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

IN HONOR OF REPRESENTATIVE
MICHAEL McNULTY

HON. CHARLES B. RANGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 18, 2008

Mr. RANGEL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and celebrate the illustrious congressional career of a friend—a fellow New Yorker, Democrat, and member of Ways and Means—Representative MICHAEL McNULTY, who for nearly 40 years has served his constituents in the Empire State superbly well. That four-decade-long résumé boasts posts as mayor of Green Island, New York, as a State assemblyman, and since 1988, a widely respected and beloved U.S. Congressman. He leaves us at the end of this year the same as he was when he first entered these Halls—unblemished in record and integrity, full of vigor and focus, impassioned about and pre-eminently concerned with the uplift of those he served.

As chairman of the Social Security Subcommittee, he maintained his unrelenting commitment to the program and the senior citizens whose livelihoods depend on it. Having worked with MIKE closely on the committee, I can vouch for his incredible work ethic and delicate parsing of the issues. The vivacity he brought to the job interwoven with his serious, reflective intellect has served the committee well—has served the country well. He is a fervent champion of working families, a man of impeccable credentials and record on those matters of import to the middle class.

On this day, his birthday, it is with honor that I join the chorus of colleagues, friends, and family who today laud his very many accomplishments. It is with cheer and celebration in our hearts that we wish MIKE well in retirement. His presence will still be felt in the next Congress: in the hearts of those he touched, on those issues he left an indelible mark, on the legacy he leaves behind for us all to emulate.

CITIZENSHIP DAY

HON. MICHAEL M. HONDA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 18, 2008

Mr. HONDA. Madam Speaker, as chair of the Congressional Asian Pacific American Caucus, I rise to celebrate Citizenship Day.

Today, we celebrate our allegiance to the United States of America, a country that hon-

ors freedom, opportunity, and justice for all; whose promise of opportunity has inspired people—from around the world—throughout our history, to leave their homelands to take part in the American dream.

Citizenship Day gives us the opportunity to reflect upon our country and its dream.

From our founding and at our very core, America has always been a nation of immigrants, documented and undocumented, who have made great contributions to our Nation. They built our transcontinental railroad that injected new life and industry into the American West, and their entrepreneurship and labor spurred the economy in our early American cities.

By now, we should know that “immigrant” is not a dirty word. In 2006, the Boston Globe reported that immigrants started one in four venture-backed companies since 1990, and two in five in high technology. Foreign-born entrepreneurs have certainly made their mark in my district in Silicon Valley, helping to found companies including Intel, Ebay, Yahoo and Google.

Their contributions are also felt in the small business sector, as immigrants are one of the fastest-growing segments of small business owners in the U.S. Immigrant women are starting businesses at a rate 57 percent higher than native-born women. And immigrant men start businesses at a rate 71 percent higher than native-born men.

Looking toward our future with our aging workforce and our Social Security crisis, we need their contributions now more than ever. And despite this tough economy and in this tough economy, their entrepreneurial spirit is helping to keep our American dream alive.

After all, generation after generation of immigrants have taken oath to become American citizens with love of country and commitment to America’s promise. The faster we embrace each generation, the faster they become integrated as new Americans, and the stronger we are as a truly united country.

That is why I introduced The Strengthening Communities through Education & Integration Act. The Act would invest in adult education programs for English-language learners, including civics programs that teach newcomers about the rights and responsibilities of citizenship. As a former principal and school teacher, I know the importance of investing in our youth. This bill would ensure that our Nation’s children and schools have adequate funding and resources for vital literacy programs for English-language learners. It would assist schools with teacher recruitment for English-language learners. It would provide tax incentives for employers to offer training and ESL programs to their employees, and would support State and local initiatives in English-language and civics education.

My legislation is supported by a broad coalition of business groups, labor unions, literacy and education coalitions, immigrant advocacy organizations, Asian American and Hispanic advocates, and faith-based organizations, all who realize the importance of integrating new American communities.

In the spirit of Citizenship Day, I invite you to join me as a cosponsor of H.R. 6617.

HONORING JOSEPH RICHEY

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 18, 2008

Mr. GRAVES. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Joseph Richey of Parkville, Missouri. Joseph is a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 1314, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

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

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

TRIBUTE TO BARRY GOTTEHRER,
JOURNALIST, AUTHOR, NEW
YORK CITY POLITICAL CRU-
SADER, AND FRIEND

HON. TERRY EVERETT

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 18, 2008

Mr. EVERETT. Madam Speaker, during my four decades in journalism and politics, I’ve been blessed with many friends, but few have impacted me personally as much as Bronx-born journalist turned political crusader, Barry Gottehrer, who passed away in April at the age of 73.

Barry Gottehrer was what all good journalists aspire to be but few are fortunate enough to attain—a real force for change. During the racial turmoil of the mid 1960’s, Barry Gottehrer combined a young reporter’s burning ambition with a mission to force America’s largest city to confront its darkest problems. He soon directly challenged the world he reported on, employing his skills as a gifted negotiator to unite a politically fractured city.

While at The New York Herald Tribune, Barry Gottehrer penned a powerful series of stories starkly but accurately profiling New York as a “City in Crisis.” According to The New York Times, his work was credited with bringing New York mayor John Lindsay to office. But that was just the beginning. Barry Gottehrer joined the Lindsay administration and reached out to dialogue with the unsavory from New York’s criminal underworld to its street gangs.

Gottehrer’s efforts to keep New York’s disparate and sometimes warring factions from turning the city into chaos are chronicled in his 1975 book, “The Mayor’s Man.” He summed up his work this way: “. . . during those feverish days of the 1960s and early 1970s when hundreds of our cities went up in flames, when rebellion and disorder swept through our streets, our public schools, our college campuses . . . when the very fabric of our country seemed ready to shred, I was the Mayor’s Man at the brink of this revolution—a white in