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TRIBUTE TO ANDREA LEIDERMAN

**HON. ANNA G. ESHOO**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 22, 2005*

Ms. ESHOO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Andrea Leiderman, an extraordinary resident of the 14th Congressional District who was taken from us at the age of 46 on Sunday, September 11, 2005.

Andrea Leiderman graduated from Gunn High School and Vassar College, and went on to earn two master degrees from the University of California at Berkeley. She was a dedicated community activist and a committed public servant. She worked to serve others from the age of 10, when she started a childcare group in her parents' living room, to her work in public and government relations for Kaiser Permanente.

Andrea Leiderman served her community as a trustee of the Foothill-DeAnza Community College District, and served on the boards of the Mission City Community Fund, San Jose Chamber of Commerce Local Issues Advocacy Committee and the College of San Mateo President's Council on Advancement. She served as chair of the Working Council of the Silicon Valley Leadership Group and as a member of the Santa Clara County Board of Education.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in extending our deepest sympathy to Hayes Anderson, Andrea's loving husband, Drs. Herb and Gloria Leiderman, Andrea's distinguished parents, to her brother and sisters, and to all those who had the privilege of knowing Andrea. She will be missed and never forgotten.

10TH ANNIVERSARY OF AGRICULTURE IMPROVEMENTS THROUGH BIOTECHNOLOGY IN THE U.S.

**HON. COLLIN C. PETERSON**

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 22, 2005*

Mr. PETERSON of Minnesota. Mr. Speaker, this year marks the 10th anniversary of the commercialization and planting of crops improved through biotechnology. This year also marks the one-billionth acre of biotech enhanced crops planted on American soil. Since their introduction to American agriculture, biotech crops have provided many benefits to the American people, including less soil erosion, less fuel emissions and reduced need for chemical inputs. Crop biotechnology has also provided tremendous benefits to America's farmers by reducing the cost of production and increasing yields, resulting in increased net farm income by \$1.9 billion.

In my home State of Minnesota, biotech crops have had a significant impact on corn and soybean production. According to a USDA National Agriculture Statistics Service Report published in June of this year, 66 percent of

all corn planted in Minnesota was of a biotech variety. The same report noted that 83 percent of all soybeans planted in Minnesota were of a biotech variety. In 2003, the most recent overall statistics for biotech crops in Minnesota, the planting of biotech crops led to an increase of 525 million pounds of farm commodity output. At the same time, Minnesota farmers reduced pesticide use by 6.5 million pounds and earned an additional \$176 million in profits.

There are several Minnesota companies in attendance today whose research has contributed to the successes of farm biotechnology. Newport Laboratories works with veterinarians to fight disease and protect livestock health through customized biotech treatments. CROPLAN Genetics, a subsidiary of the Land-O-Lakes company, focuses on individual farmers and meeting their specific genetic needs with customized seed. ANDX, Inc. develops tests which diagnose and predict livestock diseases. Together these companies represent the many achievements in the field of biotechnology which benefit farmers across the Nation.

For the last decade, biotechnology has changed the face of American agriculture. New advances in biotechnology continue to improve the lives of American farmers, and will continue to shape agriculture into the future. I'm happy to participate in the Agriculture Biotechnology Exhibition, and I look forward to the continuing benefits and innovations of agriculture biotechnology.

MANUFACTURING TECHNOLOGY COMPETITIVENESS ACT 2005

SPEECH OF

**HON. JERRY F. COSTELLO**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 21, 2005*

Mr. COSTELLO. Madam Chairman, I rise today in opposition to the rule for H.R. 250, the Manufacturing Technology Competitiveness Act of 2005. We had an opportunity today to address key manufacturing competitiveness and innovation issues, but instead the bill before us is simply a narrow reauthorization bill that eliminates funding for the Advanced Technology Program, ATP. Democrats tried to broaden this narrow manufacturing bill by bringing eight manufacturing amendments to the Rules Committee. Unfortunately, the Republican-crafted rule blocks the four of the eight Democratic amendments. I am disappointed that this bill does so little to achieve its stated goal of addressing the long term problems facing our Nation's manufacturers.

Congress must confront that we are in a manufacturing crisis. The U.S. manufacturing sector is facing a crisis—since 2001 we have lost 2.8 million manufacturing jobs. In the first three months of this year, we have lost another 24,000 manufacturing jobs. I am very concerned about the issue of off-shoring of our professional manufacturing jobs. We have to get a handle on this problem and we need sufficient and accurate data to make sound policy decisions. Once we understand the problem, we can then develop policies to address it. An effective way to do that is, in fact, to mandate a study to report back to the Congress within a nine-month period so that we,

in fact, can take a look at the number of jobs that have been lost and the ramifications as well as the other areas that the Secretary would be looking at. Given the crisis facing our manufacturing sector, I have asked Congress to work with the administration to address the issue of off-shoring, by studying its effects and implications. To date, Congress still does not have the data to do an analysis of off-shoring trends. If we are serious about making America more competitive and maintaining high-skilled jobs in the U.S., we first have to understand the real impact of job outsourcing. Manufacturing plays a crucial role in the growth and health of the U.S. economy. It is an industry that helped build the great country we have today and we need to work together to get a handle on this serious problem facing our manufacturing base.

RECOGNIZING BRANDON MICHAEL LAMBERT BECK FOR ACHIEVING THE RANK OF EAGLE SCOUT

**HON. SAM GRAVES**

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 22, 2005*

Mr. GRAVES. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Brandon Michael Lambert Beck, son of Kerry and Marilyn Beck of Saint Joseph, Missouri. Brandon is a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 31, and by earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout. Brandon will receive his Eagle Award on October 2, 2005 at Saint Francis Xavier Parish Center.

Brandon has been very active with his troop, participating in many Scout activities. Over the twelve years Brandon has been involved with Scouting, he has earned numerous merit badges, honors, and leadership positions. Brandon has served his troop as Assistant Patrol Leader, Patrol Leader, Assistant Senior Patrol Leader, Senior Patrol Leader, Historian, and Troop Guide. Brandon holds the rank of Tom Tom Beater in the Tribe of Mic-O-Say, and participated in Junior Leader Training. Brandon has earned awards for snorkeling and marksmanship, as well as the Ad Altari Dei and Parvuli Dei religious awards. During his twelve years in the scouts, Brandon attended Camp Geiger for seven summers.

For his Eagle Scout project, Brandon constructed and installed shelves in the basement of the rectory of Saint Francis Xavier Church.

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

RECOGNIZING GUEST CHAPLAIN REVEREND ANTHONY MARCIANO

**HON. SUE WILKINS MYRICK**

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 22, 2005*

Mrs. MYRICK. Mr. Speaker, I'm pleased to recognize this morning's guest chaplain, Reverend Anthony Marciano. Reverend Marciano

is the Executive Director of the Charlotte Rescue Mission in Charlotte, North Carolina. The Rescue Mission ministers to people in the Charlotte-Mecklenburg area who struggle with poverty, homelessness, and drug addiction. The Mission's five fold strategy aims to meet the spiritual, physical, emotional, social, and vocational needs of these folks, in a way that demonstrates God's love. Under Reverend Marciano's direction, the Mission has seen truly inspiring success rates among its clients, and I'm proud to represent people like Tony in Congress.

Rev. Marciano is a graduate of The Salvation Army's seminary. Before moving to Charlotte, he founded a shelter in New Jersey to address homelessness and addiction. Tony and his wife Dorothy have three kids, and they live in Charlotte, North Carolina with their dog, Rocky.

Founded in 1938, the Charlotte Rescue Mission continues to make a positive impact on our city. I applaud Rev. Marciano for his dedication and Christian witness—and I'm honored to welcome him to the House Floor this morning.

#### HONORING THE MANUFACTURED HOUSING INDUSTRY OF ARIZONA

### HON. RICK RENZI

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 22, 2005*

Mr. RENZI. Mr. Speaker I rise today to honor the Manufactured Housing Industry of Arizona for its work to assist Native American Veterans by donating the materials for the Lori Piestewa Veteran's Center in Arizona that was recently featured on the popular ABC TV show, "Extreme Makeover—Home Edition" seen by 20 million viewers on May 22, 2005.

The Center is dedicated to the memory of Specialist Lori Piestewa, a member of the Hopi Tribe and a native of Tuba City, Arizona. She is believed to be the first female Native American soldier killed during wartime while serving in the United States Army.

I would like to thank Cavco Homes for its generous donation of the Veteran's Center. It took approximately 400 employees from Cavco's Litchfield, Arizona plant working around the clock for four days to complete the building. The home has several large open areas for displays and meetings, a large kitchen and dining room, and two offices or conference rooms. The house also contains a handicap-accessible bathroom, special lighting throughout the interior spaces, and a stucco exterior that fits in with the Santa Fe style architecture so prevalent in the Southwest.

I would also like to recognize the Manufactured Housing Industry of Arizona for working with Extreme Makeover—Home Edition for almost a year to help make this project a reality. The Manufactured Housing Industry of Arizona provides thousands of quality, affordable homes each year to Arizona residents and provides jobs for over 6,500 Arizona citizens in approximately 2,600 industry related businesses in Arizona.

The Piestewa Veteran's Center will serve as a constant reminder of the courage and dedicated service of our Native American Veterans and will provide them with a special place that they can "call their own."

Finally, I would like to commend all of the Native American Veterans—both past and present for their dedicated service to our country.

Therefore, I am pleased to submit these remarks to the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD in honor of the Native American Veterans who served our country with distinction for decades; in appreciation to Cavco Homes for their generous donation of the Piestewa Veterans Center which was built by 400 dedicated employees at their Arizona Litchfield Plant; and in recognition of the Manufactured Housing Industry of Arizona (MHIAZ) and ABC TV's Extreme Makeover—Home Edition who helped make this veteran's center a reality.

#### CONGRATULATING ALBERT TEGLIA ON HIS RECEIPT OF THE JEFFERSON AWARD

### HON. TOM LANTOS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 22, 2005*

Mr. LANTOS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Albert Teglia on his recent receipt of the Jefferson Award and to thank him for his many contributions to his community. The Jefferson Award is given to individuals for their extraordinary work in their community. Mr. Teglia, who is known simply as "Al" to his friends, received this prestigious recognition for his work with the Adopt-a-Family program and as director of the San Mateo County Children's Fund. I congratulate him on receiving this award, and I am proud that he resides in my Congressional district.

Al's work with the Adopt-a-Family program, an organization that he founded, arose after he recognized that many of the families receiving donations during the holiday had needs that lasted all year. As a result, Al suggested that volunteer families sponsor a needy family for an entire year by providing food as well as other needs including, clothing, school supplies, toys, and other necessary items. Because Al believes that directly connecting volunteers and families helps guide assistance to where it is needed most, volunteer families personally drop off the items of assistance, which creates a personal relationship between donor and recipient.

When Mr. Teglia became the director of San Mateo County's Children's Fund in 2000, he brought Adopt-a-Family under its umbrella. Since then, Al has developed a dozen programs that provide needy families with clothing, computers, school supplies, and furniture. Additionally, these programs make available vocational job training, jobs for youth, dental and orthodontic care, and education funds. Al is able to run this important program because of the generous donations and selfless volunteer efforts of many on the Peninsula.

Mr. Speaker, much insight about this extraordinary person can be gleaned by his answer to the question "Who are your heroes?" He lists five historical figures: Abraham Lincoln, George Washington, Harry Truman, Eleanor Roosevelt, and Perry Como. Like his own personal heroes, Al Teglia has been a hero to many. His program reaches beyond just the immediate results because his programs perpetually help the needy. Those who have received assistance from Adopt-a-Family

and the Children's Fund, have commented that they plan to give back to the community just as the community gave to them. Not only has Mr. Teglia's work fed and clothed many in need, but also it has inspired people to give to and uplift those who surround them in their communities. Since its beginning in 1997, the Adopt-a-Family program has helped more than 200 families. In the wake of the Hurricane Katrina disaster, Mr. Teglia reminds all Americans that they can also be heroes and help the victims of Hurricane Katrina as well as the poor in their own backyard. Mr. Teglia remarked, "We need to take care of our home if we are going to set an example for the world".

Al Teglia has diligently served the Daly City community for over 30 years as mayor, councilman, and trustee in the Jefferson Union High School District. He also helped to get BART (Bay Area Rapid Transit) to Daly City when he served on the Board of Directors of Samtrans. Mr. Speaker, I invite my colleagues to join me in thanking Al for his contributions to the community. His friends and colleagues have praised him for his selfless acts of service, and I hope the acknowledgement of this award will inspire others to devote more of their time to helping those in need.

#### HONORING THE FIRST PRES- BYTERIAN CHURCH ON THEIR 100TH YEAR OF CONTINUED SERVICE TO THE FLUSHING COMMUNITY

### HON. GARY L. ACKERMAN

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 22, 2005*

Mr. ACKERMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the First Presbyterian Church of Flushing, New York. This year marks the church's 100th anniversary and during the past century its members have dedicated themselves to serving God and our community.

The First Presbyterian Church was founded in 1904 when Rev. Benjamin Parlman, unable to find any existing Presbyterian churches in Flushing, built a new church and held its first worship service on January 22, 1905. In the past hundred years, the church has grown and adapted, but it has never once strayed from its commitment to serving our community.

When hardships struck our neighbors, the First Presbyterian Church was there to ease their troubles and offer support in any way possible. During the Great Depression, with a membership of over 425, then Reverend Charles Woodbridge organized employment committees to aid those who lost their jobs. Immediately following the stock market crash of 1929, Rev. Woodbridge helped to establish a relief ministry to support those victimized by the nation's economic plight. When the strain and terror of war struck the Nation during the first and second World Wars, the church continued to console and support its members. Since then, the church has grown in numbers and expanded in size, adding new programs for youth and adults and erecting more facilities for education and worship.

In 1974 a Women's Fellowship was started and not long after Ms. Irene Galati became the first woman elder to be ordained at the