

# EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

IN RECOGNITION OF DR. BARBARA WARREN'S 20TH ANNIVERSARY AT THE LGBT CENTER

**HON. JERROLD NADLER**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 29, 2008*

Mr. NADLER. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Dr. Barbara Warren who is celebrating 20 years of service, dedication and hard work at the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Center in New York City.

Dr. Warren joined the staff of the center in 1988 as a psychologist and only healthcare professional within the staff of six. Today, the Center has a staff of nearly 80 with a third of those in service to health programs created under her leadership. Dr. Warren is one of the greatest resources to be found at the Center, a font of information and a tireless worker for the LGBT Community and all New Yorkers.

Dr. Warren has created numerous health programs, many the first of their kind, which now serve as examples both nationally and internationally. This array of programs include programs concerning HIV/AIDS, Crystal Meth, Bereavement, Alcohol, Substance and Tobacco Abuse, the Lesbian Cancer Initiative, the Gender Identity Project and the new Center CARE Recovery. Center CARE Recovery is the first licensed, outpatient LGBT-specific alcohol and substance abuse recovery program in New York State. Additionally, Dr. Warren created the Center Youth Program, Youth Enrichment Services (YES), 18 years ago, the first LGBT Youth program in the country, which has grown today to serve countless youth from all over the New York Metro area.

Barbara has been active for many years in helping to secure critically important funding for LGBT social service programs through the New York State Network of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Health and Human Services Providers, the National Association of LGBT Community Centers and the Harry Benjamin International Gender Dysphoria Association, and is also a Faculty Member at the New York State Academy of Addiction Studies and at the graduate programs of Fordham University, Hunter College, Columbia University and Yeshiva University.

Dr. Warren was the principal writer of the official state-sponsored (NYS Office of Alcohol and Substance Abuse Service's Training for Counselors) training curriculum, which addresses sensitivity to LGBT-specific needs.

Today I rise to recognize and congratulate Dr. Barbara Warren for 20 years of outstanding and dedicated service to the people of New York and for her groundbreaking work in the field of LGBT Social Services which has set the standard for such programs both nationally and internationally.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO**

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 29, 2008*

Ms. DELAURO. Madam Speaker, due to medical reasons I missed a series of procedural votes. Had I been present, I would have voted "aye" on Rollcall numbers 192, 193, 194 and 195.

RECOGNIZING NORTHWEST FLORIDA WAVES UNIT 52

**HON. JEFF MILLER**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 29, 2008*

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Madam Speaker, on behalf of the United States Congress, it is an honor for me to rise today to honor the Northwest Florida Women Accepted for Volunteer Emergency Services, WAVES, Unit 52 and recognize its members' past, present, and future service to our country.

Women had been serving the war effort for years before they became an official addition to the United States Navy in 1956. Tens of thousands of officers and enlisted women contributed significantly to the Allied success of WWII. After their role in the Navy was legitimized, WAVES National was formed to connect former servicewomen and enable them to share their stories and experiences.

It is with grateful appreciation that I address this organization of valiant women whose participation in the military has evolved from the unprecedented to the exemplary. At a time when the role of women in the war effort was limited, members of WAVES transgressed societal norms by dutifully and commendably serving in the Navy and uniting against the Axis Power. Now, over sixty years later, women serve in every branch of our armed forces. Heroic accounts detailing the patriotism of women both on the battlefield and behind the line have altered the perception of women's role in the military and redefined the archetypal soldier.

The Northwest Florida WAVES Unit 52 consists of 43 members, half of whom served in WWII. Their mission is to encourage "patriotism, loyalty, and devotion to God, country and family." Membership is limited to women and includes those who have served or are currently serving in the Navy, Naval Reserve or other military Sea Services. Additional service is allotted to the community as members engage in various activities that benefit the surrounding area.

The women of Waves Unit 52 have dedicated their lives to preserving the security of every American citizen. In conjunction with National Military Appreciation Month, we recognize the initial women of WAVES for employing a bold determination to serve in the

war effort and celebrate the outstanding service of all the women who decorate its membership. The women of WAVES have exuded exceptional patriotism and valor and the First District of Florida is honored to house this exemplary organization.

Madam Speaker, on behalf of the United States Congress, I am proud to recognize Northwest Florida WAVES Unit 52 for its honorable service and dedication.

COAST GUARD AUTHORIZATION ACT OF 2008

SPEECH OF

**HON. DONNA M. CHRISTENSEN**

OF VIRGIN ISLANDS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, April 24, 2008*

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 2830) to authorize appropriations for the Coast Guard for fiscal year 2008, and for other purposes:

Mrs. CHRISTENSEN. Mr. Chairman, I rise in support of H.R. 2830, "The Coast Guard Authorization Act" and would like to commend Chairman OBERSTAR and Ranking Member MICA for their work on the bill and their efforts in bringing it to the House floor today. The development of this bill has been a long process and a collaborative effort. We are pleased that it is before the House for passage. I would also like to commend Chairman THOMPSON, my colleagues on the Homeland Security Committee and staff for their work on the Port Security section of this legislation. I would like to thank Chairman CUMMINGS and Ranking Member LATOURETTE for theirs on Deepwater and their support of the Port Security provisions in H.R. 2830.

The United States Coast Guard has a broad and important role in homeland security, law enforcement, search and rescue, marine environmental pollution response, and the maintenance of river, Intracoastal and offshore aids to navigation. Yet it has been grossly underfunded and therefore understaffed and under-resourced. This bill provides much needed resources and capacity building to effectuate these changes without compromising security. In addition to increasing funding by \$8.4 billion and the bill provides a much needed increase from 1,500 coast guard personnel to 47,000.

There are many important provisions in the bill but I am particularly pleased with the provisions to improve Port Security, particularly for the Virgin Islands and the Caribbean. Section 419 of the bill authorizes the Secretary of Homeland Security to station additional Coast Guard assets in the U.S. Virgin Islands for port security and other purposes. Currently, the Virgin Islands are without a coast guard cutter and have to depend on Puerto Rico for use of their vessel. This provision is a step forward in establishing a permanent Coast Guard unit in the Virgin Islands.

Another very important issue to the Virgin Islands and the Caribbean is cruise security. It

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is estimated that 10.6 million Americans took a cruise from a U.S. port in 2007. These ports include locations in the U.S. Virgin Islands, Puerto Rico and points throughout the Caribbean. H.R. 2830 includes incident notification requirements that would enhance cruise ship security. This provision would make our ports more secure and thus more attractive to cruise ship travelers.

Enhancing Port Security has been a priority for the Homeland Security Committee and The Coast Guard Authorization Act of 2007 will give the Coast Guard much needed reform as well as strengthen our homeland security, protection of the marine environment and maritime safety. It reflects our commitment to improving port security.

We all remember with gratitude the stellar work of the U.S. Coast Guard during Hurricane Katrina. Were it not for them many more lives would have been lost. This bill is a down payment on the gratitude we owe them for this and their work in the waters of our Nation. I encourage my colleagues to support the bill and urge its final passage.

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CONGRATULATING THE WINONA  
STATE UNIVERSITY MEN'S COL-  
LEGE BASKETBALL TEAM

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**HON. MICHELE BACHMANN**

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 29, 2008*

Mrs. BACHMANN. Madam Speaker, I rise to congratulate the Winona State University Men's College Basketball team, winners of the NCAA Division 11 College Basketball Championship. A proud Warrior myself, I am honored to recognize the accomplishments of the team and its talented members, and to acknowledge the contributions they make to the University and its surrounding community.

I am especially proud of 3 Warriors from Minnesota's Sixth District: Mr. Ryan Gargaro, Mr. Travis Whipple, and Mr. Max Hintz, all of Woodbury. Their tireless hard work and dedication to their teammates and their University set a great example for all Winona State students.

Senior Ryan Gargaro and junior Travis Whipple are also to be commended for their brilliance off the court. Ryan was named to the 2005–2006 and 2006–2007 NSIC All-Academic Teams. Travis was also named to the 2006–2007 Team, and will be a key leader as he returns next season. Max Hintz is a freshman, and our eyes will be on him as he explores his great promise in the years to come.

Madam Speaker, it is my honor as a Winona State University Alum to congratulate the Men's College Basketball team on its second NCAA Division II Championship in its last 3 seasons. The contributions of its players and these Woodbury residents to the program and the greater University community will serve as a constant reminder to prospective and current students of the true pride and honor that goes in to being a Winona State Warrior.

COPPER SALMON WILDERNESS  
ACT

SPEECH OF

**HON. DAVID WU**

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 22, 2008*

Mr. WU. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of H.R. 3513, the Copper Salmon Wilderness Act. This bill, introduced by my friend, colleague and Dean of the Oregon delegation, Mr. DEFAZIO, would set aside nearly 13,000 acres in the headwaters of the Elk River on the southern coast of Oregon, and designate more than 11 additional miles of the river as either wild or scenic under the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act.

The Copper Salmon area contains one of the Nation's largest remaining stands of low-elevation old-growth forest and in the north fork of the Elk, one of the healthiest salmon, steelhead, and cutthroat trout runs in the continental United States.

Mr. Speaker, I cannot talk about the health of this great river without calling attention to the fact that the Pacific Coast salmon fishermen face one of the largest salmon fishery closures ever recorded in the United States. It is legislation like this that makes us realize the importance of looking into the future and to move in a direction that not only protects the fish, but also the local economy by providing habitat for more fish to flourish and survive into adulthood.

Mr. Speaker, it was poor natural resource management that has helped to create our recent salmon disasters and this bill offers a chance to head in another direction. The Oregon delegation and their friends in California and Washington have worked hard, and worked collectively to make sure that both salmon and our fishermen are protected.

I would like to thank you, Mr. Speaker, for your assistance in the past for disaster relief funds for our 1,200 salmon fishermen. I ask that you keep a watchful eye this season as the salmon fishermen of the Pacific face another closed season, another disaster declaration, and lost revenue.

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TRIBUTE TO CAPTAIN JACK B.  
HOWEY

**HON. MICHAEL A. ARCURI**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 29, 2008*

Mr. ARCURI. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Captain Jack B. Howey, a member of my Veterans Advisory Committee who passed away on April 14, 2008.

Captain Howey had 9 years of enlisted service and 18 years of commissioned service in the Active Duty Army, the Army Reserve and the New York Army National Guard. A veteran of the Korean War, he served as an advisor to the South Korean Army. He retired in 1974 from the 204th Engineer Battalion of the New York Army National Guard.

As the Director of the Tioga County Veterans Service Agency and as a member of my

Veterans Advisory Committee, he worked diligently to ensure that fellow veterans were getting all the benefits that they deserved in the quickest way possible. He particularly focused on ensuring that veterans had adequate transportation so that they could get to hospitals and outpatient clinics for medical treatment. He also shared his hard work with others by writing articles in the Owego Pennysaver to alert veterans of any news that might be of use to them.

Captain Howey was born on October 24, 1928 in Oneonta, New York, to the late Morris and Eva Burrell Howey. He leaves behind his wife, Audrey; sister, Maureen; son, Clark; stepdaughters Tammy and Ellen; and stepsons Mark, Tom and Henry. He is also survived by his grandchildren: Maria, Randi, Chance, Andrew, Amanda and Justin, and great-grandchildren: Christian, Justin and Shea.

He was involved in many organizations, including serving as past commander and life-long member of the Owego Veterans of Foreign Wars Post No. 1371 and as a member of the American Legion, Quiet Birdmen, Binghamton Hanger and Harris Hill Soaring Corporation. In addition to his work for veterans, Captain Howey was also an avid pilot who worked as a pilot instructor and examiner.

His exceptional dedication to veterans, as well as his own faithful service to his country and community, is to be commended. I express my deepest sympathies to Captain Howey's family, and the entire Tioga County community, for their loss.

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IN RECOGNITION OF SGT. KEVIN  
HALL AND THE POLICE UNITY  
TOUR

**HON. JAMES T. WALSH**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 29, 2008*

Mr. WALSH of New York. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Sgt. Kevin Hall of the Webster Police Department and the Police Unity Tour.

On May 9, 2008, Sgt. Hall will begin a trek to Washington, DC, consisting of 300 miles. He will stop in Liberty Park, New Jersey where he will join about 1,000 officers and continue to our Nation's capitol. The tour will finish in Washington, DC where groups from the north, south and west will converge. On Monday, May 12, the contingent of officers will bicycle to the National Law Enforcement Memorial, to honor all officers who died in the line of duty. This bicycle tour also marks the start of Law Enforcement Week.

Sgt. Kevin Hall has always strived to cheerfully serve and protect his fellow citizens and I am proud to recognize him today. I congratulate Sgt. Hall on joining this important group and I wish him the best in his training and journey. On behalf of the people of the 25th District of New York, I thank Officer Hall for his dedicated service that has been a strong pillar in the community.

RECOGNITION OF DR. ROBERT FRALEY OF ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI AS RECIPIENT OF THE NATIONAL ACADEMY OF SCIENCES' AWARD FOR THE INDUSTRIAL APPLICATION OF SCIENCE

**HON. W. TODD AKIN**

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 29, 2008*

Mr. AKIN. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Dr. Robert Fraley who was a recent recipient of the National Academy of Sciences' Award for the Industrial Application of Science.

Every three years, the National Academy of Sciences recognizes one individual for original scientific work of both intrinsic scientific importance and with significant, beneficial applications in industry. This year, Dr. Fraley was honored with this important distinction for developing technologies that have enabled the production of the world's first transgenic crops. These modified plants have increased productivity, reduced chemical use, and profoundly changed global agriculture.

Since the 1980s, Dr. Fraley has been involved in agricultural biotechnology. Often referred to as the father of agricultural biotechnology, Dr. Fraley currently oversees Monsanto's integral crop and seed agriscience biotechnology and research.

Throughout his distinguished career, Dr. Fraley has contributed to various significant agricultural development activities including authoring more than 100 publications and patent applications relating to technical advances in agricultural biotechnology. In 1999, Dr. Fraley received the National Medal of Technology from President Clinton and was awarded the National Award for Agricultural Excellence in Science by the National Agri-Marketing Association in 1995. Dr. Fraley has also been awarded the Monsanto Edgar M. Queeny Award in recognition of the discovery, development and successful commercialization of Roundup Ready® crops as well as the Monsanto Thomas and Hochwalt Award for recognition of the advances made in basic research in plant biology.

Dr. Fraley is a shining example of the innovative ideas and great leadership that we have in Missouri. I thank Dr. Fraley for his service to the St. Louis community and beyond. I ask that my colleagues join me in congratulating him on this important honor.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. ROBERT E. ANDREWS**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 29, 2008*

Mr. ANDREWS. Madam Speaker, I was not present on April 23, 2008. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea" on the following rollcall votes: rollcall 209, rollcall 210, rollcall 211, rollcall 212, rollcall 213, rollcall 214, rollcall 215, rollcall 217, and rollcall 219.

I would have voted "nay" on the following: rollcall 208 and rollcall 216.

TEACH ABOUT THE GENOCIDE OF ROMA

**HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 29, 2008*

Mr. HASTINGS of Florida. Madam Speaker, as Chairman of the Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe, I closely monitor incidents of racism and intolerance in the OSCE region. Today, I rise to address the need to foster greater knowledge of the genocide of Roma. I am moved to do so by some recent developments in the Czech Republic.

Too little is known, and too little is understood, about the genocide of Roma during World War II—and that ignorance manifests itself in many ways.

Last year, a tape recording emerged of a local housing committee meeting in the town of Ostrava in the eastern part of the Czech Republic. On this tape recording was the voice of Senator Liana Janackova, who was serving as a local mayor at the time the recording was made. And on this tape recording, Senator Janackova is heard to say: "Unfortunately, I am a racist. I disagree with the integration of Gypsies so that they would live across the area. Unfortunately, we have chosen the Bedriska (colony) and so they will stay there, with a high fence and with electricity." She was also heard to say that she had no place to move the Roma and would therefore like to dynamite them away.

News reports say that the Senator has since apologized and called her remarks "silly" and explained that they were not directed against all Roma, just some Roma.

Last week, this case was back in the news because the Czech Senate declined to lift Senator Janackova's immunity, a necessary step for prosecutors to charge her under the Czech Republic's laws that make defamation of a nation, ethnic group, race or faith a crime.

There has already been considerable criticism of the Czech Senate's 54 to 13 vote. According to news reports, those who voted against lifting Senator Janackova's immunity argued that she didn't make those remarks with a racist intent. Senator Janackova declared herself to be a racist and talked about dynamiting members of the Czech Republic's most persecuted minority, but they didn't think she had a racist intent. Frankly, I'm having a little trouble following that logic.

The fact is, this case illustrates one of the many ways in which hate speech laws stray from their original purpose and, often, don't work the way they were intended.

Now, I am not an advocate of hate speech laws as a means to address racism and intolerance. It is perhaps worth recalling that just a few years ago in the Czech Republic, a Romani woman cursed the wall that had been built in Usti nad Labem to separate Roma from non-Roma. In an extraordinary miscarriage of justice, she was convicted of hate speech for doing so. If not pardoned by Vaclav Havel, she would've gone to prison. And Romani activist Ondrej Gina was threatened with hate speech charges for saying his town was racist.

From where I stand, there are just too many cases where people are charged under hate speech laws not because they have fomented racial hatred, but because they have offended

the national or local government's political sensitivities.

So I am not here to make the case for prosecuting people for the content of their speech, or to argue that Senator Janackova should go to jail for what she said. Instead, I rise today to recommend that Senator Janackova visit the Romani camp at Auschwitz.

During World War II, Roma were targeted for death by the Nazis based on their ethnicity. At least 23,000 Roma were brought to Auschwitz—including many from the concentrations camps at Lety and Hodonin. Almost all of them perished in the gas chambers or from starvation, exhaustion, or disease. Some Romia also died at the hands of sadistic SS doctors, like Joseph Mengele. In fact, a young Czech woman, Dina Babbitt-Gottlieb, also interned at Auschwitz, was forced to paint portraits of Roma for Mengele, who particularly liked to conduct gruesome medical experiments on Roma.

On the night of August 2nd and 3rd, 1944, the order was given to liquidate the Romani camp at Auschwitz. In a single evening, 2,897 Romani men, women and children were killed in gas chambers. In the end, almost the entire Romani population of the Czech lands was exterminated during the Nazi occupation.

I don't know Senator Janackova. But I'd bet she has not been to the Romani camp at Auschwitz. Maybe she has not even been to the Museum of Roma Culture in Brno. Maybe she could view the collection of photographs of Czech Romani Holocaust victims that have been displayed in Prague. Maybe she could even help secure the resources to remove the pig farm from the site of the Lety concentration camp, as called for by many Romani activists and some government officials.

So I'm not calling for Senator Janackova go to jail. But I would like it if she could visit the Romani camp at Auschwitz. I think she would learn a lot there—she might even learn that words can have real consequences.

GREAT LOSS OF ALFRED BARNES

**HON. KATHY CASTOR**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 29, 2008*

Ms. CASTOR. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor of a great educator and leader, Alfred "Al" Barnes. The Tampa Bay community suffered a great loss on April 22, 2008 when he passed away.

Mr. Barnes grew up in the North Boulevard Homes in West Tampa and graduated from Middleton High School in 1956. He went on to Fort Valley State College on a full football scholarship, where he completed his Bachelor of Science. Upon graduation, Mr. Barnes began his career in education. His first assignment was as a P.E. teacher at the all-black Progress Village Elementary. But as segregation ended and Tampa worked to integrate its schools, Mr. Barnes was transferred to the then all-white Riverhills Elementary in 1965. It was a difficult time to be a black man in a white school, but Mr. Barnes' dedication to children and love of teaching moved him onward. In 1969 he became Tampa's first black varsity coach at Hillsborough High School, and for 25 years, he was the human relations specialist at Plant High School, helping at risk students.

Over his 40-year career in education. Mr. Barnes taught generations of Tampa students about acceptance and understanding, and his efforts are well remembered by them today. As Olga Barnes, his wife of 45 years puts it. "The children fell in love with him, and he fell in love with them." Tampa Mayor Pam Iorio, Mr. Barnes' former student, considers him a role model and appointed him to the Tampa Sports Authority. Carlye Morgan, a member of my staff in DC, is a graduate of Plant and was a member of the Student Advisory Committee, a student club that Mr. Barnes started to promote race relations and leadership at the school. She remembers his capacity to bring students of all backgrounds together to work on common goals. "He gave me the chance to be a leader at my school and taught me the power of mutual respect and acceptance. And students knew he was the type of teacher they could always come to if they needed help."

Outside of school. Mr. Barnes loved to scour flea markets for jewelry. A pocket watch and antiques collector, neighbors and friends rarely saw him without a healthy dose of his latest finds glittering back at them. As a member of First Baptist Church of College Hill, his collection of African artifacts was always a hit with the congregation during Black History Month.

Madam Speaker. Al Barnes will be greatly missed by me and my community. Tampa is a more loving and accepting place because of his dedication to our children. My thoughts are with Olga, his children Alfred and Zane, and his grandchildren, Luisa, Angelita, Andy, Brian, Kayla, and Kelsey.

#### HONORING GREENE COUNTY

### HON. DAVID DAVIS

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday April 29, 2008*

Mr. DAVID DAVIS of Tennessee. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Greene County and Greeneville, Tennessee. Both celebrated their 225th anniversary on April 26.

Greene County was originally formed by the North Carolina Legislature on April 26, 1783 and just two years later, it became part of the state of Tennessee during the split of the State of Franklin. Today it still shares the pristine mountains, abundant history, and rich culture that it did 225 years ago.

Greene County has become a thriving tourist destination with its abundant history and the many restorations throughout the county.

Located in the foothills of the Smoky Mountains, Greene County is one of the largest counties in Tennessee and hosts Greeneville, Tennessee's second oldest town.

Our 17th President, Andrew Johnson, who took the presidency after Abraham Lincoln, also calls Greene County home and is where he was finally laid to rest in 1875.

Celebrated hero, American folklore legend, and former Member of the United States House of Representatives, Davy Crockett was born in Greene County.

Tusculum College, which calls Greene County home, was founded in 1794 and is Tennessee's oldest college. Tusculum also is the oldest educational institution to be affiliated with the Presbyterian Church.

Greene County's Civil War ties are abundant and the county played a pivotal role in

the Civil War. The county was mostly made up of Unionist sympathizers and the Greeneville Convention of 1861 was Tennessee's largest and most important pro-Union meeting in the weeks prior to the Civil War. Furthermore, after the Confederate loss at the battle of Knoxville in 1863, General James Longstreet intended to stay the winter in Greeneville.

Greene County's historic production of burley tobacco led to prosperity in the late nineteenth century. After years of being one of the region's most important tobacco markets, the University of Tennessee Extension Service has invested in an experimental farm just outside of Greeneville which provides students with unique learning opportunities.

I would like to honor all who have had a hand in shaping the historic past of Greene County and those who will continue to shape Greene County for many years to come. Madam Speaker, as you can see, history, heritage, and culture are major characteristics of the First District, Greene County, and Greeneville. I ask my colleagues to honor and share Greene County and Greeneville's 225th anniversary celebration here today.

#### CONGRATULATING BRIDGER HIGH SCHOOL

### HON. DENNIS R. REHBERG

OF MONTANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 29, 2008*

Mr. REHBERG. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Bridger High School of Bridger, Montana for their 2008 Grammy Signature School Enterprise Award. With this prestigious award for academic excellence in music, Bridger High School receives a \$5,000 grant to use for improvement in their music department. These funds will also help this school's music department improve the quality of their program to a level that will allow them to compete for Grammy Signature School status in years to come.

The Grammy Signature School program was created by the Grammy Foundation in 1998. Through a stringent application process that begins in September with notifying over 20,000 schools nation-wide each school year, public high schools from a variety of large, small, urban, and rural districts are encouraged to send information regarding each school's music program. After each application is reviewed, finalists are chosen and then required to submit additional documentation including recordings of school concerts and programs. The Grammy screening committee then reviews each finalist to determine the winners. Bridger High School is the first school in Montana history to win the Enterprise Award.

Bridger, Montana is a small agricultural community of approximately 750 residents located in south-central Montana. Bridger High School is part of a K-12 school with 199 students. The music department has one teacher, Mrs. Michel Sticka. Since Mrs. Sticka joined the staff six years ago, the music department has grown from a handful of students to the exceptional program it is today. The fact that Mrs. Sticka has built this music program from the ground up is phenomenal, especially considering the relatively small size of the school. Her music program consists of a high school

choir, band, pep band, and jazz band, as well as a junior high cadet jazz band, 5th grade band and 6th–8th grade music.

All Montanans can be proud of this outstanding contribution to music education. The hard work and dedication of Mrs. Sticka and her students is certainly well-deserving of the 2008 Grammy Signature School Enterprise Award.

I ask that Mrs. Michel Sticka, Bridger High School, and the high school music students be added in my comments today.

Music Teacher: Mrs. Michel Sticka

Superintendent: Mr. John Ballard

Students: Benton Asbury, Katryna Asbury, Samantha Bobby, Jon Bostwick, Devon Cabellero, Jenny Cooke, Jessica Denney, Karissa DeRudder, Sommer Dykstra, Rebekah Edelman, Hayden Forsythe, Hannah Goetz, Jacey Griswold, Elliott McCarthy, Forrest McCarthy, Kimberly McClurg, Heidi Mudd, Wendi Mudd, Taran Murray, Lenore Pierson, Cole Schwend, Edward Stevenson, Andrea Sticka, Bailee Vaughn, Ryan Witt, Kyla Young, Tyler Young, Brittany Zentner.

#### RECOGNIZING DARKNESS TO LIGHT OF CHARLESTON, SOUTH CAROLINA DURING NATIONAL CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH

### HON. HENRY E. BROWN, JR.

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 29, 2008*

Mr. BROWN of South Carolina. Madam Speaker, as you know, April is Child Abuse Prevention Month. I would like to take this opportunity to tell you about an organization in my home town of Charleston, South Carolina that was started just eight years ago to prevent one of the most horrific aspects of child abuse: child sexual abuse.

Statistics show that one in four girls and one in six boys will be sexually abused by the age of 18. Further, 90 percent of child sexual abuse offenders are in an authority position over the children they are abusing, making it difficult for children to speak out or confront the abuse.

Ms. Anne Lee of Charleston founded Darkness to Light™ in 1999 with the core belief that adults should be responsible for the care and protection of children. Darkness to Light seeks to reduce the incidence of child sexual abuse by shifting the responsibility from children to adults. Their Stewards of Children™ training program teaches adults to prevent, recognize and react responsibly to child sexual abuse. It was recently named "Crime Prevention Program of the Year" by the National Crime Prevention Association.

This training program is being utilized by youth-serving organizations, as well as individuals and businesses who want to respond to the epidemic nature of this problem. Darkness to Light also offers Stewards program in a fully interactive, on-line format.

To date, over 120,000 adults in 47 U.S. States and territories—as well as nine foreign countries—have completed the Stewards of Children training. I commend Anne Lee and all of her colleagues for creating this important child protection program, and I encourage you all to visit the Darkness to Light website at

[www.D2L.org](http://www.D2L.org) to get the necessary information to protect children from child sexual abuse.

HONORING THE EAGLE SCOUTS OF  
BOY SCOUT TROOP 10 OF LOWER  
MAKEFIELD

**HON. PATRICK J. MURPHY**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 29, 2008*

Mr. PATRICK J. MURPHY of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the 10 recipients who have achieved the rank of Eagle from Boy Scout Troop 10 in Lower Makefield, Pennsylvania. This troop has a long and notable history of improving Bucks County through various service projects and community outreach programs.

On May 4, 2008, 10 members of the Boy Scout Troop 10 will receive their Eagle Badge at the Troop's Eagle Court of Honor ceremony. Becoming an Eagle Scout is the highest honor a Boy Scout can receive and reflects the high expectations the Boy Scouts of America have of their members. Only about 5 percent of Boy Scouts will go on to receive their Eagle Scout rank. This award reflects proficiency in several areas such as leadership and outdoor skills as well as years of dedication and hard work serving one's community.

The dedication of Troop 10 to the principles of scouting is evident in the hard work and dedication the Scouts showed in completing their various Eagle Scout service projects. Max Lee Telsey, Assistant Quartermaster, worked on several construction projects to improve the Cornerstone Church in Philadelphia. Stuart Nyal Taylor, Senior Patrol Leader, restored a historically accurate fence at Pennsbury Manor. Benjamin Lawrence Caggia, Assistant Senior Patrol Leader and Troop Guide, spray painted house numbers on the street curbs for emergency service responders in the Heather Ridge and Yardley Run neighborhoods. Owen Lynn, Assistant Senior Patrol Leader, assembled and delivered 346 meals for Aid for Friends. Jacob Robert Vandenburg, also an Assistant Senior Patrol Leader, constructed a shelving unit for the American Red Cross's new Disaster Services readiness storage unit in Lower Bucks County. Jared Michael Slaweski, Troop Guide and Quartermaster, renovated a community nature trail and worked on bridge and sign construction for Lower Makefield Township. Ryan Mathew Bender, Quartermaster, designed and built an outdoor family recreation area at the Bucks County Housing Group. Andrew Maxwell Sing, Quartermaster and Troop Scribe, installed shelves in the childcare supply closet, reconditioned a resident bathroom and organized the donation room for the Levittown American Red Cross Shelter. Robert James Pennington, Troop Guide, reconditioned a community nature trail for Lower Makefield Township. Colin Steuart Johnston, Quartermaster, organized and collected \$1,500 worth of snacks for the healthy snack food drive for the American Red Cross of Lower Bucks County.

Boy Scout Troop 10 of Lower Makefield and its 10 recipients of the rank of Eagle are exceptional examples of how a group of dedicated individuals can truly better the lives of

those around them. The outstanding work of Troop 10 and the Eagle Scouts has significantly improved the Bucks County community. Madam Speaker, I am proud to represent Boy Scout Troop 10 and grateful for the opportunity to recognize those attaining the rank of Eagle Scout.

IN RECOGNITION OF NEW YORK  
ARTISTS EQUITY ASSOCIATION'S  
60TH ANNIVERSARY

**HON. JERROLD NADLER**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 29, 2008*

Mr. NADLER. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of New York Artists Equity Association (NYAEA), now celebrating its 60th anniversary.

NYAEA's advocacy for legislation on behalf of visual artists is matched only by its dedication to the development of the visual arts in our communities, placing the New York artistic world in the context of the larger society, as a necessary component that enriches all of our lives.

Significantly, the Association promotes emerging American and international artists in its Broome Street Gallery. In 2006, the organization established the Jacob and Gwendolyn Lawrence Awards Fund, which finances solo exhibitions for emerging and under-recognized artists. I had the pleasure of meeting Jacob Lawrence, a renowned artist and past president of NYAEA at their 50th anniversary celebration, when Al Hirschfeld honored me by putting both of us in one of his drawings.

Madam Speaker, I particularly commend NYAEA, under the leadership of its Executive Director, Regina Stewart, for supporting visual artists at a time when they receive no help from the government. The Association provides referrals, legal services, and health care to visual artists in need, helping to ensure economic stability for those artists who might otherwise be forced to abandon their talents due to economic difficulties. New York Artists Equity Association works to preserve endangered visual art work, helping to assure the survival of our rich artistic past.

I am proud that NYAEA is in my Congressional District, and that its work reaches far beyond my District to help visual artists in the larger community. I wish to thank the Association for all it has done to advocate for the visual arts, and I also want to thank one of the Association's Past Vice Presidents, Doris Wyman, who serves on my Arts Advisory Committee, for her tireless advocacy. Because of my on-going work with this fine organization and their leadership, I know of their constant efforts and I commend them.

For 60 years, NYAEA has been a passionate advocate for visual artists. I salute New York Artists Equity Association for helping to assure a stable artistic community—one that is, and always must be, recognized as vital to our heritage and culture.

HONORING THE RECORDING FOR  
THE BLIND AND DYSLEXIC FOR  
THEIR OUTSTANDING SERVICE  
TOTHE COMMUNITY

**HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO**

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 29, 2008*

Ms. DeLAURO. Madam Speaker, as we celebrate National Volunteers Week, I rise today to recognize the outstanding efforts of the Recording for the Blind and Dyslexic—a national non-profit, volunteer organization that, for 60 years, has been the leading producer of accessible education materials for students with disabilities. I would like to extend a special note of thanks and appreciation to the Connecticut chapter led by my good friend, Anne Fortunato.

"Education is a right, not a privilege." That was the mantra of Anne T. Macdonald, founder of the Recording for the Blind and Dyslexic. Shortly after the end of World War II, letters began flooding the New York Library's Women's Auxiliary from soldiers who had lost their sight during combat but were eager to move forward with their lives. The new GI bill guaranteed them a college education but among the many obstacles they faced was access to college textbooks. These veterans were hoping for any assistance the auxiliary could provide and they developed a creative solution that continues to benefit others today.

The women transformed the attic of the New York Library into a recording studio where volunteers began recording textbooks for the servicemen. In just 3 short years demand had grown so much the organization was incorporated as the Nation's only non-profit to record textbooks. The following year, Anne Macdonald traveled across the country to organize recording studios in other communities. Today, there are a total of 30 studios nationwide and the organization has expanded its mission to provide education materials for students of all ages coping with various disabilities.

One of those studios is the Connecticut unit located in New Haven which was established in 1959 and has since become a model for other communities. The Connecticut unit has been a leader for the organization since their inception. A testament to the quality of production, shortly after their establishment the Connecticut unit was selected by the national headquarters for a very special and prestigious project—the recording of the complete works of nine American authors including Samuel Clemens, Stephen Crane, Ralph Waldo Emerson, Nathaniel Hawthorne, William Dean Howells, Washington Irving, Herman Melville, Henry David Thoreau, and Walt Whitman.

Today, the Connecticut unit specializes in the production of science and technology books. Led by Anne Fortunato, a respected advocate and distinguished leader in education, the Connecticut unit operates a studio with six soundproof booths and utilizes over 160 volunteers along with a small paid staff to record books for hundreds of Connecticut residents and thousands of people across the country. I have been a proud supporter of the Connecticut unit for more than a decade and it is always an honor for me to go to the studio each year to record pieces on their behalf.

Their work and that of the other studios across the country are making all the difference—ensuring that a quality education is an opportunity for all and truly making education a right and not a privilege.

This week, as we recognize the invaluable contributions made to all of our communities by volunteers, I am proud to stand and pay tribute to the Recording for the Blind and Dyslexic and the hundreds of individuals who volunteer their time to make their mission possible. There are no words of praise that can describe the extraordinary impact of this organization. There is no doubt that their good work will continue to open the doors of opportunity to others for generations to come.

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HONORING THE LIFE OF BRENDA BUSH

**HON. JEFF MILLER**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 29, 2008*

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Madam Speaker, on behalf of the United States Congress, it is an honor for me to rise today to recognize the life of Northwest Florida's beloved Brenda Bush.

A native of Andalusia, Alabama, Brenda Bush moved to Crestview, Florida, located in Florida's First Congressional District, in 1986—a place where her footsteps were planted and will never wash away.

Mrs. Bush was an active member in the business, civic, and church communities. In 1993, Brenda Bush was elected to the Crestview City Council, where she continually served her community with passion and commitment to excellence. Mrs. Bush was also a member of the Okaloosa County League of Cities, Northwest Florida League of Cities, Okaloosa-Walton Transportation Planning Organization, and Economic Development Council. An active member of First Baptist Church of Crestview, Mrs. Bush served on various committees and as a Sunday school teacher. She was a member of the North Okaloosa Unit of the American Cancer Society, Woman's Club of Crestview, and Crestview Area Chamber of Commerce. Her service to the Northwest Florida community was not uncommon to all who knew her and all who were blessed by her presence, as it played a role in her daily life.

To some Brenda Bush will be remembered as a public servant and dear colleague, and to others an educator and volunteer. She will long be remembered by her family and friends as a woman of strong Christian faith, a loving and compassionate mother, grandmother, wife, and companion; and we will all remember her passion and generosity. Mrs. Bush touched a number of lives. We will forever be grateful and forever be inspired by her life.

Mrs. Bush is survived by her husband, Jim, three children, and three grandchildren. To her family and friends, I would like to offer my sincere condolences. Northwest Florida has suffered a great loss.

Madam Speaker, on behalf of the United States Congress, I am proud to honor the life of Brenda Bush and her living legacy.

TRIBUTE TO MR. ROLAND ROEBUCK

**HON. DONNA M. CHRISTENSEN**

OF THE VIRGIN ISLANDS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 29, 2008*

Mrs. CHRISTENSEN. Madam Speaker, I rise to congratulate Mr. Roland Roebuck, on the occasion of his retirement. Mr. Roebuck is a Virgin Islander who has served the Government of the District of Columbia, his adopted community, in an exemplary manner, for 25 years. Roland, or Rolando, as those in the Hispanic community affectionately refer to him, has been an advocate for the social, economic and political causes of people of color.

Roland grew up on St. Croix, the protégé of a Puerto Rican mother and a Crucian father, where he was able to bridge the two cultures and gain the best of both worlds.

Later, he served in the U.S. Air Force, giving back to the Nation that he loves, before furthering his education and earning a Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of the District of Columbia.

In 1984, Roland joined the District of Columbia Government and worked in various positions over the years. He excelled in ensuring that the rights of Latinos were protected and facilitated the understanding of their cultures and more.

As a guardian of culture, Roland travelled around the world, giving lectures and workshops in understanding the lives of others who were different. As a former board member of the St. Croix Landmark Society, he used the opportunity to dialogue with the people of Denmark, a country that sold the then Danish Virgin Islands to the United States for \$25,000,000 in 1917, to preserve and incorporate their influences on the lives of Virgin Islanders. He assisted in developing an archival program that has allowed my constituents to search their genealogical connections and get a sense of their ancestry.

Roland is a dependable, compassionate person, who truly cares about those with whom he has come in contact. His responsiveness to those who seek his knowledge and wisdom, speak to his dedication. He is always there, giving support to his family, friends and community and he has left a fitting legacy in the Government of the District of Columbia that others will do well to exemplify.

Madam Speaker, on behalf of myself and my family, my entire staff and the communities of the United States Virgin Islands and the District of Columbia, let me express our gratitude to Roland for his many contributions over the years. We know that he will continue to work on behalf of his many causes as he begins his retirement. Roland, thank you for a job well done.

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HONORING THE YOUTH EDUCATIONAL SERVICES OF HUMBOLDT COUNTY, CALIFORNIA

**HON. MIKE THOMPSON**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 29, 2008*

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 40th

Anniversary of Youth Educational Services, an innovative community-based organization at Humboldt State University in Humboldt County, California.

Youth Educational Services (YES) trains students for volunteer positions throughout the community, encouraging leadership, communication and interpersonal skills. This well-directed service aids students in becoming successful in all aspects of program direction and management. The skills developed at YES open up a variety of future career opportunities and many students who once served as volunteers have gone on to have a positive impact in Humboldt County and around the world.

Over the past 40 years, YES has created over 70 volunteer programs that address the diverse needs of local residents and provide students with a myriad of service-learning opportunities. Their efforts facilitate active student participation in social change by addressing the needs of the local community.

A wide range of local organizations began as programs at Youth Educational Services, contributing to the overall health of our community. Outstanding examples include, Humboldt Open Door Clinic, which provides high quality, affordable, accessible health care and education to the county; Humboldt State University's Campus Center for Appropriate Technology, an on-campus educational center for sustainable technology and resource conservation; and 4-H Trail, a therapeutic horseback riding program for children with disabilities.

Madam Speaker, it is appropriate that we recognize the Youth Educational Services program at Humboldt State University for their outstanding achievements and contributions to the community over the last 40 years.

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HONORING THE 75TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE SOUTH BEND SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

**HON. JOE DONNELLY**

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 29, 2008*

Mr. DONNELLY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the 75th anniversary of the South Bend Symphony Orchestra. The South Bend Symphony Orchestra has been an integral part of cultural growth in the South Bend community since its inception in 1932. Thanks to the efforts of the orchestra's first president and concept manager Ella May Morris, people from around the world have enjoyed the opportunity to hear the South Bend Symphony perform for over seven decades.

I should first pay tribute to the tireless efforts of Maestro Tsung Yeh, the music director and conductor of the symphony orchestra. His nineteen-year tenure at the South Bend Symphony Orchestra helped it become an outstanding orchestra. Maestro Yeh is praised around the world for conducting the South Bend Symphony and at venues in Singapore.

I also recognize the group of talented musicians that comprise the South Bend Symphony Orchestra. These professional musicians moved to our community from the finest music schools and conservatories around the world. We are grateful for their gifts to the community.

Finally, I thank the South Bend community for continually supporting the South Bend Symphony Orchestra. I am proud to be a member of a community that invests in maintaining cultural diversity through continued patronage of the arts.

The South Bend Symphony Orchestra has achieved a memorable milestone. I offer my congratulations to the musicians, Maestro Tsung Yeh, the symphony's board, the many financial donors, and the greater South Bend community for helping the orchestra complete 75 wonderful years.

A TRIBUTE TO OUR TROOPS

**HON. JOE WILSON**

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 29, 2008

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina, Madam Speaker, poet and capitol tour guide Albert C. Caswell has penned a number of heartfelt tributes to our military, and recently he wrote a piece dedicated to the "magnificent men and women who've given their lives to keep freedom alive."

ALL THEY ASK

(By Albert Carey Caswell)

A young man or woman goes off to war this day,  
 Followed with them by so many splendidly fine heroes on their ways. . .  
 Courageously fine Men and Women, with 'oh so such magnificent hearts so very brave!  
 But, all they ask. . .  
 As they do not cry, nor do they complain. . .  
 Knowing full well, that they may never so see their loved ones again!  
 With but just one final kiss, with just one final hug goodbye . . . wishing somehow to so remain!  
 But, all they ask. . .  
 As there they go, upon their most courageous ways. . .  
 All heading, straight out into that dark face of hell . . . as do they!  
 America's finest, her greatest of all patriots . . . all of whom, to us the word heroism is portrayed!  
 But all they ask. . .  
 Splendidly fine heroes, who are but willing to die. . .  
 Who go where Angels so fear to tread, and do not ask why. . .  
 With 'oh such brave hearts, who so dare to take up our beloved nation's battle cry!  
 But, all they ask. . .  
 Army, Navy, Coast Guard, Air Force and Marines,  
 All with 'oh so such heroic hearts, there as seen . . . who just like all of us, all have the same such dreams!  
 Who all have families so beloved, all within their hearts of love . . . carried with them where they so convene.  
 But, all they ask. . .  
 As this the burden they so gladly take,  
 While, so very unselfishly their own lives they so forsake!  
 As this their gifts to God and Country, are of the greatest sacrifices . . . let none this so mistake!  
 But, all they asked. . .  
 For they are not looking for money, nor are they fame. . .  
 Nor, do they even so care if you but so remember their most magnificent names. . .

All for love of country, so stands the reason why . . . all of these most splendid heroes here so came!  
 But, all they ask. . .  
 For all they want and all they ask!  
 Is but, for you to stand behind them forever there steadfast!  
 And as the battle rages on, all they pray for is for your support to carry on . . . and to last!  
 That's, all they asked!  
 A young Hero died today. . .  
 While, it was he or she . . . who here so showed us all the way!  
 And now, as they lower this Most Splendid Hero . . . this Most Magnificent Patriot into their grave. . .  
 But, did you give them all that they asked . . . is that but what you gave?  
 That's all they asked!

INTRODUCTION OF THE PROTECTING AMERICANS FROM UNSAFE FOREIGN PRODUCTS ACT

**HON. LINDA T. SANCHEZ**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 29, 2008

Ms. LINDA T. SANCHEZ of California, Madam Speaker, I rise today to introduce the Protecting Americans from Unsafe Foreign Products Act.

I have been alarmed by the steady stream of defective, foreign-manufactured products flooding our marketplace. From the millions of toys recalled because of lead paint to heparin, the tainted blood thinner that caused at least 81 deaths and scores of injuries, it has become increasingly clear that our health and welfare have been compromised by foreign-made products.

I am also concerned that foreign manufacturers have gained an unfair advantage over U.S. manufacturers because foreign manufacturers have avoided liability for defective products in our marketplace. Because of the difficulties associated with serving process on and establishing jurisdiction over foreign manufacturers, many Americans harmed by defective foreign-made products never get their day in court. That is why I am introducing the Protecting Americans from Unsafe Foreign Products Act. This legislation would help eliminate the unfair competitive advantage enjoyed by foreign manufacturers and ensure that they can be held accountable for injuries consumers suffer as a result of defective products.

The legislation amends current law to facilitate service of process on foreign manufacturers by permitting service on manufacturers wherever they reside, are found, have an agent, or transact business. Service of process and personal jurisdiction is proper so long as one of the following two criteria is met: (1) the manufacturer knew or reasonably should have known that the product or component would be imported for or use in the U.S.; or (2) the manufacturer had contacts with the U.S. whether or not such contacts occurred in the place where the injury occurred.

Given the increase of imported products that do not meet U.S. standards for health, safety, and quality, and the fact that neither the Consumer Product Safety Commission nor the Food and Drug Administration have effectively prevented the importation of defective prod-

ucts, more consumers have become endangered. This legislation will improve accountability of foreign manufacturers and promote consumer safety, and I urge all my colleagues to join as cosponsors.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. ADAM H. PUTNAM**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 29, 2008

Mr. PUTNAM, Madam Speaker, on Tuesday, April 22, 2008, I was not present for three votes. Please let the record show that had I been here, I would have voted: "Yea" on H. Res. 981—Recognizing March 6, 2008, as the first-ever World Glaucoma Day, established to increase awareness of glaucoma, which is the second leading cause of preventable blindness in the United States and worldwide; "yea" on H.R. 5151—Wild Monongahela Act: A National Legacy for West Virginia's Special Places; and "yea" on H.R. 831—Coffman Cove Administrative Site Conveyance Act.

IN RECOGNITION OF NEW YORK COUNTY LAWYERS' ASSOCIATION CENTENNIAL

**HON. JERROLD NADLER**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 29, 2008

Mr. NADLER, Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the New York County Lawyers' Association (NYCLA) which is celebrating 100 years of hard work and dedication in providing services to the legal profession and the public of New York City.

The New York County Lawyers' Association was founded one hundred years ago for the purpose of combating systemic exclusion of lawyers from bar membership on the basis of race, religion, ethnicity and sex.

In the past century, the Association has grown to 10,000 members, earning national prestige for its commitment to promoting the public interest. The NYCLA has continuously pursued the administration of justice through reforms in the law, by elevating standards of integrity and professionalism in the legal field, and by providing free legal services for those in need.

Over its long history, the NYCLA has sponsored countless initiatives that have contributed to the improvement of New York's justice system. The Association has played a major role in the reduction of court congestion, the rehabilitation of delinquent children, the implementation of anti-discriminatory provisions of the Internal Revenue Code, and the attainment of higher compensation for attorneys representing the indigent.

NYCLA has also issued many highly influential reports and resolutions to call attention to shortages of our legal system. These include calling for measures to reduce false confessions in criminal trials, ensuring right to counsel for residential tenants in Housing Court who cannot afford representation, and securing just compensation for judges.

The Association further offers a variety of meaningful Pro Bono Projects that provide

counseling and representation to the low-income, indigent and other persons in need. Included among these are projects that provide assistance to lay guardians with low assets, basic estate-planning documents to low-income persons, and counseling in the areas of family, employment, consumer bankruptcy and landlord/tenant law.

Consistently, the Association has worked to meet the changing needs of legal practice in the 21st century. The Association's highly acclaimed Continuing Legal Education Institute offers attorneys a variety of educational programs. NYCLA also facilitates public awareness and education on a wide array of issues through its forums and lecture series.

Today I rise to recognize and congratulate The New York County Lawyers' Association for 100 years of outstanding and dedicated service to the people of New York and for its groundbreaking work in furthering the administration of justice.

TRIBUTE TO THE WINONA STATE  
UNIVERSITY WARRIORS

**HON. TIMOTHY J. WALZ**

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 29, 2008*

Mr. WALZ of Minnesota. Madam Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I congratulate the Winona State University Men's Basketball team for winning the 2008 National Collegiate Athletic Association Division II Men's Basketball National Championship with a victory over Augusta State University (Ga.) by a score of 87-76 in Springfield, Massachusetts.

This victory, which came 1 month ago on March 29, 2008, marked the second national championship for the Warriors in 3 years.

This team's accomplishments are almost too many to list. This was their third straight trip to the national championship. They have won the North Central Region title nine times in a row. They have won three straight Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference titles.

In 2006-07, they broke the NCAA Division II consecutive win record by winning 57 straight games.

In 2008, the Warriors finished the season with a record of 38-1, an NCAA Division II record for most victories in a season by an NCAA Men's Basketball Team. Over the past 3 years, they have posted an overall record of 105-6.

The Warriors were coached to these accomplishments, as well as their second national championship, by head coach Mike Leaf, who has been named the Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference Coach of the Year four times.

This team was led by five seniors—John Smith, Jonte Flowers, Quincy Henderson, Shane Neiss and Brent Riese—who accrued a record of 129-17 in their 4 years together.

Following the 2008 Championship game, Jonte Flowers was named the 2008 NCAA Division II Elite Eight Tournament's Most Outstanding Player, while John Smith was named the NCAA Division II Player of the Year by three separate publications.

Congratulations to the Warriors! I look forward to your next National Championship!

CONGRATULATING AUSTIN J. BURKE, RECIPIENT OF THE 2008 AMERICANISM AWARD FROM B'NAI B'RITH AMOS LODGE 136, SCRANTON, PA

**HON. PAUL E. KANJORSKI**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 29, 2008*

Mr. KANJORSKI. Madam Speaker, I rise today to ask you and my esteemed colleagues in the House of Representatives to pay tribute to Mr. Austin J. Burke, president of the Greater Scranton Chamber of Commerce, recipient of this year's Americanism Award from B'nai B'rith Amos Lodge 136 in Scranton.

The Americanism Award honors outstanding community leaders for their dedicated public service. Mr. Burke was selected for this honor by past Americanism Award recipients and representatives of various service and community organizations including the United Way of Lackawanna County, Scranton Rotary and Lions Clubs and UNICO.

Mr. Burke has worked in the community development arena since 1972. He was named president of the Greater Scranton Chamber of Commerce in 1981. At the Chamber, he has worked with area leaders to craft responses to community needs with programs like Skills in Scranton and Leadership Lackawanna. Throughout the country, Austin is recognized as one of the most successful economic development leaders, and we are indeed fortunate that he chose to dedicate his career to serving Greater Scranton.

He was an incorporator of Montage Mountain Inc. and worked to bring Steamtown National Historic Site to Scranton. He has participated in national convocations including the White House Roundtable, the U.S. Chamber Business Civic Leadership Conference and the American Assembly: Retooling for Growth.

Mr. Burke is also a board member of the International Economic Development Council, Commonwealth Financing Authority and the Ben Franklin Technology Development Authority.

He is the chairman of the Lackawanna County Workforce Investment Board, a past chairman of the Scranton Area Foundation and a member of the board of trustees of Marywood University. He is also a former trustee and chairman of the Facilities Committee of the University of Scranton which awarded him an honorary Doctor of Laws degree in 1998.

A veteran of the United States Air Force, Mr. Burke received his bachelor's degree in economics from Dickinson College where he was elected to Phi Beta Kappa. He is a graduate of the Chamber of Commerce Institute for Organization Management.

On a personal note, let me express my appreciation for the extraordinary friendship that Austin has extended to me over the years. I am grateful for his partnership in service to Northeastern Pennsylvania.

A resident of Archbald, PA, Mr. Burke resides with his wife, Marianne.

Madam Speaker, please join me in congratulating Mr. Burke on this auspicious occasion. Mr. Burke's extraordinary contributions to his community have earned him a reputation as a leader among leaders and his efforts have greatly improved the quality of life

throughout the northeastern Pennsylvania region.

RECOGNIZING THE 60TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE FOUNDING OF THE MODERN STATE OF ISRAEL

SPEECH OF

**HON. AL GREEN**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 22, 2008*

Mr. AL GREEN of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I support H. Con. Res. 322, a resolution recognizing the 60th anniversary of the founding of the modern State of Israel, which occurred on May 14, 1948. On November 29, 1947, the United Nations General Assembly voted to partition the British Mandate of Palestine and create a Jewish state. On May 14, 1948, the people of Israel proclaimed the establishment of the sovereign and independent State of Israel. That date marked the success of a continuous struggle for a homeland for the world's Jewish population and laid the foundation for a free and independent state and a symbol of joy and protection for a people that have been—for too long—on the receiving end of oppression, discrimination, and injustice.

Since its independence, Israel has bravely defended itself from repeated attacks. Over the last 60 years, the modern State of Israel has built a nation, forged a new and dynamic democracy, and created a thriving economic, political, cultural and intellectual society. The people of Israel have established a pluralistic, democratic political system, including freedom of speech, association, and religion; a free press; free and open elections; the rule of law; and a fully independent judiciary. Their efforts and achievements have led the American people to feel a strong affinity for the Israeli people based on common values and shared cultural heritage.

This week, Jewish people around the world are celebrating the Jewish holiday of Passover. Passover commemorates the Exodus from Egypt and the liberation of the Israelites from slavery. It is traditional for a Jewish family to gather on the first night of Passover for a special dinner called a Seder. While many Jewish holidays revolve around the synagogue, the Seder is conducted in the family home. It is customary to invite guests, especially strangers and the needy to share with their fellow human beings the story of struggle, poverty, oppression, and survival. I had the pleasure of attending a Seder in Houston with Pastor Kirby John Caldwell and his wife Suzette.

The story of Passover should have a special meaning this year to those who seek to support individuals around the world who suffer from poverty, slavery, and injustice. Let the celebration of the founding of Israel be a symbol to the world of how a people who have experienced oppression and violence can rise to be strong, free and independent.

I am proud to support H. Con. Res. 322, a resolution recognizing the 60th anniversary of the founding of the modern State of Israel.

HONORING WAWONA MIDDLE  
SCHOOL

**HON. GEORGE RADANOVICH**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 29, 2008*

Mr. RADANOVICH. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Wawona Middle School upon celebrating their 50th anniversary. The school will celebrate the anniversary with current and former staff and students at an open house to be held on Tuesday, April 22, 2008.

Originally named Wawona Junior High School, Wawona first opened its doors for the 1957–1958 school year, and became part of the Bullard Unified School District. Due to the location of the school, Wawona was named for an important area of the southern part of Yosemite National Park. “Wawona” is a local Indian name meaning “big tree.” The people that helped to build Wawona were Superintendent Westin M. Alt, President of the Board of Trustees Carroll H. Baird and board members Harry Bud Buck, Dr. William Adams Jr., Dr. William Beatty, Jr. and Robert McMahan.

Wawona Middle School is now part of Fresno Unified School District. The school was originally located on the outskirts of Fresno, but today it is in the middle of an urban sprawl. As the area has grown and developed, so has the school. In 2000, Wawona began looking into developing a Pre-International Baccalaureate Middle Years Programme to enhance the academic program of the school. This program started in 2003 with about sixty sixth grade students and has grown in size each year since. For the 2006–2007 school year, Wawona Middle School had 870 sixth, seventh and eighth grade students enrolled in the school.

Madam Speaker, I rise today to commend and congratulate Wawona Middle School on 50 years of dedicated service to providing a solid education to the students of Fresno. I invite my colleagues to join me in wishing Wawona Middle School many years of continued success.

TRIBUTE TO DR. FRANK BROWN

**HON. LYNN A. WESTMORELAND**

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 29, 2008*

Mr. WESTMORELAND. Madam Speaker, on behalf of the people in Georgia’s 3rd Congressional District, I rise today to pay tribute to the distinguished service of Dr. Frank Brown, longtime president of Columbus State University.

The longest-serving president in the University System of Georgia will retire this spring after 20 years at the helm. While his time on the job draws short, his legacy at CSU stretches long.

During Dr. Brown’s tenure, Columbus State has experienced extraordinary growth and progress. He transitioned the school from a college to a university that now boasts more than 50 undergraduate programs and more than 35 master’s or specialist’s programs. The school’s expansion includes numerous new academic facilities, new housing for more than

1,200 students and a clock tower that has become a symbol of the university and the center of campus life. The school also has developed a downtown campus called RiverPark that houses 350 students and the arts, theater and music departments.

The academic caliber of the university has grown also under Dr. Brown’s leadership. The D. Abbott Turner College of Business is now among only about 27 percent of business schools in the country accredited by the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business; and the College of Education was recently re-accredited by National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education. Additionally, the nursing, art, theater, music and counseling programs have all achieved national accreditation in their disciplines, a mark of clear distinction in academic circles.

The most recent indication of the university’s level of respect may be the success of CSU’s capital campaign, An Investment in People. When the campaign was first being considered in the late 1990s, many considered the originally proposed goal of about \$35 million too ambitious. At its conclusion, the campaign exceeded \$100 million, thanks to an unbelievably supportive community, a wide-reaching team of dedicated volunteers and the partnerships established over the years.

The success of CSU under Dr. Brown has benefited the community of Columbus at large, according to Chamber of Commerce President Mike Gaymon. “Thanks to Frank’s leadership, the university has expanded to bring three of its schools downtown to make art, music and theater a major part of UpTown Columbus,” Gaymon said. “Dr. Brown has led a renaissance at CSU.”

Dr. Brown’s good works off campus complement his accomplishments on campus. He was the 1994 volunteer of the year for the Lung Association of Georgia and he’s also contributed his time to the American Red Cross. He’s a member of the Columbus First Baptist Church and the Columbus Rotary Club, and he’s been involved with the Greater Columbus Chamber of Commerce, the United Way, the Georgia Council on Economic Education and the Boy Scouts of America.

When announcing his retirement from Columbus State, Dr. Brown said the time was simply right for a new leader to build on the successes of the past 20 years. Admirers of Dr. Brown will no doubt feel a certain pity for the successor who must fill such big shoes.

Over the past generation, our state of Georgia has moved from the backwaters to the forefront of the American higher education systems. It has been the leadership, intelligence, dedication and perseverance of educators such as Dr. Frank Brown that have lifted higher education in Georgia to standards of excellence.

More than the students and alumni at Columbus State University owe Dr. Frank Brown a debt of gratitude. His contributions are felt positively throughout the Greater Columbus area. Upon his retirement, we can look back and pay him the ultimate compliment: He dedicated his career to a worthwhile endeavor, and he left it better off than how he found it. In Frank Brown’s case, he left it immeasurably better than he found it. For that, we thank him and we praise him. As he moves on into another phase of life we wish health and happiness to him and his wife Jo Ann.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. JERRY WELLER**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 29, 2008*

Mr. WELLER of Illinois. Madam Speaker, I rise today to enter into the record votes I would have cast had I been present for rollcall votes 205 through 233: I was absent on Tuesday, April 22nd, Wednesday, April 23rd, and Thursday, April 24th due to personal reasons.

If I were present I would have voted, “yea” on rollcall vote 205, “yea” on rollcall vote 206, “yea” on rollcall vote 207, “nay” on rollcall vote 208, “yea” on rollcall vote 209, “yea” on rollcall vote 210, “nay” on rollcall vote 211, “nay” on rollcall vote 212, “yea” on rollcall vote 213, “yea” on rollcall vote 214, “yea” on rollcall vote 215, “yea” on rollcall vote 216, “yea” on rollcall vote 217, “nay” on rollcall vote 218, “nay” on rollcall vote 219, “yea” on rollcall vote 220, “yea” on rollcall vote 221, “yea” on rollcall vote 222, and “yea” on rollcall vote 223.

CELEBRATING THE LIFE AND  
COURAGE OF MARVIN JOHNSON

**HON. JERROLD NADLER**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 29, 2008*

Mr. NADLER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the lifelong work of a true fighter for civil liberties and civil rights, Marvin Johnson. Sadly, Marv passed away on March 21, after a long battle with complications from diabetes. It is a personal loss to those who knew him as a friend and colleague, and a loss to the many Americans who will never know how tirelessly he fought for their rights, sometimes against great odds, and often for the truly unpopular cause.

At the time of his passing, Marv was the first amendment counsel at the American Civil Liberties Union’s Washington Legislative Office, a position he held for 8 years. During that time, he led many of the fights to protect the first amendment and our fundamental freedoms. He fought to ensure that all Americans enjoyed their freedom of expression, not only in print or in the public square, but also in ways that the framers never could have imagined—on television or on the internet.

Marv also wrote two reports detailing the dangers of domestic spying by Federal law enforcement, including an examination of the tactics used by our Government against Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. As we now struggle to regain these precious constitutional rights, Marv’s work has become even more important. As Marv wrote, “American citizens must once again be confident they may exercise their constitutionally protected right to protest government policy without becoming targets of government scrutiny.”

Marv was also an outstanding resource. His vast knowledge and sound judgment were always ready to aid us in our work. As the Chair of the Subcommittee on the Constitution, Civil Rights, and Civil Liberties, I always valued Marv’s views, even on those occasions where we disagreed.

Prior to his time in Washington, Marv was the Executive Director of the ACLU of Wyoming and before that, he was its board chair.

During his tenure as executive director a notorious hate crime was committed against a young gay man, Matthew Sheppard. That vicious murder is now infamous. Marv Johnson led the Wyoming LGBT and civil liberties communities during that difficult time. Marv also successfully resolved numerous first amendment cases in Wyoming, and he has a long list of legislative accomplishments.

Before his time at the ACLU of Wyoming, Marv worked as an attorney in private practice. He also served in the Air Force as a Judge Advocate General, including two years as the Chief of Military Justice for F.E. Warren Air Force Base.

Marv Johnson is survived by his wife Billie Ruth Edwards, who has also devoted her life to fighting for civil liberties. My deepest sympathies go out to her.

Madam Speaker, those of us who had the privilege of knowing Marv Johnson and working with him will remember his dedication to justice and human rights, his legal and political acumen, and his capacity for hard work. We will also remember his personal decency and good humor which seemed always there just when we needed it most. America is a better Nation because people like Marv are willing to fight for what is right even when that is profoundly unpopular. He enriched the lives of those who knew him. We will all miss his sharp wit and deep-rooted passion for liberty and freedom. I can think of no better way to remember and honor him than to continue his work with the same fearless passion he brought to everything he did.

A TRIBUTE TO HONOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER AND CREW OF THE USS "NORTH CAROLINA"

**HON. MIKE MCINTYRE**

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 29, 2008*

Mr. MCINTYRE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Commander Mark E. Davis, as well as the officers and crew of the USS *North Carolina*, as the first to serve on the newest attack submarine, which will be commissioned by the United States Navy in Wilmington, North Carolina, this weekend. This strong, state-of-the-art warrior joins an impressive group of ships on deployment protecting our Nation and defending our freedoms and national security interests.

As a senior member of the U.S. House Committee on Armed Services and a long time supporter of our great Nation's military and those who have served our country, it is my honor to recognize that this submarine joins a distinguished list of five military ships named "North Carolina"—four from the U.S. Navy and one from the Civil War. The USS *North Carolina* represents a long-standing commitment and tradition of service in our Nation's armed services by the citizens of North Carolina.

The people of southeastern North Carolina are honored to welcome and host Commander Davis and his crew for the commissioning festivities for this new vessel and hope they will consider the coastline of this state as a special home for them. I am especially appreciative of the Secretary of the Navy, the Honorable Dr. Donald C. Winter, for granting my

request for this commissioning to occur in North Carolina and his willingness to be our honored guest speaker for this historic occasion. This, in fact, will not only be the first submarine, but also the first warship, ever commissioned in the "Tar Heel State." The State of North Carolina and this Nation are deeply proud of the personal talent and ability represented by the officers and crew of this new submarine. It is their spirit, service, and sacrifice for which we all are extremely grateful.

Madam Speaker, may we also never forget the bravery and dedication of those who have served before, as well as those who currently serve—and those who will serve our country—and may we continue to receive inspiration from their courageous words and deeds. May God's blessings be with the USS *North Carolina*, her officers, and her crew as she begins her time in service to this wonderful Nation—the United States of America!

TRIBUTE TO DOUGLAS M. TREADWAY, PH.D.

**HON. FORTNEY PETE STARK**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 29, 2008*

Mr. STARK. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Dr. Douglas M. Treadway, who is retiring as president/superintendent of the Ohlone Community College District based in Fremont, California. Dr. Treadway assumed his duties at Ohlone on July 1, 2003. He is retiring on May 16, 2008, at which time his friends, admirers and colleagues will pay tribute to his exemplary leadership in education.

Dr. Treadway holds a Ph.D. in counseling psychology from Northwestern University and pursued postdoctoral study at Harvard University. In addition to his chief executive officer career, he has served on the faculties of Northwestern University, the University of Hawaii and Oregon State University. He is the author of 20 research and scholarly publications in the fields of higher education, community and human development.

Prior to his tenure at Ohlone College, Dr. Treadway served 9 years as president/superintendent of Shasta College in Redding, California. He has held other higher education executive officer positions including: chancellor of the North Dakota University System, president of Southwest Minnesota State University and president of Western Montana State College.

During his time as president/superintendent of Ohlone College, enrollment has grown by 10 percent, with a total enrollment at the college exceeding 19,000 students annually.

Under his visionary leadership, the Ohlone College Newark campus was developed on vacant land to become a 135,000 square-foot Center for the Health Sciences and Technology, enrolling close to 3,000 students during its first semester.

As one of the founders of the American Association of Sustainability in Higher Education, Dr. Treadway lead Ohlone to adopt an environmental sustainability policy that has resulted in LEED platinum certification for the Ohlone College Newark Center from the U.S. Green Building Council.

Dr. Treadway's community and professional service is exemplary. He has devoted many

hours providing leadership in education and making a difference through his involvement in community service organizations.

Maximizing human potential in teaching, learning and leadership has been the hallmark of Dr. Treadway's work during his tenure in education. He has achieved a level of excellence and commitment that is a model of success. I wish Dr. Treadway every success with his well-deserved retirement.

CORN-BASED ETHANOL CAUSES FOOD SHORTAGES

**HON. TED POE**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 29, 2008*

Mr. POE. Madam Speaker, as a growing number of political leaders jump on the ethanol bandwagon, people across the world are dying of starvation. The increasing shift of America's agricultural industry from food production to biofuel production is contributing to mass food shortages on a global scale. Riots have broken out in Haiti, Egypt, Burkina Faso, and Cameroon as food prices soar to unprecedented levels.

According to the U.N., "it takes 232 kg of corn to fill a 50-liter car tank with ethanol. That is enough to feed a child for a year". Contrast that against the fact that, "if every bushel of U.S. corn, wheat, rice and soybean were used to produce ethanol, it would only cover about 4% of U.S. energy needs on a net basis".

Why are we wasting our resources here? Ethanol is not even proven to be environmentally friendly. In fact, a recent article from the AP stated that, "The widespread use of ethanol from corn could result in nearly twice the greenhouse gas emissions as the gasoline it would replace because of expected land-use changes".

We need to wake up and take a real look at current energy policy and actually consider the consequences of simply hopping on every global warming fad that comes along. Responsibility and foresight are critical to the decisions this Congress makes. This current ethanol policy needs to be changed.

And that's just the way it is.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE MATER DEI HIGH SCHOOL CAR TEAM

**HON. BRAD ELLSWORTH**

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 29, 2008*

Mr. ELLSWORTH. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Mater Dei High School Car Team from Evansville, Indiana. The students won the Shell Eco-Marathon fuel efficiency competition in Fontana, California.

The Shell Eco-Marathon challenges students to design and build vehicles that push the energy efficiency envelope. The competition is also designed to raise awareness about the importance of technology and innovation in finding solutions to the energy challenges we face.

Mater Dei entered two vehicles in the competition and placed first and third, beating more than 80 teams. The first-place vehicle

achieved an impressive 2,843 miles per gallon, breaking a number of the team's personal records.

At a time when prices are skyrocketing at the pump, America must look for ways to reduce our reliance on foreign oil and put our country on a permanent path toward energy independence. Increasing the fuel efficiency of automobiles is a critical step, and I commend the members of the Mater Dei Car Team for their ingenuity and dedication to this important goal. These students represent the future engineers and scientists who can help lead the way in addressing the energy challenges we face.

#### THE HUNGER CRISIS

### HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 29, 2008*

Mr. KUCINICH. Madam Speaker, approximately 11 percent of our Nation's households are "food insecure," meaning hungry or at risk of hunger. This includes over twelve million children. According to a recent study from the Center for Community Solutions, portions of my district, including Lakewood, Fairview Park and Parma, have experienced a 74 percent increase in participation in the Food Stamp Program between 2002 and 2007.

In March 2008, the World Food Programme (WFP) of the United Nations issued an emergency appeal to member nations asking for \$500 million to help close the funding gap created by increasing food and fuel prices. The United States Agency for International Development (USAID) echoed a similar plea in March saying that an additional \$200 million was needed to meet emergency food aid needs.

Unrest has broken out around the globe due to rising food costs. In Cameroon, where food costs have increased by 50 percent over the last year, 4 days of rioting ended with a death toll of at least 40 people. Violent demonstrations have broken out in Senegal, a country that imports the majority of its food, over the rising prices of rice and milk. In Yemen, multiple days of rioting, spurred by a doubling of wheat prices over a 2 month period, culminated in one hundred arrests.

A new study released by the international NGO, GRAIN, states that "[f]armers across the world produced a record 2.3 billion tons of grain in 2007, up 4% on the previous year . . . the bottom line is that there is enough food produced in the world to feed the population."

The following article by Anuradha Mittal raises valid questions that we must address in our fight against global hunger:

[From the Oakland Institute Reporter]

**DANGEROUS LIAISONS: A BATTLE PLAN FROM THE UNITED NATIONS AND THE INTERNATIONAL FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS TO FIGHT GLOBAL HUNGER**

(By Anuradha Mittal)

UN agencies are meeting in Berne to tackle the world food price crisis. Heads of International Financial Institutions (IFIs), including Robert Zoellick, President of the World Bank (former U.S. trade representative) and Pascal Lamy, WTO's Director General, are among the attendees. Will the "battle plan" emerging from the Swiss capital, a

charming city with splendid sandstone buildings and far removed from the grinding poverty and hunger which has reduced people to eating mud cakes in Haiti and scavenging garbage heaps, be more of the same—promote free trade to deal with the food crisis.

The growing social unrest against food prices has forced governments to take policy measures such as export bans, to fulfill domestic needs. This has created uproar among policy circles as fear of trade being undermined sets in. "The food crisis of 2008 may become it challenge to globalization," exclaims *The Economist* in its April 17, 2008 issue. Not surprisingly then, the "Doha Development Round" which has been in a stalemate since the collapse of the 2003 WTO Ministerial in Cancun, largely due to the hypocrisy of agricultural policies of the rich nations, is being resuscitated as a solution to rising food prices.

Speaking at the Center for Global Development, Zoellick passionately argued that the time was "now or never" for breaking the Doha Round impasse and reaching a global trade deal. Pascal Lamy has argued, "At a time when the world economy is in rough waters, concluding the Doha Round can provide strong anchor." Dominique Strauss-Kahn, Managing Director of the IMF, has claimed, "No one should forget that all countries rely on open trade to feed their populations. Completing the Doha round would play a critically helpful role in this regard, as it would reduce trade barriers and distortions and encourage agricultural trade."

Preaching at the altar of free market to deal with the current crisis requires a degree of official amnesia. It was through the removal of tariff barriers, through the international trade agreements, that allowed rich nations such as the U.S. to dump heavily subsidized farm surplus in developing countries while destroying their agricultural base and undermining local food production. Reduction of rice tariffs from 100 to 20 percent in Ghana under structural adjustment policies enforced by the World Bank, rice imports increased from 250,000 tons in 1998 to 415,150 tons in 2003, with 66 percent of rice producers recording negative returns leading to loss of employment. In Cameroon, poultry imports increased by about six-fold with the lowering of tariff protection to 25 percent while import increases wiped out 70 percent of Senegal's poultry industry.

Developing countries had an overall agricultural trade surplus of almost US \$7 billion per year in the 1960s. According to the Food and Agricultural Organization (FAO), gross imports of food by developing countries grew with trade liberalization, turning into a food trade deficit of more than US \$11 billion by 2001 with cereal import bill for Low Income Food Deficit Countries reaching over \$38 billion in 2007/2008.

Erosion of agricultural base of the developing countries has increased hunger among their farmers while destroying their ability to meet their food needs. The 1996 World Food Summit's commitment to reduce the number of hungry—815 million then—by half by 2015 had already become a far-fetched idea by its 10th anniversary. U.N. Special Rapporteur on the Right to Food, Jean Ziegler, reported last June that nearly 854 million people in the world—one in every six human beings—are gravely undernourished.

So on who's behalf are the heads of the IFIs promoting the conclusion of the Doha Round and further liberalization of agriculture. While *Investors Chronicle* in its April 2008 feature story, "Crop Boom Winners" explores how investors can gain exposure to the dramatic turnaround in food and farmland prices, a new report from GRAIN, *Making a Killing*, from the Food Crisis, shows Cargill, the world's biggest grain trad-

er, achieved an 86 percent increase in profits from commodity trading in the first quarter of 2008; Bunge had a 77 percent increase in profits during the last quarter of 2007; ADM, the second largest grain trader in the world, registered a 67 percent increase in profits in 2007. Behind the chieftains of the capitalist system are powerful transnational corporations, traders, and speculators who trade food worldwide, determine commodity prices, create and then manipulate shortages and surpluses to their advantage, and are the real beneficiaries of international trade agreements.

The vultures of greed are circling the carcasses of growing hunger and poverty as another 100 million join the ranks of the world's poorest—nearly 3 billion people who live on less than \$2 a day. Agriculture is fundamental to the well-being of all people, both in terms of access to safe and nutritious food and as the foundation of healthy communities, cultures, and environment. The answer to the current crisis will not come from the WTO or the World Bank, but lies in the principles of food sovereignty that can ensure food self-sufficiency for each nation. It is time for the developing countries to uphold the rights of their people to safe and nutritious food and break with decades of ill-advised policies that have failed to benefit their people.

#### SUNSET MEMORIAL

### HON. TRENT FRANKS

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 29, 2008*

Mr. FRANKS of Arizona. Madam Speaker, I stand once again before this House with yet another Sunset Memorial. It is April 29, 2008, in the land of the free and the home of the brave, and before the sunset today in America, almost 4,000 more defenseless unborn children were killed by abortion on demand. That's just today, Madam Speaker. That's more than the number of innocent lives lost on September 11 in this country, only it happens every day.

It has now been exactly 12,881 days since the tragedy called *Roe v. Wade* was first handed down. Since then, the very foundation of this Nation has been stained by the blood of almost 50 million of its own children. Some of them, Madam Speaker, died and screamed as they did so, but because it was amniotic fluid passing over the vocal cords instead of air, no one could hear them.

And all of them had at least four things in common. First, they were each just little babies who had done nothing wrong to anyone, and each one of them died a nameless and lonely death. And each one of their mothers, whether she realizes it or not, will never be quite the same. And all the gifts that these children might have brought to humanity are now lost forever. Yet even in the glare of such tragedy, this generation still clings to a blind, invincible ignorance while history repeats itself and our own silent genocide mercilessly annihilates the most helpless of all victims, those yet unborn.

Madam Speaker, perhaps it's time for those of us in this Chamber to remind ourselves of why we are really all here. Thomas Jefferson said, "The care of human life and its happiness and not its destruction is the chief and only object of good government." The phrase in the 14th Amendment capsulizes our entire

Constitution, it says, "No State shall deprive any person of life, liberty or property without due process of law." Madam Speaker, protecting the lives of our innocent citizens and their constitutional rights is why we are all here.

The bedrock foundation of this Republic is the clarion declaration of the self-evident truth that all human beings are created equal and endowed by their Creator with the unalienable rights of life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. Every conflict and battle our Nation has ever faced can be traced to our commitment to this core, self-evident truth.

It has made us the beacon of hope for the entire world. Madam Speaker, it is who we are.

And yet today another day has passed, and we in this body have failed again to honor that foundational commitment. We have failed our sworn oath and our God-given responsibility as we broke faith with nearly 4,000 more innocent American babies who died today without the protection we should have given them.

Madam Speaker, let me conclude in the hope that perhaps someone new who heard this Sunset Memorial tonight will finally embrace the truth that abortion really does kill little babies; that it hurts mothers in ways that we can never express; and that 12,881 days spent killing nearly 50 million unborn children in America is enough; and that the America that rejected human slavery and marched into Europe to arrest the Nazi Holocaust is still courageous and compassionate enough to find a better way for mothers and their unborn babies than abortion on demand.

So tonight, Madam Speaker, may we each remind ourselves that our own days in this sunshine of life are also numbered and that all too soon each one of us will walk from these Chambers for the very last time.

And if it should be that this Congress is allowed to convene on yet another day to come, may that be the day when we finally hear the cries of innocent unborn children. May that be the day when we find the humanity, the courage, and the will to embrace together our human and our constitutional duty to protect these, the least of our tiny, little American brothers and sisters from this murderous scourge upon our Nation called abortion on demand.

It is April 29, 2008, 12,881 days since Roe versus Wade first stained the foundation of this Nation with the blood of its own children, this in the land of the free and the home of the brave.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO SISTER  
ROBERT JOSEPH BAILEY

**HON. JON C. PORTER**

OF NEVADA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 29, 2008*

Mr. PORTER. Madam Speaker, it is my distinct pleasure to rise today to honor Sister Robert Joseph Bailey by entering her name in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD, the official record of the proceedings and debates of the United States Congress since 1873. Today I pay tribute to Sister Robert Joseph Bailey for her life and accomplishments, and applaud her for having an elementary school named in her honor by the Clark County School District.

Sister Robert was born as Margaret Bailey on April 22, 1923 in Detroit, Michigan. When she entered the Dominican Order of Sisters in 1940, she chose the name Robert Joseph, in honor of her favorite younger brother. She graduated in 1941 with a bachelor's degree from Sienna Heights College, and began sharing her gift of teaching in various schools throughout the country. In 1951, Sister Robert moved to Henderson, where she was assigned to teach 4th and 5th grade at St. Peter's School. She taught at St. Peter's for nine years.

After leaving St. Peter's, Sister Robert went on to what is now known as the Rose de Lima Campus of the St. Rose Dominican Hospitals where she assumed responsibility of dietary services, and eventually turned to community education. During her 37 years at St. Rose, she implemented several community outreach programs dedicated to children throughout the community. She initiated the Positive Impact on Reading Program in which volunteers visit local elementary schools to spend time interactively reading with children. Sister Robert visited many of the schools in the Henderson community and delivered special presentations on a variety of topics such as health, nutrition, hygiene, safety, and even how to be a good babysitter. She also initiated a hotline for children who were home alone and lonely. Typically, these children could call the hospital and talk to a volunteer for as long and often as needed.

Madam Speaker, I am proud to honor Sister Robert Joseph Bailey for her accomplishments throughout the Henderson community. The programs that Sister Robert initiated came as a result of her concerns for the education, health, and comfort of others. Her legacy is an inspiration to the members of the school community, and I applaud the Clark County School District for naming an elementary school in her honor.

A TRIBUTE TO WINDELL DANIELS

**HON. MIKE McINTYRE**

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 29, 2008*

Mr. McINTYRE. Madam Speaker, last week the City of Wilmington, North Carolina, lost one of its most beloved leaders and doers—Windell Daniels. I had the distinct honor to give remarks at his funeral and wanted all my colleagues here in the U.S. Congress and indeed the entire nation to know what a lasting impact this one man made on so many.

Luke, Chapter 6, Verse 38 says, "Give and it will be given back to you: good measure, pressed down, shaken together, and running over will be put into your bosom. For with the same measure that you use, it will be measured back to you."

Wilma, Euran, and Jay—your husband and your father lived a life of giving.

And in his eternal resting place with God, his soul has been replenished with the overflowing blessings of the joy, peace, and love that he shared with so many throughout his extraordinary life.

My friends, Windell Daniels was a humble hero. A humble hero that lived his life the best way he knew how—by serving others. A humble hero that had unfinished business here on

earth. And a humble hero that would now tell each of us to keep building the bridge he had begun and keep giving to others.

Only a handful of people come into one's life and touch it in dramatic fashion. Some are flickers of light, and others are consistent glows. Windell Daniels was one of those very few consistent glows—indeed, he was a beacon.

As we celebrate the wonderful life of this friend to all, let us be challenged by Windell's work, will, and wisdom that inspired us all.

First, it was his work. Windell did his good deeds by stealth—never advertising all the assistance he gave. But look around here today and look around this beautiful city—and you see many people, places, and organizations that have been on the receiving end of his gentle kindness.

From his work at the Wilmington Housing Authority to provide the most basic of services to those in need—a home, to his work at UNCW to help our young people receive a quality education; from his work at the Greater Wilmington Chamber of Commerce to help expand the economic opportunity for all, to his work to help address the homeless challenge; and from his work and service as a Marine in Vietnam; to his efforts to promote the beautiful historic port city—Windell Daniels gave his time, talents, and treasures.

Second, in addition to his work, it was Windell's will to make this community better that set him apart. It was a will that found a way—not an excuse. It was a will that asked not, "What is in this for me? Instead, how is this going to affect others?"

It was a will that when he gave his commitment to get something done, he did it wholeheartedly. It was a will that—with Windell—you knew exactly where you stood with him. And he stood with you. And it was a will that graced our life more than he could have ever imagined!

Third, with his work and his will, it was Windell's wisdom that so many sought after. From business executives to community leaders to educators, Windell was a solid sounding board because his wisdom was so keen. Some of you may not know this, but Windell and I worked together every year for the last twelve years to promote our celebration of Black History Month for all of southeastern North Carolina. And many of you know that he was the coordinator of the many, many volunteers who are getting ready for the commissioning of the USS *North Carolina* submarine next weekend; and he was already coordinating with my office an effort to honor Wilmington in a special Coast Guard Day celebration scheduled later this summer.

His was wisdom that was a fount of knowledge, know-how, and knack to get it done! That's why he was so involved, because everyone valued his opinion and respected his advice. We have lost a man far too soon—that no one can replace anytime soon.

But through Windell Daniels' work, will, and work, we have been given much that will live on for generations and generations.

As Windell approached those glorious lights of Heaven Tuesday night, I have no doubt that the good Lord was there with open arms saying, "Well done, good and faithful servant."

Thank you, and may God bless the life of Windell Daniels and of his family and friends.

RECOGNIZING THE HISTORIC ALAMEDA THEATER RESTORATION PROJECT

**HON. FORTNEY PETE STARK**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 29, 2008*

Mr. STARK. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the historic Art Deco Alameda Theater, in Alameda, California. The theater first opened in 1932 and boasted one of the largest screens in the Bay Area. Designed by the prominent San Francisco architect, Timothy L. Pflueger, the theater opened shortly after another one of Pflueger's historically significant theaters, the Paramount in Oakland, California.

The 2 theaters share many of the same finishes and details. The Alameda Theater building was under private ownership and in continuous operation as a cinema until 1979. It has undergone a number of adverse changes to its interior finishes since that time. The deteriorating theater sat vacant or underutilized until the City of Alameda acquired the property in July 2006 and commenced restoration efforts in November 2006.

The Alameda Theater restoration project is the signature component of a larger downtown revitalization project in the city's Park Street Historic District. A newly built movie Cineplex will be a part of the Alameda Theater complex and all patrons will enter through the historic Art Deco Alameda Theater lobby to access all the screens in the Cineplex.

The Alameda Theater restoration project is a public/private partnership that resulted in the blend of a new theater complex and the saving of a historic treasure in the City of Alameda.

The City will celebrate the reopening of the Alameda Theater at a gala on May 21st and a civic ceremony on May 24th. I am confident theatergoers will appreciate the restored historic Art Deco Alameda Theater and will enjoy the entertainment benefits it will bring for years to come. Congratulations to the city of Alameda and all who had a hand in the development and completion of the historic Alameda Theater Restoration Project.

LOU BRISSIE: A HERO ON THE BASEBALL AND BATTLE FIELDS

**HON. JACK KINGSTON**

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 29, 2008*

Mr. KINGSTON. Madam Speaker, I submit the following for the RECORD.

[From the Savannah Morning News, April 29, 2008.]

(By Nathan Dominitz)

Former major league all-star pitcher Lou Brissie can tell stories about his ballpark encounters with the likes of Babe Ruth, Ted Williams, Connie Mack and Satchel Paige.

Monday night and [Tuesday], people are sharing stories about Brissie, Savannah's own living legend for his starring role on the 1947 South Atlantic League championship team.

"We didn't measure speed in those days, but I know he must have thrown close to 100 miles an hour," said longtime friend Bill

Hockenbury, an all-star third baseman on the 1947 Savannah Indians, a Class A affiliate of the then-Philadelphia Athletics. "I'm serious. He just reared back and threw that ball."

Brissie, now 83, might have enough power in his left arm to throw out the first pitch [Tuesday] night at Grayson Stadium, where the Savannah Sand Gnats will retire his No. 3 jersey before the 7 p.m. game against the Hickory Crawdads. The first 1,000 fans receive a replica Brissie jersey T-shirt courtesy of the Philadelphia Athletics Historical Society.

There was a "Lou Brissie Day" scheduled in 2007, but it was rained out, rescheduled and rained out again late last season in Savannah. Brissie didn't think a higher power was sending a message.

"No, he speaks plainer than that," said Brissie, a North Augusta, S.C., resident for the last 30-plus years with his wife, Diana.

The Sand Gnats also organized a banquet in his honor Monday night at the Riverfront Marriott. Again it rained, but thankfully this event was indoors. Attendees received the T-shirt as well as a figurine of Brissie pitching. Brissie's own story is worthy of a movie, and indeed it was re-enacted decades ago for a television program starring former pro athlete Chuck Connors, famous as "The Rifleman." Brissie also is the subject of an ongoing book project.

TRUE GRIT

The dramatic elements are there. A teenage pitching prospect enlists in the U.S. Army during World War II. On a battlefield in Northern Italy in 1944, the corporal nearly has his left leg blown off when an artillery shell lands at his feet.

"I broke an ankle and my feet. My leg was shattered in 30 pieces between the knee and the ankle," said Brissie, who would receive two Purple Heart medals and a Bronze Star during his military service.

Amputation was an option, but Brissie knew that would end hopes of a baseball career. He persuaded doctors to save the leg, and credits a military surgeon, Capt. Wilbur Brubaker, for doing the incredible.

"I was just a guy with a dream," said Brissie, who would spend parts of seven seasons in the majors with the Athletics and Indians, including an appearance in the 1949 All-Star Game. "I think I was just blessed from Day One. There weren't guys who attain the major leagues who were as fortunate and blessed as I was."

Brissie, through 23 surgeries and countless setbacks, would pitch again—eventually for the Philadelphia Athletics, who originally signed him in 1940 and resigned the 6-foot-4, 210-pound lefty in 1946.

He was assigned to Savannah, posting a 23-5 record, 1.91 ERA and SAL record 278 batters in 254 innings. He wore a brace on his left leg, which was about 1½ inches shorter than the right. He also had the admiration of his teammates, who saw his daily routine of playing with a leg that under the bandages "looked like a piece of tissue paper," Hockenbury said.

"He was our hero," recalled Hockenbury, a World War II veteran and one of half a dozen Indians to eventually make it to the big leagues. "He was great. He was our leader. He was our superstar."

HOME-FIELD ADVANTAGE

Savannah responded, packing Grayson Stadium when Brissie pitched and often when he didn't, Hockenbury said.

"We had great community support," Brissie said. "The fans were just tremendous. We had community business support. I think it was the ideal time after World War II and before television."

The talented team, playing in a league stocked with future major leaguers, had the

unity necessary for success over the long summer months.

"In all of that time, I never heard two guys have a bad word or get upset," Brissie said. "Everybody was for everybody else. It's really one of my greatest memories."

The retiree makes weekly visits to a Veterans Administration hospital and speaks with injured servicemen. He shares motivational stories and asks them not to give up their dreams.

"You've got to live each day and look for something better, and it will show up," he said.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. XAVIER BECERRA**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 29, 2008*

Mr. BECERRA. Madam Speaker, on Wednesday, March 12, 2008, Friday, March 14, 2008, Wednesday, April 8, 2008 and Monday, April 14, 2008, I was unable to cast my floor vote on rollcall votes 133, 146, 169, 170, 171, 172, 183, 184 and 185.

Had I been present for the votes, I would have voted "aye" for rollcall votes 133, 146, 170, 171, 183, 184 and 185 and "nay" on rollcall votes 169 and 172.

"OPERATION HOLIDAY CHEER"

**HON. THOMAS H. ALLEN**

OF MAINE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 29, 2008*

Mr. ALLEN. Madam Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate the Kiwanis Club of Gorham, Maine for acknowledging the courage and sacrifices of the children of Maine's military families through their program entitled "Operation Holiday Cheer."

Kiwanis is an organization dedicated to service to children and youth through initiatives intended to improve the quality of life of children in communities around the world. Currently, Kiwanis has over 500,000 members internationally, representing 96 countries with 34 clubs in Maine.

On July 17, 2007, the Kiwanis Club of Gorham, later joined by the Kiwanis Clubs of Maine, launched Operation Holiday Cheer, a program to provide a holiday gift to each participating child of Maine's military families, including, Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corp, Coast Guard, Reserves and National Guard. Over 9,000 children in Maine have a parent serving in the military.

In executing Operation Holiday Cheer, the Kiwanis organization acquired, wrapped and distributed a holiday gift to each participating military child in over 140 cities and towns throughout the State of Maine. Included with each gift was a hand-written note thanking the child and his or her family which read, "On behalf of the Kiwanis Clubs of Maine and the people of the State of Maine, we would like to offer you this token of our appreciation for your sacrifice. You are the child of a Maine military family and the bravery that you show every day by sharing your parent to help protect our country is being recognized and honored. You should be extremely proud of your

service to our country and you should know that we, the Kiwanis and the people of Maine, stand proudly and beside you. We wish you and your family a Happy Holiday Season."

I extend my appreciation to the Kiwanis Clubs of Maine for their thoughtfulness in bringing some cheer to the lives of thousands of Maine children whose parents are serving our country. As they seek to expand this program throughout New England and to New York in 2008, I wish them all the best.

RECOGNIZING DENIM DAY IN NJ  
2008

**HON. STEVEN R. ROTHMAN**

OF NEW JERSEY  
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
*Tuesday, April 29, 2008*

Mr. ROTHMAN. Madam Speaker, I rise to support the efforts of the Young Women's Christian Association, YWCA, of Bergen County Rape Crisis Center to designate April 28, 2008 as Denim Day in New Jersey. This day-long observance is an important opportunity to raise awareness about sexual violence and end the 'blame-the-victim' mentality about rape that continues to impede justice for those attacked.

Unfortunately, appalling misconceptions about rape and sexual violence still exist and were on full display in the Italian Supreme Court decision that launched International Denim Day in 1998. In that case, the justices overturned a rape conviction because the woman wore jeans. They reasoned that the victim must have helped her attacker remove her jeans because they were "tight," thereby implying her consent. After the decision, women in the Italian Parliament protested by wearing jeans to work the next day.

Those Italian legislators were right to protest such an awful decision and inspired people around the world to speak out against similar injustices. We must do everything possible as a community and as a Nation of laws to stop rape and sexual assault and help survivors. That includes educating young men and women about consent, making clear that rape is the responsibility of the offender, not the victim, and eliminating the fear of shame and blame that prevents an estimated 9 in 10 rape victims from reporting an attack.

Today, on the first annual Denim Day in NJ, I commend the ongoing efforts of the YWCA of Bergen County Rape Crisis Center to accomplish these goals. I stand united with the YWCA, survivors of sexual assault, and their loved ones in observing this important day.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. PAUL RYAN**

OF WISCONSIN  
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
*Tuesday, April 29, 2008*

Mr. RYAN of Wisconsin. Madam Speaker, I was absent for legislative business conducted on April 24, 2008, to attend the funeral of a fallen soldier who lost his life in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. As a result, I missed rollcall votes 220 through 223.

Had I been present, I would have voted: "Aye" on rollcall vote 220—the Poe Amendment to H.R. 2830;

"Aye" on rollcall vote 221—the McNerny Amendment to H.R. 2830;

"Aye" on rollcall vote 222—the Motion to Recommit H.R. 2830 with instructions; and

"Aye" on rollcall vote 223—Passage of H.R. 2830.

A TRIBUTE TO DR. DARRELL PAGE  
OF BLADEN COMMUNITY COLLEGE

**HON. MIKE McINTYRE**

OF NORTH CAROLINA  
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
*Tuesday, April 29, 2008*

Mr. McINTYRE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Dr. Darrell Page of Dublin, North Carolina for his 11 years of service as President of Bladen Community College in Bladen County. Dr. Page's leadership, integrity, and insight have made a tremendous difference at this community college and in his community.

Samuel Logan Bringle, the legendary leader in the Salvation Army, once said some very important words that reflect the character and life of Darrell Page. He said, "The final estimate of a man will show that history cares not one iota about the title he has carried or the rank he has borne, but only about the quality of his deeds and the character of his heart." Indeed, Dr. Page has reflected this through his sacrifice and commitment.

During Dr. Page's tenure at the college, many positive developments and advancements have occurred. Student enrollment has more than doubled, total budget at the school has tripled, and the college has achieved Superior Performance status five of the past 6 years. In addition, Bladen Community has become a state leader in distance education. Furthermore, as a devoted husband, father, and friend, Darrell Page has truly been a foundation on which Bladen Community College and Bladen County have continued to thrive. Service to others has been the embodiment of his life—service that sets a path for others to follow and that we all should emulate.

In celebrating Dr. Page's upcoming retirement this June, let each of us remember the words of our third President of the United States, Thomas Jefferson, who said, "To do our fellow man the most good, we must lead where we can, follow where we cannot, and still go with him, always watching for that favorable moment to help him another step forward!"

We thank Darrell, on behalf of the citizens of Dublin, Bladen County, Bladen Community College, and the State of North Carolina, for always looking for that favorable moment and always helping his fellow citizens. May God's strength, joy and peace be with him always.

A PROCLAMATION HONORING NICK  
JACKSON FOR WINNING THE  
OHIO DIVISION IV STATE BASKETBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

**HON. ZACHARY T. SPACE**

OF OHIO  
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
*Tuesday, April 29, 2008*

Mr. SPACE. Madam Speaker: Whereas, Nick Jackson showed hard work and dedication to the sport of basketball; and

Whereas, Nick Jackson was a supportive team player; and

Whereas, Nick Jackson always displayed sportsmanship on and off of the court; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, that along with his friends, family, and the residents of the 18th Congressional District, I congratulate Nick Jackson on winning the Ohio Division IV State Basketball Championship. We recognize the tremendous hard work and sportsmanship he has demonstrated during the 2007–2008 basketball season.

HELEN KOVAK—A JEWEL OF  
SOUTHEAST TEXAS

**HON. TED POE**

OF TEXAS  
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
*Tuesday, April 29, 2008*

Mr. POE. Madam Speaker, today I am proud to recognize a lifelong volunteer and inspiration to the Beaumont community, Helen Kovak.

Mrs. Kovak is a pillar of the Beaumont community, and has a heart the size of Texas. For almost her entire life, she has given to back to the community she holds so dear. Her friends have even described her as, "the best volunteer in the world; always ready to do whatever it takes to get the job done."

Mrs. Kovak has served in a number of areas, one of which is the political arena, where she has been volunteering since the day she could vote. She is responsible for starting one of the first direct mail campaigns, which she carried out from her home, way back when Goldwater was running for office, and she serves as a Precinct Chairman for the Republican Party to this day.

A graduate of the University of Texas, Mrs. Kovak still sports a UT sticker on the back of her VW Beetle. She celebrated her 90th birthday on April 26th, and at a recent party with friends she stressed that people should appreciate what they have and "live each day to the fullest, because you never know when it's gonna end."

I am proud to recognize this gem of Southeast Texas on her 90th birthday. She is a true inspiration to us all.

CONGRATULATING THE STUDENT  
ENGINEERS AT THE UNIVERSITY  
OF EVANSVILLE FOR WINNING  
NASA'S 15TH ANNUAL GREAT  
MOONBUGGY RACE

**HON. BRAD ELLSWORTH**

OF INDIANA  
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
*Tuesday, April 29, 2008*

Mr. ELLSWORTH. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the student engineers at the University of Evansville for winning first place in NASA's 15th Annual Great Moonbuggy Race.

The race is held each year to honor the ingenuity and creative problem-solving of the designers of the original lunar rover used during the Apollo Moon missions in the 1970s.

The University of Evansville team defeated 24 teams to win the college division competition. Their moonbuggy completed a half-mile

course designed to replicate lunar ground conditions in 4 minutes and 25 seconds.

These students represent America's next generation of scientists, mathematicians, and engineers. I have no doubts that their ingenuity, creativity, and dedication to discovery will result in creative solutions to many of the challenges America faces after they leave the University of Evansville. Congratulations!

SEWAGE CRISIS NOW ADDED TO  
THE HUMANITARIAN DEBACLE  
IN GAZA

**HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 29, 2008*

Mr. KUCINICH. Madam Speaker, since late January 2008, the 1.5 million person population in Gaza has been enduring an Israeli-imposed blockade. The blockade effectively restricts the entry of food, clean water, fuel, and medical supplies. The lack of basic goods has severely deteriorated Gaza's health, economy, and social fabric.

The World Bank reports that since Hamas ousted Fatah from Gaza last June, 90 percent of businesses have shut down costing workers more than 100,000 jobs. Due to the closure of Gaza's borders and its inability to import raw materials, farmers and businesses are unable to produce and export their goods leaving nearly half a million people without an income.

According to Oxfam, today 80 percent of Gaza's population is dependent on food aid. On April 24th, the United Nations, UN, announced the suspension of their food aid program to 650,000 Gazans, 56 percent of whom are children, due to a lack of fuel for their trucks. These restrictions exacerbate an already dire humanitarian crisis in which 17.5 percent of children under the age of five suffer from chronic malnutrition.

Water and wastewater systems have also become a casualty of the blockade. Gaza's water and wastewater system is heavily reliant on diesel-powered generators. Due to the restrictions on the entry of diesel into Gaza, many water pumps do not have the power to provide running water. Additionally, the sewage system dates back to 1967 and was meant to provide for a population one-third the size of Gaza's Population. The lack of clean water and an adequate sewage system has led to a sanitary water crisis in Gaza.

According to a recent UN publication, seventy-five percent of Gaza's drinking water is polluted. The lack of clean water and a proper sewage system has caused infestations of small organisms such as amoeba that have led to several ailments including abdominal colic, diarrhea, and constipation. The sewage crisis has also led to overflow. On March 27, 2007, a wall of human waste overflowed into Gaza's residential areas and caused the death of children and elderly people.

According to the United Relief Works Agency, UNRWA, "Gaza is on the threshold of becoming the first territory to be intentionally reduced to a state of abject destitution, with the knowledge, acquiescence and, some would say, encouragement of the international community."

Israel must protect its citizens and ensure their security, but pursuant to the Fourth Ge-

neva Convention, Israel also has a legal duty to provide Gazans with food, clean water, electricity, and medical care. I urge the U.S. Administration to help end the humanitarian crisis in Gaza and ensure the health, safety, and security for Palestinians and Israelis.

NEW BRIDGING INDUSTRY AND  
GOVERNMENT TOUGH HI-TECH  
RESEARCH ON ENERGY EFFI-  
CIENCY (BIG THREE) ACT OF 2008

**HON. JOE KNOLLENBERG**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 29, 2008*

Mr. KNOLLENBERG. Madam Speaker, I rise today to introduce the New Bridging Industry and Government Through Hi-Tech Research on Energy Efficiency (BIG THREE) Act of 2008. This important legislation is a bold step to foster innovation, create and retain high-paying jobs, and promote efficient and alternative fuel technology to ensure that automakers meet the increased Corporate Average Fuel Economy, CAFE, standards.

It is impossible to overlook the importance of the automotive industry to the U.S. economy. Our history and our heritage as a nation are deeply rooted in the automotive industry, which has greatly improved the quality of life in our time. Nearly 400,000 Americans jobs are provided directly by the automotive industry on assembly lines, in research facilities, and offices across the country. Additionally, approximately 3.5 million other jobs are supported by the automotive industry through parts suppliers, hospitals, schools, and police stations that serve them. That means that every automotive job equals nearly 9 other jobs for U.S. workers.

It is also impossible to ignore the current struggles of the automotive industry. When Congress enacted energy legislation that increased CAFE standards to 35 miles per gallon by 2020, it placed the burden of cost on the auto industry to meet the aggressive efficiency targets. Increased CAFE standards represent only the latest hurdle thrown at the automotive industry from Washington, with little help delivered to assist the industry's pursuit of higher efficiency and lower emissions. During a time of an economic slowdown, Washington should take steps to protect these valuable jobs, not jeopardize them.

CAFE will cost the domestic automotive industry an estimated \$85 billion to research, develop, and implement the efficient and alternative fuel technology required to meet the aggressive new standards. For an industry that already spends approximately \$16 billion per year on research and development, finding the extra funds to develop this technology without compromising drivers' safety will be extremely difficult. This means that the increased costs will have to be passed on to the consumer, with some estimating that it will cost an extra \$6,000 per car to meet CAFE standards.

Instead of throwing the automotive industry up the creek without a paddle,

Washington should play a part in increasing energy efficiency. Energy security is an issue of national security and must be addressed over the short term and the long term. This requires a comprehensive strategy and steadfast dedication to meet our goal.

That is why I have introduced this legislation, which will help automakers meet the new regulations, help make our country a leader in alternative fuel technologies, and help stimulate our slowing national economy. Michigan's economy has been in unique and deep trouble for some time.

The first step in my plan is to permanently extend the research and development tax credit at 20 percent and make it fully refundable for expenditures that help meet the new CAFE standards. Automakers and suppliers have not been able to take advantage of the tax credit because they have not made substantial profits in recent years. Allowing an industry that currently invests significant funding in advanced research and development to take advantage of the tax credit will help defray the costs of increased research and development. This will enable them to reinvest these funds and create more high-paying jobs in the U.S.

The New BIG THREE Act will also invest significant Federal funding in research and development of leap-ahead technologies that will help us meet the new CAFE standards. Advanced battery technology is one of the most promising ways to dramatically increase fuel efficiency. However, there is no domestic production of advanced battery technology that is applicable to vehicles. By investing \$750 million over 5 years to research and develop advanced battery technology, my bill will help ensure that America is the epicenter of hybrid and plug-in electric vehicles that will help reduce our dependence on oil.

Hydrogen fuel cell technology has always been regarded as the long-term goal of extremely low-emission transportation. The New BIG THREE Act will invest \$250 million over 5 years to install hydrogen fuel pumps in commercial gas stations in at least two pilot regions. By establishing a hydrogen infrastructure, we can promote use of currently available hydrogen vehicles and provide an incentive to produce more of these leap-ahead vehicles. The New BIG THREE Act will also invest \$150 million over 3 years for the Federal Government to purchase hydrogen vehicles in order to reduce the emissions of our fleets and demonstrate the viability of the technology.

The New BIG THREE Act also has a provision that will affect short-term efforts to increase fuel efficiency. Clean diesel technology is one of the best ways to reduce emissions in the short term, and utilizing biodiesel is a promising way to reduce our dependence on Middle East oil. However, not all current biodiesel blends are compatible with all biodiesel engines. My bill will direct the Environmental Protection Agency to make a harmonized national standard for biodiesel composition.

Finally, my comprehensive plan will establish the Interagency Group on CAFE Standards, which will make sure Federal agencies work together and that all money spent on auto-related projects is used wisely and most effectively.

Ultimately, my plan is about jobs and our economy. The New BIG THREE Act is about working with one of our most important industries to create and retain good jobs, allow the industry to be competitive in the global market, and help move to a cleaner and more efficient line of American cars. The strong position of the Federal Government created by CAFE on

all of these issues mandates a strong commitment to make sure the goals are accomplished. I hope you will help American manufacturing succeed by supporting this important legislation.

COMMENDING THE ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF STUDENTS FROM SOUTH TEXAS HIGH SCHOOL FOR HEALTH PROFESSIONS

**HON. RUBÉN HINOJOSA**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 29, 2008*

Mr. HINOJOSA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commend the students of South Texas High School for Health Professions in Mercedes, Texas for once again excelling in the Health Occupations Students of America state competition. This year 13 Med High students scored first or second among all Texas students in competitions testing their knowledge of subjects ranging from nutrition to personal care to first aid techniques. The hard work of these South Texas high school students is to be commended, as is their involvement with HOSA.

As our Nation struggles to find and train a sufficient number of health care workers to meet the needs of our aging population, HOSA has endeavored to play a leading role in training high school and post-secondary students for futures in health care careers. To date, over 90,000 students have participated in the HOSA program through approximately 2,600 secondary and post-secondary chapters across the country.

By expanding the number of students receiving training and instruction in health care careers, our Nation would be investing in the futures of both our students and our communities. This Congress, I have introduced H.R. 3618, the Safe Schools and Health Care Professional Pipeline Act, to facilitate the expansion of health care and medical education in our secondary and post-secondary institutions. This bill will create a pipeline of trained students into the health professions, where they will be able to provide for the medical needs of their communities. By introducing these students to health care careers at an early age, our high schools and universities will join in our effort to sustain an adequate supply of medical professionals while developing the skills of our young people.

Madam Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in commending the accomplishments of the students of Med High and in supporting the Safe Schools and Health Care Professional Pipeline Act.

A TRIBUTE TO STAFF SERGEANT EMANUEL PICKETT

**HON. MIKE McINTYRE**

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 29, 2008*

Mr. McINTYRE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Staff Sergeant Emanuel Pickett of Wallace, North Carolina, who lost his life while defending our Nation on April 6 during a mortar attack in Baghdad. In addition

to his service in the North Carolina National Guard, Emanuel served as a captain with the Wallace, North Carolina, Police Department. He shall be remembered by all those whose lives he touched as the finest example of bravery, honor, and public service.

Emanuel lived in Wallace his entire life, and throughout his 34 years, worked selflessly to make a positive difference in his community. Besides working as a captain with the Wallace Police Department, he also worked as a reserve deputy for the Duplin County Sheriff's office, where he led undercover drug investigations in several surrounding counties. Emanuel's giving spirit found many outlets. He also started a crime watch in his own neighborhood, helped to found a program to mentor kids without fathers, and coached youth basketball.

Emanuel will be missed by his family and friends. He was the son of Harry and Merlese Pickett, the youngest of 6 children. He was the loving father of 3 children—2 daughters, ages 17 and 10, and a 14-year-old son. Over his lifetime, Emanuel earned countless friends. Because of his 13 years of service with the police department and his stint of more than 20 years employed at a local butcher shop, Emanuel owned one of the most recognizable faces in his community. He was so admired within his community, in fact, that his family has received condolences from thousands of people, including some that Emanuel helped send to prison.

Emanuel Pickett was serving his second tour of duty in Iraq when his life was taken. His courage will continue to be an inspiration to us all. His life is a strong representation of what can be accomplished through devotion to a community and its people. May God bless his family, and may we always remember the life of Staff Sergeant Emanuel Pickett.

A PROCLAMATION HONORING GERRY JASPER FOR WINNING THE OHIO DIVISION IV STATE BASKETBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

**HON. ZACHARY T. SPACE**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 29, 2008*

Mr. SPACE. Madam Speaker:

Whereas, Gerry Jasper showed hard work and dedication to the sport of basketball; and

Whereas, Gerry Jasper was a supportive team player; and

Whereas, Gerry Jasper always displayed sportsmanship on and off of the court; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, that along with his friends, family, and the residents of the 18th Congressional District, I congratulate Gerry Jasper on winning the Ohio Division IV State Basketball Championship. We recognize the tremendous hard work and sportsmanship he has demonstrated during the 2007–2008 basketball season.

TRIBUTE TO MARGARETE WALDEN

**HON. JIM McDERMOTT**

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 29, 2008*

Mr. McDERMOTT. Madam Speaker, this past Sunday, April 27, 2008, Margarete Walden of the 7th Congressional District in Washington State, was announced the national winner of the Student Conservation Association and Mazda North American Operation's Conservation in Action multimedia contest. The contest was designed to create new, practical solutions to our Nation's most urgent environmental issues.

Margarete Walden's winning essay, titled *The Pen Pal Project: A Kyoto Protocol for the Individual Citizen*, develops an action-oriented environmental solution. Implemented on the classroom level, American students would be paired with students from a developing country and would be responsible for lowering their carbon footprint to below per capita 1990 levels by the end of the school year. This pen pal partnership is modeled on the Kyoto Protocol so that the pairs can work together to meet their target while learning about international environmental politics. The project's main goal would be to provide students with a practical opportunity for action on global warming in the short term that would lead to a lifestyle change of great benefit to the environment in the long term.

Today, I am proud to welcome Miss Walden to our Nation's capital where she will receive her cash prize and the 2008 fuel efficient Mazda 3 sedan.

Margarete Walden reminds our Nation that every citizen must be leaders in the incessant challenge to improve old models of conservation.

RECOGNIZING DARRELL R. GREEN AS THE RECIPIENT OF THE CARE AWARD

**HON. JAMES P. MORAN**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 29, 2008*

Mr. MORAN of Virginia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Darrell R. Green, an NFL Hall of Famer, seven-time All-Pro defensive back for the Washington Redskins and founder of the Darrell Green Youth Life Foundation, upon his receiving the Commonwealth Academy Recognition for Educators, CARE, Award.

Mr. Green is being honored for his visionary leadership in establishing the Darrell Green Youth Life Foundation, which provides support services to young people facing challenging life circumstances. Through his foundation, Mr. Green has opened the Youth Life Learning Center in the District of Columbia and affiliate centers in Richmond, Virginia, and Nashville, Tennessee. These centers provide comprehensive after-school and summer programs for at-risk teens and pre-teens. They offer academic enrichment and remedial education in the areas of reading, language arts, mathematics, supplemental services, mentoring and character development. In addition to providing these services, Mr. Green's foundation

has created a National Training Institute where community leaders can learn how to launch similar programs in their own neighborhoods.

A native of Houston, Texas, Darrell Green had an illustrious career with the Washington Redskins. He was a seven-time All-Pro defensive back, played in three Super Bowls and retired in 2002 after a heralded 20-year career. A top draft choice out of Texas A&I University, Darrell understood the power of an education, going back to school to complete his undergraduate degree which he earned in 1998 from St. Paul's College in Lawrenceville, Virginia. In 1999, Marymount University recognized Green for his extraordinary humanitarian work and conferred upon him the honorary degree of doctor of humane letters.

Mr. Green has been breaking ground his entire life. At an early age he faced some very challenging circumstances. But, with the support of his high school coach and faith community, Darrell was able to overcome those obstacles, rising to become a celebrated pro athlete. This personal experience is what prompted him to create the foundation, so that at-risk young people can receive the support they also need to succeed.

I am delighted to be presenting the prestigious CARE award to Darrell Green, an outstanding community leader who has worked tirelessly to enhance the lives of young people. I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Darrell on this award and for his ongoing commitment to improving the lives of others.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. BRIAN HIGGINS**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 29, 2008*

Mr. HIGGINS. Madam Speaker, last week I regrettably missed a number of votes to attend to a family emergency. Had I been present for these votes, I would have voted as indicated below.

On Roll #213, the Matheson of Utah Amendment, I would have voted "aye."

On Roll #214, the Capito of West Virginia Amendment, I would have voted "aye."

On Roll #215, the Foster of Illinois Amendment, I would have voted "aye."

On Roll #216, the Motion to Recommit with Instructions, I would have voted "no."

On Roll #217, final passage of H.R. 5819, I would have voted "aye."

On Roll #218, on Ordering the Previous Question, I would have voted "aye."

On Roll #219, on agreeing to H. Res. 1126, I would have voted "aye."

On Roll #220, the Poe of Texas Amendment, I would have voted "aye."

On Roll #221, the McNerney of California Amendment, I would have voted "aye."

On Roll #222, the Motion to Recommit with Instructions, I would have voted "no."

On Roll #223, final passage of H.R. 2830, I would have voted "aye."

HONORING NATIONAL MINORITY  
CANCER AWARENESS WEEK

**HON. JOE BACA**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 29, 2008*

Mr. BACA. Madam Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to revise and extend my remarks to recognize National Minority Cancer Awareness Week.

Cancer continues to devastate American families throughout the United States. The Congressional District I represent lies in the Cancer belt of California, with increase in the number of cases diagnosed every day. Minorities in my area continue to be significantly impacted and every day are faced with the question of what to do and how to pay for costly treatments.

National Minority Cancer Awareness Week is recognized on the third week of April to raise awareness of the alarming incidence and effects cancer has amongst the minorities. This awareness contributes to much needed outreach education to those most affected.

High cancer rates among minorities are a widely known fact, and sadly due in large part to the health disparities in access to high quality prevention, early detection and treatment services.

In Congress, I have continued my efforts in combating Breast Cancer by partnering with Senator DIANNE FEINSTEIN in reauthorizing the Breast Cancer Research Stamp for another two years. Without research we are all in the dark. Thanks to this stamp, research for breast cancer has increased by over \$50 million.

Increasing awareness is vital at a time when we are facing cuts in Medicaid funding to States, and a shortage of funding to important programs like S-CHIP and WIC. Families need to realize that cancer does strike disproportionately in the minority community.

Sadly, many patients find out about a cancer diagnosis after it is too late. This is especially tragic when we know that only about 5 percent of all cancers are strongly hereditary, most cancers result in damage (mutation) to genes that occur during one's lifetime, according to the American Cancer Society.

African Americans have the highest death rate for all cancers than any other group. In fact, African American men are twice as likely to die from prostate cancer as white men. The American Cancer Society also reports that an estimated 152,000 African Americans will be diagnosed and more than 62,000 African Americans will die from cancer this year.

For Hispanics in the United States, the data is just as alarming. Cancer is the second leading cause of death for Hispanics in the United States. Moreover, cancer rates are higher for Hispanics for the cancers of the stomach, liver, cervix, and gallbladder.

These are alarming statistics that are only a reflection of the devastating effects of cancer in our minority communities. Cancer touches the lives of not just only the patients, but the family as well.

American families are the backbone of our society, it is essential that we help them in any way we can. Increased research and educational outreach is the first step.

We are all facing the detrimental effects of the skyrocketing gas prices and a devastating

number of foreclosures; these families affected with cancer especially need our help. No one should have to choose between paying for medicine and paying for gas to get to a doctor's appointment.

A TRIBUTE TO COMMISSIONER R.E.  
"GENE" BROWN

**HON. MIKE MCINTYRE**

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 29, 2008*

Mr. MCINTYRE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Pender County Commissioner R.E. Brown of Burgaw, North Carolina, who recently passed away at the age of 85. Affectionately referred to as "Gene" by those who knew him and those he served, Commissioner Brown had been a commissioner in the town of Burgaw for over 20 years and was serving as mayor pro-tempore. As a native of southeastern North Carolina and as a public servant, he offered an unwavering service to everything he did and to everyone who knew him, and he had admirable commitment to his responsibilities as an elected official.

Truly an asset to his community, Commissioner Brown understood the people he represented and cared deeply about making a positive difference in their lives. Over his lifetime, Brown dedicated himself to both government and public service. He was a member of the U.S. Army during World War II, and afterward he served for 42 years as the postmaster in the towns of Burgaw and Wallace. He was active in several community organizations, including the Burgaw Jaycees, the Burgaw Lions, the King Solomon #138 Masonic Lodge, and was an original member of the Pender County Rescue Squad. He was chairman of the Pender Adult Services executive board. A man of faith, he was also a member of Burgaw Baptist Church, where he served as a deacon and Sunday school teacher. In honor of his extensive involvement and giving spirit, Brown was awarded the North Carolina Governor's Award for Volunteerism and Community Service in 2004. A father of three and grandfather of five, Brown leaves behind his wife of 57 years.

Commissioner Brown's dedication to the town of Burgaw, both as a citizen and as an elected official, is an inspiration to us all. His record of service is a strong representation of what can be accomplished through devotion to a community and its people. May God bless his family, and may we always remember the leadership and life of Commissioner Gene Brown.

A PROCLAMATION HONORING  
SHANE YORK FOR WINNING THE  
OHIO DIVISION IV STATE BASKETBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

**HON. ZACHARY T. SPACE**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 29, 2008*

Mr. SPACE. Madam Speaker:

Whereas, Shane York showed hard work and dedication to the sport of basketball; and

Whereas, Shane York was a supportive team player; and

Whereas, Shane York always displayed sportsmanship on and off of the court; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, that along with his friends, family, and the residents of the 18th Congressional District, I congratulate Shane York on winning the Ohio Division IV State Basketball Championship. We recognize the tremendous hard work and sportsmanship he has demonstrated during the 2007–2008 basketball season.

TRIBUTE TO THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE SOUTHEASTERN COLORADO WATER CONSERVANCY DISTRICT

**HON. JOHN T. SALAZAR**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 29, 2008*

Mr. SALAZAR. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the occasion of the 50th Anniversary of the Southeastern Colorado Water Conservancy District. All of us have in our districts special places and special people. The Arkansas Valley is very near to me because of the grit of its people and its genuine effort to sustain its culture and rural economy.

More than half a century ago, this region was optimistic about its future. The Valley knew that if it worked hard, it could prosper. But the people in the Valley also knew that they needed more water in order to do so. It was then that they envisioned a project which would bring them supplemental water for farms and ranches and small businesses and industry like the steel mill.

The people came together to push such a project, which came to be known as the Fryingpan-Arkansas because it moved water from the Fryingpan River watershed to the Arkansas River basin. In fact, the people needed to lobby Washington on behalf of the project, and they sold small golden fryingpans to raise money to send citizen lobbyists to Washington to tell the story of their need and their dream.

The Southeastern Colorado Water Conservancy District was eventually formed by these local activists, if you will. It was created under Colorado statute and designated by the Pueblo, Colorado district court. Its mission was to develop, in partnership with the Bureau of Reclamation, the multi-purpose project we now know.

I want to congratulate the District on its 50 years of dedicated work. Not only does it manage this complex project with its many diversion, conveyance and storage features; it promotes conservation programs, administers a valuable winter water storage program, and manages return flows for augmentation purposes.

The District and its many distinguished board members who have served the District and the Valley over 50 years are to be commended for their important efforts as they celebrate their golden anniversary today.

COMMENDING THE STATE OF KANSAS

**HON. NANCY E. BOYDA**

OF KANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 29, 2008*

Mrs. BOYDA of Kansas. Madam Speaker, I would like to commend the state of Kansas for passing the Interstate Compact on Educational Opportunity for Military Children Kansas (Kansas House Bill 2714).

Military parents, like all parents, want a high-quality education for their children. Due to the nature of their jobs, which often require frequent moves, military families are too often faced with extra challenges. The enactment of the Interstate Compact on Educational Opportunity for Military Children is truly a hallmark for the state of Kansas. It will remove the educational barriers military children often face when parents must move to another state or are deployed.

The bill creates a pact with other states to streamline the school transfer process. It includes many creative solutions such as allowing students to use hand-carried records, rather than waiting on schools to transfer records, and requiring districts that do transfer records to do so within 10 days. It also gives extra excused absences to children with a parent who is deploying or returning and lets students enroll in advanced courses and special education programs previously enrolled in. Further, it provides schools with the choice to enroll students into extracurricular programs midseason and waive prerequisites.

Provisions in the bill will apply to children of active members of the military, including those members severely injured and medically discharged and those retired for a period of up to one year after retirement.

The U.S. Department of Defense Office of Personnel and Readiness, in cooperation with the Council of State Governments and Advisory Group, have embraced the compact and look forward to working with other states as they develop similar programs.

This compact celebrates our nation's defenders and I ask my colleagues in Congress to congratulate the fine state of Kansas and to encourage their states to join the Compact.

A TRIBUTE TO STANLEY F. BATTLE

**HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 29, 2008*

Mr. TOWNS. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Stanley F. Battle, who on July 1, 2007, assumed the position of chancellor of North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University.

A native of Springfield, Massachusetts, Dr. Battle majored in sociology at Springfield College, graduating in 1973. After completing a master's degree in social work from the University of Connecticut in 1975, he earned a master's degree in public health (1979) and a doctorate in social welfare policy (1980) from the University of Pittsburgh. He later completed the Institute for Educational Management at Harvard University and the Millennium

Leadership Institute of the American Association of State Colleges and Universities.

Dr. Battle began his academic career at the University of Minnesota in 1980, serving as an assistant professor in the School of Social Work with an adjunct appointment in the School of Public Health. Four years later, he moved to Boston University, holding joint appointments in the Schools of Social Work and Public Health. He was named a professor in the University of Connecticut School of Social Work in 1987, where he was promoted to associate dean for research and development in 1991.

In 1993, Battle was recruited to Eastern Connecticut State University as associate vice president for academic affairs. Five years later, he joined the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee as the Sullivan-Spaights Distinguished Professor in UWM's School of Social Welfare and Education. In that role, he established scholarships, a summer research institute focused on issues pertaining to adolescent fathers, and a mentoring institute for adolescent African American males. In 2000, he was promoted to vice chancellor of student and multicultural affairs at UMW, a post he held until being named president of Coppin State in 2003.

Throughout his career, Dr. Battle has remained committed to scholarly endeavor, community involvement and collaboration. Battle has numerous awards and honors and is an accomplished teacher, researcher, and speaker. He is also the author or co-author of 11 books and more than 60 articles and book chapters, primarily focusing on social issues involving the African American community.

Battle and his wife, Judith Lynn Rozie-Battle, an attorney, have one daughter, Ashley Lynn, a graduate of Mount Holyoke College who is now pursuing a master's degree from the Columbia School of Journalism.

RECOGNIZING THE SOUTHEASTERN COLORADO WATER CONSERVANCY DISTRICT

**HON. MARILYN N. MUSGRAVE**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 29, 2008*

Mrs. MUSGRAVE. Madam Speaker, Fifty years ago today, the Southeastern Colorado Water Conservancy District was formed by a district court in Pueblo, Colorado. Its charge was to develop and administer the Fryingpan-Arkansas Project.

My Congressional District includes the Lower Arkansas Valley, which both the Project and the District serve. Supplemental water is provided for agricultural, municipal and industrial purposes with the hope of sustaining the livelihood of the people of this region.

The Arkansas Valley is not a wealthy region, but its people are rich in their determination and their love for the Valley. After World War II, this area like many others, saw a future of growth and enhancement, but it needed more to obtain those goals.

The Southeastern District and the many wonderful Valley residents who have served on its Board of Directors over the 50 years of its existence have served us well. The Fryingpan-Arkansas Project is an important tool in the area's efforts to survive both economically and culturally. While the Arkansas

Basin experiences its highs and lows, often influenced by the availability of water in any given year, the Basin recognizes the value of the Project and the District which manages it capably and effectively.

I want to thank the Southeastern District for its efforts and congratulate them on their half a century of success.

A PROCLAMATION HONORING MATT BLAKE FOR WINNING THE OHIO DIVISION IV STATE BASKETBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

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OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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IN TRIBUTE TO THE AIGEN HAIFA CHAPTER OF AMERICAN FRIENDS OF MAGEN DAVID ADOM

HON. DEBBIE WASSERMAN SCHULTZ

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 29, 2008

Mrs. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the Aigen Haifa Chapter of American Friends of Magen David Adom. Magen David Adom is Israel's equivalent to the Red Cross.

The chapter based out of Sunrise, Florida, is celebrating the 60th anniversary of the state of Israel. Since its formation in 1992, the

chapter has raised several million dollars. This money has gone to buy 11 ambulances that cost anywhere between \$70 and \$100 thousand. The money also helps build blood centers in Israel which supply 95 percent of the blood in the state to among others, hospitals and the military.

Over the last three years, the chapter has been short handed. Many of us remember the destruction by Hurricane Wilma in 2005. This group felt it first hand, more than 50 of its 120 members have left and not returned to the area. But that has not stopped them from taking money out of their own pockets to donate to the state of Israel. On several occasions, a former member has passed away, and willed money to the organization so they could help their brothers and sisters in Israel.

Madam Speaker, this group exemplifies some of the best that this country has to offer. I thank you for giving me the opportunity to tell all of America about some of the women and men in my district who work to make positive changes in the lives of others.