

Church soup kitchen, allowing them greater ease in their deliveries and increasing their effectiveness in providing for their community.

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

HONORING THE MEMORY OF
JUDGE JAMES E. MIES

HON. THADDEUS G. McCOTTER

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 24, 2009

Mr. McCOTTER. Madam Speaker, today I rise to honor the extraordinary life of Judge James E. Mies, a retired Wayne Circuit Court judge, who passed away Monday at the age of 81.

For almost 25 years, Judge Mies pursued truth and impartiality behind the bench and was well-regarded both as a lawyer and a judge. Judge Mies was a 1951 graduate of the University of Detroit law school and served in the Livonia law firm of Brashear and Brashear. In 1969, he was elected a district judge in Livonia. In 1981, Governor William Milliken named Judge Mies to the Wayne Circuit Court, where he served until his retirement in 1993.

Judge Mies was perhaps best known for his handling of Wayne County's numerous asbestos lawsuits. Colleagues remembered him as, first and foremost, a decent man whose rulings were meticulously thought out. Outside the courtroom, Judge Mies was active in the Optimists, the Michigan Cancer Foundation and other civic organizations and in 1993, the Livonia City Council named a park in his honor.

On September 21, 2009, Judge Mies passed away after a lengthy illness. A beloved husband and father, he is survived by his wife of 59 years, Mary Patricia, his sons Edward, James, Gerald and Michael, his daughters Jean and Catherine (Diamond), as well as thirteen grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. He is predeceased by his son Thomas. The citizens of Wayne County were privileged to have been served by this erudite judge for a quarter of a century.

Madam Speaker, Judge Mies is remembered as a philanthropist, mentor, and friend. As we bid him farewell, I ask my colleagues to join me in mourning his passing and honoring the contributions he made to society.

A PROCLAMATION HONORING BUD
WEISGARBER FOR WINNING THE
GIRLS' DIVISION IV STATE SOFT-
BALL CHAMPIONSHIP

HON. ZACHARY T. SPACE

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 24, 2009

Mr. SPACE. Madam Speaker, Whereas, Bud Weisgarber showed hard work and dedication to the sport of softball; and

Whereas, Bud Weisgarber was a supportive coach; and

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

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

INTRODUCING A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING APPRECIATION TO BERMUDA FOR ACCEPTING FOUR 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 Bermuda for accepting four detainees from Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. These four men—Chinese Uighurs—had been cleared by the federal government for release but were unable to be sent to their home country of China, for fear for their safety and 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. Four of those went to Bermuda. Dozens more have been cleared for release but have not yet been transferred to a third-party nation.

In a May 2009, visit to the White House, Premier Ewart Brown of Bermuda generously offered to assist the United States in relocating released detainees from the detention facility at Guantanamo. One month later the four Uighurs were transported to Bermuda, where they currently receive government assistance to integrate into the surrounding community, including work at a local golf course.

Madam Speaker, I appreciate Bermuda—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 Bermuda sincere thanks for taking on the responsibility of ensuring the rights and well-being of these four released detainees, who have been cleared of any wrongdoing. Bermuda and the United States have set a positive example for the safe, efficient, and humane process of releasing former detainees.

CONGRATULATING WILLIAM ANZALONE, ESQ., RECIPIENT OF THE 2009 PERSON OF THE YEAR 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. William Anzalone, Esq., on the occasion of his selection by the Italian American Association of Luzerne County, Pennsylvania, to receive its prestigious 2009 "Person of the Year" award.

Mr. Anzalone is a 1969 graduate of Wyoming Area High School. He received his undergraduate degree from Temple University where he also distinguished himself as a member of the university football team. He earned his law degree from Dickinson School of Law. In 1998, he was inducted into the Wyoming Area "Ring of Pride" and, in 2005, he was inducted into the Luzerne County Sports Hall of Fame.

Mr. Anzalone owns Anzalone Law Offices in Wilkes-Barre, Scranton and Stroudsburg, Pennsylvania. He is associated in practice with his son, Attorney Jamie Joseph Anzalone; his daughter, Attorney Alana Marie Anzalone and Attorney Eric William Wassel.

Attorney Anzalone is the former president and founder of the Northeastern Pennsylvania Trial Lawyers Association, an association that encompasses 12 counties of northeastern Pennsylvania. He also served a two-year term as the president of the Luzerne County Bar Association. He was also the founder and first president of the Luzerne County Bar Association's charitable foundation. He currently serves on the board of governors for the statewide Pennsylvania Trial Lawyers Association.

Attorney Anzalone is a mediator for the United States District Court for the Middle District of Pennsylvania and is a certified trial master in Luzerne County. He frequently lectures throughout the Commonwealth on trial-related matters.

Attorney Anzalone was recognized as a pre-eminent lawyer by the Martindale Hubble Bar Register and was recognized as a Pennsylvania Super Lawyer since its inception in 2004. He was also recognized in 2007 and 2009 as being among the top 100 Super Lawyers in Pennsylvania.

Attorney Anzalone is a past president of the Wilkes-Barre Chapter of UNICO. He chaired their annual Allstate Football games many times and currently serves on the board of directors of the Luzerne County Catholic Social Services, FM Kirby Center for the Performing Arts, Wilkes-Barre Chapter of UNICO and the Luzerne County Bar Association's Charitable Foundation. He previously served on the board of directors for the St. Vincent DePaul Soup Kitchen, Lackawanna County Junior College, Wilkes-Barre Chamber of Commerce and Wilkes-Barre Leadership. He is a 2006 recipient of the Greater Pittston Friendly Sons of St. Patrick Swingle Award.

Married to the former Tina Medico, the couple has three children: Attorney Jamie Joseph Anzalone, Attorney Alana Marie Anzalone and

Dr. William F. Anzalone, director of forensic psychology of Luzerne County.

HONORING GENE TUNNEY

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 24, 2009

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today along with my colleague, Representative LYNN WOOLSEY, to honor the life of Gene Tunney who served as Sonoma County District Attorney for 20 years. Mr. Tunney passed away August 9, 2009, with his family at his side.

Born in New York City in 1931, Mr. Tunney was the son of the famous heavyweight boxing champion James Joseph "Gene" Tunney and brother of California Congressman and Senator John Tunney. After serving in the Army, he moved to the Bay Area where he enrolled in law school in San Francisco. In 1971, he began his first job in Sonoma County as a Deputy Public Defender. A few years later he ran for District Attorney, narrowly winning the race. He served in that office for five more terms, from 1974 to 1994.

Mr. Tunney is credited with modernizing and professionalizing the District Attorney's office, guiding its transition in an era of increasingly urban types of crime. He placed restrictions on plea bargains and reviewed all felony cases while becoming an advocate for victims of crime. He was highly regarded for his sense of justice and for bringing changes to offices around the state after co-founding the California District Attorney's Association.

Married 49 years ago, Mr. Tunney enjoyed spending time with his wife Ann and their family. After retirement, the couple lived in Hawaii for a decade 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.

A PROCLAMATION HONORING MELISSA SIBLEY 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, Melissa Sibley showed hard work and dedication to the sport of softball; and

Whereas, Melissa Sibley was a supportive team player; and

Whereas, Melissa Sibley 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 Melissa Sibley 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.

A TRIBUTE TO CLÍNICA MSR. OSCAR A. ROMERO ON THE OCCASION OF THE ORGANIZATION'S 25TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. LUCILLE ROYBAL-ALLARD

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 24, 2009

Ms. ROYBAL-ALLARD. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Clínica Msr. Oscar A. Romero, a non-profit organization based in Los Angeles County that provides quality and affordable health care, health education, and advocacy to the uninsured and underserved communities of Greater Los Angeles.

Named after Archbishop Romero of El Salvador, the organization was founded in 1983 by a coalition of Salvadoran civil war refugees and local volunteer health professionals who wanted to address the unmet health care needs of thousands of Central American refugees arriving in Los Angeles in the early 1980s.

During its 25 years of service, Clínica Romero has grown from a very small operation to a \$9.2 million Federal 330 Community Health Center, with two clinics in Pico-Union/Westlake and a third clinic in Boyle Heights.

In the past year alone, Clínica Romero has reached notable milestones.

The organization completed its \$6 million Capital Campaign, which was essential to the purchase and renovation of its main clinic at 123 South Alvarado Street in Pico-Union/Westlake. When the work concludes, Clínica Romero will be based out of its first permanent medical home in its history.

Equally significant, on June 15, Clínica Romero opened a new Children's Clinic located just two blocks from its main site. Renovated with the assistance of a \$1.2 million grant from the St. Vincent Medical Center on behalf of the Daughters of Charity, this "Clínica Infantil" is dedicated to serving the health care needs of children 11 years and younger.

As a way of including the entire community in the celebration of its 25th anniversary, Clínica Romero will hold its 1st Annual Health Walk on October 3—a fun-filled and innovative way to promote the health and well being of the families it serves.

Clínica Romero's 1st Annual Health Walk (Camine, Sonría y Vive con Clínica Romero) is expected to include 2,000 participants who will meet at its 123 South Alvarado Street clinic. They will then walk three kilometers through the local community to the new Vista Hermosa Natural Park, where they will be invited to enjoy a picnic lunch, live entertainment and a community health fair.

Madam Speaker, during my years in Congress, I have had the privilege of working closely with the community health centers in my district and have seen firsthand the important role that clinics such as Clínica Romero play in improving the health of our communities, especially among Latinos. I especially enjoyed partnering with Clínica Romero in se-

curing federal funds to bolster its successful diabetes care program and I pledge to continue to fight for increased federal funding for all of our community health clinics through comprehensive health care reform.

In recognition of Clínica Romero's ongoing and tireless role as a health provider and educator in the 34th District, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing its 25th anniversary. I also commend Clínica Romero's Board Chair, Carlos Vaquerano, its Executive Director, Albert Pacheco, and all of the many dedicated people who make Clínica Romero the health care safety net that it is today, especially for the most hard to reach and at-risk patients. Clínica Romero provides resources that enable our community members to stay healthy and strong, and I wish everyone involved with this fine organization many more years of continued success.

HONORING KRCB'S 25TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. LYNN C. WOOLSEY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 24, 2009

Ms. WOOLSEY. Madam Speaker, I rise with my colleague Representative MIKE THOMPSON, 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 life in Sonoma County without KRCB, which provides PBS television, NPR radio, and local programming. It is the only PBS service available to more than a quarter million residents.

Working with nonprofits, businesses, and government agencies, KRCB has led community dialogs 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 are available in no other venue.

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 dialog 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.