

as the Chief, Office for Congressional Affairs at the Defense Intelligence Agency. In her current duties, she is responsible for all DIA interaction with the U.S. Congress and serves as the senior advisor on legislative matters to the Director and General Defense Intelligence Program Manager.

Ms. Turner is an alumnus of the Armed Forces Staff College, the Council for Excellence in Government Fellow Program and the DCI's Intelligence Fellows Program. Ms. Turner has held intelligence and management positions of increasing responsibility and importance within DIA. She began her professional career in DIA in 1981 as an analyst of Soviet Strategic Forces in the Research Directorate, joined the Senior Executive Service in 1990, culminating in her current position as the Director for Congressional Affairs, where she serves as the senior advisor on legislative matters to the Director of DIA and General Defense Intelligence Program Manager. During her 24 year career at DIA, Ms. Turner has been awarded the DIA Director's Award for Exceptional Civilian Service and the Presidential Rank of Meritorious Executive.

Fortunately for the Congress, Ms. Turner is not going far. She has accepted the position of Deputy Director, Legislative Affairs to the Office of the Director of National Intelligence where she will serve as a trusted and valuable congressional advisor to Ambassador Negroponte.

Mr. Speaker, Ms. Turner has already enjoyed a long and luminous career in intelligence, and as she moves on to the DNI staff, I hope all my colleagues will recognize the extraordinary contributions Ms. Kathleen Turner has made to our National Security as a lifelong professional intelligence officer. Finally, Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in expressing our confidence in her continued ability and willingness to serve the Nation . . . Ms. Turner is a true national asset in the intelligence business.

HONORING THE FELICIAN SISTERS
ON THEIR 150TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. THADDEUS G. McCOTTER

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 8, 2005

Mr. McCOTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge and honor the Felician Sisters of the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary Province, as they celebrate the 150th Anniversary of the Foundation of the Congregation of the Sisters of St. Felix of Cantalice.

On November 21, 1855, in Warsaw, Poland, Blessed Mary Angela, who was formerly Sophia Truszkowska, and her cousin Clothilde Ciechanowska, solemnly dedicated themselves to do the will of Jesus Christ in all things. Hereafter, the Felician Sisters were dedicated to a ministry of healing and service, based on Mary Angela's mission of "responding to the needs of the times."

Currently, the Felician Sisters number 1,966 members who share the charisma of their foundress, Blessed Mary Angela, in 11 countries on the continents of Africa, Europe, North and South America. In my hometown of Livonia, alone, the Felician Sisters have founded St. Mary-Mercy Hospital, Madonna University, Ladywood High School, and Angela Hospice.

St. Mary-Mercy Hospital was founded by the Felician Sisters in 1959. The Hospital has grown in its commitment to the community and in excellence in clinical care and services. This year St. Mary-Mercy Hospital placed in the top five percent nationally for clinical excellence, and in the top two percent nationally for patient safety. These awards are well deserved recognition for the Felician Sisters, physicians, nurses and support staff of the hospital.

Madonna University was founded by the Felician Sisters in 1937 and is one of the largest Catholic Franciscan independent universities in the country. Through undergraduate, graduate, and continuing professional study, Madonna University provides men and women with the opportunities for intellectual, spiritual and personal growth.

Ladywood High School is sponsored by the Felician Sisters and also follows the Franciscan tradition. The school aims to educate young women in the attainment of Catholic values, human potential, and the ability to put faith and knowledge into fruitful action.

Angela Hospice, founded in 1985, has been providing care for those of every age and stage of life that may need it. Angela provides care to individuals at home or in a care facility in Livonia, as well as support and counseling for family members. Recently, Angela Hospice launched the "Angela House Call" program to provide home physician visits for the elderly—another example of the commitment by the Felician Sisters to our community.

Mr. Speaker, in the spirit of Mary Angela I ask my colleagues to join me in commending and applauding the 150th Anniversary of the founding of the Felician Sisters and praise their ministry of healing and service, and their efforts to maintain the utmost respect for every human life.

IN HONOR OF ALL UNITED STATES
VETERANS AND HOLLY LANE
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL OF
WESTLAKE, OHIO

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 8, 2005

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor and recognition of all veterans of the 10th Congressional District of Ohio—for their service, bravery and dedication on behalf of our country. Most significantly, we stand in tribute and remembrance of those veterans who have made the ultimate sacrifice when they answered the call to duty.

I also stand in honor and recognition of the children and educators of Holly Lane Elementary School. By allowing our students the opportunity to meet and know our veterans, we are presenting them living examples of real heroes. We are giving them a true understanding of the meaning of the words conviction, courage and selflessness. We are offering them the understanding of a living lesson that speaks to our American history and to the preservation of our liberty—the brave men and women who have endured great hardship and sacrifice in order to secure freedom for us all.

Every veteran that stands before us today at Holly Lane Elementary School represents the heart and soul of America and reminds us of

our quest for justice and peace here at home, and the struggle of those who seek justice and peace around the world. The staff and students of Holly Lane Elementary School reflect the gratitude and respect for our men and women in the armed forces, sentiments that are shared by all Americans. The students of Holly Lane Elementary School also reflect a vision of hope for our future.

Mr. Speaker and colleagues, please join me in honor, tribute and gratitude to the men and women of our armed forces, past and present. They reflect the quest and struggle for human rights and freedom from oppression, basic human elements that unify us all. Let us forever remember and honor their honorable service, great sacrifice and unwavering sense of commitment to the preservation of our American democracy.

HONORING EMPLOYERS OF NA-
TIONAL GUARDSMEN AND RE-
SERVISTS

HON. GIL GUTKNECHT

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 8, 2005

Mr. GUTKNECHT. Mr. Speaker, I share my strong support for H. Res. 302, honoring the employers of National Guardsmen and Reservists who have been called to active duty.

Today, 1.3 million Americans serve in the Guard and Reserve, representing nearly half of our total military force.

Since Sept. 11, 2001, Minnesota National Guard members have served on active duty supporting operations in more than 30 countries around the world. This fall, 2,600 Guard members from the 34th Infantry Division's 1st Brigade Combat Team were activated for service in Iraq.

Their 18-month mission will take them away from family and friends, their careers and their everyday lives. They will miss birthdays and anniversaries, holidays and school plays, a baby's first steps and home-cooked meals. However, these soldiers could not perform their mission without the support of their civilian employers.

In 1972, President Nixon established the National Committee for Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve (ESGR). In Minnesota, there are 140 ESGR volunteers who promote the value of Guard and Reserve employees.

Last year, the State of Minnesota received the Defense Secretary's Employer Support Freedom Award for its programs supporting activated service members. The State, for example, makes up the difference between a reservist's active-duty pay and his or her State salary.

The Minnesota Timberwolves organization are another outstanding example of a business that supports the Guard and Reserve. In 2004, the Timberwolves received the ESGR's "Outstanding Corporate Citizen Award." This year, the Timberwolves are hosting a "Salute to the Armed Forces" event at the Target Center on Nov. 9. The team donated more than 1,200 tickets for the month of November so military personnel can attend a game.

Support of the Guard and Reserve also takes place at the local level. This year, the New Ulm Police Department and Immanuel St.