

patrols, skirmishes, and encampments. In addition, the Town of Orange served as General Robert E. Lee's headquarters during that time. In fact, General Lee worshipped at the St. Thomas Episcopal Church on Caroline Street, which still stands today.

The town continued to thrive into the twentieth century. Fire destroyed much of the eastern part of town in 1908, but many of the buildings constructed shortly after the fire still remain. In fact, Orange was well-known for its silk mill, which produced many of the parachutes used by U.S. troops during World War II. The silk mill finally closed in the 1970s, but the building still remains and is used by local businesses.

Orange residents will celebrate and honor the town's heritage and 275 years of history with events and activities throughout the year. In conjunction with the Fall Fiber Festival at Montpelier, the Gordonsville Street Festival, and other county-wide events, the Town of Orange will have a Blues Festival on Main Street on October 3rd to mark the anniversary.

Madam Speaker, please join me in congratulating the fine citizens of Orange as they celebrate their town's anniversary and wishing them the best for their continued growth and success.

IN HONOR OF MR. BEN MOORE'S  
LIFETIME OF SERVICE

**HON. TOM PRICE**

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, October 1, 2009*

Mr. PRICE of Georgia. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Mr. Ben Moore, who this weekend will receive a Lifetime Service and Achievement Award from the Johnson Ferry Baptist Church in my district.

Mr. Moore was born in Texarkana, Arkansas on October 24, 1913. In 1920, his family fled the Dust Bowl and made their way to Atlanta, Georgia. At the age of 14, a young Ben Moore took a job as an office boy at the First National Bank of Atlanta, beginning what would become a long and distinguished career at First National.

Mr. Moore served his country with valor during World War II, joining the Army Air Corps on Oct. 1, 1942 and seeing service in Italy. He returned to Atlanta after the war and was admitted to the State Bar of Georgia in 1949. He has been a member of the bar for 60 years and continues to practice law to this very day.

In 1953 Mr. Moore was named as one of "Atlanta's 100 Leaders of Tomorrow" by Time Magazine. He served on the Atlanta Board of Aldermen, the precursor to today's City Council, during Mayor Ivan Allen's first term. During this period, the City of Atlanta saw numerous changes including the arrival of the Atlanta Braves, the opening of construction on Interstate 285, and the beginning of the transformation of Zoo Atlanta and Hartsfield-Jackson International Airport into the institutions we recognize today.

Mr. Moore became a Baptist in 1957 when he and his two daughters were Baptized by Dr. Monroe Swilley, then pastor of Second Ponce de Leon Baptist Church. He is a graduate of Tech High, the Woodrow Wilson College of Law, and the American Institute of Banking.

Mr. Moore will celebrate his 96th birthday next month. When he isn't practicing law, he enjoys the company of his two daughters, three grandsons, and one great grandson in the Atlanta area.

Throughout his life, Ben Moore has answered the call to serve his family, his community, and his country. I'm proud to honor him today in the United States House of Representatives.

COMMENDING HOMELAND SECURITY DEPARTMENT EMPLOYEES AND ANTI-TERRORISM PARTNERS

SPEECH OF

**HON. ANDRÉ CARSON**

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 30, 2009*

Mr. CARSON of Indiana. Mr. Speaker, over the last two days, we have considered and voted to pass legislation honoring all Department of Homeland Security employees for their service to the United States over the course of the War on Terror.

As a former Homeland Security official, I have seen first hand the sacrifices that each of these employees makes in the service of our country. These dedicated men and women spend years developing specialized skills and becoming experts on the most effective methods to prevent violence. They devote long hours away from their families, in potentially life threatening situations. And they do all of this to keep us safe from threats around the world.

These federal employees rarely make the news, but their success in the War on Terror is undeniable. Their unyielding efforts have saved lives and prevented billions in property damage. We may never hear of their successes, but they deserve our thanks just the same.

So, Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor these men and women across our country, whose ongoing fight to protect us from terrorism has allowed all of us to enjoy the freedoms that make the United States great.

DON'T HIDE HEALTH CARE DECISIONS FROM JUDICIAL REVIEW

**HON. LAMAR SMITH**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, October 1, 2009*

Mr. SMITH of Texas. Madam Speaker, when Democrats introduced health care legislation, the Administration wanted to rush it through Congress before its cost could be calculated.

When Republicans wanted to review health care legislation before they were made to vote on it, Democrats refused to let them see the language.

Look for more of the same. For instance, the House Democrats' health care legislation prevents federal health care decisions from getting judicial review.

Stealth provisions of the House bill take away Americans' rights to challenge government decisions that will profoundly affect their

lives. The courts are not allowed to review challenges to decisions to impose payment rates for doctors, hospitals and prescription drugs.

The courts can't review decisions to rest health care reimbursement on racial and ethnic criteria. And the courts can't review decisions intended to control other features of our health care system.

When Democrats hide what they are doing and limit Americans' rights, we know that the game is not about improving Americans' health care. It is about increasing government power at the people's expense.

And it's time to blow the whistle on that rigged game.

SALUTING THE ONE HUNDREDTH ANNIVERSARY OF FOREST HILLS GARDENS IN QUEENS, NY AND THE REDEDICATION OF THE COMMUNITY'S FLAGPOLE

**HON. ANTHONY D. WEINER**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, October 1, 2009*

Mr. WEINER. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize the one-hundredth anniversary of the beautiful Forest Hills Gardens, the first planned garden community in the United States—one of which of which I am a proud resident.

A bucolic extension of the Olmsteads' New York legacy, our neighborhood was designed by none other than Frederick Law Olmstead Jr., the son of the visionary who gave New York Central and Prospect Parks, two of our most cherished gifts. Much like those glorious testaments to Mother Nature, Forest Hills Gardens brings the natural world to the very heart of a New York City borough while being seamlessly integrated with its decidedly urban surroundings.

While set apart from the thronging streets of Queens, Forest Hills Gardens has evolved to truly embody the diversity of the borough in which it lies, with Christians and Jews living alongside Hindus and Muslims—all of whom are proud New Yorkers and proud Americans.

In tribute to the nation this community represents, Forest Hills Gardens recently rededicated their flagpole following a three-year, painstaking restoration. Madam Speaker, I rise also to recognize this historic occasion. The ninety-eight foot pole is the refurbished mast of the ship *Columbia*, the swift sloop that was the first to win the America's Cup consecutively, in 1899 and in 1901.

A ship whose history is inextricably tied with New York's, the *Columbia* was designed by Nathanael Herreshoff and launched in 1899 by J.P. Morgan for the New York Yacht Club. It was sailed in the cold and choppy waters of New York Harbor by Captain Charlie Barr to two glorious victories against Great Britain and retired to New York's own little port at City Island in 1913.

Towering high above the borough of Queens, the *Columbia's* restored mast tells us of past glory and of future promise. It symbolizes the resilience and ambition that has always and will continue to define New York and its people.

I take this opportunity to present to the community of Forest Hills Gardens a new flag worthy of the *Columbia's* mast and salute the Forest Hills Gardens Corporation for ensuring that

our flag continues to wave high over the greatest city in the world.

RECOGNIZING THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF MICHELLE DALLAFIOR TO THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

**HON. BART GORDON**

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, October 1, 2009*

Mr. GORDON of Tennessee. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the service of a valued staff member of the Committee on Science and Technology, Michelle Dallafior, on her last day with the Committee.

Michelle serves on the Energy and Environment Subcommittee, where she manages a broad portfolio of energy issues, including nuclear energy, carbon capture and sequestration, and the transition to a smarter electrical grid. She's worked on key pieces of legislation including the Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007, the American Recovery Act of 2009, and the American Clean Energy and Security Act of 2009, as well as the Energy and Water Research Integration Act, which was passed out of Subcommittee yesterday.

Before she joined the Science and Technology Committee, Michelle was Chief of Staff to Rep. CHARLES WILSON (D-OH). Michelle worked for Rep. Ted Strickland (D-OH) for almost a decade, serving as his Legislative Director and, later, his Chief of Staff. Michelle first came to the Hill to work for Sen. John Glenn (D-OH) on Great Lakes legislative issues. Michelle holds an M.A. in Public Policy from Georgetown University and a B.A. in Political Science from the University of Michigan. She is a proud Yooper, and her Wolverine pride is especially apparent during football and basketball season.

Madam Speaker, Michelle's expertise and ability to reach consensus have made her a valued member of the Committee staff. Despite balancing a heavy work load with her avid pursuit of bocce and cycling, she always finds time to invest in other staffers. She's shown a special talent for mentoring junior staffers and helping them get substantive experience and exposure.

I know that all of the Science and Technology Committee's Members and staff wish her well as she transitions to the Administration. Michelle will be joining the Office of Fossil Energy at the Department of Energy, continuing her work on carbon capture and sequestration and the creation of a smarter electric grid.

Michelle, thank you for all your hard work and counsel. We will certainly miss seeing you day-to-day, but we hope that we will get the opportunity to work with you in your new role.

CELEBRATING RACHEL KNAUB'S 100TH BIRTHDAY

**HON. STEVE AUSTRIA**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, October 1, 2009*

Mr. AUSTRIA. Madam Speaker, I rise today on behalf of the constituents of Ohio's 7th

Congressional District to congratulate and recognize Rachel Knaub on the extraordinary event of her 100th Birthday on October 4, 2009.

Born in Greene County, Rachel has lived in Ohio her entire life. She has resided in many different communities in the state including, Pitchen, Clifton, Springfield, and Cedarville.

Throughout her life, Rachel Knaub has been a proud farmer's wife. She spent 52 years happily married to her husband, Ralph, who passed away in 1992. Rachel is also a proud and active member in the 5th Lutheran Church.

Reaching 100 years of age is truly a great and significant milestone and for that reason, Rachel deserves our congratulations.

WELCOMING REV. MARTHA TAYLOR

**HON. BARBARA LEE**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, October 1, 2009*

Ms. LEE of California. Madam Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I rise to welcome our guest chaplain here this morning, the Reverend Dr. Martha Taylor. Dr. Taylor has dedicated nearly 4 decades of her life to public service, and it is my distinct honor to welcome her here today.

Dr. Taylor serves as the Pastor of Elmhurst Presbyterian Church in Oakland, California, and as an adjunct professor at the San Francisco Theological Seminary.

She is also the principal owner of Ministry Christian Training—an education ministry that focuses on church leadership, biblical studies, and inspirational workshops. In this role, she has facilitated leadership trainings for numerous churches across the Bay Area and the country.

Throughout her long and varied years of service, Dr. Taylor has focused much of her attention on issues of social justice. She has become a staple in our home community, and remains active in numerous community organizations. For her work, she was named Christian Woman of the Year in 2006 by then-Sacramento Mayor, Heather Fargo, and the Sacramento County Board of Supervisors.

Dr. Taylor's commitment to service stems from her deep reservoir of faith, and from her dedication to use her faith as an active vehicle for social change.

It is again my great pleasure and honor to welcome my friend, the Reverend Dr. Martha Taylor.

RECOGNIZING THE COURAGEOUS SERVICE OF MR. JACK TOLBERT

**HON. WALLY HERGER**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, October 1, 2009*

Mr. HERGER. Madam Speaker, it is my honor today to commend the self-sacrificing act of a true American hero, Jack Tolbert, who was awarded the Distinguished Service Cross on Armed Forces Day in 1954. The extraordinary heroism of Mr. Tolbert was summarized thus when the medal was awarded:

The President of the United States of America, authorized by act of Congress July 9, 1918, has awarded the Distinguished Service Cross to Sergeant First Class Jack P. Tolbert for extraordinary heroism in military operations against an armed enemy:

Sergeant First Class Tolbert, Infantry, United States Army, a Member of Company B, 65th Infantry Regiment, 3rd Infantry Division, distinguished himself by extraordinary heroism in action against an armed enemy of the United States near Kumhwa, Korea, on 11 June 1953. He was one of two outpost guards on the main line of resistance when the area came under a heavy artillery and mortar bombardment. Observing a hostile infantryman approaching the position, he shouted a warning to the other Sentinel and to the guard at the Command Post, enabling them to alert other elements of the imminent attack. Seconds later the enemy soldier hurled a fragmentation grenade into the bunker. Fully aware of the danger involved, he stepped on the missile in an attempt to dispose of it or lessen its explosive effect and received the full impact of the explosion. Although critically wounded in this display of valor, his prompt and unhesitating action prevented serious injury to his comrade. Inspired by his unflinching courage, the troops fought with great tenacity and skill, inflicting numerous casualties and containing the assault. Sergeant Tolbert's inspirational conduct and consummate devotion to duty reflect the highest credit upon himself and uphold the esteemed traditions of the military service.

By order of Lt. General W. G. Wyman, Commanding General of the Sixth Army.  
Armed Forces Day, 1954.

Although the Redding chapter of the Military Order of the Purple Heart is named in his honor, Mr. Tolbert insists "I'm not the hero type." In a 2009 interview with his hometown newspaper, Jack said, "I was just a regular GI who spent a little time in the front line. I did my job and came home." With all due respect to Mr. Tolbert, no one shares his view. He may not have intended to be a hero, but a hero he is. And in recognition of his service, Shasta County has designated October 3 as "Jack Tolbert Day."

It is my honor to recognize Jack Tolbert's heroic service to our Nation.

WASHINGTON STATE TROOPER JOHN GARDEN

**HON. DAVID G. REICHERT**

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, October 1, 2009*

Mr. REICHERT. Madam Speaker, today I'd like to recognize Washington State Trooper John Garden for being named the 2008 District One Trooper of the Year in the State of Washington.

As a former law enforcement officer in Washington State, I know the hard work and dedication it takes to earn such an honor, and I thank Trooper Garden for his tireless service and sacrifice for the communities he serves in Pierce and Thurston Counties.

I am confident that Trooper Garden will continue to serve the people of Washington State with great respect and continue his record of strong leadership within the law enforcement community. On behalf of the House of Representatives, I extend my deepest gratitude for his service and sacrifice.