Married 49 years ago, Mr. Tunney enjoyed spending time with his wife Ann and their family. After retirement, the couple lived for a decade in Hawaii where they pursued their mutual hobby, flying small planes, as well as traveling, swimming, and reading. They later moved to Tiburon in Marin County, California.

Mr. Tunney is survived by his children Alexandra Kelly, Megan Tunney, Erin MacLeon, and Gene Tunney as well as seven grandchildren and brothers John and Jay.

Madam Speaker, we are proud to honor Gene Tunney's contributions to our community and know that, with many of his Deputy District Attorneys serving on the bench, his legacy of high standards and fairness to victims will continue in Sonoma County.

HONORING THE LIFE AND SERVICE OF LANCE CORPORAL BRAD SHUDER OF EL DORADO HILLS, CA

HON. TOM McCLINTOCK

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 24, 2009

Mr. McCLINTOCK. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor the life and service of Lance Corporal Brad Shuder of El Dorado Hills, CA, who was killed in action on April 12, 2004 while serving his country in Iraq. Lance Corporal Shuder graduated from Oakridge High School in El Dorado Hills. The day he graduated, Brad enlisted in the Marine Corps. He is survived by his parents, Glenn and Rose, and his younger sister, Chelsey.

I cannot begin to comprehend the tragedy of losing such a loving and courageous young man and I cannot soothe that pain with my words. All I can do is say thank you for Brad's sacrifice. Brad's cousin, Reverend Michael Bugarin, officiated the funeral service and delivered the following words: "Brad did something extraordinary. He was willing to sacrifice his life for me and you." May we never forget the sacrifices that the sons and daughters of our great country have made.

A PROCLAMATION HONORING BROOKE SEAL FOR WINNING THE GIRLS' DIVISION IV STATE SOFTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

HON. ZACHARY T. SPACE

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 24, 2009

Mr. SPACE. Madam Speaker,

Whereas, Brooke Seal showed hard work and dedication to the sport of softball; and

Whereas, Brooke Seal was a supportive team player; and

Whereas, Brooke Seal always displayed sportsmanship on and off of the field; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, that along with her friends, family, and the residents of the 18th Congressional District, I congratulate Brooke Seal on winning the Girls' Division IV State Softball Championship. We recognize the tremendous hard work and sportsmanship she has demonstrated during the 2008–2009 softball season.

HONORING KCRB'S 25TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 24, 2009

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Madam Speaker, I rise with my colleague Representative LYNN WOOLSEY, to honor a local public broadcaster, KRCB in Sonoma County, California. KRCB is celebrating 25 years of service to our local communities.

Nancy Dobbs, President and CEO, has been the guiding force behind KRCB from the beginning. She notes that it is a rare opportunity to build such a public institution. "When we started in January, 1981," she says, "we had to argue for the license before the FCC, find land on which to build our offices and studios, raise money for a station that did not yet exist, and convince the community about the importance of our own public broadcasting service."

Fortunately for all of us, the effort was successful. Today, we cannot imagine what Sonoma County would be like without KRCB, which provides PBS television, NPR radio, and local programming. It is the only PBS service available to more than a quarter of a million residents.

Working with nonprofits, businesses, and government agencies, KRCB has led community dialogues on health care, the environment, and disability awareness, to name just a few. The station has been awarded three Emmys for its national environmental series National Heroes, has been honored by the California Teachers' Association for its North Bay Report, and has received honors for local election coverage, provided consistently for the past 17 years. KRCB also provides air time to celebrate local cultural events, such as the full season of the acclaimed Santa Rosa Symphony, which would otherwise be unavailable.

According to Dobbs, "It was clear from the beginning that KRCB's mission was to utilize the public airwaves of which we are stewards to strengthen the communities we serve. Public broadcasting is a critically important tool with which to stimulate community dialogue and engagement, central elements of a healthy democracy."

Madam Speaker, we congratulate KRCB Television and Radio on its 25 years of service. It is indeed a treasure of Northern California.

CONGRATULATING CARMEN AMBROSINO, RECIPIENT OF THE 2009 LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD FROM THE ITALIAN AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF LUZERNE COUNTY

HON. PAUL E. KANJORSKI

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 24, 2009

Mr. Kanjorski. Madam Speaker, I rise today to ask you and my esteemed colleagues in the House of Representatives to pay tribute to Mr. Carmen Ambrosino, Chief Executive Officer of the Wyoming Valley Alcohol and Drug Services, Inc., who has been selected by the Italian American Association of Luzerne County to receive its prestigious 2009 "Lifetime Achievement Award."

A 1966 graduate of Exeter High School, Mr. Ambrosino received his bachelor's degree in English from King's College in 1970. He obtained a master's degree in Health Administration from Wilkes University in 1986. He is currently a Certified Addictions Counselor of Diplomate (CAC) and Certified Prevention Specialist (CPS) in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. He was a member of the Pennsylvania National Guard from 1970 to 1976. He has been employed by the Wyoming Valley Alcohol and Drug Services, Inc., since June, 1973 and became Chief Executive Officer in 1974.

During Mr. Ambrosino's career, he has had many accomplishments. Through his marketing, publishing and consulting firm, Rainbow Educational Productions, he has authored six nationally circulated publications for young people. He also produced a motivational video entitled, "Unleash Your Human Dynamo."

In education, Mr. Ambrosino developed the "Student Assisting Students," program at King's College in Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania, which is designed to establish peer intervention and referral to assist impaired college level students. He also developed a course on chemical dependency for Misericordia University in Dallas, Pennsylvania which was adopted by national colleges and universities as a chemical dependency model program to be used in sociology departments.

Mr. Ambrosino also developed a "Drug free Community Festival" in Wilkes-Barre that attracted 100,000 people annually for a celebration of drug-free living. He has also served as an international consultant for the Dominican Republic and he visited South Africa as a "People to People" delegate representing the United States on an educational mission regarding drug and alcohol issues. He is a charter member of the National Association of Prevention Professionals and Advocates.

Mr. Ambrosino has also received numerous civic and community awards and recognitions. He was selected as the Outstanding Young Pennsylvanian in 1979 by the statewide Jaycees for his contributions to the community. He was inducted into the Chapel of the Four Chaplains, Philadelphia, for contributions to community. He received the Ronald J. Russo Community Service Award for distinguished service in public service in Luzerne and Wyoming Counties; the Commitment to Youth Award from the Wilkes-Barre Catholic Youth Center; special awards from Wilkes University, Penn State Wilkes-Bane Campus and the Paul Harris Fellowship Award from the Wilkes-Barre Rotary.

A son of Rose Ambrosino and the late Carmen Ambrosino, he is married to the former Bernice Szumski. The couple has one son, Carmen Jr. and two grandsons.

Madam Speaker, please join me in congratulating Mr. Ambrosino on this auspicious occasion. Mr. Ambrosino's work in the field of substance abuse has rescued countless people from the ravages of addiction and has illuminated the path to sobriety for countless others as well. And, for that, he has earned the respect and admiration of a grateful community.

A PROCLAMATION HONORING EMMY HENSEL FOR WINNING THE GIRLS' DIVISION IV STATE SOFTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

HON. ZACHARY T. SPACE

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 24, 2009

Mr. SPACE. Madam Speaker,

Whereas, Emmy Hensel showed hard work and dedication to the sport of softball; and

Whereas, Emmy Hensel was a supportive team player; and

Whereas, Emmy Hensel always displayed sportsmanship on and off of the field; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That along with her friends, family, and the residents of the 18th Congressional District, I congratulate Emmy Hensel on winning the Girls' Division IV State Softball Championship. We recognize the tremendous hard work and sportsmanship she has demonstrated during the 2008–2009 softball season.

INTRODUCING A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING APPRECIATION TO PORTUGAL FOR ACCEPTING TWO DETAINEES RELEASED FROM GUANTANAMO BAY, CUBA

HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 24, 2009

Mr. HASTINGS of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise to introduce a resolution expressing appreciation to the nation of Portugal for accepting two detainees from Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. These two Syrian men had been cleared by the federal government for release but were unable to be sent to their home country, in compliance with international human rights law.

The United States has been working with other countries to effect a safe and efficient process for resettling detainees cleared of wrongdoing and scheduled for release. This is a complicated and difficult process but has resulted in approximately 15 resettled detainees since President Obama took office. Two of those went to Portugal. Dozens more have been cleared for release but have not yet been transferred to a third-party nation.

In December 2008, Portuguese Foreign Minister Luis Amado announced in a public letter to European officials that Portugal was ready to assist the United States in resettling released detainees. In doing so, Portugal became the first nation to publicly state its willingness to take Guantanamo detainees who were not its own nationals. In August 2009, Portugal accepted the two Syrian released detainees and provided homes for them to live freely.

Madam Speaker, I appreciate Portugal—our friend and ally—assisting us in the effort to resolve the complex problem of resettling detainees cleared for release. The fact of the matter is that the Bush administration's reckless approach to establishing an extrajudicial system at Guantanamo has left us grappling with how to humanely and effectively resettle detainees who pose no threat to our national security. To that end we owe the people of Portugal sincere thanks for taking on the responsibility of ensuring the rights and well-being of these two resettled detainees, who have been cleared of any wrongdoing. Portugal and the United States have set a positive example for the safe, efficient, and humane process of resettling former detainees.

A PROCLAMATION HONORING CARLY CLARK FOR WINNING THE GIRLS' DIVISION IV STATE SOFTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

HON. ZACHARY T. SPACE

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 24, 2009

Mr. SPACE. Madam Speaker,

Whereas, Carly Clark showed hard work and dedication to the sport of softball; and

Whereas, Carly Clark was a supportive team player; and

Whereas, Carly Clark always displayed sportsmanship on and off of the field; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, that along with her friends, family, and the residents of the I8th Congressional District, I congratulate Carly Clark on winning the Girls' Division IV State Softball Championship. We recognize the tremendous hard work and sportsmanship she has demonstrated during the 2008–2009 softball season.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. C.A. DUTCH RUPPERSBERGER

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 24, 2009

Mr. RUPPERSBERGER. Madam Speaker, during the vote on the motion to instruct conferees on H.R. 2918, Fiscal Year 2010 Legislative Branch Appropriations, (Rollcall 734), I mistakenly voted "yea" but I meant to vote "nay."

A PROCLAMATION HONORING KRISTEN SMITH FOR WINNING THE GIRLS' DIVISION IV STATE SOFTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP.

HON. ZACHARY T. SPACE

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 24, 2009

Mr. SPACE. Madam Speaker,

Whereas, Kristen Smith showed hard work and dedication to the sport of softball; and

Whereas, Kristen Smith was a supportive team player; and

Whereas, Kristen Smith always displayed sportsmanship on and off of the field; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, that along with her friends, family, and the residents of the 18th Congressional District, I congratulate Kristen Smith on winning the Girls' Division IV State Softball Championship. We recognize the tremendous hard work and sportsmanship she has demonstrated during the 2008–2009 softball season.

HONORING SFC SHAWN PATRICK MCCLOSKEY

HON. LYNN A. WESTMORELAND

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 24, 2009

Mr. WESTMORELAND. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a fallen American patriot.

Thousands of my constituents in Georgia's 3rd Congressional District lined the streets of Peachtree City, GA, this week, waving American flags, to honor the late SFC Shawn Patrick McCloskey. The sergeant, returning home to his final resting place, died while serving in the U.S. Army in Afghanistan.

Sergeant McCloskey, 33, suffered fatal injuries after he was hit by a roadside bomb Sept. 15 while on patrol in Ghur Ghuri. SFC Bradley Bohle of Maryland and SSG Joshua Mills of Texas also died in the attack.

Before joining the service, Sergeant McCloskey worked for a construction company in Fayette County. Like many of his fellow soldiers, he was a regular American, going to work every day and providing for his family when he decided to join the military in 2002. At a time of great anguish for our Nation, he heard the call to duty and he answered it.

After Special Forces training, Sergeant McCloskey became a Green Beret and performed intelligence work in Colombia. When he died, he was serving his third tour in the Global War on Terror. His meritorious service won him many medals and awards, including the Bronze Star, Purple Heart and the National Defense Service Medal.

Our Nation mourns the loss of each soldier sacrificed on the battlefield. But there is no tribute we can give that eases the pain of the Gold Star families. Sergeant McCloskey is survived by his wife Jessica and two children, Katie and Collin, and also his parents Patrick and Kathryn McCloskey of Fayetteville.

Today, we remember and grieve this great American hero, SFC Shawn McCloskey. He died so that we, his fellow Americans, could continue to live in freedom.

We thank the McCloskey family for their gift to us. May God bless them during their hour of greatest need.

TRIBUTE TO THE MARLBOROUGH REGIONAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE (MRCC)

HON. JAMES P McGOVERN

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 24, 2009

Mr. McGOVERN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the Marlborough Regional Chamber of Commerce, MRCC, for their devotion to their community for 85 years. The MRCC is a not-for-profit organization that provides resources for businesses to help them develop and grow. Their continuing efforts have helped make Marlborough a better place to live, work and raise a family.

The MRCC has continued to reach their goal of creating a better community with their strong leadership and dedication to the town. Throughout the years, the MRCC has presented gifts for the town, awarded scholarships for graduating high school seniors, and