

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

HONORING SANDRA WALLACE

HON. TOM LANTOS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 16, 2007

Mr. LANTOS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize a woman who has enjoyed a remarkable career helping parents and their children begin the life-long process of learning. Sandra Wallace, who is retiring after 27 years as a teacher and director at the Pacifica Co-op Nursery School, has been a pillar in the lives of families at this popular parent-participation pre-school.

Known to multiple generations as "Teacher Sandy," she began her career more than 35 years ago as a high school art teacher. When she and her husband, Doug, began their own family, she took a leave of absence. Taking her own children to a co-op nursery school, she was struck with a desire to work in such a program herself. That moment began nearly three decades of service to children and parents who benefited from her wisdom, compassion, patience, knowledge and experience in childhood education.

Madam Speaker, her career in early childhood education began as an enrichment teacher at the Serramonte Nursery School in Daly City. While earning a master's degree from San Francisco State University, she conducted her graduate field study at the Pacifica Co-op Nursery School. Knowing a good thing, the school's board hired her full time as an Assistant Director, leading to a tenure that has spanned generations.

Young parents immediately recognized the unique skills Teacher Sandy exhibited at the Co-op Nursery School. She created the popular Bug School as a summer program, and in 1985 she was appointed Director for the growing morning and afternoon sessions.

In 1995, the Professional Association for Childhood Education (PACE) for the State of California named her Teacher of the Year.

Not only did Sandra Wallace manage the programs at the Co-op Nursery School, but she also worked with the Jefferson Union High School District Adult Education Division teaching Parent Education classes. Many men and women in the area learned valuable skills from Teacher Sandy about how to raise their children effectively. The value of giving families a strong educational beginning cannot be overstated, and I know the families she's touched and the community she's been dedicated to owe her a deep debt of gratitude.

Madam Speaker, I want to share with my colleagues my immense respect and appreciation for Sandra Wallace. She has dedicated her professional life to making sure children and their parents have a meaningful and productive start. She and her husband will be retiring to Michigan this year, but Teacher Sandy is leaving a legacy in my Congressional district that will live on in the more than 1,000 children she has taught while making the Pacifica Co-op Nursery School a treasure of the local community.

I would like to wish her a long, happy and healthy retirement and extend the gratitude of all my constituents for her selfless commitment to childhood education.

NATIONAL BREAST AND CERVICAL CANCER EARLY DETECTION PROGRAM REAUTHORIZATION ACT OF 2007

SPEECH OF

HON. LYNN C. WOOLSEY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 27, 2007

Ms. WOOLSEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of this legislation. Breast cancer is the second leading cause of cancer death among women and the leading cause of cancer death among women under the age of 40. Early detection and education are key to winning this battle. It is imperative that we reauthorize the National Breast and Cervical Cancer Early Detection Act, H.R. 1132, so that all women are given access to free and low-cost breast and cervical screenings. No woman should be denied these life-saving screenings simply because they cannot afford them. Further, all women should be made aware of the benefits of each screening and the risks of these cancers through public education programs.

This issue is very important within my District of Marin and Sonoma Counties in California, and especially so in Marin County because it has the highest rate of breast cancer in the country. Among white women, aged 45 to 64, the breast cancer rate in Marin has increased 72 percent in the last decade. Marin County's rates are approximately 40 percent higher than the national average and about 30 percent higher than the rest of the Bay Area. This is why early detection and education in women of all ages is so important.

In addition to this important legislation, we need to do more to prevent breast cancer deaths in women under the age of 40. Approximately 11,000 women under the age of 40 will be diagnosed with breast cancer this year, of which nearly 1,300 will die. That's why I introduced the Annie Fox Act, H.R. 715, named after a young woman in my district who was diagnosed with breast cancer and died at the age of 35. This bill will authorize research into the causes of breast cancer in younger woman and educate them about the risks of breast cancer.

It is important that we not only continue to fund preventative screenings, education and research for women over the ages of 45, but that we also do so for our younger women so that they may live long, healthy lives.

I applaud the passage of this important legislation and look forward to working with my colleagues to pass H.R. 715, the Annie Fox Act.

IN HONOR OF NAAMANS LITTLE LEAGUE

HON. MICHAEL N. CASTLE

OF DELAWARE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 16, 2007

Mr. CASTLE. Madam Speaker, it is with Speaker, it is with great enthusiasm that I rise today to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the Naamans Little League. By providing a positive outlet for children, this organization has played a vital role in shaping young leaders in my home state of Delaware.

After it was founded in 1957, the organization has grown rapidly because of its efficient organization and the valuable service it provides to the community: uniting children with sports. While it began with only 60 boys on 4 baseball teams, Naamans Little League now has over 500 players on 42 teams and has formed both a Tee Ball League and a Senior League.

I was fortunate enough to celebrate with the League after they participated in the Little League World Championship. This opportunity further convinced me that their significance within the community cannot be emphasized strongly enough. Their efforts have allowed countless people to understand and enjoy the benefits of physical activity, team work, sportsmanship, and responsibility. After spending just a short while at the celebration, it became very clear to me that this organization has a profoundly far reaching impact, shaping individuals, friendships, families, and communities.

I am pleased to announce that a flag will be flown over the capital in honor of the Naamans Little League's 50th anniversary. I commend this great organization for their immeasurable contributions to Delaware and wish them all the best on this momentous anniversary.

RECOGNIZING DOMINICK ESTEBAN FOR ACHIEVING THE RANK OF EAGLE SCOUT

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 16, 2007

Mr. GRAVES. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Dominick Esteban, 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 214, and in earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Dominick has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Dominick has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community.

Madam Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Dominick Esteban for his

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accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

TRIBUTE TO THE CARPENTERS
LOCAL 1005 OF HOBART, INDIANA

HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKY

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 16, 2007

Mr. VISCLOSKY. Madam Speaker, it is with great pride and respect that I congratulate the members of Carpenters Local 1005 of Hobart, Indiana, who were honored at the union's 2007 Service Recognition Banquet. The union members of Northwest Indiana have consistently demonstrated the work ethic and quality craftsmanship on which the community prides itself. The banquet, which was held on Saturday, April 14, 2007, at the Avalon Manor in Hobart, Indiana, honored those members who have completed between 10 and 65 years of service with the union.

Carpenters Local 1005, which received its charter on March 7, 1972, is one of the largest Carpenters' locals in the State of Indiana. Every year, Local 1005 honors its members for their years of dedicated service. This year's distinguished honorees included Charles Ray, who was honored for his 65 years of service, as well as Charles Bonner, William Bruce, James Donnella, Chester King, Paul Malott, Oakley Moench, Robert Olson, Elbe Rice, Victor Stanzione, and Robert Szentesy, all members who were honored for 60 years of service. Those who were honored for 55 years of service include: Phillis Angelo, Willard Basco, Earl Cooper, John Demay, Lawrence Dewes, Robert Fedorchak, George Garbus, Duane Hanaway, and Jozef Wozniak. For 50 years of service, the honorees were: Ed Cicillian, Robert Covaciu, Carol Dunn, Bernard Floyd, Wylvil Gearhart, Carrol Kelley, and Howard Scheidt. Bobby Anderson and J.C. Stanley were recognized for 45 years of service, while several members were honored for 40 years of service. These honorees included: Phillip Bough, James Brannock, Harry Carey, James Fields, Jerry Fox, Joe Gabonay, Joe Harbison, Paul Kirchenstien, Robert Odell, Jack Postma, James Postma, Truman Shelton, Richard Tallant, Robert Todd, Donald Treadway, Loren Underwood, and James Vickers. For their 35 years of service, Roy Balcerak and Richard Kleckner were honored, while the 30-year honorees included: Lucas Amptmeyer, Don Ayers, Wesley Birky, Gerald Blend, Larry Bliss, Elmer Conley, Gerald Donohue, Dale Gearhart, Greg Hanas, Thomas Hill, Daniel Holden, Clyde Imboden, James Jablonski, Richard Liebharth, Leonard Lustgarten, Charles Nannenga, Joseph Pero, Mark Robertson, Rick Singleton, Jerry Vanderplough, Larry Vick, and Michael Zickuhr. The members honored for 25 years of dedicated service were Harris Sampson, Charles Smith, and Bobby Thompson, while 20-year honorees included: Mark Berg, Jeffrey Berkman, Ronald Blaney, Michael Collins, Robert Cook, Brian Deutscher, Timothy Flatt, Roy Guerrero, Lawrence Hill, Stanley Kurczewski, Michael Lelak, David Lopez, Andrew Mitchell, Richard Neal, Robert Ott, Michael Pouch, Dan Prochno, John Schwartz, Ann Starzynski, Charles Stone, Michael Wal-

lace, Frank Westerlund, and Doug Wilson. Those members honored for 15 years of service included: Ronald Bennett, Douglas Bohnert, Carl Depaul, Mark Derosa, Terence Dicken, Joel Edgington, Michael Gajewski, Dennis Glover, Christopher Kerulis, Roger Kikkert, Kenneth Kollasch, Steven Kopack, Michael Lawrence, Samuel Lazaro, Kevin Lynch, Darren Marsee, Kevin Mulroe, Joe Rettig, Thomas Rettig, Nicholas Saliwonczyk, Harold Sills, Patrick Stanley, Albert Turner, Commodore Warren, Kenneth Whitten, William Yuhasz, and Philip Zagone.

Finally, members of Local 1005 honored at the banquet for 10 years of service included: Steve Adams, Erik Bailey, Christopher Birky, Robert Bleck, Scott Blue, Brian Clare, Thomas Climack, Scott Crawford, Tim Crepeau, Anthony Dafcik, Timothy Dekock, Joseph Emons, Joseph Evert, Dustin Farnum, Eddie Fowler, Nathaniel Gaska, Donald Haddix, James Harrison, David Jurov, Douglas Kamminga, Bryan Kowalysin, Stanley Kush, Aaron Lowe, William Lynch, Jason Marcotte, David Messer, Donald Murphy, John Nygra, Ryan Prendergast, Greg Province, Tony Qualizza, Jason Samuels, Jim Sargent, Larry Scheeringa, James Schultz, Martin Shell, John Stoddard, Antwon Strong, Timothy Sweeney, James Taylor, Catherine Thoreson, and Dan Vanderwall.

Madam Speaker, I ask that you and my distinguished colleagues join me in congratulating these dedicated, honorable, and outstanding members of Carpenters Local 1005, in addition to the hard-working union men and women throughout the country. The countless hours of exceptional service the men and women of Carpenters Local 1005 have provided to their community deserve our admiration and respect. Their dedication and commitment are the epitome of the values we hold in Northwest Indiana, and I am proud to represent such fine men and women in Congress.

CELEBRATING DR. DOROTHY I.
HEIGHT, A LIVING LEGEND AND
ADVOCATE FOR JUSTICE AND
EQUALITY

HON. CHARLES B. RANGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 16, 2007

Mr. RANGEL. Madam Speaker, I rise today in celebration of the birth of Dr. Dorothy Irene Height. For nearly half a century, Dorothy Height has served as a leader in the struggle for equality and human rights. Living by example, her life's work has and will remain a testament to her vision for a just and equitable world for all people.

Born in Richmond, Virginia on March 24, 1912 she moved to Ranklin, Pennsylvania, with her parents, at the age of four. Dr. Height demonstrated her intelligence, focus and astonishing oratorical skills early on, winning scholarships and competitions that would aid her in the pursuit of both a bachelors and masters degree, which she completed in four years, at New York University.

Dr. Height's career as an activist began when she joined the National Council for Negro Women in 1937. At the time Dr. Height was working as a caseworker for the welfare department in New York. She would go on to join the national staff of the YWCA, serve as

national president of Delta Sigma Theta, Incorporated from 1946–1957. Throughout her tenure in these capacities Dr. Height developed leadership training programs, interracial and ecumenical educational programs, and a series of programs—like “Wednesdays in Mississippi”—designed to bring together people of different racial and ethnic backgrounds to create a dialogue of understanding.

Beyond championing a vision of equality and justice for the United States, Dr. Height is renowned for her extensive international and developmental work in education. In her illustrious career she has worked as a national leader, served on numerous appointed committees, and received numerous awards and accolades.

It is with great personal joy that I recognize and celebrate the birth anniversary of Dorothy Irene Height, a living legend and a treasure to us all.

IN HONOR OF LUIS VALDEZ

HON. SAM FARR

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 16, 2007

Mr. FARR. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Mr. Luis Valdez of San Juan Bautista, California, who will be inducted into the College of Fellows of the American Theatre on April 22 at the Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts here in Washington, DC. The 124 current members include playwright Edward Albee and Broadway director Jack O'Brien. Like those before him, Luis is to be honored for his contribution to American theater.

His has been a “career of firsts.” His play “Zoot Suit” was the first play written by a Chicano to be produced on Broadway. His movie “La Bamba,” about the life of the 1950's rock 'n' roll star Ritchie Valens, won popular acclaim, and was the first film written and directed by a Chicano that was produced by a major motion picture company.

As a child, Luis emigrated from Mexico with his family and became a migrant farm worker. In 1965, he founded El Teatro Campesino, which means “The Farm Worker's Theater.” He chose to create this theater in rural San Juan Bautista instead of moving to a big city in order to stay in touch with his roots and remain a true theater of farm workers.

Luis has three sons, all of whom are involved in the arts. “I have to stress the importance of family in my life,” he said. He has won several awards, including the Presidential Medal of the Arts from the White House, but says, “I'm proudest of my family. I consider myself to be quite blessed in that regard.”

Luis believes that art should have a message, and inspiring people to make changes in their lives has been one of his main goals in the theater. He recently produced a play for the Monterey Bay Aquarium about the dangers of pollution.

Madam Speaker, it is a tremendous honor for a national organization of any kind to seek out a resident of a small town for their highest award. Luis Valdez came from humble beginnings, and in spite of his remarkable accomplishments, he remains a humble man. I am proud to congratulate Luis on his election to the College of Fellows of the American Theatre.

RECOGNIZING JOSHUA ABERNATHY FOR ACHIEVING THE RANK OF EAGLE SCOUT

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 16, 2007

Mr. GRAVES. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Joshua Abernathy, 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 264, and in earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Joshua has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Joshua has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community.

Madam Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Joshua Abernathy for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

HONORING BARBARA S. AUSTIN ELEMENTARY UPON ITS 20TH-YEAR ANNIVERSARY

HON. KENNY MARCHANT

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 16, 2007

Mr. MARCHANT. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Barbara S. Austin Elementary, "Home of the Austin Mustangs" for its 20th anniversary of providing a superb education for the students of Coppell, Texas.

Barbara S. Austin Elementary School is proud to celebrate 20 years of excellence in education. Nestled in the center of Coppell, Texas, Austin Elementary is a neighborhood school that has provided thousands of students with an outstanding learning experience over the years.

Named after Barbara S. Austin, an actively involved community leader who served on the Coppell Independent School District Board of Trustees, Austin Elementary opened its doors in the fall of 1987 with over 500 students. Once a small community with one school housing kindergarten through twelfth grade, by August of 1987 Coppell had grown to include three elementary schools, two middle schools, and one high school. Austin Elementary was the first elementary school built with the new architectural plan that led the way for the additional seven elementary schools added over the next 10 years.

Mustang pride and the school motto, "Just for today, I will do my best!", are part of Austin's heritage. It has a student body comprised of a diverse mix of energetic students, parents who are supportive and involved in their children's education, and a dedicated and committed staff who do everything in their power to ensure success for all students.

In honor of this special anniversary, Austin Elementary is creating a "Thanks for the Memories" personalized brick patio to commemorate the many teachers and families that have been a part of Austin Elementary over the past 20 years. On April 29, 2007 at 2:30

p.m., a dedication ceremony will take place and all current and former staff, students and parents are invited to share in this celebration.

Madam Speaker, I am honored to have had this time to honor the 20th anniversary of Barbara S. Austin Elementary School.

THE 12TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE OKLAHOMA CITY BOMBING

HON. DIANE E. WATSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 16, 2007

Ms. WATSON. Madam Speaker, this Wednesday, April 19, 2007 marks the 12th anniversary of the Oklahoma City bombing that claimed 168 lives and left over 800 injured. 19 of the victims were children. On the occasion of the 12th anniversary of the Oklahoma City bombing, I want to acknowledge those who lost their lives as well as the family and friends left behind. I further acknowledge the selfless sacrifice and courage Oklahoma City family members made in their embrace of 9/11 family members following the attacks on the World Trade Center in 2001. The exchange that has taken place since that time is great evidence of how Americans come together in time of need.

Let us never forget those who lost their lives on this day of infamy as well as the living who have been so profoundly affected by this national tragedy.

TRIBUTE TO ARMAND "SKIP" BECOTTE, JR.

HON. BARNEY FRANK

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 16, 2007

Mr. FRANK of Massachusetts. Madam Speaker, last Friday, while we were in recess, the Massachusetts Lions Club held a very well-deserved testimonial for Armand "Skip" Becotte, Jr., who lives in the town of Fairhaven, Massachusetts, in the district I am privileged to represent.

Madam Speaker, as many Members know, the Lions Club has made as its highest priority helping people deal with health problems, particularly in the area of eyesight. They have also worked on hearing related issues. Personally, Skip Becotte has taken as his motto the words of the great Helen Keller, in her address to the Lions Club, "Help me hasten the day when there shall be no preventable blindness; no little deaf, blind child untaught; no blind man or woman unaided. I appeal to you Lions, you who have your sight, your hearing, you who are strong and brave and kind. Will you not constitute yourselves Knights of the Blind in this crusade against darkness?"

Currently Skip Becotte is the District Governor for the Massachusetts Lions District 33S, which includes much of Southeastern Massachusetts, including all of Cape Cod and much of the district that I represent. During his governorship the Lions in District 33S have given nearly \$200,000 to the Perkins School for the Blind, Massachusetts Eye and Ear Infirmary, Joslin Diabetes Center, New England Eye Center, Schepens Eye Research Institute and many other institutions.

Madam Speaker, Skip Becotte—winner of the Melvin Jones Fellow Award for outstanding service in 2001—is an extraordinary man. A retired police officer and father of five, his life exemplifies service to others. I congratulate the Lions Club for honoring this man and I am glad to share with my colleagues the story of his work because it is an inspiration to all.

HONORING THE FORT KNOX VETERAN SERVICE OFFICE

HON. RON LEWIS

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 16, 2007

Mr. LEWIS of Kentucky. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay public tribute to the men and women who work in the Fort Knox Veteran Service Office. These dedicated individuals from my congressional district are deserving of our respect and admiration.

Recent global events have rightfully renewed our focus on those brave men and women, past and present, who have answered our Nation's call to service. In times of war and in times of peace we must always show our gratitude for those who have worn the uniform of the United States military.

Through their work at the Fort Knox Veteran Service Office, Paul Schlisser, Clint Meshew, Jaydean Maschak, and Mildred Meshew have made it their mission to assist fellow veterans and their survivors in obtaining benefits they have earned. Collectively, the group helped over 900 individuals in Kentucky's Second Congressional District in 2006.

As the home of Fort Knox, my district has a high population of veterans. Our government has a special responsibility to support programs and initiatives that ensure premium health care and economic stability for those Americans who stood selflessly in harm's way to preserve our most fundamental freedoms. The Fort Knox Veteran Service Office continues to do exemplary work supporting this important endeavor.

It is my great privilege to honor Paul Schlisser, Clint Meshew, Jaydean Maschak, and Mildred Meshew today before the entire House of Representatives for their continued service to our country helping fellow veterans and their survivors who need their support. They are a group of outstanding citizens worthy of our collective honor and appreciation.

IN RECOGNITION OF BISHOP ARETHA E. MORTON

HON. MICHAEL N. CASTLE

OF DELAWARE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 16, 2007

Mr. CASTLE. Madam Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I rise today to recognize Aretha E. Morton for being appointed as State Bishop for my home state of Delaware in 2006.

This great honor has been bestowed upon her due to her long-standing dedication to the Baptist church. I congratulate Bishop Aretha E. Morton on an outstanding career in ministry. She began her career by singing and recording in several different Gospel groups. By

the age of twenty-one, she made the decision to commit her life to the ministry and preached her first trial sermon. Her hard work as a preacher was acknowledged in 1983, when she became the pastor of Tabernacle Baptist Church, making her the first female Baptist Pastor in the State of Delaware. Ten years later, she was given another great honor when the Wilmington Fire Department appointed her as Chaplain for the Wilmington Fire Department. This honor made her the first woman and the first African American Fire Chaplain.

In 1995, she connected her church with the Full Gospel Church Fellowship. This church, now named the Tabernacle Full Gospel Baptist Church, has become the largest affiliate church of its kind in the Delaware area. In 2002, she was named the Full Gospel Baptist Church Fellowship's District Overseer of the Year. Her success in ministry continued when she became one of the first female bishops in the Full Gospel Church Fellowship International. Fellow clergy refer to her as "Mother" and in September of 2005 she was even listed on Gospel Today's "World's Most Loved Pastors" List, illustrating her respected, humble and revered reputation.

After over 40 years of bringing her love, talents, and enthusiasm to the Baptist ministry, she was appointed Bishop of the Baptist Church for the State of Delaware. I can think of no candidate more deserving of our recognition and praise than Bishop Aretha E. Morton. I congratulate Bishop Morton on an exceptional career of service and dedication.

RECOGNIZING TRAVIS JAMES FOSTER FOR ACHIEVING THE RANK OF EAGLE SCOUT

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 16, 2007

Mr. GRAVES. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Travis James Foster, 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 264, and in earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Travis has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Travis has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community.

Madam Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Travis James Foster for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

TRIBUTE ON THE PUBLIC SERVICE OF RON GRIFFIN AND HIS SON, KYLE

HON. SCOTT GARRETT

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 16, 2007

Mr. GARRETT of New Jersey. Madam Speaker, last month, one of my constituents, Ron Griffin, journeyed to Iraq. His son, Kyle,

had been killed while serving in Iraq. Mr. Griffin wanted to meet with men and women who were now serving there and with Iraqi citizens who were living through the war there.

His trip was not sanctioned by our Government. In fact, the State Department and Pentagon tried to talk him out of taking it for fear for Mr. Griffin's safety. But, showing the same determination and commitment that his son and his son's fellow servicemembers demonstrate to the world every day, Mr. Griffin found his way to Iraq any way.

In the face of constant media and political attention on Iraq, sometimes it seems that the negative news dominates coverage and it is easy to forget the many positive acts about which we may never hear. Mr. Griffin is on a mission to show the world how extraordinary the men and women serving in Iraq are and how hopeful they and the Iraqi people are for a better future. He says that what he saw in Iraq can be summed up in three words: "Professionalism. Humanity. Spirituality." And, I would like to share his thoughts on his trip in his own words:

I journeyed to Iraq for this is where my son died helping to free a nation. I came on my own dime without the sponsorship of anyone. I simply desired to experience through my own eyes a sense of what the true reality of life on the ground in Iraq is from the words of and the ability to observe the people who populate the Kurdish area in the northern and eastern portion of Iraq and from our service members wherever I had the honor of meeting with and speaking to the true American Idols of our lifetime.

I went not as some distraught father searching for that elusive feeling of closer that all so many believe that I must attain in order to move on. I abhor that statement. It is not the manner in which I mourn or honor my son and every other Fallen Hero. Each day of my life I endure the numbing sadness that is the reality of Kyle's death while in simultaneously I have been comforted and supported by the fathomless depths of human kindnesses. I am saddened for all those who never had the pleasure of meeting my son, the other Fallen Heroes or any of those other magnificent individuals who have served and serve us this day. You have lost more than I have for I have been honored to have walked among greatness.

I came however with a pre-disposed political bent that is in total support of our mission and for doing whatever and for how long it takes for the successful completion of our mission. Having spent nearing two weeks living among the Kurdish people, journeying from Erbil to Duhok to Barzan and countless locations in between and then traveling from Harbor Gate on the Turkish border in the north down through Mosul, Tikrit and finally to Baghdad with the members of our magnificent military I am today an American father who knows unquestionably and steadfastly that the price my son paid to liberate Iraq was worth every ounce of blood and sweat he sacrificed. However it is not from the political perspective that I have reached that conclusion but rather from the depths of the humanity of the Kurdish people and the majesty in which our military conducts themselves while in service to us.

Somewhere in the recesses of my consciousness I am continually reminded that somehow I have been put on this path for a purpose and that could not have been made more perfectly clear than by what I have experienced these past two weeks. I have long bridled under the incessant negativity that the vast majority of the media portrayed as the reality of Iraq. That notion was ripped

from my perspective when I was told outright by the Soldiers that they knew that regardless of how many ribbons they helped cut, schools they opened, or lives they improved on any given day that if one bomb went off in Baghdad the story that would be told would be the boom story. They felt bad for the American people for they would then not be able to share in the joyous satisfaction that the soldiers and the Iraqi people had experienced. They are over that and now so am I. Likewise I was somewhat consumed with the hypocrisy of those who mouth the words of support for the troops while calling their mission a failure and wanting to end it. I thought that such statements were hurting the troops as they served us. I am now ashamed of my lack of insight to what indeed is the reality of Iraq, or at least that part of and the people of that part that I journeyed through. Almost universally the troops told me that they simply do not have the time to be involved in the political aspect of what they are doing for to do so would interfere with the performance of their job and that is the primary mission to every Soldier. It finally became clear to me from my many conversations that while they, like most human beings would most certainly would appreciate the unending support of the American people especially as they endure all the hardships of being Soldiers, they will perform every task assigned to them for they are consummate professionals through and through. They do their job because they are individuals of the highest moral character who have sworn an oath to protect and defend this country and nothing will prevent them from doing just that. To watch them do their jobs is likened to viewing Tiger Woods march through a golf course. The Soldiers just wear different clothes.

Stepping off the plane in Erbil, a city of over 1 million residents and the capital of the Kurdish region, you can not help but be stunned by the majestic vistas, impressed by the precision and competency of the personnel at the airport and be totally astonished by the expansion that is taking place on every section of the now Erbil International Airport and the city itself for you must continually remind yourself that indeed you are in Iraq! The physical part of the Kurdish region is simply breathtaking in its scope and beauty, while the emotional aspect is riveting in its intensity and vibrancy. Freedom permeates from every inch of this land and in that sense of security, optimism resounds. The entire region appears to be one vast construction site with building and improvements going on everywhere. One only has to travel but a few short blocks in any direction and the examples of rapid and real progress stun your senses. I have likewise traveled to the hinterland where the amenities of life are Spartan but in both locations the quality of the Kurdish people bring joy to all those that have the privilege of meeting them. They seem to have been born with a perpetual warm and engaging smile and a sincere and genuine greeting for all those that they come in contact with. Eye contact is never absent from the conversation, nor is the ever-present wry smile that can burst into uncontrolled laughter at any time. One need to only ride down the road from Erbil to Khanzad, a 15 Km drive from central Erbil to experience the joy of these wonderful people. There are endless picnics ongoing during this month of celebration. Children laugh, play and fly their kites, men play music or dance while the women in festive and shimmering colored native dress organize the feeding of everyone.

Each and every conversation is filled with the personal atrocities that they have all endured. Atrocities that they will forever remember and will not allow anyone to forget

but amidst those stories of horror lurks absolutely no seething need for revenge. They know full well that there is no time or place for revenge and recrimination. They live with the horror of yesterday and look to the future with optimism and eternal thanks for the help and support of the American people in helping them gain their total freedom. Thank you and welcome are part of every conversation. From Harbor Gate to Mosul to Tikrit to Baghdad back to Tikrit, with a honored stop at Diyala, to Mosul and then finally back to Erbil I have been simultaneously overwhelmed, stunned and awe struck by the extraordinary professionalism of every soldier I personally meet and those I only had the opportunity to observe without them ever knowing that I was watching. I learned of an organization that cares deeply, profoundly and personally for the well being of every individual within its ranks, while every individual member is willing to sacrifice their very being for every other individual member. That is why they go about what they call their job but what I refer to as their passion with a clarity of purpose that humbles you to your knees. In this organization everyone and I mean everyone knows that they are first and foremost a soldier who is fully trained and prepared to go into battle should the need occur but they likewise perform a multitude of vast ranging tasks that they have been highly trained for to highest possible professional standards. They completely understand their specific task and perform it superbly for they know full well that every individual soldier is equal in their value and importance to the successful completion of the mission.

The words COMPLEXITY and PROFESSIONALISM scream at you as you begin to understand all that is going on all about you. From the formation of a huge truck convoy, to the logistical requirements of a division, to the combat readiness of squadrons of Blackhawks to the coordination of the divergent aspects of public affairs one can not help but be stunned the complexity of our effort in Iraq and most importantly the professionalism in which the effort is carried out.

Accompanying that professionalism is the humanity of these Soldiers who have sacrificed so much for us and of which we sadly know so little. Their stories should be told and retold for they are the heroes that we should be emulating. In Baghdad I was fortunate to be allowed to stay in visitors quarters and was escorted by a National Guard Unit from Kentucky. I like most people had a somewhat diminished view of the National Guard. I got to know these individuals quite well and dramatically experienced that same level of professionalism first hand. I was learning the history of the county in Kentucky where my escort was from when a fire fight broke out across the lake. After a number of minutes of continuous fighting the Sgt's unit was notified that they would be joining the fight. In an instant the calm of the mess was transformed as these soldiers prepared for combat. Three vehicles and 15 men would be heading out to the streets of Baghdad. Everyone knew their job precisely. The guns were mounted as the computers were spun up. Communications were checked and every individual soldier completed their own mental checklist. As if in a heart beat I watched as men did what I initially thought was a transformation from escort to Soldier but what I watched was in fact was a Soldier performing one job and then another, both to the highest professional standards.

Over the next few weeks Americans will argue over and eventually vote for their choice as to who is going to get the title of "AMERICAN IDOL". They will watch transfixed as young athletes perform at the highest possible level to gain the title of Na-

tional Champion of College Basketball. Millions will flock to the baseball stadiums of America to watch in awe as their teams begin their long journey to be named as The World Champions of Baseball. All that should pale before your eyes for those Wondrous Warriors who seek not the accolades but unselfishly protect your very freedoms have already earned the right to be crowned as World and National Champions and are in fact "THE TRUE AMERICAN IDOLS" for everyday they place their lives on the line for us.

"CONGRATULATING THE NATIONAL JROTC MIDDLE SCHOOL CHAMPIONS OF T.C. MARSH JUNIOR HIGH"

HON. PETE SESSIONS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 16, 2007

Mr. SESSIONS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to proudly recognize T.C. Marsh Junior High School as the home to the National Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps (JROTC) Middle School Champions. Thirty-five of the school's 217 unit members qualified for the competition which was held on March 31 in Dallas. Under the guidance of teacher David Bates, the students competed against units from all over the country. Bates served for the army as a corporal in the First Calvary. As a former Florida Gator football player, Bates coaches W.T. White varsity softball and football teams and until this year, coached 8th grade football, basketball and baseball at T. C. Marsh. I congratulate David Bates and the students of T.C. Marsh Junior High School for their well-deserved victory and wish them all the best in future endeavors.

HONORING HISPANIC VETERANS OF WORLD WAR II

HON. LINDA T. SÁNCHEZ

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 16, 2007

Ms. LINDA T. SÁNCHEZ of California. Madam Speaker, I proudly join my colleagues today to pay tribute to the contributions of Latinos who served in our Armed Forces during World War II. As we were painfully reminded by the complete omission of Hispanics from a PBS documentary on World War II, the important contributions of Latinos, native born, as well as immigrants, are too often overlooked and forgotten.

From the American Revolution, a victory that established our Nation; to the Civil War, a victory that preserved our Nation; to the current wars in Iraq and Afghanistan, Hispanics have played an instrumental role.

From Hispanic business owners to day laborers to the growing number of Hispanics in executive level positions, Hispanics are ingrained in the fabric of our strong Nation. As the largest and fastest growing minority in the United States, Hispanic participation in all segments of society is not only essential but apparent. It should not be surprising, then, that Hispanics also serve our nation in one of its most patriotic duties—the heroic defense of our country.

During World War II, Hispanics served in greater proportions than any other minority in the U.S. Armed Forces with the number of Hispanics serving likely peaking at well over 400,000. Although proper record keeping of Hispanics in the armed forces was not kept until after World War II, we have a multitude of accounts of Hispanic participation. One famous example is Company E of the 141st Regiment of the 36th Texas Infantry Division, which was made up entirely of Spanish-speaking Americans. For their notable service they were awarded 1,685 Bronze Stars, 492 Silver Stars, 31 Distinguished Service Crosses, 12 Legions of Merit, and 11 Soldier's Medals.

One individual example is Staff Sergeant Ysmael R. Villegas. A California native, he served in the United States Army during World War II. At the Battle of Luzon in the Philippines, he stepped up to lead his squad in a counterattack of the enemy and single-handedly cleared five installations of heavy machineguns. Upon taking the sixth and final area of firing, and at only twenty-one years old, Staff Sergeant Villegas was killed in action. For his bravery, President Harry Truman posthumously awarded him the Medal of Honor.

There are countless stories of heroism like Staff Sergeant Villegas'. Hispanics disproportionately earned more Medals of Honor in the 20th Century than any other major subgroup. From the Civil War to the Vietnam War, there have been thirty-nine Hispanic Americans who have received the Medal of Honor. Twenty-two of them sacrificed their lives in combat in service to the United States Navy, Army, and Marines.

According to the latest Census, there are over 1.1 million living Hispanic veterans of the U.S. Armed Forces. And this number is expanding. Since November 2006, 25,300 Hispanics have been deployed for service. According to the Department of Defense, Hispanics have endured the most deaths for a minority group in Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom. Our country honors their service as well as those who have served in the past.

I encourage all Americans to take the opportunity to recognize and continue to learn about the role Hispanics played in World War II and throughout our nation's history. It is an integral part of the American story. Without these contributions and sacrifices, America would not be what it is today.

TRIBUTE TO MRS. CINDY CARLSON

HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKY

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 16, 2007

Mr. VISCLOSKY. Madam Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I stand before you today to honor Mrs. Cindy Carlson upon her retirement from her position as Secretary for Sub-District 5, District 7 of the United Steelworkers. I have known Cindy for many years, and she is one of the most involved citizens I have ever known, especially when it comes to her service to the United Steelworkers. Cindy has been a member of the staff at District 7 for an astonishing 31 years, and her contributions to the organization are immeasurable. For her efforts and many contributions to Sub-District 5,

District 7 and the United Steelworkers, there will be a retirement celebration in Cindy's honor on Friday, April 20, 2007, at Andorra Banquets in Schererville, Indiana.

Cindy Carlson was born and raised in Saint John, Indiana. She began her career with the United Steelworkers of America in 1976 as Staff Secretary in what was then Sub-District 2 of District 31. From there, Cindy moved up to become the Secretary for the SubDistrict 2 Director, a position she held from 1981–1988. Then in 1988, recognizing Cindy's skills and abilities, Director Jack Parton assigned Cindy to the position of Secretary for the Assistant Director and the Civil Rights/Safety and Health Coordinator. Though these new responsibilities would have been enough for most people, Cindy also took on the position of Secretary for the District 31 Steelworkers Organization of Active Retirees (SOAR). From there, Cindy went on to become Executive Secretary to the Director of District 31 in 1995. After re-districting took place in 1996, and District 31 changed to District 7, Cindy was reassigned to the Organizing Department. During this time, her experience and expertise was fully utilized, as she served in many secretarial capacities with District 7. Finally, in 2004, Cindy was awarded the position of SubDistrict 5 Secretary, which she held until her retirement on March 1, 2007. During this time, she also served as Secretary for the District 7 Women of Steel and for the Contracting-Out Coordinator, Mike Mezo.

In addition to the impressive career Cindy has had with District 7, she has also served as a dedicated member of the International United Steelworkers Clerical Union, Local 3657, where she once again utilized her many talents as a member of several committees. Cindy's knowledge of the Union and her field, along with her complete commitment to improving conditions for the steelworkers in her district, has made her one of the most well-respected individuals the First Congressional District has produced. While she will remain in contact with those with whom she has worked, her daily presence will surely be missed by all of her colleagues.

Now retired, Cindy is committed to spending her time with those closest to her, her family. A devoted wife, mother, and grandmother, Cindy's commitment to the United Steelworkers and its members is surpassed only by her dedication to her family. Cindy and her husband, Lyle, remain in Northwest Indiana. They have been blessed with one daughter, Heather, and her husband Chad, as well as Cindy's loving grandson, Alex, whom she truly adores. While Cindy will be enjoying her retirement with them, and with her mother, Ellen Hogan, there is no doubt that Cindy will remain committed to several organizations, including the Tri-Town Labor/Democratic Organization, which she founded in 2005, the Saint John Junior Women's Club, the VFW Post 717 Ladies' Auxiliary, and of course, SOAR.

Madam Speaker, Cindy Carlson has given her time and efforts selflessly to the members of the United Steelworkers for the past 31 years. At this time, I ask that you and all of my distinguished colleagues join me in wishing her the best upon her retirement and commending her for her lifetime of service and dedication.

RECOGNIZING KEVIN AARON LEWIS FOR ACHIEVING THE RANK OF EAGLE SCOUT

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 16, 2007

Mr. GRAVES. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Kevin Aaron Lewis, 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 264, and in earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Kevin has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Kevin has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community.

Madam Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Kevin Aaron Lewis for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. TOM FEENEY

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 16, 2007

Mr. FEENEY. Madam Speaker, I would like to express my regret for missing votes on the House floor on Monday, March 26, 2007. I was delayed in my district as a result of a canceled flight.

TRIBUTE TO MR. DAVID J. LYNCH

HON. BILL SALI

OF IDAHO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 16, 2007

Mr. SALI. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor and express appreciation for Mr. David J. Lynch of Meridian, Idaho. Mr. Lynch is not only a great Idahoan, he is also a great American. He served our country as an enlisted member of the U.S. Navy and served in World War II on the USS *Tappahannock*. His life of service did not end with the war. He has continued to give his time and energy freely up until this very day as a grassroots volunteer for the Jade Bar-Shalom Books for Israel Project.

As Rena Cohen, a co-founder of the Project has said: Mr. Lynch "is a most extraordinary citizen of the United States and has done much to extend the hand of friendship and solidarity of the people of the United States to the children of Israel threatened by terrorism, and sadly, deprived of basic learning materials as funding for Israel's public school system has of necessity been diverted to defense during the last few years."

Jade Bar-Shalom Books for Israel Project provides used English books that are still in good condition to school libraries in Israel and is an excellent example of what can be done when committed individuals sacrifice time and energy for the sake of a cause greater than themselves.

Mr. Lynch should be honored for a lifetime of service not only to Idaho and the United States, but also to those in need in a very troubled part of the world. It is for that reason that I rise to ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing this fine American.

RECOGNIZING EVAN WRIGHT FOR ACHIEVING THE RANK OF EAGLE SCOUT

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 16, 2007

Mr. GRAVES. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Evan Wright, 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 264, and in earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Evan has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Evan has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community.

Madam Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Evan Wright for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

IN RECOGNITION OF GERALD A. ESPOSITO

HON. NYDIA M. VELÁZQUEZ

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 16, 2007

Ms. VELÁZQUEZ. Madam Speaker, I rise today on the floor of the U.S. House of Representatives to recognize Gerald (Gerry) A. Esposito, District Manager of Community Board 1 in Brooklyn, leader within our community, and lifetime resident of the Greenpoint-Williamsburg community, for 30 years of public service.

Born on March 7, 1954 at St. Catherine's Hospital on Bushwick Avenue, Gerald is a product of Brooklyn Public Schools. As he moved on in his academic career, receiving a bachelors of science from the C.U.N.Y. Graduate Center, and a masters degree in public administration at John Jay College of Criminal Justice. Gerry remained loyal to the city of New York and later he successfully graduated from the city's Executive Training "Top Forty Program".

While in college, Gerry became interested in community and public service. Volunteering with the Boy Scouts of America, VISTA, and the Peace Corps, his dedication to improving the community was obvious to all. After gaining employment in the nonprofit and local government sectors, in 1977 he was hired by the Community Board No. 1—the youngest district manager in the city of New York. Thirty years later, there is no aspect of that board that has not been enriched by his guidance. A strong advocate for the delivery of city services to the community, he has successfully addressed a complex range of matters relating to the public welfare, the district, and its residents.

In addition to the long years of public service, Gerald's commitment to the residents of Brooklyn has been unyielding. Socially conscious and philanthropic, Mr. Esposito is a loyal supporter and member of various fraternal organizations and alumni associations. President of the Seneca Club, Scout Master of Troop 604, and appointed Chairman of the Boy Scouts of America in the Lenape Bay District are just a few of the many roles our residents rely on this advocate's generosity to fill. It is truly uplifting to know that Williamsburg/Greenpoint has invested their trust in a public servant, wholeheartedly dedicated to the betterment of our community.

Therefore, Madam Speaker, I rise with my colleagues in the House of Representatives to honor the 30 years of public service and contributions of Gerald A. Esposito in Williamsburg and Greenpoint in Brooklyn, New York.

TRIBUTE TO MALDEN CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL ON THE OCCASION OF THE 75TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE SCHOOL

HON. EDWARD J. MARKEY

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 16, 2007

Mr. MARKEY. Madam Speaker, I am proud to say that on April 29, 2007, my alma mater Malden Catholic High School will celebrate 75 years of Xaverian Brothers education in my hometown of Malden, Massachusetts.

Since 1932, Malden Catholic has graduated over 8,000 alumni. Currently, 700 young men from over 45 Massachusetts cities and towns are educated at Malden Catholic.

Malden Catholic has created a community of faith that promotes the dignity of all. The high school is dedicated to the spiritual, intellectual, creative, social, and physical development of its students.

In 2006, Malden Catholic was named "One of America's Top 50 Catholic High Schools" by the Catholic High School Honor Roll.

Malden Catholic was honored in 1999 when it was named "One of America's Outstanding High Schools" by US News & World Report.

The Malden Catholic Community embraces the challenge put forward in its mission, "Plus Ultra," which means "More Beyond." The Community as a whole works diligently to ensure that a Malden Catholic education continues to be available to a variety of deserving young men from a variety of social and economic backgrounds.

Madam Speaker, I offer my heartfelt congratulations to Malden Catholic High School as the school celebrates 75 years of excellence. I thank the faculty, alumni, students, and parents who make Malden Catholic one of the greatest high schools in America.

TRIBUTE TO ARNIE C. GLASSBERG

HON. FORTNEY PETE STARK

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 16, 2007

Mr. STARK, Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Arnie C. Glassberg, Superintendent of the San Lorenzo Unified School

District in San Leandro, California. Mr. Glassberg is retiring after having served as an educator and administrator for 37 years. He has been employed by the San Lorenzo Unified School District for the last eight years, serving as Assistant Superintendent of Business Services and currently as Superintendent.

Mr. Glassberg began his career in education as a junior high school teacher and counselor. After leaving the classroom he spent several years in special education as a program specialist, assistant and principal. With several years of school site level experience behind him, Mr. Glassberg accepted a position as Director of Instruction for a unified school district. While in that position he was asked to move from education to business support and assume the position of acting assistant superintendent, business services.

For the next 22 years, Mr. Glassberg worked as a chief business official and deputy superintendent in a variety of school districts where he was responsible for the construction of new schools and the modernization of old schools.

As Assistant Superintendent of Business Services at the San Lorenzo Unified School District, Mr. Glassberg was instrumental in the development of a partnership with Dell Computers. This partnership resulted in an eLearning project that put laptops in the hands of almost 5,000 students.

As Superintendent, Mr. Glassberg was instrumental in the development of Small Learning Communities to better serve high school students. The Small Learning Communities are based on student interest in building strong relationships with teachers during their high school years. The San Lorenzo Unified School District now offers six Small Learning Communities as well as a traditional high school program to enhance students' learning experience.

Mr. Glassberg has many professional and personal achievements of which he can be proud. He has been asked to share his many years of expertise and experience in education related matters at numerous conferences. He is certified in a number of education specialties.

On May 15, 2007, Mr. Glassberg will be honored at a reception. I join his colleagues and admirers in thanking him for his service to our students and teachers. He is an exemplary educator and an administrator who has left his mark and made a positive difference.

RECOGNIZING JOSHUA PATRICK ZANS FOR ACHIEVING THE RANK OF EAGLE SCOUT

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 16, 2007

Mr. GRAVES. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Joshua Patrick Zans, 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 264, and in earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Joshua has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Joshua has been involved with

scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community.

Madam Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Joshua Patrick Zans for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

TRIBUTE TO THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE SUSQUEHANNA COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY AND FREE LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

HON. CHRISTOPHER P. CARNEY

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 16, 2007

Mr. CARNEY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 100th anniversary of the Susquehanna County Historical Society and Free Library Association. The Susquehanna County Historical Society and Free Library serve all of Susquehanna County, providing books, services, education, and historical information to all of the residents of Susquehanna County.

The Cope family of Philadelphia and Dimock had expressed interest in the founding of a free public library, and working with the Historical Society, in 1907 merged to better serve the people of Susquehanna County. The Historical Society and Library headquarters were opened in 1907 at the corner of Monument Square and Maple Street in Montrose. The building was expanded in 1957, adding a museum space and a Children's room. In the first year of the Library's operation, circulation was almost 14,000, and last year in 2006, circulation was a quarter of a million.

The Library now serves as a headquarters for the county library system. Three other locations throughout the county also offer books, CD's, videos, computers and internet access, and other services and materials to all of Susquehanna County. The access is not limited to those who are able to visit the library, but all inhabitants of Susquehanna County. Programs such as Books-by-Mail, Books-on-Wheels and Books for the Blind allow books to reach residents throughout the county. Outreach librarians bring collections of books and other items to deposit stations, as well as throughout the county to classrooms, day cares, nursing homes, and preschools.

The Historical Society and Museum, founded by W.C. Cruser, occupies the top floor of the Montrose building. The Museum charges no admission and draws thousands of visitors every year from throughout Susquehanna County. Described as a "jewel of the county," the museum's incredible collections of art, toys, photographs, tools, clothing, weapons, and other artifacts serve as a testament to the history of Susquehanna County.

In closing, madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing the Susquehanna County Historical Society and Free Library Association for their 100 years of distinguished service to Susquehanna County and the United States of America.

TRIBUTE TO JOSEPH TOMASI

HON. MARCY KAPTUR

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 16, 2007

Ms. KAPTUR. Madam Speaker, on April 9, our community lost a giant of a man dedicated to the greater good and betterment of all. Joseph Tomasi, lifetime labor union leader and resident of Ohio, passed from this life to the next at the age of 86 after a decade long and valiant struggle with kidney disease. He loved his family and community and devoted his noble life to the cause of working men and women.

For nearly all his life, Mr. Tomasi built the labor movement within Ohio and America. In an effort to stand up for what he believed in, Mr. Tomasi lost his first job because of participation in union activities, and later dedicated his life to this cause. He served our Nation during World War II in the United States Army and was awarded the Purple Heart medal. When he returned, Mr. Tomasi continued to exhibit his dedication to his community by working as the director of Region 2B for the United Auto Workers for 17 years. Even after retirement, Mr. Tomasi helped to establish and served on the board for the Northwest Ohio Cooperative Labor Management Center at the University of Toledo. His efforts there saved thousands of jobs in our region through careful attention to negotiated workouts and settlements and gained respect from all involved.

Joe Tomasi showed compassion to all. He gave back to the community every chance he was given. He served on numerous boards and committees throughout the Northwest Ohio area, always striving to help bridge the gap between management and labor.

Mr. Tomasi's calm and collected manner, his keen insight and unbounding enthusiasm will be missed by all. He always fought for the underdog—in his profession, his community, and his politics. His spirit inspired all those who knew him. May God royally bless him for a life lived for others. We extend our deepest sympathies to Mr. Tomasi's daughter, son, grandchildren, brothers and sister and extended family. We know Joe joins his childhood sweetheart, Evelyn, in the heavens beyond.

RECOGNIZING JOSEPH WHALON
FOR ACHIEVING THE RANK OF
EAGLE SCOUT

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 16, 2007

Mr. GRAVES. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Joseph Whalon, 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 264, and in earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Joseph has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Joseph has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community.

Madam Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Joseph Whalon for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

SAFETEA-LU TECHNICAL
CORRECTIONS ACT

SPEECH OF

HON. HARRY E. MITCHELL

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 26, 2007

Mr. MITCHELL. Mr. Speaker, I rise to thank our Chairman, JAMES OBERSTAR, for his dedication to our Nation's highways, and for his willingness to work with me on an issue of great importance to Arizona as H.R. 1195 continues its way through the legislative process.

H.R. 1195 makes technical corrections to the law that funds our Nation's highways: the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users ("SAFETEA-LU").

Unfortunately, when the law was drafted, Arizona was left out of a key provision. That provision concerns the Federal funding share that is made available for certain highway projects.

Under existing law, the Federal Government is supposed to assume a larger share for Federal highway projects in states with large portions of Federal lands.

Currently, SAFETEA-LU identifies 6 such states with large amounts of public land.

Unfortunately, Arizona . . . which ranks 3rd in the Nation in public lands . . . was left off that list.

I believe this was a mistake, and should be corrected along with all the other mistakes that H.R. 1195 addresses.

At the time SAFETEA-LU was initially drafted, no one from Arizona served on the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, and thus, there was no one to bring this omission to the Committee's attention.

I am now proud to serve on that committee.

When we marked up H.R. 1195 earlier this month, I offered an amendment to add Arizona to the list of states with large amounts of public lands which are supposed to receive a higher Federal share.

My amendment was budget-neutral. It would have cost nothing. It would not have reduced any other state's highway funding. Rather, it would have merely given our state . . . a state with more public lands than 47 other states . . . the flexibility it needs to allocate its Federal funding between our various highway projects.

At the Chairman's request, and in exchange for his commitment to work with me on this issue as H.R. 1195 goes to conference committee, I withdrew my amendment. I know the Chairman understands how important this is to Arizona, and I am grateful for his assistance.

I would also like to publicly thank Senator JON KYL, who has been a champion of this issue for years. He has fought hard for this in the Senate, and I know he will do the same again this year. I look forward to working with him as well, for the good of Arizona, when the bill reaches conference committee.

IN HONOR OF THE EQUALITY
RIDERS

HON. JERROLD NADLER

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 16, 2007

Mr. NADLER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to an extraordinary group of young adults—The Equality Riders—who have dedicated 2 months of their lives, traveling thousands of miles, visiting 32 colleges and universities around the country and talking to countless students, faculty members and staff in pursuit of social justice.

The spirit of The Equality Ride was born out of the recognition that homophobia is globally pervasive and that no country, state, city, community or school escapes its reach. The Equality Ride offers a unique opportunity for student activists to dedicate their time and energy in the pursuit of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgendered equality through the practice of nonviolent resistance and educational campaigns.

I embrace the spirit of The Equality Ride and these leaders in the fight for social justice. The participants of the Equality Ride as well as its supporters have changed numerous lives, raised awareness and challenged notions regarding homosexuality through both on and off campus activities.

While conducting their work on the various campuses, riders confront some of their harshest critics and engage in structured dialogue with the academic community through classroom presentations, panel discussions, school-wide forums and film screenings as well as informal interactions. Outside of the college and university campuses, communities have welcomed the riders to share in worship, potlucks, fundraisers and meetings.

I applaud these riders and their supporters who have tirelessly waged a campaign of truth based on the nonviolent practices of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and Mahatma Gandhi to end the cycle of fear and misunderstanding that causes this vicious form of prejudice. As the Chairman of the Subcommittee on the Constitution, Civil Rights and Civil Liberties, it is my great honor to pay tribute to these visionary young people and congratulate them on their courage, determination and dedication.

RECOGNIZING ALEX J. MARTIN
FOR ACHIEVING THE RANK OF
EAGLE SCOUT

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 16, 2007

Mr. GRAVES. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Alex J. Martin, 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 264, and in earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Alex has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Alex has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community.

Madam Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Alex J. Martin for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

CONGRATULATING KATY
 RHOADES, ELIZABETH GHELETA
 AND PATRICIA BROWN ON BEING
 AWARDED A JEFFERSON AWARD
 FOR PUBLIC SERVICE

HON. TOM LANTOS

OF CALIFORNIA

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Mr. LANTOS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to bring attention to three remarkable women in my Congressional District in California. These women are distinguished recipients of the prestigious Jefferson Award for Public Service in 2006. I would like to express my own personal gratitude to these women and share their stories with my colleagues.

Katy Rhoades is an extraordinary volunteer who has devoted herself to improving the quality of life of people with disabilities. She became an advocate for the disabled when her son, Kit, was first diagnosed with spina bifida. Katy left a career in the insurance industry to care full-time for her son. While she worked tirelessly with Kit, she also managed to find the time and energy to work with others with disabilities in San Mateo County. I am happy to announce that her son, now 21, has become a successful, independent young man and is currently enrolled at Cañada College in Redwood City. Katy has continually given of herself, tirelessly advocating for people with disabilities.

Her work on behalf of disabled people includes serving on the San Mateo County

Commission on Disabilities, the Health Plan of San Mateo, the Meals on Wheels Coalition, New Beginning Coalition and the Second Harvest Food Bank. Katy has also worked with the California Children Services and the Far-West Wheelchair Sports Association. Katy developed the "Transition to Independence Fair" to help children with disabilities as they grow into adulthood. This unique fair now takes place every other year and is growing in importance. Katy Rhoades is an incredible ally and friend to people with disabilities. She has made her community in the Bay Area a better place for everyone.

Madam Speaker, Elizabeth Gheleta is another recent winner of the Jefferson Award. She has helped rebuild the lives of thousands of San Mateo County jail inmates and former inmates, and has also provided support and assistance to their children and families.

A long, distinguished career with the San Mateo County Service League has made Elizabeth Gheleta an invaluable and integral part of the agency's history. When Proposition 13 closed down the Service League in 1978, Elizabeth took on a leadership role that salvaged it. She built the Service League into a well-established, non-profit community organization with 25 staff members and over 500 dedicated volunteers.

This tireless and visionary woman expanded local in-jail resources to include educational programs, religious services, substance abuse counseling, and life skills to aid in the transition back into society. Elizabeth's success with the Service League has resulted in similar programs that have given hundreds of former inmates and their families a second chance in life.

Elizabeth Gheleta has spent 38 years with the Service League, and her recent retirement will leave a large void in the agency, but we can all take comfort in the knowledge that she leaves behind a strong and essential pillar of

our community. She refused to give up on prison inmates and has given countless men and women the skills and support they need in order to return to productive lives in our society.

Madam Speaker, the third, and certainly not last, extraordinary woman I want to tell you about is Patricia Brown, who has retired from the Peninsula Conflict Resolution Center after 20 years of service. She has been the Executive Director of PCRC since 1992, guiding the non-profit organization in its mission to provide conflict management and resolution services in San Mateo County. This remarkable organization has grown under Patricia's leadership and today trains people to communicate and solve problems together, through constructive means. Through her vision and commitment, conflict resolution today not only involves adults, but children in school as well.

Patricia is also an active community volunteer, involving herself in the creation and development of a number of partnerships, including development of the Multi-Option Alternative Dispute Resolution Program. She has served on the California Judicial Council's Collaborative Justice Courts Advisory Committee and was involved in an innovative alliance of San Mateo County non-profits known as Thrive. A founding member of the California Dispute Resolution Council and its non-profit partner, the California Dispute Resolution Institute, Patricia can point to countless success stories relating to successful conflict resolution.

Madam Speaker, let me recognize with great pride Katy Rhoades, Elizabeth Gheleta and Patricia Brown, three women who have devoted their lives to making our community a stronger, safer and more vibrant place to live. These women are gems in San Mateo County and an inspiration to all of us. I am honored to be able to highlight their accomplishments.

SENATE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Title IV of Senate Resolution 4, agreed to by the Senate on February 4, 1977, calls for establishment of a system for a computerized schedule of all meetings and hearings of Senate committees, subcommittees, joint committees, and committees of conference. This title requires all such committees to notify the Office of the Senate Daily Digest—designated by the Rules Committee—of the time, place, and purpose of the meetings, when scheduled, and any cancellations or changes in the meetings as they occur.

As an additional procedure along with the computerization of this information, the Office of the Senate Daily Digest will prepare this information for printing in the Extensions of Remarks section of the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD on Monday and Wednesday of each week.

Meetings scheduled for Tuesday, April 17, 2007 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED

APRIL 18

Time to be announced

Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

Business meeting to consider the nomination of Gregory B. Cade, of Virginia, to be Administrator of the United States Fire

Administration, Department of Homeland Security.

S-216, Capitol

9:30 a.m.

Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry

To hold hearings to examine economic challenges and opportunities facing American agricultural producers today, focusing on livestock, poultry and competition issues.

SD-106

Armed Services

Airland Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine whether the Army is properly sized, organized, and equipped to respond to the most likely missions over the next two decades while retaining adequate capability to respond to all contingencies along the spectrum of combat in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2008 and the Future Years Defense Program.

SR-222

10 a.m.

Finance

To hold hearings to examine the Administration's plan for reducing the tax gap, focusing on goals, benchmarks, and timetables.

SD-215

Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

Business meeting to markup S. 1082, to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to reauthorize and amend the prescription drug user fee provisions, and the nominations of Douglas G. Myers, of California, Jeffrey Patchen, of Indiana, Lotsee Patterson, of Oklahoma, all to be Members of the National Museum and Library Services Board, Stephen W. Porter, of the District of Columbia, to be a Member of the National Council on the Arts, and Cynthia Allen Wainscott, of Georgia, to be a Member of the National Council on Disability.

SH-216

Commerce, Science, and Transportation
Interstate Commerce, Trade, and Tourism
Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine if "Free Trade" is working.

SR-253

Rules and Administration

To hold hearings to examine repealing the limitation on party expenditures on behalf of candidates in general elections.

SR-301

Small Business and Entrepreneurship

To hold hearings to examine Public Law 107-204 (Sarbanes Oxley Act) and small business addressing proposed regulatory changes and their impact on capital markets.

SR-428A

Appropriations

State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2008 for maternal and child health, and family planning and reproductive health.

SD-124

Veterans' Affairs

Business meeting to markup the nomination of Thomas E. Harvey, of New York, to be an Assistant Secretary of Veterans Affairs (Congressional Affairs).

Room to be announced

2:15 p.m.

Library

Organizational business meeting to consider an original resolution authorizing expenditures for committee operations and committee's rules of procedure for the 110th Congress.

S-115, Capitol

2:30 p.m.

Appropriations

Energy and Water Development Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2008 for the Department of Energy.

SD-138

Environment and Public Works

To hold hearings to examine the nomination of Lieutenant General Robert L. Van Antwerp, Jr. to be Chief of Engineers and Commanding General of the United States Army Corps of Engineers.

SD-406

Commerce, Science, and Transportation
Oceans, Atmosphere, Fisheries, and Coast Guard Subcommittee

To hold oversight hearings to examine the President's budget request for fiscal year 2008 for the United States Coast Guard.

SR-253

Printing

Organizational business meeting to consider an original resolution authorizing expenditures for committee operations and committee's rules of procedure for the 110th Congress.

S-115, Capitol

3 p.m.

Armed Services

Readiness and Management Support Subcommittee

Personnel Subcommittee

To hold joint hearings to examine the readiness impact of quality of life and family support programs to assist families of Active Duty, National Guard, and Reserve military personnel in review of the Defense Authorization Request for Fiscal Year 2008 and the Future Years Defense Program.

SR-232A

9:30 p.m.

Foreign Relations

To hold hearings to examine the nominations of R. Niels Marquardt, of California, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Madagascar, and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador to the Union of Comoros, Janet E. Garvey, of Massachusetts, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Cameroon, and Phillip Carter, III, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Guinea.

SD-419

APRIL 19

9 a.m.

Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

To hold hearings to examine the impact of global warming on private and federal insurance.

SD-342

9:30 a.m.

Armed Services

To hold hearings to receive testimony on the Department of Defense's management of costs under the Logistics Civil Augmentation Program (LOGCAP) contract in Iraq.

SD-106

Judiciary

To hold oversight hearings to examine the Department of Justice.

SH-216

10 a.m.

Appropriations

Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2008 for the Department of Justice.

SD-192

Finance

To hold hearings to examine grains, cane, and automobiles relating to tax incentives for alternative fuels and vehicles.

SD-215

Judiciary

To hold hearings to examine S. 1079, to establish the Star-Spangled Banner and War of 1812 Bicentennial Commission, S. 495, to prevent and mitigate identity theft, to ensure privacy, to provide notice of security breaches, and to enhance criminal penalties, law enforcement assistance, and other protections against security breaches, fraudulent access, and misuse of personally identifiable information, S. 221, to amend title 9, United States Code, to provide for greater fairness in the arbitration process relating to livestock and poultry contracts, S. 495, to prevent and mitigate identity theft, to ensure privacy, to provide notice of security breaches, to provide notice of criminal penalties, law enforcement assistance, and other protections against security breaches, fraudulent access, and misuse of personally identifiable information, S. 376, to amend title 18, United States Code, to improve the provisions relating to the carrying of concealed weapons by law enforcement officers, S. 119, to prohibit profiteering and fraud relating to military action, relief, and reconstruction efforts, S. 735, to amend title 18, United States Code, to improve the terrorist hoax statute, H.R. 740, to amend title 18, United States Code, to prevent caller ID spoofing, and the nominations of Robert Gideon Howard, Jr., of Arkansas, to be United States Marshal for the Eastern District of Arkansas, Frederick J. Kapala, of Illinois, to be

United States District Judge for the Northern District of Illinois, and Benjamin Hale Settle, of Washington, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Washington; and the possibility of the issuance of certain subpoenas in connection with the investigation into the replacement of United States Attorneys.

SD-226

Appropriations

Military Construction and Veterans' Affairs, and Related Agencies Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2008 for military construction for the Army, Navy, and Marine Corps.

SD-138

Commerce, Science, and Transportation Science, Technology, and Innovation Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine United States competitiveness through basic research.

SR-253

Appropriations

Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine rising highway fatalities.

SD-124

2 p.m.

Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

Federal Financial Management, Government Information, Federal Services, and International Security Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine the current state of the Postal Service along with the efforts underway to implement the Postal Accountability and Enhancement Act (Public Law 109-435).

SD-342

2:30 p.m.

Armed Services

Strategic Forces Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2008 for the military space programs in review of the Defense Authorization Request and the Future Years Defense Program; with the possibility of a closed session in SR-222 following the open session.

SR-232A

Intelligence

To receive a closed briefing on certain intelligence matters.

S-407, Capitol

10 p.m.

Aging

To hold hearings to examine bioidentical hormones.

SD-562

APRIL 20

9:30 a.m.

Appropriations

Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2008 for

the National Institutes of Health, focusing on the burden of chronic diseases.

SD-116

APRIL 23

3 p.m.

Energy and Natural Resources

To hold hearings to examine S. 1115, to promote the efficient use of oil, natural gas, and electricity, reduce oil consumption, and heighten energy efficiency standards for consumer products and industrial equipment.

SD-366

APRIL 24

9:30 a.m.

Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

Disaster Recovery Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine trailers, focusing on creating more flexible, efficient, and cost-effective Federal Disaster Housing Program.

SD-342

Armed Services

To hold hearings to receive testimony on United States Pacific Command, United States Forces Korea, and United States Special Operations Command in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2008 and the Futures Years Defense Program.

SH-216

10 a.m.

Commerce, Science, and Transportation

To hold hearings to examine communications, broadband and competitiveness relating to how the United States measures up.

SR-253

Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

To hold hearings to examine No Child Left Behind Reauthorization, focusing on modernizing middle and high schools for the twenty-first century.

SD-628

Judiciary

Human Rights and the Law Subcommittee To hold hearings to examine the casualties of war focusing on child soldiers and the law.

SD-226

2:30 p.m.

Judiciary

To hold hearings to examine the Insurrection Act rider and the state control of the National Guard.

SD-226

APRIL 25

2 p.m.

Armed Services

Emerging Threats and Capabilities Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine language technology and training for the Department of Defense.

SR-325

Veterans' Affairs

To hold an oversight hearing to examine the Department of Veterans Affairs, focusing on mental health issues.

SR-418

2:30 p.m.

Commerce, Science, and Transportation Business meeting to consider pending calendar business.

SR-253

APRIL 26

9:30 a.m.

Armed Services

To hold hearings to receive testimony on legal issues regarding individuals detained by the Department of Defense as unlawful enemy combatants.

SH-216

10 a.m.

Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions Employment and Workplace Safety Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine if the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) is working for working people.

SD-628

Commerce, Science, and Transportation Science, Technology, and Innovation Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine clean coal technology.

SR-253

2:30 p.m.

Commerce, Science, and Transportation Consumer Affairs, Insurance, and Automotive Safety Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine All-Terrain Vehicle (ATV) safety.

SR-253

MAY 3

2:30 p.m.

Commerce, Science, and Transportation To hold hearings to examine pending nominations.

SR-253

MAY 9

9:30 a.m.

Veterans' Affairs

To hold hearings to examine on benefits legislation.

SD-562

MAY 16

10 a.m.

Veterans' Affairs

To hold hearings to examine the nomination of Michael K. Kussman, of Massachusetts, to be Under Secretary for Health of the Department of Veterans Affairs.

SD-562

MAY 23

9:30 a.m.

Veterans' Affairs

To hold hearings to examine on health legislation.

SD-562