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More than 30 million men and women, including many members of Congress, have served in the oldest and largest of our armed forces. Since the founding of the Continental Army of the United States in 1775, the selfless service and personal sacrifices of our Soldiers has been woven into the fabric and culture of this great country. I encourage my colleagues to take June 14th, 2009—the occasion of the Army's 234th birthday, to let our Soldiers know that they have our thanks and our appreciation and that a great Army deserves a great National Museum.

IN HONOR OF THE LIFE'S WORK
OF CHUCK MACK

HON. JACKIE SPEIER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 12, 2009

Ms. SPEIER. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the outstanding contributions of retiring Teamsters Union Western Region Vice President Chuck Mack.

Mr. Mack began his work with the Teamsters in 1962, loading and driving trucks in Oakland, California. Just a few years later, he was elected business agent of Teamsters Local 70 and was re-elected with the largest number of votes in the Local's history. So began his 43-year career of dedicated service as one of the top leaders in the international Teamsters Union. Mr. Mack was elected Secretary-Treasurer of Local 70 in 1972, President of Joint Council 7 in 1982 and, finally, Western Region Vice President in 1998—all positions he held until his retirement this year.

As the Western Region Vice President, Chuck was a champion for millions of American workers, even as he maintained a personal commitment to local laborers and the unions who represent them in my District and in California. Following his retirement, he will continue his commitment to the Teamsters, taking up leadership of the Western Conference Teamster Pension Trust.

Madam Speaker, I have known and worked with Chuck Mack for as long as I have been in public service and I know that he is much more than just a union leader. In addition to his tireless fight for the welfare of workers, Chuck maintained a fierce commitment to environmental and economic justice. An early booster of the Los Angeles Clean Trucks Program, Mr. Mack led the fight for sustainable and accountable transportation, keeping our communities safe and healthy for generations to come.

But no leader, however capable, acts alone. Chuck's family, including his wonderful wife Marlene, his four daughters—Tammy, Kelly, Kerry and Shannon, and Chuck's eight grandchildren, who loaned their husband, dad and grandfather to the cause of working men and women everywhere, must be recognized as well. Chuck Mack's life-long dedication to the health, livelihood and safety of workers around

our country and across the globe is something his family will look back on for generations with pride and admiration. The same can be said of his vast extended family, those fortunate enough to be in the Brotherhood—and Sisterhood—of Teamsters.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. DEVIN NUNES

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 12, 2009

Mr. NUNES. Madam Speaker, on the legislative day of Thursday June 11, 2009, I was unavoidably detained and was unable to cast a vote on a number of rollcall votes. Had I been present, I would have voted: rollcall 334—"yea".

CELEBRATING 100 YEARS OF
AMERICAN BOY SCOUTS

HON. CHARLES B. RANGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 12, 2009

Mr. RANGEL. Madam Speaker, I rise today in tribute to our nation's youngest and littlest public servants—in stature, perhaps, but certainly not in heart—the Boy Scouts of America. For a century, these young boys and their counselors have been on the front lines, safeguarding and protecting America and her values: democracy, tolerance, compassion, and generosity, just to name a few. Heralded as the largest youth scouting organization, the Boy Scouts has inspired and motivated a cadre of young men to love this country, to work—tirelessly and humbly—without ingratitude, and to give of themselves to their communities and to the downtrodden. The organization has left its mark, a mark that runs a full century deep into the annals of this country's history, touching the lives of generations of boys and of those they have helped.

Next February 8, the Boy Scouts will celebrate its centennial anniversary, honoring its inception in February of 1910 by a Chicago publisher, William Boyce. Since that day, 111 million men have joined the ranks of the Scouts, committing to 12 hours of community service every year. America benefits from 30 million hours every year due to the toil of these youngsters. That means more hands at our airports, and ports, and schools, and hospitals. It means greater numbers of servers at a soup kitchen, of planters at a forestation drive, of readers at a local school. It means America is that much stronger, that much safer, and that much more prosperous because of the sacrifice of a dedicated few. They have earned our gratitude and deepest respect.

The adult volunteers who these kids look up to deserve unique and emphatic praise themselves. Youngsters are eager to have role models—and in some quarters of our country, there are not many to choose from. Men and women willing to dedicate the time and care to lead these kids at a time of overwhelming change and insecurity are heroes and heroines. They have, no doubt, saved lives, and there can be no greater gift than setting right a life heading wayward.

May we speak with one voice today in salute to these boys, many of whom are now men raising sons and grandsons of their own, and mark February 8, 2010 as the day for recognition of the Boy Scouts.

CONDEMNING SHOOTING AT U.S.
HOLOCAUST MUSEUM

SPEECH OF

HON. AL GREEN

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 11, 2009

Mr. GREEN of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise in strong support of H. Res. 529 and to express my outrage at the violent attack on the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum on June 10, 2009, along with my deepest sympathies to all of those who knew Stephen T. Johns, the brave and honorable security guard who tragically died in the attack.

Stephen T. Johns, 39, died tragically in the line of duty as he defended the Holocaust Memorial Museum from an attack by acknowledged white supremacist, racist and anti-Semitic James von Brunn. He leaves behind his sister, his wife and his 11-year-old son.

It is tragic that, as this incident demonstrates all too vividly, racism and anti-Semitism are still alive in America. It is tragic whenever there is a revolting act of violence that takes the life of an innocent person. It is especially tragic that, in this situation, the forces of hate and violence were unleashed at this august institution that is dedicated to memorializing and preventing a recurrence of the Holocaust that appallingly took the lives of millions of innocent civilians.

Mr. Johns and all the rest of the security guards in the Holocaust Memorial Museum deserve our fullest commendation, as they acted heroically to prevent the museum's despicable attacker from enacting even more harm.

I condemn the shooting completely, fully and without reservation. This type of attack is totally unacceptable, as are the racist and anti-Semitic motivations underlying it. I thank my friend, Rep. KLEIN, for introducing this important resolution.

HONORING THE ACHIEVEMENTS OF
DR. ESTEBAN FERNANDEZ

HON. ILEANA ROS-LEHTINEN

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 12, 2009

Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN. Madam Speaker, I would like to honor one of South Florida's most distinguished residents, Dr. Esteban Fernandez. Through his extreme devotion to the field of publishing and his intense belief in the Christian faith, Dr. Fernandez has facilitated the diffusion of Christian ideas between differing languages and cultures, and dedicated himself to knowledge.

Dr. Fernandez holds a doctorate in Philosophy with an emphasis in leadership and organization. He also holds a degree of licentiate in Theology awarded by the Faculty of Theological and Religious Studies of Casa Sobre La Roca. In addition, Dr. Fernandez