELATIONS BOARD

**HON. PAUL E. GILLMOR**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 10, 2005*

Mr. GILLMOR. Mr. Speaker, it is my great pleasure to pay special tribute to a friend and ally of the public employers and employees of the State of Ohio. Since 1994, J. Russell Keith has served as General Counsel for the State Employment Relations Board. As he prepares to depart the Board after nearly eleven years of dedicated service, the many state employers and employees of Ohio's Fifth Congressional District offer our thanks.

As General Counsel, J. Russell Keith has provided legal direction to SERB as its members work to protect the rights of the public sector, which includes nearly 365,000 public employees under Ohio Revised Code 4117. For more than a decade, Russ has worked tirelessly to craft thoughtful and fair labor law for Ohio's public sector. As an accomplished attorney, Russ has been a determined advocate for the people of Ohio.

Mr. Speaker, the General Counsel to SERB has many responsibilities. One must provide legal support for the Board, draft and issue unfair labor practice complaints, oversee the Investigations Section, supervise the Hearings and Representation Sections, and assist Board members in the preparation of opinions and orders. Under his leadership, decisions were seldom appealed and rarely reversed. In addition to serving as General Counsel, on two occasions J. Russell Keith also lent his formidable management skills as Acting Executive Director of SERB. While his responsibilities have been substantial, Russ has performed superbly and served the people of the State of Ohio admirably.

Throughout Russ's accomplished career, he has enjoyed a broad range of legal experiences. After graduating from Capital University Law School, Russ served as an Attorney/Law Clerk for Ohio's Fourth District Court of Appeals. Later, Russ quickly became Chief Legal Counsel to the Ohio Bureau of Employment Services where he directed a legal program affecting nearly 230,000 Ohio employers.

The consummate professionalism with which J. Russell Keith has served the people of the State of Ohio by crafting evolving state labor decisions, primarily on issues of bargaining, deserves the highest commendation. His proficiency as General Counsel, leadership as Acting Executive Director, and compassion as a friend of all Ohioans will be sorely missed upon his departure from the State Employment Relations Board.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in paying special tribute to J. Russell Keith in recognition of his superlative administrative service to Ohio's State Employment Relations Board. On behalf of the people of the Fifth District of Ohio, I am proud to recognize his many accomplishments. We wish Russ and his family all the best as we salute one of Ohio's finest citizens.

REMARKS ON WILLIAM CLAY FORD, SR'S RETIREMENT FROM FORD MOTOR COMPANY'S BOARD OF DIRECTORS

**HON. THADDEUS G. MCCOTTER**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 10, 2005*

Mr. MCCOTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor William Clay Ford, Sr. for 57 years of dedicated service as a member of Ford Motor Company's Board of Directors. He has served on the Board with distinction for over half of Ford Motor Company's history of almost 102 years. As the only surviving grandson of the late Henry Ford and father of the current chairman, he uniquely links Ford's past and future.

Mr. Ford has had a long and distinguished career of service to Ford Motor Company. He was elected to the Board in 1948, a year before his graduation from Yale University. When the Design Committee of Ford's Policy and Strategy Committee was formed in 1957, Mr. Ford became its first chairman, a post he held until 1989.

In 1978, Mr. Ford was elected chairman of the Executive Committee and appointed a member of the Office of the Chief Executive. From 1980 until 1989, he served as vice chair-

man of the Board. From 1987 until 1995, he served as chairman of the Finance Committee, one of the most vital positions on the Board.

Mr. Ford served the Company as an employee from 1949 until 1989. He held a variety of executive positions including vice president and general manager of the Continental Division. In 1956, Mr. Ford assumed responsibility for corporate product planning and design. Throughout his career, he oversaw the design and development of a number of classic vehicles, including the Continental Mark II, a worthy successor to the Continentals designed by his father, Edsel Ford. The Mark II is considered by many to be one of the most beautiful personal luxury cars ever built.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Mr. William Clay Ford, Sr. as he retires from the Ford Motor Company Board of Directors and in wishing him the best of luck as he becomes Director Emeritus.

HONORING THE CONTRIBUTIONS  
OF SHERRY FRANCE, BARTON  
MIDDLE SCHOOL TEACHER OF  
THE YEAR

**HON. HENRY CUELLAR**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 10, 2005*

Mr. CUELLAR. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the accomplishments of Sherry France, Barton Middle School Teacher of the Year.

Sherry France was inspired to teach by her grandmother, who taught grades one through twelve in a one-room school house in rural Virginia. A high school art teacher sparked her interest in teaching art, and after attending Radford College, she began her career.

Some of Sherry's fondest memories come from former students who have since become architects, designers, and artists. Sherry has set up a website that is updated regularly with samples of her class projects. The site offers students a chance to have their work available for their families and friends to see.

Sherry France strives to teach her students how to see what is beyond the surface. She believes that if you expect the highest quality, your students will surprise you.

It is my privilege to acknowledge Sherry France, Barton Middle School Teacher of the Year. Her passion and love of teaching have been a blessing to her community.

HONORING THE LIFE OF HARRIS  
COUNTY PRECINCT 4 CONSTABLE  
DEPUTY FRANK "SCOTT"  
CLABORN

**HON. KEVIN BRADY**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 10, 2005*

Mr. BRADY of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and memory of Harris County Precinct 4 Constable Deputy Frank "Scott" Claborn who was killed by a drunk driver while escorting a road construction truck in Harris County, Texas on February 19, 2004. Claborn and his family reside in Magnolia, Texas in the Eighth Congressional District.

Deputy Claborn and 13 other Texas Law Enforcement Officers will be honored at the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial in Washington, DC, on May 15, 2005.

Deputy Claborn's wife of 16 years, Paula Claborn and her 11-year-old son Tanner will remember a husband and father whose devotion and love of family was unsurpassed.

Paula's father, David Hill, the highly respected and loved constable for Montgomery County Precinct 5, told a reporter in the days following the accident that, "He (Scott) was one of the best fathers I have ever seen. I could not have handpicked a better son-in-law."

Praise for Claborn also came from his fellow officers and colleagues, some of whom he had worked with for 14 years. One remarked that he was very kind, never complained, and always had a smile on his face.

Like many law enforcement officers Claborn worked extra jobs to supplement his regular income. His son, Tanner has juvenile diabetes. The extra work, like escorting the construction vehicle the night he was killed, helped augment the cost of the \$6,000 insulin pump Tanner needed. Tanner, bright and popular young man, was released from the hospital just 3 days before his father lost his life. The drunk driver had a blood alcohol level three times over the legal limit.

Deputy Claborn's sacrifice touched many lives in the Houston region. The 100 Club of Houston pledged \$10,000 as a college scholarship for Tanner. The Harris County Precinct 4 Constable's Victims Assistance Unit set up a memorial fund to help pay for medical bills and other expenses. The Magnolia Community has rallied to the family's side.

The Claborn family and hundreds of others will gather in our Nation's Capital to honor the lives and memories of the men and women who devoted their careers and laid down their lives to make our communities safer.

It is so fitting that a memorial to these officers, like Scott Claborn, who patrolled neighborhoods and safeguarded communities from across the country be located in Washington. It is because of their faithful duty that American citizens enjoy the liberties and freedoms others are left only to dream about.

Mr. Speaker, I know this family. They are wonderful people who love their family, their God and their Country. I ask you to join me in saluting the thousands of law enforcement officers on patrol every day on our streets and consider the sacrifice they and their families routinely render.

EXPRESSING CONDOLENCES TO THE FAMILY OF LATE CONGRESSMAN PETER W. RODINO, JR.

### HON. NANCY PELOSI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 10, 2005*

Ms. PELOSI. Mr. Speaker, I rise to express our heartfelt condolences to the family of the late Congressman Peter W. Rodino Jr. of New Jersey and my sorrow on his passing.

A man of integrity and humility, Congressman Peter Rodino was a great American who served our nation with great dignity and honor. He was truly a historic figure and consequen-

tial leader who changed the course of our history for the better.

By conducting the Watergate impeachment hearings with fairness, Peter Rodino ensured that the rule of law prevailed during one of the gravest Constitutional crises in our history.

As the Washington Post noted, he spoke before this House when the Watergate impeachment hearings began and said: "Whatever the result, whatever we learn or conclude, let us now proceed with such care and decency and thoroughness and honor that the vast majority of the American people, and their children after them, will say: 'That was the right course. There was no other way.'"

He did all that and more. His contribution was inestimable.

Americans will be forever grateful for his courage and for his defense of the Constitution.

Though most renowned for the service he rendered during the Watergate impeachment hearings, Peter Rodino also left a lasting imprint as a distinguished Chairman of the House Judiciary Committee and author of significant legislation, ranging from civil rights to immigration reform to protecting consumers.

He was a main sponsor of the Civil Rights Act of 1966 and authored the extension to the Voting Rights Act in 1982. He reformed immigration quotas and promoted fair housing laws. And he was one of the authors of the Hart-Scott-Rodino Act that protects consumers by preventing anticompetitive mergers.

He was a legislative and legal giant whose work continues to have a profound impact on the lives of Americans.

Peter Rodino's 4 decades of service in Congress can be exemplified by the words of the Constitution that he did so much to protect and defend: "to form a more perfect Union, establish Justice . . . and secure the blessings of liberty to ourselves and our posterity."

Peter Rodino's passing is a personal loss to me. I was honored to have served with him, and he was always very kind to me.

He was a great source of pride and inspiration to all of us in the Italian-American community.

I hope his wife Joy and his children take comfort in the prayers and thoughts of the many whom he inspired and served. We will miss him greatly.

HONORING THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF LISA DELAND, TOBIAS INTERNATIONAL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL TEACHER OF THE YEAR

### HON. HENRY CUELLAR

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 10, 2005*

Mr. CUELLAR. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the many accomplishments of Lisa DeLand, Tobias International Elementary School Teacher of the Year.

Lisa DeLand became a teacher nine years ago, after obtaining a Bachelor of Science and Associates Degree in foreign language at the University of Texas at Austin. To this day, she says she still considers it "going to school" instead of "going to work."

Throughout her tenure, Lisa has worked on several district and campus committees, served as liaison between campus and super-

intendent's office, been a member of the campus leadership team, and acted as PTA representative.

Lisa works with a wide variety of students: some average learners, some gifted students, and some with special needs. This has compelled her to find a common thread with which to tie together the learning process in her classroom. Her own curiosity and love of learning have enabled her to bring a level of fun to the classroom that allows all of her students to participate in the learning process.

I am honored to recognize Lisa DeLand as the Tobias International Elementary School Teacher of the year. Her love of learning and dedication to her students are a true asset to both the school and the community.

IN SUPPORT OF THE FAIR CURRENCY PRACTICES ACT OF 2005

### HON. DONALD A. MANZULLO

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 10, 2005*

Mr. MANZULLO. Mr. Speaker, a country that manipulates its currency for the purposes of gaining an advantage in foreign markets violates many of the basic rules of the international monetary system established after World War II. However, despite repeated evidence that numerous countries are not letting market forces determine the value of their currency, our nation's laws set an extremely high threshold for us to take any effective action against other nations that intervene heavily in currency markets. The main purpose of the Fair Currency Practices Act of 2005 is to give our government agencies the tools they need to effectively combat illegal foreign government intervention in the global currency markets, particularly those efforts that are specifically designed to boost their local economy at the expense of the workers of the United States.

The Fair Currency Practices Act of 2005 has three key provisions. The first would alter the criteria by which the Treasury Department is required to enter into negotiations with foreign countries that it labels as currency manipulators. The second would further clarify the working definition of manipulation under the Exchange Rates and International Economic Policy Coordination Act of 1998. Finally, the Fair Currency Practices Act of 2005 would instruct the U.S. Treasury Department to undertake an extensive examination of China's trade surplus, with particular attention paid to China's suspect trade data, and report on its findings.

Current law requires that Treasury regularly make a determination of whether countries are manipulating the rate of exchange between their currency and the U.S. dollar for purposes of preventing effective balance of payments adjustments or gaining an unfair competitive advantage in international trade. If The Secretary of Treasury considers that such manipulation is occurring with respect to countries that (1) have material global current account surpluses and (2) have significant bilateral trade surpluses with the United States, the Secretary is required to take action to initiate negotiations with such foreign countries on an expedited basis. The Fair Currency Practices Act of 2005 amends the 1988 Omnibus Trade

Act by eliminating the necessity that a country has both a significant bilateral trade surplus with the United States and a material global current account surplus, before the Secretary of the Treasury is required to enter into negotiations with the offending country to end its unfair practices. The change requires such negotiations if there is either a significant bilateral trade surplus with the United States or a material global current account surplus.

Under current law, even if manipulation is found, Treasury is not required to act unless the offending country has both a significant bilateral trade surplus with the U.S. and a material global current account surplus. Treasury repeatedly fails to make a determination that certain countries, most notably China, are manipulating their currency. The 1988 Trade Act unfortunately does not specifically define "manipulating." The Fair Currency Practices Act of 2005 clarifies that a country engaged in "protracted large-scale intervention in one direction in the exchange market" is manipulating its currency. However, the Fair Currency Practices Act of 2005 does not preclude the Secretary of Treasury from finding a country to be manipulating its rate of exchange based on any other factor or combination of factors.

Finally, the bill addresses a problem with the way Treasury determines China's global current account and trade balances. Currently, the U.S. Treasury Department and the International Monetary Fund (IMF) use official Chinese statistics, which differ markedly from the aggregate statistics of its trading partners. This results in an inaccurate depiction of China's true surplus, which is presumably much larger than reported by China. The Fair Currency Practices Act of 2005 requires that Treasury undertake an examination of China's trade surplus and report to the Congress on why China's reported trade surpluses differ from those reported by its trading partner countries.

Mr. Speaker, all nations, most particularly China, must let the free markets determine the value of their currency, not use government resources to artificially depress the value of a nation's currency to boost their economic growth. This scheme costs U.S. manufacturers billions of dollars in lost exports and decreased market share in the U.S. each year while putting American workers on the unemployment lines. We all know the specific problems in dealing with China—in 2004, the U.S. trade deficit with China reached a record level of \$162 billion, the highest with any country in U.S. history. Yet, while China's economy has certainly grown and strengthened in recent years, China's currency has been tightly pegged to the U.S. dollar ever since 1994. Most economists believe that China's currency is overvalued at between 15 to 40 percent, making U.S. goods much more expensive in China and Chinese goods in the U.S. much more attractive to buy (at the expense of similarly-made U.S. products), contributing to as much as 25 percent of our bilateral trade deficit. China is long due for a correction in its currency value to reflect its global economic prowess. Americans stand ready to compete with anyone in the world. But the competition must be fair. The Fair Currency Practices Act of 2005 will give our government the tools necessary to hold all nations of the world accountable for currency manipulation (not just China) and level the playing field for our workers.

CONGRATULATING IRVIN LEVIN  
ON HIS RETIREMENT

**HON. PATRICK J. KENNEDY**

OF RHODE ISLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 10, 2005*

Mr. KENNEDY of Rhode Island. Mr. Speaker, today I rise with my Rhode Island colleague, Congressman JIM LANGEVIN, in recognition and tribute to a distinguished Rhode Islander, Irvin Levin. Many of Irv's colleagues in the real estate and insurance business will miss him as he retires, and Rhode Islanders all over the state have been touched by his leadership in the business community, in government, and in his community.

Irvin Levin was born on July 21, 1915 in Providence, Rhode Island and is truly a member of our nation's Greatest Generation. He lived through the Great Depression, served his country honorably with the Army during World War II, and came back to help build America to the great country and society it is today.

Receiving his real estate license in 1959, Mr. Levin's practice was widely respected by his colleagues and valued by his clients, as his numerous honors and awards can attest. He was twice recognized as Realtor of the Year by the Greater Providence Board of Realtors, and he was honored as the Rhode Island Realtor of the Year in 1993. His colleagues elevated him to the President of the Rhode Island Association of Realtors in 1990.

Yet even while managing a successful real estate practice, Irv still found time to represent his community and fight for a better Rhode Island. Irv represented Cranston and the citizens of the 27th District of Rhode Island for 20 years. While in the General Assembly, Irv was Vice Chairman of the House Corporations Committee. Drawing upon his own record of military service and insights as a veteran, Irv chaired the Joint Committee on Veterans Affairs. In 1991, Irv retired from the Assembly as its Dean, the longest serving Member, but he continued his work in public service.

Irv later served as President of the Greater Cranston Chamber of Commerce. Irv continued to fight for his fellow veterans: serving on the Rhode Island Advisory Board of Veterans Affairs, leading the advocacy efforts of the Jewish War Veterans, and later serving as President of the United Veterans Council of Rhode Island.

I'm deeply honored to have served with Irv Levin during his years in the Rhode Island General Assembly and to honor him today on the floor of House of Representatives as he retires. His combination of community involvement, civic leadership, and business acumen sets of model for others to follow in the future and Rhode Island is deeply grateful for his years of service.

HONORING THE CONTRIBUTIONS  
OF ELM GROVE ELEMENTARY  
SCHOOL TEACHER OF THE YEAR  
CATHERINE S. ROGERS

**HON. HENRY CUELLAR**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 10, 2005*

Mr. CUELLAR. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the accomplishments of Catherine S.

Rogers, Elm Elementary School Teacher of the Year.

Catherine Rogers first realized she wanted to be a teacher when she was a student in the second grade. She stapled her finger while hanging papers on the bulletin board, trying to be just like her teacher. Catherine was a teacher's assistant while in high school, volunteered in low-income schools while in college, and later served as a Teaching Fellow while getting her Masters in Education at Texas State University.

Catherine credits her mother with teaching her the importance of putting her heart and soul into the school and the students. She feels that teaching is more than lectures and homework; teaching requires a willingness to become an important part of the life of each student.

Catherine says that teaching is her "heart and soul," and she loves learning new things from her colleagues, parents, and students every day.

I am honored to recognize Catherine S. Rogers as the Elm Grove Elementary School Teacher of the Year. Her enthusiasm and joy for teaching are invaluable to both her school and her community.

RECOGNIZING THE BUFFALO DRUG  
TREATMENT COURT

**HON. BRIAN HIGGINS**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 10, 2005*

Mr. HIGGINS. Mr. Speaker, in December 1995, the Buffalo Drug Treatment Court was established. The Buffalo Drug Treatment Court is recognized as a national mentor court and training site, providing the focus and leadership for community-wide, anti-drug systems, bringing together criminal justice, treatment, education and other community partners in the fight against drug abuse and criminality. The Honorable Thomas P. Amodeo, Buffalo City Court Chief Judge, and the Honorable Robert T. Russell, Jr., Presiding Judge of the Buffalo Drug Treatment Court are dedicated to the principle of restorative justice. They, along with their community partners in treatment and rehabilitation services, recognize the value of fair justice for the non-violent substance abuse offenders. The Buffalo Drug Treatment Court combines intensive judicial supervision, mandatory substance abuse treatment, on-site drug testing and escalating incentives and sanctions to break the cycle of drug addiction and its concomitant crime and societal harm. The Buffalo Drug Court Alumni Association is composed of graduates of the Buffalo Drug Court Program who provide ongoing exchange, support, assistance and volunteer service for those who have successfully completed the Drug Treatment Court. In recognition of all Buffalo Drug Court Graduates, the Buffalo Drug Court Alumni Association and the Buffalo Drug Treatment Court are coming together to sponsor a luncheon honoring the Treatment Counselors and Community on May 12, 2005. This celebration of Buffalo Drug Court is symbolic of the care, compassion and spirit of Buffalo, and the hope we have for our community and our citizens.

CONFERENCE REPORT ON H.R. 1268, EMERGENCY SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS ACT FOR DEFENSE, THE GLOBAL WAR ON TERROR, AND TSUNAMI RELIEF ACT, 2005

SPEECH OF

**HON. HILDA L. SOLIS**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 5, 2005*

Ms. SOLIS. Mr. Speaker, today I voted in support of the Fiscal Year 2005 Iraq and Tsunami Relief Supplemental Conference Report. This decision was very difficult for me. I voted for this legislation because it includes vital equipment and services that our troops desperately need. The bill also provides funding for needed vehicle armor and personal protection for our courageous troops and increases financial support to families of fallen heroes. While I strongly oppose the war in Iraq, I believe it is our government's duty to protect our troops which this Congress sent into the line of fire, as well as their families.

While I voted for this measure, I strongly oppose the REAL ID provisions in it. REAL ID gives blanket authority to the United States Department of Homeland Security to build any roads or barriers at any time and at any border without having to answer to State or Federal authorities and laws. Its driver's license provisions overturn States' rights and impose a massive unfunded mandate on States, while doing nothing to address our outdated immigration system.

I am very disappointed that the REAL ID provision was included in a bill to fund support for our military forces and their families and relief for tsunami victims. While I acknowledge that our immigration system is broken, this legislation is not the right vehicle to do it and REAL ID is not the right approach to fix it. I support comprehensive immigration reform, not attempts by the Republican majority in Congress and President Bush to give the American people a false sense of security at the cost of our civil liberties and values. That is why I urged conferees on the Supplemental bill to remove these harmful provisions from the conference report. Reform of our complex and outdated immigration system deserves a separate and extensive dialogue, and I will continue to fight for immigration policy which both protects our homeland and respects the millions of hard-working immigrants in this Nation.

While I remain deeply opposed to the REAL ID and its inclusion in this conference report, I do not believe withholding funds from our dedicated military and tsunami victims is right. There should be no question that I remain very concerned about the Bush Administration's lack of a clear exit strategy in Iraq. However, I am committed to our troops, and I will continue to fight for a clear plan so they can be reunited with their families and democracy can thrive in an Iraq run by Iraqis.

HONORING THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF ABIGAIL HERNANDEZ LEHMAN HIGH SCHOOL TEACHER OF THE YEAR

**HON. HENRY CUELLAR**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 10, 2005*

Mr. CUELLAR. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the many accomplishments of Abigail Hernandez, Lehman High School Teacher of the Year.

Abigail Hernandez is a graduate of Southwest Texas State University, where she received a BS in mathematics with a teaching certification. She is currently working on a Masters in mathematics education, but she has no interest in leaving the field of teaching.

Her parents were part of the first generation of high school graduates from Goliad, Texas, the town where she was raised. Although they never had the opportunity to attend college, they instilled the importance of a good education in Abigail. She began her career as a tutor of algebra, offering her peers assistance free of charge.

Now a high school algebra and geometry teacher, Abigail Hernandez continues her tireless efforts to educate those around her by encouraging her students to speak out and take risks. She is currently being honored as the Lehman High School Teacher of the Year.

I am honored to recognize the accomplishments of such an industrious and hardworking teacher. Her passion for teaching enriches the lives of her whole community.

HAIL TO CLAIRE E. SANTORO,  
PRESIDENTIAL SCHOLAR

**HON. WM. LACY CLAY**

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 10, 2005*

Mr. CLAY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor an outstanding young American, Claire E. Santoro, of University City, Missouri, who was recently designated as a Presidential Scholar. This honor distinguishes Ms. Santoro as one of our Nation's most accomplished high school seniors.

Presidential scholars are selected for their accomplishments in academics and the arts, as well as for their leadership skills, community service and civic contributions. Seventeen-year-old Ms. Santoro is among 141 presidential scholars who will be honored next month in a ceremony in Washington, DC.

Among her many accomplishments, Ms. Santoro has played varsity field hockey and soccer for four years. She is a member of the National Honor Society, the mock trial team and is in charge of the dance chorus for her school's spring musical.

This spring Claire will graduate from University City High School, in St. Louis County. Next fall she will attend Brown University in Providence, Rhode Island, where she intends to study educational policy and environmental issues. I have also been informed that her academic success has been inspired by a

most important teacher, Ms. Roberta L. Steward.

Mr. Speaker, I am very proud to commend Ms. Santoro on her many fine achievements. By all accounts, she is a major source of pride to herself, her family, her school and the residents of the 1st Congressional District. I wish her every continued success in the future.

TRIBUTE TO MR. GEORGE POOLE

**HON. JEFF MILLER**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 10, 2005*

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I was saddened to learn recently of the passing of Mr. George Poole, a distinguished senior manager with the Department of Veterans Affairs' Insurance Service. VA's Insurance Service has long been recognized as one of the finest-managed organizations within the federal government, due in no small measure to Mr. Poole and his commitment to our servicemembers, veterans, and their survivors.

Few Americans can match George's years of devoted service to country. He began his public career by serving in the United States Air Force from 1964 through 1968. Following his honorable discharge, he received bachelor and law degrees, taking full advantage of the VA-administered GI Bill. Who can doubt that his military service and studies made possible by the GI Bill inspired him to pursue a career dedicated to helping fellow veterans. This dedication translated into a distinguished 28-year career with the VA's Insurance Service, where he served from 1977 until his death April 27th.

While it is difficult to highlight just one of his many accomplishments, surely his creation and development of the Insurance Service's "Special Outreach" effort warrants particular mention. This outreach involves matching insurance participation and disability reports from various sources to identify recently separated, seriously injured veterans who have not taken advantage of VA's life insurance programs. Based on the efforts of George and his staff, over \$96 million in insurance proceeds have been provided to veterans' survivors. Few among us have had such a dramatic and positive impact on the lives of so many others.

Mr. Poole was always available to provide invaluable research, data, and program explanations to the members and staff of the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs—often on short notice. As such, his expertise and professional manner were essential to the Committee when crafting bipartisan legislation.

Mr. Speaker, as Chairman of the Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs, the subcommittee with jurisdiction over VA's insurance programs, I extend my sincere condolences to Mr. Poole's wife, Denise; his two sons, Todd and Corey; his granddaughter, Madeline; and his equally dedicated coworkers at the VA Regional Office and Insurance Center in Philadelphia.

HONORING THE CONTRIBUTIONS  
OF CHRIS SMITH, HAYS CONSOLI-  
DATED HIGH SCHOOL TEACHER  
OF THE YEAR

**HON. HENRY CUELLAR**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 10, 2005*

Mr. CUELLAR. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the exhaustive contributions of Chris Smith, Hays Consolidated High School Teacher of the Year.

Chris began his career as a youth minister, and soon teaching became a passion. As a Math teacher, he surprised his coworkers by successfully pairing Special Education students with honors students to work on joint projects in the computer lab. Many of his students improved as much as 15 points on the Math TAKS over the last 2 years.

Yet for Chris Smith, the true judgment of his accomplishments is self-imposed. He strives to be a classroom entertainer, a friend, a father figure, and sometimes a teacher as well. His greatest asset is to positively change the course of another person's life.

Chris demonstrates to his students that they are each special and important. He endeavors to mold his students into adults that enjoy life, love to laugh, and will create a positive impact on one another.

It is my privilege to acknowledge Chris Smith, the Hays Consolidated School Teacher of the Year. Chris's passion and love of teaching sets a shining example for all in his community.

RECOGNIZING THE JIMMY STEW-  
ART MUSEUM OF INDIANA, PA

**HON. BILL SHUSTER**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 10, 2005*

Mr. SHUSTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize with great pride the Jimmy Stewart Museum of Indiana, Pennsylvania, in honor of the 10th anniversary of its opening. Honoring the life of a motion picture icon and American patriot, the Jimmy Stewart Museum preserves all aspects of Indiana, Pennsylvania's favorite son.

While most Americans remember Jimmy Stewart as idealistic Jefferson Smith in Mr. Smith Goes to Washington, watching him go toe-to-toe with Katherine Hepburn in *The Philadelphia Story*, and welcoming George Bailey into their homes every year at Christmas to find out why exactly it's *A Wonderful Life*, the people of Indiana proudly remember him as a good neighbor and citizen dedicated to his beloved hometown where his family resided for generations.

It is for this reason they came together to develop the Jimmy Stewart Museum which became a community effort in every sense of the words. While modesty initially shied Jimmy Stewart himself away from the idea of such a project, he came to understand the economic benefits the museum could produce for the area. With the creation of the Jimmy Stewart Foundation in 1994 the project catapulted into action with local volunteers, financial backers, and even a local architect who designed the

facility pro-bono. Not only would the museum improve the economy of the community, it would improve the morale and incorporate a spirit of generosity to everyone who became involved with the museum and its efforts.

The Jimmy Stewart Museum, located directly across from the site of his father's hardware store, opened to the public on May 20, 1995, Stewart's 87th birthday. Since then it has welcomed tens of thousands of visitors from all over the world to view an extensive collection of personal, local, and film industry memorabilia. Included in the collection is the Oscar awarded to Stewart for his Best Actor performance in *The Philadelphia Story*, as well as particular emphasis on his service to his country during WWII where he served as a bomber pilot in the European Theater and retired with the rank of brigadier general.

While the contributions of Jimmy Stewart to both community and the arts are undeniably deserved, the recognition for those who had the foresight and determination to preserve the memory of such an extraordinary life must not go unnoticed. Notable supporters Nick and Nina Clooney and comedian Rich Little generously donate their time to assist in the efforts of keeping the museum at its best. The museum is a true testament to the character of Indiana and I am proud of the devotion the town has shown towards their favorite son and subsequently to each other in the creation of this museum.

Mr. Speaker, I congratulate the Jimmy Stewart Museum on its 10th Anniversary and offer my genuine best wishes for many prosperous years to come.

IN HONOR OF SANFORD WALKE,  
PURPLE HEART RECIPIENT

**HON. GINNY BROWN-WAITE**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 10, 2005*

Ms. GINNY BROWN-WAITE of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Mr. Sanford Walke of Hernando Beach, FL. A chief engineer in the Army during World War II, Mr. Walke received the Purple Heart for his heroic actions in battle.

Mr. Walke was in the Army from November 1942 through November 1945, serving during World War II in the European Theatre. Assigned to the 398th Bomb Group—8th Air Force, Mr. Walke was a chief engineer on a B17.

On a flight to Germany on July 8, 1944, Mr. Walke's plane was shot down over France. The last one to jump out of the plane, Mr. Walke's parachute had a missing panel that made him fall to the ground faster than would normally occur. Ironically, the parachute malfunction saved his life because the enemy on the ground was shooting at him the entire time, but was unable to accurately target his fall.

Mr. Walke was taken as a prisoner of war and held in a German prison camp. Months later, he and 2,000 other POW's walked for 75 days and 500 miles on a forced march before he was able to escape with another British soldier. They were hiding in a barn in a German village when British tanks rolled in and took over the town. The British took care of him from there until he was able to reunite with Americans.

Mr. Speaker, true American heroes like Sanford Walke should be honored for their service to our Nation and for their commitment and sacrifices in battle. I am honored to present Mr. Walke with his long-overdue Purple Heart. He is truly one of America's greatest generation.

HONORING THE CONTRIBUTIONS  
OF JANET CAROL PATTERSON,  
WALLACE MIDDLE SCHOOL  
TEACHER OF THE YEAR

**HON. HENRY CUELLAR**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 10, 2005*

Mr. CUELLAR. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the contributions of Janet Carol Patterson, Wallace Middle School Teacher of the Year.

From a young age, Janet expressed the desire to work with young people, helping out with youth groups at her church. Her interest stemmed from a desire to have a positive influence on the lives of the children in her community.

Janet sees her greatest accomplishments through the successes of her students. She is proud to offer inspiration each year, encouraging her students to believe in themselves and always do their best.

Janet Carol Patterson has taught Language Arts in the Hays CISD school district for 24 years. Among her numerous contributions and accomplishments, she values the relationships she has developed with her students the most. She has been described as "a teacher who leaves an imprint on her students' hearts," and a "second mom." Janet greets her students at the door with a handshake, and endeavors to open their hearts, as well as their minds.

I am honored to acknowledge Janet Carol Patterson, Wallace Middle School Teacher of the year. Her hard work and dedication enrich the lives of everyone in her community.

THE PENSION FAIRNESS AND  
FULL DISCLOSURE ACT

**HON. GEORGE MILLER**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 10, 2005*

Mr. GEORGE MILLER of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to introduce "The Pension Fairness and Full Disclosure Act," legislation to end the gross discrepancies between the way the retirement packages of a company's rank and file employees and top-executives are treated.

Executive compensation packages often provide lavish golden parachutes that are hidden from employees, shareholders, and regulators. Employees are told the company has little choice but to cut their pay and benefits, while being kept in the dark about the fortunes that companies shower on executives who have presided over the company's failure.

In fact, extensive executive packages are often increased at the very same time their employees' pensions are cut. As employees are asked to give back benefits they have

earned, executives are often padding their own retirement packages. The executives who make the critical decisions to save or scrap employee pension plan rarely share the pain of their decisions—but are perversely rewarded for cutting company liabilities to their workers.

My legislation brings greater equity to the private pension system by requiring full disclosure of executive compensation packages to employees, and by linking the benefits in executive compensation plans to those of the rank-and-file for whom these executives bear responsibility.

A 2003 Executive Excess report by United for a Fair Economy found that the median pay for executives at the 30 companies with the most underfunded pension plans in 2002 was \$5.9 million, or 59 percent higher than the median pay for executives at the typical large company. These 30 companies had a combined \$131 billion pension deficit in 2002, but paid their executives a combined \$352 million.

While the underfunding threatened employee pensions, 19 of these executives saw their pay rise, and 10 saw their pay more than double in 2002. The executive pensions themselves are exorbitant. A review of 2004 proxy statements from 500 large companies by Corporate Library for the New York Times revealed that 113 chief executives could expect retirement benefits of more than \$1 million per year. At least 31 would see \$2 million or more per year. A list of some of the more recent and well-publicized outrages on how executive plans and rank-and-file plans are treated is attached to this letter.

“The Pension Fairness and Full Disclosure Act” makes overdue changes in pension law to end these grotesque disparities in the way the retirement security of employees and executives are treated.

Corporations that file for Chapter 11 bankruptcy and shift unfunded pension liabilities to the Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation (PBGC), or convert their traditional pension plans to cash balance plans in a way that does not protect older workers, would not be permitted to increase executive deferred compensation for directors and officers for a 5-year period without incurring a 100 percent excise tax.

Corporations with underfunded rank-and-file pension plans would be prohibited from providing any funding for executive pension plans unless and until their rank-and-file plans are at least 75% funded.

Corporations would have to disclose the full value of their executive compensation plans when they move to terminate the plans in bankruptcy or make amendments to the plan to freeze benefits or reduce future accruals.

For far too long, some companies have irresponsibly rewarded their executives while unfairly cutting or eliminating their employees' pensions. I invite my colleagues to join me in supporting and passing “The Pension Fairness and Full Disclosure Act.”

RECOGNIZING THE CAREER AND RETIREMENT OF MRS. JOSEPHINE POSHARD, TEACHER, AT CARTERVILLE, COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 5 IN CARTERVILLE, ILLINOIS

### HON. JERRY F. COSTELLO

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 10, 2005*

Mr. COSTELLO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing the career and retirement of Mrs. Josephine (Jo) Poshard, third grade teacher at the Carterville Community Unit School District No. 5, in Carterville, Illinois.

Mrs. Poshard has devoted 32 years to educating the youth of Southern Illinois, serving as a teacher, cheerleading sponsor, choral director and yearbook sponsor. She has been the third grade teacher at the Carterville Community Unit School District No. 5 for the past 20 years. During that time, in addition to her devoted education of the students in her classroom, Mrs. Poshard has served on numerous committees and in many capacities. One of her most significant extra-curricular contributions has been as Team Leader of the Math School Improvement Plan. Through her leadership, the school has consistently excelled on the Illinois Standard Achievement Test.

Mrs. Poshard graduated from Southern Illinois University at Carbondale with University Honors. While at Southern Illinois University, she was asked to join Alpha Lambda Delta, a national society that honors academic achievement.

Mrs. Poshard began her teaching career at Thompsonville High School in Thompsonville, Illinois. She taught four sections of English as well as Journalism, Girls' Physical Education and she was the Cheerleading sponsor.

After 3 years at St. Elmo Junior High School and a year as a substitute teacher in several community schools, Mrs. Poshard accepted a position as first grade teacher at the New Simpson Hill School District at Tunnel Hill. While at New Simpson Hill, Mrs. Poshard earned certification for Gifted and Talented students and implemented the Gifted program at her school. With this new program, she was teaching gifted students in grades four through eight while also teaching first grade.

In 1984, Mrs. Poshard brought her years of experience and dedication to Carterville Community Unit School District No. 5, in Carterville, Illinois, as a third grade teacher. She has served that community by guiding, molding and enriching the lives of the boys and girls entrusted to her care from 1984 until her retirement this year.

Mrs. Poshard has demonstrated her dedication to her chosen profession of teaching in numerous ways. She has consistently devoted an average of 50 to 60 hours a week to her job, refusing to be absent unless she was extremely ill. She applies the same expectation of excellence to herself that she does to her students. The real measure of Mrs. Poshard's success lies in the accomplishments of her students. Even though she is retiring at the end of this school year, Mrs. Poshard's influence will live on in the lives of the over 1,000 students she has taught over 32 years.

Mrs. Poshard is married to one of our former colleagues, the Honorable Glenn Poshard, and lives in Murphysboro, Illinois.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in an expression of appreciation to Mrs. Josephine Poshard for her years of dedicated service to education and to wish her the very best in the future.

SUPPORT TAIWAN'S INCLUSION INTO THE WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION

### HON. DAN BURTON

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 10, 2005*

Mr. BURTON of Indiana. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in strong support of Taiwan's application for observer status as a “Health Entity” for next week's annual World Health Organization (WHO) Assembly in Geneva, Switzerland, and to respectfully encourage other international organizations to more actively engage Taiwan in their activities.

Even though Taiwan was a founding member of WHO, every May, for the past eight years, when the World Health Assembly meets to consider the acceptance of new members to the WHO, it systematically denies Taiwan access to the global health organization. Even with last year's support from the United States and Japan, Taiwan—among the leaders in Asia in important health indicators, such as life expectancy and infant mortality—was once again rejected.

Regardless of the fact that the World Health Assembly has routinely allowed observers to participate in the activities of the Organization, including the Sovereign Military Order of Malta, the Holy See, and even the Palestine Liberation Organization; regardless of the fact that Taiwan's population of almost 23,000,000 people is greater than that of  $\frac{3}{4}$  of the member states already in the World Health Organization; regardless of the fact that Taiwan has repeatedly expressed a willingness to assist financially and technically in international aid and health activities supported by the WHO; and, regardless of the fact that direct and unobstructed participation in international health cooperation forums and programs is beneficial for all parts of the world, especially today with the great potential for the cross-border spread of various infectious diseases such as the human immunodeficiency virus (HIV), tuberculosis, and malaria, our European Union colleagues continue to shortsightedly side with China and exclude Taiwan.

Unfortunately, this political and diplomatic dance has had a real world cost in terms of Taiwanese lives lost during outbreaks of life threatening diseases, including Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome (SARS) and the enterovirus epidemic in 1998. The SARS and avian influenza outbreaks should remind all of us that disease knows no boundaries and reinforce the importance of allowing all people access to the World Health Organization. As the pace of globalization quickens, the spread of infectious disease will only accelerate.

Not only will the Taiwanese benefit from membership in the WHO through engagement with the international community in the common pursuit of raising the quality of public health and providing for the welfare of its citizens, but so will their neighbors throughout

the Asia Pacific region, indeed the world, through interoperability, pooled resources, and the sharing of technical expertise. I firmly believe that Taiwan's inclusion in the WHO will help ensure global health safety and our own national security by allowing all WHO countries to more comprehensively and quickly coordinate global efforts to combat deadly outbreaks of diseases and any future epidemics.

Mr. Speaker, the people of Taiwan deserve the same level of public health as the citizens of every nation on earth, and I stand in support of their continued desire and commitment to be included in the WHO. I urge all of my colleagues to join me in encouraging the United States delegation in Geneva to stand in strong support of Taiwan's application for inclusion into the World Health Organization.

HONORING THE CONTRIBUTIONS  
OF KRISTI JACKSON, FUENTES  
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL TEACHER  
OF THE YEAR

**HON. HENRY CUELLAR**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 10, 2005*

Mr. CUELLAR. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the many accomplishments of Kristi Jackson, Fuentes Elementary School Teacher of the Year.

Kristi Jackson was inspired to become a teacher by her mother, a devoted teacher herself, who taught Kristi to do the job wholeheartedly and with a great deal of compassion and a sense of humor. Kristi now teaches at the same school as her mother, joining her in their shared goal of watching their students become successful in the classroom and beyond.

Kristi Jackson is taking her mother's work a step further, answering her call to develop teacher leadership through empowerment and encouragement learned from her principal. Kristi also feels that it is her most important contribution to instill a love of reading in her students, the same love of reading she has had herself ever since her mother read her bedtime stories as a child.

Kristi hopes one day that the walls of her classroom expand beyond her students, to include all the teachers and students of her school.

I am honored to recognize Kristi Jackson as the Fuentes Elementary School Teacher of the Year. Her love for her students and fellow teachers is a credit to her school and her community.

SEX DIFFERENCES IN HEALTH  
AWARENESS DAY

**HON. LOUISE McINTOSH SLAUGHTER**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 10, 2005*

Ms. SLAUGHTER. Mr. Speaker, as part of National Women's Health Week, the Society for Women's Health Research is recognizing today as "Sex Differences in Health Awareness Day." The intent of this day is to draw attention to the biological health differences between women and men. I am proud to reflect

on this issue, and I strongly believe the importance of this day cannot be overstated.

It is true, scientists have long known about the anatomical differences between men and women. However, only within the past decade has the scientific community begun to investigate and uncover significant biological and physiological differences between men and women. From genes to behavior, women and men are now gaining greater knowledge of their unique differences. As a result, they are able to better achieve optimal healthcare.

The Society for Women's Health Research has led efforts to shed light on the distinctions in women's health. Through the Society's tireless persistence on behalf of women's health, they have engaged and supported the scientific community to investigate these dissimilarities. Over the last fifteen years, the Society has worked to ensure that women are included in clinical trials and that the analysis of research include sex differences at all levels. I commend the Society for Women's Health Research for its tireless efforts to increase understanding of sex differences and to improve the health of women.

One health issue that affects women very differently than men is cancer. In fact, every 6.4 minutes, a woman in the U.S. is diagnosed with a form of gynecologic cancer. This year, 28,000 American women are expected to die from gynecologic cancers. For example, ovarian cancer is a gynecologic cancer, and it is the fourth leading cause of cancer deaths among women in the United States. It kills more women than all other gynecologic cancers combined. The incidence of ovarian cancer has actually increased over several years. Up from 1 in 70 women in past years, ovarian cancer now occurs in 1 in 57 women. In comparison, prostate cancer mortality rates peaked in 1991 and have since decreased by about 33 percent, while deaths from ovarian cancer have risen. According to the American Cancer Society, ovarian cancer deaths rose by almost 20 percent in just one year from 2003 to 2004. While 25,500 women will be diagnosed with ovarian cancer this year, more than 16,000 women will die from the disease, including over 1,000 women in New York State.

Although there is only a 25 percent five-year survival rate when ovarian cancer is diagnosed in the later stages, if the cancer is caught before it has spread outside the ovaries, there is a greater than 90 percent survival rate of five years. However, the sad reality is that only 24 percent of ovarian cancer is caught early. Even more frustrating, early detection and treatment of ovarian cancer is oftentimes hindered due to lack of understanding by both women and their healthcare providers. Most women and healthcare professionals think ovarian cancer is asymptomatic, but new studies indicate that ovarian cancer does have symptoms, even in the early stage of the disease. Reliable screening tests do not exist for the early detection of ovarian cancer and a Pap smear only checks for cervical cancer. However, a bimanual pelvic exam, a Ca125 blood test, or a transvaginal ultrasound can help rule out ovarian cancer, but only if women and their doctors are aware of these options. With women's lives at stake, we clearly need to do a better job of educating women and, especially, their physicians, so that early detection of ovarian cancer becomes the norm.

In my district, the Buffalo-based Roswell Park Cancer Institute, RPCI, and the University of Rochester Medical Center, URMC, are supporting many research efforts on ovarian cancer. As a member of the Gynecologic Oncology Group, RPCI participates in most national trials to improve the prevention, detection and treatment of gynecologic cancers. They also collaborate in the Ovarian Cancer Early Detection Program sponsored by the National Cancer Institute. RPCI is evaluating the anti-angiogenesis factor IM862 in the treatment of recurrent ovarian carcinoma. Through the Gilda Radner Familial Ovarian Cancer Registry, RCPI collects data on familial ovarian cancer. RPCI continues to research glycoproteins and tumor markers in ovarian cancer. Researchers at the URMC are investigating tumor suppression gene identification for ovarian cancer and are conducting several phase III trials to identify treatments for women with ovarian cancer.

Despite the critical work of RPCI and URMC, ovarian cancer research and education continues to be significantly underfunded compared to other cancers. In the last 10 years, funding for prostate cancer, has increased 20 fold, while funding for ovarian cancer has only increased 2.5 percent. Not surprisingly, there has been substantial progress in prostate cancer detection and treatment, while achievements in ovarian cancer research continue to lag far behind. According to the Ovarian Cancer National Alliance, \$37 million in outstanding ovarian cancer proposals will not be funded in 2005 due to limited resources.

Ovarian cancer is one example of the disparities women face in health research, prevention, and treatment. While progress has been made in some areas in recent years, there is still much more we must do to improve women's health. We need additional resources and we need Congressional action. I am pleased to be a cosponsor of H.R. 1245, also known as Johanna's Law. This legislation will authorize a federal campaign for gynecologic cancer education designed to improve early detection. It is one important step in closing the healthcare gap between men and women, and it should be enacted without delay.

As we celebrate National Women's Health Week and the achievements made to improve the health and well being of women, I urge my colleagues to take a moment to reflect on the differences in health between men and women and encourage us to make a much stronger commitment to promoting women's health in this country.

SEX DIFFERENCES ON HEALTH  
AWARENESS DAY

**HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 10, 2005*

Mrs. MALONEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Sex Differences in Health Awareness Day.

Scientists have long known of the anatomical differences between the sexes, but we also know that diseases and drugs can affect men and women differently.

Thanks to the efforts of the Society for Women's Health Research over the last fifteen

years to mandate that women be included in clinical trials and that analysis of research include sex differences at all levels, from genes to behavior, women and men are now gaining greater knowledge of their unique differences and optimal health care.

Sex differences have been found everywhere from the composition of bone matter and the experience of pain to the metabolism of certain drugs and the rate of brain activity.

Through sex-based biology research, the study of biological and physiological differences between men and women, scientists have discovered many differences between men and women in terms of their health.

For example:

Heart disease kills 500,000 American women each year—over 50,000 more women than men—and strikes women, on average, ten years later than men.

Three out of four people suffering from autoimmune diseases, such as multiple sclerosis, rheumatoid arthritis, and lupus, are women.

Lung cancer is the leading cancer killer of American women, causing an estimated 25 percent of cancer deaths in women in 2004. Several studies have indicated that compared to men, women who smoke are more likely to develop lung cancer at a younger age and at lower levels of exposure to cigarette smoke.

HIV/AIDS is the fourth leading cause of death for women aged 35–44, and the sixth leading cause of death for women aged 25–34 in the United States. The efficiency of male-to-female infection of HIV is more than two times higher than that of female-to-male infection.

Women are two to three times more likely than men to suffer from depression.

Women comprise 80 percent of the population suffering from osteoporosis.

Women are two times more likely than men to contract a sexually transmitted disease.

Until the 1990s, biomedical research was firmly rooted in the male model—the belief that male biology (outside of the reproductive system) was representative of the species and that where female biology differed from male biology, it was “atypical” or “anomalous.”

Change occurred in the early 1990s to address the dearth of knowledge about female biology caused by the lack of inclusion of women in clinical research studies due to policies and practices seeking to protect the fetus from harm should a study participant become pregnant.

Now that women are included in clinical research, much has been discovered about how different women are from men.

Research on women's health can both improve and save lives. As a result of such research, death rates have decreased for women with tumors of the cervix, breast, uterus, and ovary due to advances in detection and treatment, such as the development of a cervical cancer vaccine. Quality of life has also improved for cancer patients through the development of less invasive surgical techniques, organ-sparing treatments, and better control of pain and nausea related to chemotherapy.

Additionally, research on women's health can lead to less expensive treatments and cost-saving prevention strategies. For example, the total economic value to Americans from reductions in mortality from cardiovascular disease, which strikes 50,000 more women than men each year, averaged \$1.5 trillion annually between 1970 and 1990.

Most recently, scientists have discovered significant information with respect to the leading role the X chromosome plays in the lives of both women and men. Therefore, women's health research is critical to all of us.

While progress has been made in recent years, there is still much more that Congress can do to improve women's health. The Office of Research on Women's Health, ORWH, in the Office of the Director at NIH must be fully funded so that it can continue supporting the expansion and funding of peer-reviewed Specialized Centers of Research on Sex and Gender Factors Affecting Women's Health, SCOR, and the Building Interdisciplinary Research Careers in Women's Health, BIRCWH, programs.

ORWH has taken the critical long-term lead in partnering with various NIH institutes and centers to advance research on women's health and on sex and gender factors, resulting in the following developments: the prevention of cervical cancer with an HPV vaccine; decreasing cardiovascular disease in middle-aged women by preventing recurrent episodes of depression; basic science advances in systemic Lupus Erythematosus research; and discovery of bone loss acceleration before the final menstrual period leading to an important finding related to osteoporosis-related fractures.

In addition, I urge Congress to pass legislation that I have introduced with Representative PRYCE, H.R. 949, the Women's Health Office Act, a bill to provide permanent authorization for existing offices of women's health in five federal agencies: the Department of Health and Human Services; the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention; the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality; the Health Resources and Services Administration; and the Food and Drug Administration. This will allow these offices to carry out their important work without facing underfunding, understaffing, or elimination in the future.

Congress should further encourage NIH to update and modify its guidelines to actively promote sex differences research at all levels, including basic research in cell and tissue culture, development and study of appropriate animal models, and in early stage clinical research.

I would like to commend the Society for Women's Health Research for its research about the differences between men's and women's health needs.

HONORING DR. GERALD “CARTY”  
MONETTE

HON. EARL POMEROY

OF NORTH DAKOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 10, 2005

Mr. POMEROY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a colleague and dear friend of mine as he retires as President of the Turtle Mountain Community College in my state of North Dakota. I have had the privilege of knowing Dr. “Carty” Monette since first being elected to Congress in 1992 and have seen firsthand the leadership and devoted service he has provided in developing the College into the strong institution that it is today.

Dr. Monette has been with the Turtle Mountain Community College ever since its incep-

tion in 1973. He served his first five years as College Director before becoming President in 1978. During his tenure, he oversaw the College's growth from a young, fledgling institution to a nationally-recognized leader in tribally-controlled post-secondary education. Not only has Dr. Monette lead the way in helping the College achieve excellence, but his efforts have also truly enhanced the entire community in Belcourt, North Dakota. After 27 great years, he will be difficult to replace.

I know that Dr. Monette will be sorely missed by all who have known his dedication to the Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa in North Dakota and American Indians across the nation. I offer him my congratulations and best wishes for his continued success and happiness in his well-earned retirement years.

HONORING THE CONTRIBUTIONS  
OF NADINE HOGAN BUDA ELE-  
MENTARY SCHOOL TEACHER OF  
THE YEAR

HON. HENRY CUELLAR

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 10, 2005

Mr. CUELLAR. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the many accomplishments of Nadine Hogan, Buda Elementary School Teacher of the Year.

Nadine Hogan is a self-described “crooked flyer.” She achieved a Masters degree in Accounting, going through the motions of higher education because she felt it was what she was “supposed” to do. Nadine always loved children, and wanted to help those “flying crooked.” After graduate school, she spent time working as a therapist with children in foster care.

In 1999, she responded to an urgent call for additional teachers. She became a Special Educator because there were children who needed help, help she knew she could provide. Nadine Hogan can always get a child ready to learn by focusing on life lessons students can apply to every facet of their education.

Students have a high regard for Nadine because of the “fun” they have in her classes. She loves her kids, and she loves her job.

I am honored to recognize the Nadine Hogan as the Buda Elementary School Teacher of the Year. Her hard work and passion have left a lasting contribution with each of her students.

HONORING ZEE FERRUFINO AND  
KBNO RADIO

HON. MARK UDALL

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 10, 2005

Mr. UDALL of Colorado. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a great Colorado businessman and community leader, Zee Ferrufino. Mr. Ferrufino is the owner and CEO of Latino Communications which is the parent company to KBNO 1280AM Radio in Denver.

KBNO “Que Bueno” has long been the leader in Denver's Hispanic radio market reaching over half a million people in the Denver metro area. Recently, for the first time in

its history, KBNO ranked #1 among adults aged 18–44. All of this—in spite of my occasional appearance on the radio speaking in broken Spanish!

Zee doesn't attribute the success of KBNO simply to the growth in Colorado's Hispanic community, though he acknowledges that is certainly a component. As a successful businessman, he recognizes the importance that the strong purchasing power of the Hispanic community has played in elevating the success of Spanish radio. He points out that in 1990, there were about 2,000 Hispanic-owned businesses, by the year 2000 that number had jumped to 30,000, and in ten years it is expected to increase to 60,000. It is increasingly critical for the mainstream media to adjust to these changing market forces. Zee has long-recognized this trend and has remained ahead of the curve.

In addition to being a successful Colorado businessman for several decades, Zee is a prominent community leader. In 1997, former Colorado Governor Dick Lamm presented him with the "Americans by Choice" award and in 1983 he was given the "Outstanding Business Person" by the Minority Business and Professional Directory. In addition, he was the recipient of the Small Business Administration's Advocate of the Year Award and the Daniel Ritchie Ethics in Business Award. He was also selected by former Colorado Governor Roy Romer to serve on the International Business Development Committee.

Zee has been a leading advocate in the Hispanic community working diligently on issues of importance like education, economic development and civil rights. More than that, he is a role model not only for young Hispanics, but for anyone who has dreams of success and the fortitude to carry out those dreams. I ask my colleagues to join with me in honoring a great American success story, KBNO Radio, and Zee Ferrufino.

Que bueno!

IN HONOR OF ASIAN PACIFIC  
AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH

**HON. ANNA G. ESHOO**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 10, 2005*

Ms. ESHOO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today joining my many colleagues in celebrating and observing Mayas Asian Pacific American Heritage month. Nearly 17 percent of my constituents in California's 14th Congressional District self-identify as being of Asian, Hawaiian or Pacific Islander descent and it's an honor to join them in a celebration of their heritage and culture.

Since the early 1800's, Asian and Pacific Islander Americans have played a crucial role in the development of our Nation. From the building of the transcontinental railroads, to the heroic contributions during the Civil War, to the sacrifices made by those wrongfully imprisoned in internment camps during World War II, Asian Americans have made lasting contributions to all facets of American society. I have a great appreciation for the broad ethnic mosaic which makes our country great, and it's especially important this month that we recognize and pay tribute to the contributions of the Asian and Pacific Islander American community to our country.

I'm proud to work with my colleagues to address issues of special concern to the Asian and Pacific Islander American community: protecting Social Security, ensuring equal access to healthcare, providing for a quality education, and safeguarding civil rights. These are the principles that reflect this year's theme of "Liberty and Freedom for All."

I want to particularly pay tribute to three fallen heroes in the Asian and Pacific Islander American community this year: my dear friend and colleague Representative Bob Matsui, Dr. John B. Tsu, and Fred Korematsu. These extraordinary men stood for equality, justice, and freedom for all Americans and I join my colleagues in remembering their unparalleled legacies.

It would be impossible to name every single extraordinary Asian American in California's 14th Congressional District, but I do want to recognize some of the outstanding community leaders, elected officials and activists I'm proud to call my constituents and friends: Alice Bulos, State Chair of the Filipino Caucus; Yamei Lee, leader and activist within the Taiwanese Community; Karyl Matsumoto, member of the South San Francisco City Council; the late Cpl. Burnrok Lee, a Sunnyvale resident who lost his life serving our country in Iraq; the late Iris Chang, author of "The Rape of Nanking"; Jessica Yu, Academy Award winner for the documentary film "Breathing Lessons"; Margaret Abe-Koga, former member of the Santa Clara County Board of Education; Paul Fong, professor of political science at Evergreen Valley College and a local business owner; Randy Okamura, SBC's director of Regulatory and Constituency Relations for California; Michael Chang, former city of Cupertino councilmember; Dean Chu, mayor of the city of Sunnyvale; Otto Lee, city of Sunnyvale councilmember; Homer Tong, chemistry teacher at De Anza College and member of the Fremont Union High School District Board of Trustees; Pearl Cheng, former president and current member of the Cupertino Union School District Board of Trustees; Joyce Iwasaki, Director of Community Affairs for Sugimura & Associates Architects, founder of the Ed Iwasaki Memorial Fund Scholarship Project and the Midori Kai Professional Women's Group; Patrick Kwok, mayor of the city of Cupertino; Kris Wang, city of Cupertino councilmember; Arthur Fong, recipient of a Lifetime Achievement Award from Avenidas who has endowed scholarships at Stanford and UC Berkeley and has also focused on philanthropic support for health care and the Palo Alto Medical Foundation; Yoriko Kishimoto, city of Palo Alto councilmember; Aileen Kao, city of Saratoga councilmember; Jerry Yang, CEO of Yahoo, Inc.; Kathryn Ho, member of the Fremont Union High School District Board of Trustees; Mark Shu, vice president of Hambrecht & Quist Asia; Talin Shu, president of Hambrecht & Quist Asia; T.N. Ho, member of the Santa Clara County Board of Education; Ben Liao, member of the Cupertino Union School District Board of Trustees; Hsing Kung, President and CEO of Pine Photonics Communications; Ken Fong, CEO of CloneTech; David Mineta, member of the Jefferson Union High School District Board of Trustees and associate director of Asian American Recovery Services for San Mateo County; Karen Leong Clancy, member of the Belmont-Redwood Shores School District Board of Trustees; Judge Erica R. Yew, Santa

Clara County Superior Court; Margaret M. Abe, community leader and activist and 2004 recipient of the Norman Y. Mineta Lifetime Achievement Award; Cynthia Chang, member of the Los Gatos-Saratoga Joint Union High School District Board of Trustees; Yoshihiro Uchida, president of Uchida Enterprises, Inc. and community leader; Nancy Hatamiya, chief of staff to Assemblymember Pedro Naba with over 15 years of public service; Lon Hatamiya, secretary of the California Technology, Trade and Commerce Agency; Alfred Chuang, founder, president and CEO of BEA Systems; Emily Cheng, first female Chinese American mayor of a city in the Bay Area, Los Altos Hills; and Art Takahara, former mayor and councilmember of the city of Mountain View and CEO of De Anza Manufacturing Services.

IN HONOR OF MARGARET HUMMER  
MAY

**HON. SAM FARR**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 10, 2005*

Mr. FARR. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the life and memory of Margaret Hummer May, a devoted wife, mother, teacher and political activist. She spent her life working to make her community a better place to live in. Margaret is survived by her 5 children, Monica May, Irene Lawler, Robert P. May, Theresa May Duggan, and Joanne May White as well as her 7 grandchildren and 6 great-grandchildren.

Before meeting her late husband, James T. May, she received a Bachelor's Degree with honors from the University of Utah and served as Home Service Director of the Salt Lake Chapter of the Red Cross. Margaret and James lived in Alisal and Salinas for over 50 years where she was involved at Sacred Heart Church and volunteered for the State Mental Health Program. She eventually received her teaching credentials from UC Santa Cruz and taught in bilingual pre-schools in the Salinas Elementary School District.

Margaret was devoted to the ideals of social justice and world peace which is apparent though her political activism as well as through her numerous volunteer activities. Margaret showed her dedication to her community through her involvement in local politics. As a lifelong Democrat, she was an active member of the Democratic Women's Club of Monterey County and she also worked for various political campaigns.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in honoring this amazing woman. Our community has lost a dedicated public servant but her legacy will live on through all she has achieved.

HONORING THE CONTRIBUTIONS  
OF MARY ARIZPE, KYLE ELE-  
MENTARY SCHOOL TEACHER OF  
THE YEAR

**HON. HENRY CUELLAR**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 10, 2005*

Mr. CUELLAR. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the extensive contributions of Mary Arizpe, Kyle Elementary School Teacher of the Year.

Mary Arizpe began her teaching career at seven by “grading” her siblings’ pictures in a coloring book. She advanced her budding career by helping out in her mother’s Special Education classes. Following the birth of her children, Mrs. Arizpe began baby sitting, and was lauded by friends because she didn’t just watch the children—she taught them as well.

Mary began her career teaching a class of two-year-olds. The children’s excitement was contagious, and she was amazed at how much she enjoyed her job.

Mary Arizpe teaches her students to like, if not love school. In her classroom, hugs and praise are given freely in a climate of acceptance where all students can feel happy and successful. She believes teaching these traits

in early schooling prepares her students to weather any future challenges they might encounter.

I am privileged to acknowledge Mary Arizpe, the Kyle Elementary School Teacher of the Year. Through her passion and love of teaching, Mrs. Arizpe provides her community with an abundance of excellent leadership.