

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

IN MEMORY OF DON FISHER

HON. NANCY PELOSI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 22, 2009

Ms. PELOSI. Madam speaker, I rise to pay tribute to the life and legacy of Donald Fisher, an innovative business leader and civic-minded philanthropist, who passed away on September 27, surrounded by his loving family. Don used his remarkable business success for the good of his community and our Nation and he will be long outlived by his legacy to the economy, the arts, education, the environment and sports.

A third-generation San Franciscan and graduate of Lowell High School, Don attended the University of California, Berkeley, where he was an all-American swimmer and water polo player. In 1969, Don and his wife Doris opened the first Gap store on Ocean Avenue in San Francisco, drawing from the City's culture to influence casual style in the U.S. and throughout the world.

Growing a single Gap store into a multi-national and multi-brand corporation, Don used his remarkable success to promote corporate philanthropy. In 1977, Doris and Don created the Gap Foundation to help underserved youth in developing countries where Gap Inc. conducted business. Don was a renowned art collector and served on the San Francisco Museum of Modern Art's Board of Trustees. Before his death, Don announced a partnership with the museum that will allow its visitors access to his extensive private collection of contemporary art.

Doris and Don were instrumental to the founding of the KIPP (Knowledge Is Power Program) schools, a national charter school program based in San Francisco that has grown from 2 schools to more than 80 across the country.

Don was an early supporter and a Board member of the Presidio Trust. He was committed to the creation of a world class urban national park from this former military base, for use by neighbors as well as the world.

Don was a proud son of San Francisco, and his work for the common good is seen not just in these examples but in every corner of our city. However, he was proudest of his family, and his children and grandchildren will carry on his work. I hope it is a comfort to Doris, his three sons, his grandchildren, and the many others who loved him that so many are mourning his loss at this sad time.

DR. CHRISTIAN SIZEMORE

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 22, 2009

Mr. GRAVES. Madam Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I rise today to recognize

the outstanding service of Dr. W. Christian Sizemore of Liberty, Missouri. Dr. Sizemore has been awarded the Alexander Doniphan Community Service Award. Dr. Sizemore has carried on Doniphan's legacy through a lifetime of service in the areas of higher education, healthcare and economic development.

Dr. Sizemore is a distinguished leader in higher education. He has served as president of three colleges, most recently serving as Chancellor of William Jewell College. His commitment to excellence in areas such as curriculum design, development of library and information science programs and capital campaigns has paved the way for future generations of students to meet the challenges of tomorrow.

Dr. Sizemore has also been long-involved in healthcare, having supervised nursing programs at three colleges. He is responsible for a physician's assistant program and led the development of the nation's first post-baccalaureate physician's assistant master's degree program.

Dr. Sizemore has also been extremely committed to furthering economic development in his community. He is currently the Director of Business Expansion for the Clay County Economic Development Council. He has served as a board member and officer in numerous chambers of commerce. He has also led the fund drive for Liberty's 175th Anniversary History Book and is the co-chair of the steering committee that built Freedom House, a facility that houses non-profit assistance agencies serving the Northland of Kansas City. Aside from his dedication to economic development, Dr. Sizemore has also served on countless boards within the community, including the Greater Kansas City American Red Cross and the North Kansas City Schools Community Partnership Advisory Board.

Madam Speaker, I ask that you join me in applauding Dr. W. Christian Sizemore for his selfless acts of generosity through volunteerism. I know Dr. Sizemore's colleagues, family and friends join with me in thanking him for his commitment to others and wishing him happiness and good health in his future endeavors.

A PROCLAMATION HONORING
NCCM RICHARD E. THOMPSON

HON. ZACHARY T. SPACE

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 22, 2009

Mr. SPACE. Madam Speaker, Whereas, Richard E. Thompson dedicated his life and career to serving the United States Navy and the country he loves; and

Whereas, Richard E. Thompson nobly sought to recruit patriotic and talented volunteers for service in the United States Navy; and

Whereas, Richard E. Thompson served notably as Leading Petty Officer aboard the USS Fletcher DD-992 in Pearl Harbor;

Whereas, Richard E. Thompson served exceptionally as the Navy Recruiting Command's Career Recruiting Force Program Manager;

Whereas, Richard E. Thompson's accolades include three Navy Commendation Medals, 4 Navy Achievement Medals, 3 Meritorious Service Medals and a Military Outstanding Volunteer Award; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, that along with his friends, family, and the residents of the 18th Congressional District, I applaud Richard E. Thompson for his distinguished record of service to the United States Navy and wish him well in his retirement.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. CHRISTOPHER P. CARNEY

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 22, 2009

Mr. CARNEY. Madam Speaker, on Wednesday, September 30, I deployed for active duty with my Navy Reserve unit. My deployment lasted through October 15 and I was unable to cast my vote on a number of recorded votes.

If I had been present, I would have voted: "Yes" on rollcall vote 743, "Yes" on rollcall vote 744, "Yes" on rollcall vote 745, "Yes" on rollcall vote 746, "Yes" on rollcall vote 747, "Yes" on rollcall vote 748, "Yes" on rollcall vote 749, "Yes" on rollcall vote 750, "Yes" on rollcall vote 751, "Yes" on rollcall vote 752, "Yes" on rollcall vote 753, "Yes" on rollcall vote 755, "Yes" on rollcall vote 756, "Yes" on rollcall vote 757, "Yes" on rollcall vote 758, "Yes" on rollcall vote 759, "Yes" on rollcall vote 760, "Yes" on rollcall vote 761, "Yes" on rollcall vote 762, "Yes" on rollcall vote 763, "Yes" on rollcall vote 764, "Yes" on rollcall vote 765, "Yes" on rollcall vote 766, "Yes" on rollcall vote 767, "Yes" on rollcall vote 768, "Yes" on rollcall vote 770, "Yes" on rollcall vote 771, "Yes" on rollcall vote 772, "Yes" on rollcall vote 773, "Yes" on rollcall vote 774, "Yes" on rollcall vote 775, "Yes" on rollcall vote 776, "Yes" on rollcall vote 777, "Yes" on rollcall vote 778, "Yes" on rollcall vote 779, "Yes" on rollcall vote 780, "Yes" on rollcall vote 781, "Yes" on rollcall vote 782, "Yes" on rollcall vote 784, "Yes" on rollcall vote 785, "Yes" on rollcall vote 786, "Yes" on rollcall vote 787, "No" on rollcall vote 788, and "Yes" on rollcall vote 789.

HONORING THE 90TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE MARQUETTE LIONS CLUB

HON. BART STUPAK

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 22, 2009

Mr. STUPAK. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize the Lions Club of Marquette, Michigan as it celebrates its 90th anniversary in the

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community. Throughout its history the Lions Club has worked with city, county and state government to improve the lives of residents in Marquette and its surrounding areas. During its 90 years, the Club has made the needs of children and the health of residents across the Upper Peninsula top priorities, and has worked with the community on a wide range of projects.

In 1919, the Marquette Lions Club was the first Lions Club in Michigan to receive its charter. The club wasted no time in getting to work. In its first year the Club passed a resolution to establish a tourist camping ground, requested the city install street cobblestones to prevent the injury of horses and worked with members of the Marquette Rotary Club to support the Boy Scout movement.

Over the years the Marquette Lions Club has made the health and well being of children in Marquette and across the world a primary concern. Whether purchasing eye glasses for needy children in 1937, supporting Camp Sunnyside for mentally challenged youth in 1980 or holding fundraisers to allow a local family to be with their young child under going cardiac surgery in 2008, the Marquette Lions Club has given children throughout Northern Michigan a chance at a better life.

When Helen Keller proposed that Lions become Knights of the Blind at the National Convention of Lions in 1925, the Marquette Club began to recycle and purchase glasses for those in need. To date the club has recycled more than 150,000 eye glasses. The Club has continued this tradition championing causes such as Campaign SightFirst II to battle preventable blindness across the world. In 2007, the Club became the only model club in Single District 10 donating more than \$14,000 to this campaign. The Club has also participated in joint state projects including Leader Dogs for the Blind and the Michigan Eye Bank.

Over the years the Club has worked with Operation Lollypop to inoculate children in the area with the polio vaccine and with the March of Dimes to fight polio and work with victims of the disease. The Club has also worked with the Upper Peninsula Diabetes Outreach Network to eradicate complications, including blindness, from diabetes as well as provided equipment and funding to support those with diabetes.

The Marquette Lions Club has supported the Salvation Army for over 50 years by ringing red kettle bells and donating to the food bank, has made financial donations to agencies providing services to the disabled and financially challenged, and has supported district projects including Northwoods Airlifeline, Teaching Family Homes and Bay Cliff Health Camp.

Madam Speaker, the Marquette Lions Club has been a leader in community and humanitarian service since receiving its charter in 1919. It has worked tirelessly to provide support and resources to those in need by embodying the Lions motto: We Serve! I ask Madam Speaker, that you and the entire U.S. House of Representatives join me in thanking the members of the Marquette Lions Club for their generous service and recognizing the Club on its 90th anniversary.

100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE GIRL SCOUTS OF AMERICA

HON. RODNEY P. FRELINGHUYSEN

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 22, 2009

Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN. Madam Speaker, as we prepare to mark the 100th anniversary of the founding of the Girl Scouts of America, I rise in support of H.R. 621, the Girl Scouts USA Commemorative Coin Act.

On March 12, 1912 Juliette "Daisy" Gordon Low assembled 18 young girls from Savannah, Georgia, for a local Girl Scout meeting. Low assembled these girls for this first meeting with several goals in mind. She believed that all girls should be given the opportunity to develop, physically, mentally, and spiritually, while at the same time, bringing girls out of isolated home environments and into the open air. These original Girl Scouts hiked, went on camping trips, played basketball, learned how to tell time by the stars, and studied first aid.

Within a few short years Ms. Low's Girl Scouts idea would spread across the Nation. Today there are over 3.4 million Girl Scouts in the United States, and 236,000 troops or groups worldwide in more than 90 countries. The United States contains more than 50 million women who are Girl Scout alumnae. Girl Scouts became an American Institution on March 16, 1950 when it was officially chartered by the United States Congress.

Girl Scouts has a long and rich heritage within my Congressional district. The Morris Area Girl Scout Council was established in 1929 at their Jockey Hollow location in Mendham Township. In 2007 the Morris Area Girl Scout Council merged with two other northern New Jersey Councils to form the Girl Scouts of Northern New Jersey. Girl Scouts of Northern New Jersey has three offices including two within my Congressional District in Riverdale, and Randolph.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the extraordinary achievements made by millions of Girl Scouts for nearly one hundred years.

TRIBUTE TO PHILIP L. BROWN, SR.

HON. JOHN P. SARBANES

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 22, 2009

Mr. SARBANES. Madam Speaker, the State of Maryland and the American people lost a great educator and civil rights icon when Philip L. Brown Sr. passed away at his home in Annapolis, Maryland on October 16 at the age of 100. I rise to honor this man who was pivotal in the desegregation of our Nation's public schools. My heart goes out to his wife of over 77 years, Rachel; his sons Philip L. Brown Jr. and Errol E. Brown Sr.; his four grandchildren; his 10 great-grandchildren; and his six great-great-grandchildren during this very difficult time.

Philip L. Brown served as a teacher and administrator in the Anne Arundel County school system for more than 40 years. His commitment to civil rights began early in his career. In 1938, Mr. Brown and his wife, Rachel Hall Brown, formed the Colored Teachers Associa-

tion which promoted equal pay for African American teachers. Their civil rights struggle helped change history in 1940 when Mr. Brown became part of a successful lawsuit seeking equal pay for Anne Arundel County teachers. This was one of several cases that laid the legal foundation for *Brown v. Board of Education*, the Supreme Court case that forced integration of our Nation's schools. Thurgood Marshall represented the teachers, arguing their case before a federal court in Baltimore.

Mr. Brown was born in Annapolis in 1909 and earned an elementary teacher's certificate in 1928 from the Bowie Normal School, now Bowie State University. He and his wife earned bachelor's degrees from Morgan State and master's degrees from New York University.

After his retirement in 1970, Mr. Brown wrote four books on the subject of African American history in Anne Arundel County.

Let us honor Philip L. Brown Sr. as an educator and civil rights pioneer and for his determination in bringing about equality in America.

IN HONOR OF PETER CANCRO

HON. FRANK PALLONE, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 22, 2009

Mr. PALLONE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Peter Cancro and his exemplary service to his community. Mr. Cancro is the founder and CEO of Jersey Mike's Subs, a sandwich franchise with more than 400 stores open and under development nationwide. Based in Manasquan, New Jersey, Jersey Mike's has a long history of community involvement and support.

Peter Cancro began his sandwich franchise at the age of 17 when he purchased the sandwich shop he worked in during high school. Since then, he has expanded the store to the rest of the nation, and he has turned his humble sandwich shop into a profitable, nationwide franchise. Despite his title as CEO of the company, Mr. Cancro still enjoys jumping behind the counter to test his skills and demonstrate his passion for the product and the customer. He tries to instill this same passion into every Jersey Mike's store that he opens around the Nation.

Mr. Cancro has successfully spread his mission to bring customers the highest quality, freshest made sub in the industry and give back to the communities in which the company operates. In addition to delivering a quality product to customers around the nation, Mr. Cancro also actively contributes to his community. That is why he strongly encourages all of his employees at Jersey Mike's to become involved in their respective communities in order to build a more lasting relationship with their customers.

Madam Speaker, I sincerely hope that my colleagues will join me in thanking Mr. Cancro for his service to his community and to communities across the nation. His accomplishments will continue to benefit and inspire my constituents, as well as his many colleagues and friends for years to come.

A PROCLAMATION HONORING THE CUMBERLAND UNITED METHODIST CHURCH FOR ITS 200TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. ZACHARY T. SPACE

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 22, 2009

Mr. SPACE. Madam Speaker, Whereas, while remaining a pillar of faith in its community, Cumberland United Methodist has grown significantly from its initial parish; and

Whereas, Cumberland United Methodist has consistently and generously served those in need; and

Whereas, we acknowledge the varied community service projects and activities the Church sponsors throughout the year; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, that along with the residents of the 18th Congressional District, I congratulate Cumberland United Methodist for its 200 years of service to the community of Cumberland.

CALLING ON VIETNAM TO RELEASE IMPRISONED BLOGGERS AND RESPECT INTERNET FREEDOM

SPEECH OF

HON. AL GREEN

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 21, 2009

Mr. AL GREEN of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I extend my strong support to H. Res. 672, which calls on the Socialist Republic of Vietnam to release imprisoned bloggers and respect Internet freedom.

Since 2002, the Socialist Republic of Vietnam has enforced heavy surveillance of the internet activity of Vietnamese citizens. The U.S. Congress is aware that a number of internet bloggers and cyber activists have recently been arrested and imprisoned for exercising their inherent human right of freedom of expression. This matter, among others, is of grave concern to me, and more importantly, to the thousands of Vietnamese Americans that I represent.

Reporters Without Borders considers Vietnam one of 15 "internet enemies" and the OpenNet Initiative, a project of academic institutions including the University of Toronto, Oxford, Cambridge, and Harvard Universities, classifies Vietnam's online political censorship to be "pervasive." In fact, an electronic communications decree issued by the Vietnamese government, that came into force in September 2008, states "opposition to the Republic of Vietnam is forbidden."

The freedom of expression, including the freedom to express one's views on the internet, is a necessary prerequisite for a healthy and vigorous democracy. Without free and open debate where citizens need not fear retaliation by government for the opinions they hold, a country foregoes the opportunity to harness the full capability of its citizens to advance social and economic development.

Along with my friend from California, Ms. SANCHEZ, I call on Vietnam to respect Internet freedom and allow the people of Vietnam to

freely express their views. Moreover, I call upon Vietnam to immediately release imprisoned bloggers and political prisoners. To the Vietnamese government, the message we send today is that the United States will embrace you, but only when you embrace the inherent rights and freedoms of your people.

RYAN WHITE HIV/AIDS TREATMENT EXTENSION ACT OF 2009

SPEECH OF

HON. JANICE D. SCHAKOWSKY

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 21, 2009

Ms. SCHAKOWSKY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in strong support of H.R. 3792, the Ryan White HIV/AIDS Treatment Extension Act of 2009. Our state receives \$75 million in federal Ryan White assistance which provides care to an estimated 10,000 people in the state.

People in Illinois depend on Ryan White Care programs for help with expensive anti-retroviral drugs, to aid them in getting to and from the medical appointments, to prevent transmission from mother to child, and for continued access to dental services through the University of Illinois at Chicago. Throughout the year, I meet with Illinoisans whose lives have been changed because of these services and whose futures would be jeopardized without them. So I am pleased to see that the bill will result in a 4 year reauthorization that will allow states to continue their current programs without disruption to programs currently in operation. I am also glad that the draft continues the extension period for names-based reporting. Illinois is one of the states still transitioning from collecting surveillance data under a code-based system to a names-based system, and the state is grateful for the extended time.

I would also like to acknowledge the AIDS Foundation of Chicago and the many others in the Illinois HIV/AIDS community for being tireless advocates and unwavering resources for me and the 44,000 people living with HIV/AIDS in the state. We could not have accomplished this bill and other important pieces of legislation, like comprehensive health reform without their activism and community organizing.

We have come a long way since the start of the HIV/AIDS epidemic. Twenty years ago, someone was diagnosed as being HIV positive and people assumed it was a death sentence. The public was often misinformed about modes of transmission, and the science behind treatment was far more limited than it is today.

Unfortunately, a recent survey by the Kaiser Family Foundation found that the level of attention paid to HIV/AIDS awareness has declined rapidly. The percentage of the American people who say that they have seen or heard or read a lot about HIV/AIDS in the U.S. has fallen from 34% five years ago to just 14% today. The percentage of African Americans reporting has fallen from 62% to 33%.

The public's sense of urgency is down. And yet we learned earlier this year that 3% of the residents in the District are infected with HIV or AIDS, making D.C.'s rates higher than those in West Africa.

Our need to increase prevention efforts and raise awareness about the disease is no less important or any less urgent today than it was when the first cases were diagnosed in 1981. The Ryan White Care Act enables us to continue moving forward with prevention and treatment. I urge my colleagues to support this critical legislation.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE LIFE OF MR. CLIFFORD "PETE" TOMLIN

HON. MIKE ROGERS

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 22, 2009

Mr. ROGERS of Alabama. Madam Speaker, I respectfully request the attention of the House to pay recognition to the memory of much-loved "Bulldog," Mr. Clifford "Pete" Tomlin.

Mr. Tomlin died in September 2006 at the age of 42. He suffered from rheumatoid arthritis, but his ailment didn't stop him. Tomlin was named the Calhoun County's Outstanding Handicapped employee of the Year in 1989. Tomlin served as the voice behind the Anniston High School Bulldogs including the varsity, junior varsity and junior high football games for both WHMA and WAMA radio stations in Anniston, Alabama.

Although Mr. Tomlin is sorely missed, he would be proud today to know the Press Box at Chink-Lott Stadium of Anniston High School will now proudly bear his name. Mr. Tomlin will always be remembered as the voice behind the football games at his alma mater and this great honor will help keep his spirit alive.

A TRIBUTE TO MR. WILLIAM MURPHY III

HON. MIKE McINTYRE

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 22, 2009

Mr. McINTYRE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Mr. William Murphy III, of Wilmington, North Carolina, for his commitment to his community and as a dedicated man of public service. As a long-serving youth coach and a retired director at the Martin Luther King Jr. Community Center, he was an irreplaceable mentor for many inner city youth in his community. He was also a devoted family man and dear friend. Murphy passed away on October 18, 2009, and he will be dearly missed.

Driven by a strong love for his community and a deep investment in its youth, Mr. Murphy coached numerous sports during his lifetime, and most recently served as the head coach of the Wilmington Tigers minor league football team. In this capacity, Mr. Murphy was a valuable leader and role model, who pushed young athletes to achieve things they never thought possible and worked to shape their senses of integrity, character, discipline, and teamwork.

As a co-founder and Co-Chairman of the Congressional Caucus on Youth Sports, and as a former coach of over 130 young people in three different sports over 7 years, I have a deep, personal respect for Mr. Murphy's

dedication to this cause. Over several decades, he has taught hundreds of youth and adults in the Wilmington area valuable lessons and skills that have made meaningful and lasting impact on their lives, and our community will always remain grateful.

Madam Speaker, may we never forget the goodness, humility, and character that defined the life of William Murphy. May God continue to bless his wife, Audrie, his five children, Portia, Glenda, William, Torey, Russell, and all of his loved ones, the work he did, and the greatness that he inspired within all who knew him.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JO ANN EMERSON

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 22, 2009

Mrs. EMERSON. Madam Speaker, on rollcall No. 783 and rollcall No. 784 regarding the Homeland Security Fiscal Year 2010 Appropriations Conference Report, I am not recorded (because I was absent for my step daughter's wedding.) Had I been present, I would have voted "aye" on rollcall No. 783 and "aye" on rollcall No. 784.

A PROCLAMATION HONORING DREW GOODING FOR WINNING THE AMERICANISM ESSAY WRITING CONTEST

HON. ZACHARY T. SPACE

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 22, 2009

Mr. SPACE. Madam Speaker,

Whereas, Drew Gooding won the Elks Grand Lodge essay writing contest, demonstrating a mastery of thought and word; and

Whereas, he has shown to take interest in upholding the values that make us a free nation; and

Whereas, Drew Gooding is honored for his patriotism and excellence in writing and; now, therefore, be it

Resolved that along with his friends, family, and the residents of the 18th Congressional District, I commend and thank Drew Gooding for his contributions to his community and country.

VOTES ON THURSDAY, OCTOBER 15 AND PRESIDENT BARACK OBAMA'S VISIT TO NEW ORLEANS

HON. STEVE SCALISE

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 22, 2009

Mr. SCALISE. Madam Speaker, on Thursday, October 15, 2009, I was unable to cast votes in Congress due to my attendance at President Barack Obama's visit in New Orleans to discuss Hurricane Katrina related recovery issues.

It is critical that President Obama stand firm by his commitment to rebuild the Gulf Coast from the destruction caused by Hurricane

Katrina. There are several top priorities for which I personally requested the President's direct assistance including his explicit support for Category 5 hurricane protection, including strengthening our levees, improving our interior drainage protection, and rebuilding our eroding coastline. Category 5 protection is vital to the safety of Louisiana's families and to the full recovery of our region. The Corps of Engineers must make a full commitment to move forward with the safest and strongest plan to provide our communities with comprehensive flood and storm protection, and the President's support of the Louisiana Congressional delegation's efforts to achieve this goal is critical to our successful recovery. Coastal restoration is an essential component of our flood protection efforts, as Louisiana loses about 25 square miles of coastline each year. These wetlands provide a natural buffer to protect us from storm surge, and without them, the potential for loss of life and property damage increases significantly with each approaching storm. It is important that the Administration and Congress work together expeditiously to make significant investments in coastal restoration efforts.

While much has been done since Katrina to help restore the region, bureaucratic red tape remains a major hurdle to a successful recovery and continues to slow down our recovery and impair the abilities of our State and local governments to serve our citizens and respond to future disasters. If we have learned anything since Hurricane Katrina, it is that we cannot allow the same approach that failed us during Katrina to be followed again. FEMA must continue to work with our Congressional delegation and officials in Louisiana to expedite our recovery. During the town hall meeting, President Obama was asked to resolve the delays in our recovery, particularly with regard to Public Assistance projects and Community Disaster Loans, and to ensure that other states and communities do not have to face these challenges with future disasters.

There are too many lives and too much taxpayer money at stake to get it wrong again. I hope we will be able to continue discussing these efforts in the future and that this and future visits will help the President understand the very serious issues we are still facing.

IN HONOR OF MR. THOMAS PIGG

HON. JOHN SHIMKUS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 22, 2009

Mr. SHIMKUS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a true friend of the outdoors whose life was tragically cut short this summer.

Thomas Pigg, of Carlyle, Illinois, was an employee of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers at Carlyle Lake for four years, and then at the Kaskaskia River Project for another three. He was an instructor at the Illinois Federation of Outdoor Recreation's Youth Skills Camp and was dedicated to exploring and preserving the natural treasures of his native Clinton County, especially the Carlyle Lake recreation area. Tom believed that our natural resources should be enjoyed by all and he worked tirelessly to see that the young people of our community had the opportunity to visit

and benefit from having such a magnificent site as Carlyle Lake in their back yard.

Tragically, Tom's life was cut short by an automobile accident in July. I extend my heartfelt condolences to his father and step-mother, Daniel and Bonnie; his mother and step-father, Candyce and Russel; his brothers, Andy and Wes; his sister, Katie; his step-brother, Corey; and the many members of his family and community who mourn his loss.

Tom's memory will live on at his beloved Carlyle Lake, however. This month, the Corps of Engineers will honor Tom's service and his devotion by dedicating a section of the lake as the Thomas M. Pigg Wetland Restoration Area. It is a fitting honor for a man who was taken from us too soon and it is a site to honor Tom's wish for future generations to enjoy our nation's wonderful natural resources.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. TOM PRICE

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 22, 2009

Mr. PRICE of Georgia. Madam Speaker, on rollcall Nos. 790, 791, 792, 793, 794, 795, 796, 797, I was unable to record my vote due to a family illness.

Had I been present, I would have voted "yes" on all.

HONORING THE SERVICE OF MACK MARTIN BOYNTON

HON. BARON P. HILL

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 22, 2009

Mr. HILL. Madam Speaker, throughout his twenty-six year military career, Mack Martin Boynton was a leader among his fellow service men. Serving in the diving, salvage, and rescue operation, Mack developed many ways to streamline the repair of naval vessels. These techniques were able to save the country precious resources in the aftermath of the attack on Pearl Harbor. Thanks to his intellect and ingenuity, Mack became one of the youngest Warrant Officers in the Navy.

Mack continued his career as a member of the Underwater Demolition Team (UDT), a then newly-formed arm of the United States Navy. His commitment to service and dedication inspired others and led him to become one of the best recruiters for the UDT program. Mack continued his committed service through the Korean War, where he received the Bronze Star Medal and a commendation from Vice Admiral Joy for heroic action against the enemy. During his career he was involved in the early studies and implementation of the first Navy SEALs team.

With his sterling service record and considerable honors, Mack serves as an example of the caliber of individuals who we have the privilege of calling our servicemen. I am honored that Mack and his fellow Fifties Frogs have selected Clarksville, Indiana, to hold their annual reunion. When these heroic Americans convene their meeting here in Southern Indiana, we should pause, even if only for a moment, and give thanks to them for their contribution toward our freedom.

RYAN WHITE HIV/AIDS TREATMENT EXTENSION ACT OF 2009

SPEECH OF

HON. RUSH D. HOLT

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 21, 2009

Mr. HOLT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to express my strong support for S. 1793, the Ryan White HIV/AIDS Treatment Extension Act.

We all know the troubling statistics. Since its inception, AIDS has claimed almost 600,000 lives in the United States. Over 1 million Americans are living with HIV/AIDS today. Recent data from the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) suggest that HIV diagnoses are increasing, by as much as 15 percent in three years. As the AIDS crisis has continued year after year, it has become more and more difficult for anyone to claim that AIDS is someone else's problem.

Since 1990, the Ryan White program has helped establish a comprehensive, community-based continuum of care for uninsured and under-insured people living with HIV and AIDS, including access to primary medical care, pharmaceuticals, and other services. In New Jersey, Ryan White funding helps support the state's AIDS Drug Assistance Program, which in 2008 provided almost 5,000 patients with needed HIV medications.

As we debate health care reform, it is important that we keep the needs of HIV/AIDS patients in mind. I have spoken out in favor of reforming Medicare Part D to work seamlessly with state AIDS Drug Assistance Programs and to ensure these patients have continuous access to their needed anti-retroviral prescriptions. These provisions are currently included in America's Affordable Health Choices Act, and I look forward to working with my colleagues to strengthen these policies for HIV/AIDS patients.

By passing S. 1793 today, Madam Speaker, we will affirm our commitment to people living with HIV/AIDS and their families. We also will be affirming our dedication to sound public policy. By reauthorizing the Ryan White Act, we will give hope and a real chance for a better life to thousands of HIV/AIDS victims.

THE FOURTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF SOUTH BAY FAMILY HEALTH CARE

HON. JANE HARMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 22, 2009

Ms. HARMAN. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize the achievements of South Bay Family Health Care on the 40th Anniversary of its founding. Since 1969, SBFHC has provided health care to underserved residents in the South Bay region of my Congressional District, growing from a single-site family planning clinic serving 1,600 patients per year, to a system of four comprehensive health clinics serving more than 16,000 patients per year. Today, it is one of Los Angeles County's leading community health clinics and largest safety net providers to the uninsured and underinsured.

SBFHC has evolved and adapted to meet changing community needs. In the mid-1980s,

in response to the emerging HIV/AIDS crisis, it opened the first and only HIV/AIDS center in the South Bay. In 2002, it changed its model from a free clinic to a Federally Qualified Health Center with a sliding pay scale, making the clinic eligible for federal funding to expand its services and the number of people served.

Today, with a budget of \$9 million, SBFHC provides 70,000 visits per year. Its services cover a broad spectrum, covering preventative care, chronic disease management, prenatal and pediatric medicine, dental care, and social services including mental health and domestic violence prevention.

In an effort to bring service to patients, SBFHC sponsors a "Healthy Kids Express" mobile care center that provides immunizations and care for sick children at local school districts, community events and health fairs.

SBFHC also does fantastic work for minorities: 65 percent of their patients are Latino and 16 percent are African-American.

I also want to recognize the CEO of SBFHC, Jann Hamilton Lee, for her leadership and guidance to me as a member of my Medicine Cabinet—a bipartisan group of healthcare experts from my district who advise me on health policy.

My congratulations to Jann and everyone else who has proudly served the South Bay Family Health Center for 40 years of service. The residents of the South Bay—and your representative in Congress—are grateful.

HONORING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF ST. LAWRENCE PARISH IN LAWRENCEVILLE, ILLINOIS

HON. JOHN SHIMKUS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 22, 2009

Mr. SHIMKUS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the St. Lawrence Parish in Lawrenceville, Illinois. On October 18, 2009, a centennial liturgy was celebrated with Bishop Edward K. Braxton acting as the celebrant and homilist. A dinner was held after the service to honor the event.

On July 20, 1909, local Catholics met at Lawrenceville City Hall hoping to form their own parish. After land was purchased, 22 families celebrated the first mass in the unfinished church. Ruth August Diver was the first parishioner to be baptized in the new church on March 5, 1911. The finished church was dedicated in October of 1911. The parish has continued to expand, including the opening of a school in 1956.

I would like to congratulate the members of St. Lawrence Parish for reaching this milestone and wish them a blessed and joyous celebration as they mark 100 years of service to God and their community. I want to encourage the parish with the words of Matthew 5:16; "Just so, your light must shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your heavenly Father."

TRIBUTE TO JIM LIPTAK

HON. KEVIN MCCARTHY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 22, 2009

Mr. MCCARTHY of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Jim Liptak, a resident and community leader from Paso Robles, California, for his outstanding and exemplary leadership while serving as the 2009 President of the California Association of REALTORS®.

Jim has been a longtime successful leader in local real estate matters, reflecting immense enthusiasm, care, and commitment to his community. He has served the Paso Robles Association of REALTORS® in all levels of leadership and has served two terms as President since being named Realtor of the Year five times by his peers at the Paso Robles Association of REALTORS®.

Jim has also ably represented Paso Robles realtors and the Paso Robles community in the state and national association. He started his career in 1983 as a California Association of REALTORS® (C.A.R.) Director, winning an election for the position as a "Write-in Candidate." He has since served as Chair on over 5 committees and was a 1995 Chairman of the California Association of REALTORS® Legislative Committee, where he holds the record for most bills introduced in a single session, 17. In 1998 he became the Honorary Director for Life in the California Association of REALTORS®, and is the first realtor in Region 31 of the Central Coast to be named a National Association of REALTORS® Director. Since 2006, Mr. Liptak has been an Honorary Life Member by the Paso Robles Association of REALTORS®, and is a "National Ten Year Golden R" Member—President's Circle.

A true mark of leadership is the generosity of time and talents that one gives on behalf of his neighbors and communities. Jim Liptak exemplifies this time-honored tradition. I commend Jim for his service and leadership as President of the California Association of REALTORS® and wish him and his family well as he continues to serve our community.

RYAN WHITE HIV/AIDS TREATMENT EXTENSION ACT OF 2009

SPEECH OF

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 21, 2009

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of House Resolution 3792, The Ryan White HIV/AIDS Treatment Extension Act of 2009. Nearly twenty years after the enactment of the landmark Ryan White Act, Congress renewed its commitment today to provide primary medical care and treatment for uninsured or underinsured people living with HIV/AIDS. For nearly two decades, low-income Americans living with HIV/AIDS have relied on the life-saving benefits offered under this program and I am pleased to join my colleagues in reauthorizing this important legislation.

Currently, New York State is home to 120,000 individuals living with HIV/AIDS—the

second highest rate of reported AIDS cases in the nation. That number includes 25,000 people who reside in Brooklyn. The Ryan White Act has been, and continues to be, a lifeline for those New Yorkers and Americans living with HIV/AIDS.

As medical costs continue to rise, the reauthorization comes at a critical time. It provides for an important five percent increase across every category of funding. Additionally, several new provisions included in the bill focus on reducing the disparities in access to health care among racial and ethnic groups who are disproportionately affected by the virus.

By passing the Ryan White HIV/AIDS Treatment Extension Act of 2009 yesterday with an overwhelming majority we not only restored a sense of hope and dignity for those dealing with the everyday struggles of this disease, but we also demonstrated our nation's steadfast commitment to ensuring that 1.1 million people living with HIV/AIDS have access to quality care and treatment.

RECOGNIZING DR. CHARLES
ANTZELEVITCH

HON. MICHAEL A. ARCURI

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 22, 2009

Mr. ARCURI. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Dr. Charles Antzelevitch for his 25 years of service as executive director and director of research at the world renowned Masonic Medical Research Lab (MMRL) in Utica, New York.

Dr. Antzelevitch truly embodies the American dream. After immigrating to this country from Israel as a child, he worked as a cab driver in New York City and put himself through college before earning a doctorate at SUNY Upstate Medical. From there he went on to do his post doctoral work at MMRL, eventually becoming a Gordon K. Moe Scholar and Professor of Pharmacology at SUNY Health Science Center in Syracuse, New York. Dr. Antzelevitch has distinguished himself as an award-winning scientist, editorial board member of several leading medical journals and member of numerous national medical research committees.

Under the exceptional leadership of Dr. Antzelevitch, MMRL has excelled in its mission to improve the health and quality of life for all humankind through its discovery of genetic mutations responsible for Brugada syndrome, Long QT syndrome which is linked to sudden infant death syndrome, Short QT syndrome which is linked to sudden cardiac death syndrome, and many other cardiac-related syndromes and illnesses.

An internationally renowned authority in the field of biomedical research, Dr. Antzelevitch has received too many awards and honors to enumerate. His contributions to scientific literature include 310 original papers and book chapters, over 250 abstracts and four books. MMRL, often referred to as a "gem in the crown" of Utica, is widely recognized as one of the top research laboratories in the world working on cardiac arrhythmias.

Other initiatives of Dr. Antzelevitch and MMRL, which include free screenings and four educational programs, demonstrate an unparalleled commitment to our local community. MMRL hosts a summer fellowship program and welcomes undergraduate, predoctoral and postdoctoral students, as well as the wider scientific and medical community, to use the lab's extensive library for research and reference.

Madam Speaker, I call on my colleagues to join me in honoring Dr. Antzelevitch for his distinguished 25-year career at MMRL and his ongoing service to our community. He is a father, mentor and friend to all who know him, and I wish him many more years of success and prosperity.

HONORING NAPA VALLEY HORSE-
MEN'S ASSOCIATION OF NAPA
COUNTY, CALIFORNIA

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 22, 2009

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the Napa Valley Horsemen's Association on the occasion of their 70th anniversary. NVHA was organized by a dedicated group of horse lovers to promote horses as a form of recreation in the Napa Valley. On October 17th, 2009, the Association is celebrating this milestone at their clubhouse in Southwest Napa.

The Horsemen's Association has a long and storied history. NVHA held its first meeting on October 11, 1939, at the Napa Fairgrounds in the Home Economics Building. From there the club grew to 82 charter members by January 1940. On November 19, 1939, the club held its first event, consisting of races, roping, horsemanship classes and jumping.

NVHA purchased the 32 acres at its present location on Foster Road in Napa in 1948. The site was a working dairy, and upon purchase the club members refurbished the milking barn to operate as a clubhouse and spent the next few years holding fundraisers to build the arenas and horse barns.

NVHA has been involved in supporting local equestrian events throughout its history and continues to do so today. The club boasts members who participate in all disciplines of riding, along with many members who simply enjoy horses. In addition to offering numerous shows, cattle events and speed events, NVHA also hosts educational clinics aimed at improving training, feeding and the keeping of local horses. In recent years, NVHA has partnered with the Bureau of Land Management to host adoption events for mustangs and burros. The club boasts an active youth group and also gives out annual scholarships to four local high school students who are studying equestrian or agricultural topics.

Madam Speaker, it is appropriate at this time that we honor the Napa Valley Horsemen's Association's illustrious history and numerous contributions to equestrianism in the Napa Valley. The Association continues to improve and thrive today, and I commend past

and current board members for their commitment to this cause.

RECOGNIZING MRS. MINNIE HILL
MCCLLEASE

HON. G.K. BUTTERFIELD

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 22, 2009

Mr. BUTTERFIELD. Madam Speaker, on October 25, 2009 friends and family will gather to honor Mrs. Minnie Hill McCleese, a retired teacher who has had a tremendous impact on North Carolina's First Congressional District. On this special occasion, Mrs. McCleese's loved ones will join her to pay special tribute to this extraordinary woman.

Born on December 17, 1908, Mrs. McCleese will soon celebrate her 101st birthday. After graduating from State Normal High School in Elizabeth City, North Carolina, she earned a bachelors degree from Shaw University and later a masters degree from New York University.

Retiring on June 4, 1971 after 37 years, Mrs. McCleese served as a mathematics teacher at Elizabeth City's P. W. Moore High School and at Northeastern High School. To this day, the Cooper/McCleese Scholarship is presented in her honor annually at Northeastern High School to a student who excels in mathematics.

During her career, Mrs. McCleese earned the respect of her students, fellow teachers and the entire community. She fully dedicated herself to teaching because she cared so very deeply about the education of children. And, as we all know, good teachers like Mrs. McCleese make a remarkable difference in the lives of their students.

During her extraordinary teaching career, Mrs. McCleese inspired countless students. She made an undeniable impression on every student, and many of them went on to do great things. Among her students were Superior Court Judge J.C. Cole, cardiologist Dr. Lindsey White, retired principal and Pasquotank County Commissioner Cecil Perry, Virginia Beach Health Director Dr. Venita Newby-Owens, retired U.S. Army General Hawthorn Proctor, cardiologist Dr. Kermit Brown, retired educator Eddie Davis and Elizabeth City-Pasquotank Public Schools Superintendent Linwood Williams. These accomplished people represent just a few of the many great students Mrs. McCleese helped inspire to reach their full potential.

Mrs. McCleese has also been a highly active member of Olive Branch Missionary Baptist Church.

Madam Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in recognizing Mrs. McCleese. She is truly a remarkable person deserving of our deepest gratitude for the enormous contributions that she made in the lives of children in eastern North Carolina and to the entire community.

RECOGNIZING THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE IN HAYWOOD COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA

HON. HEATH SHULER

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 22, 2009

Mr. SHULER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commend the Haywood County Sheriff's Office for their outstanding commitment to serving our community. With a population of more than 50,000 and over 550 square miles in the county, the 100 dedicated individuals in the Haywood County Sheriff's Office must maintain constant vigilance to ensure the safety of all those they serve.

Haywood County's Sheriff, Bobby Suttles, has done a phenomenal job since he assumed his post in early 2009. The previous Sheriff, Tom Alexander, served his community honorably for over 22 years. Sheriff Suttles began working with Sheriff Alexander and the Haywood County Sheriff's Office in 1995, joining the team as a deputy. His exemplary service led him to become Chief Deputy in 2003, and he was thus the natural choice when Sheriff Alexander retired in February of 2009. As a community, we look forward to working with Sheriff Suttles as he continues the remarkable legacy inherited from Sheriff Alexander.

The Haywood County Sheriff's Office has an extremely distinguished history in the community. They are able to react immediately to new and unexpected challenges. One of the most successful projects implemented by the Haywood County Sheriff's Office is a special squad of deputies called the Sheriff's Emergency Response Team which focuses on woodland operations, land navigations and man tracking. These skills are invaluable to other facets of the Haywood County Sheriff's Office, for example the Team has assisted the county's Drug Enforcement Unit with the service of high risk warrants and drug surveillance. The deputies on the Sheriff's Emergency Response Team undergo an additional sixteen hours of training per month and must maintain higher than average fitness standards. As this is a voluntary program, the deputies involved purchase much of the specialized equipment out of their own pockets, demonstrating their exemplary dedication and commitment.

In addition to their role as law enforcement professionals, the Haywood County Sheriff's Office also takes part in the Explorer Post program. This program affords young adults between 14 and 21 years of age access to community service projects that enable them to learn about the law enforcement profession. Participants have the opportunity to do "ride alongs" observing the work of deputies, participate in community fingerprinting, and take part in other events geared towards crime fighting and community involvement. Through this program they are also taught essential teambuilding and leadership skills.

Madam Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in support of the Haywood County Sheriff's Office and our dedicated law enforcement professionals across the country. Without these committed individuals, none of us would be able to enjoy the quality of life or the security we experience in our great Nation.

IN REMEMBRANCE OF MARIA LARRIUZ

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 22, 2009

Mr. TOWNS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to remember Maria Larriuz, a dedicated community servant and activist.

Maria Larriuz, born in 1934 and raised in Guayama, Puerto Rico, moved to New York in 1955 and married Angel Manuel Larriuz in 1958. They raised two children together: Angel Manuel Larriuz, Jr. and Bernice Burkarth.

Ms. Larriuz was an active leader in her community's trusted civic associations, contributing in a variety of roles to the New Lots Lions Club for the past 30 years and serving as secretary of the Homeowners Association, Inc. She was also a member of the Rosetta Democratic Club, helping District Leader Earl Williams at meetings, and served as a volunteer hostess for the inauguration of President Barack Obama earlier this year. Ms. Larriuz was also someone who championed breast cancer awareness and the high incidence of diabetes in her community.

Ms. Larriuz was honored on numerous occasions for her work, receiving the Melvin Jones Fellowship from the Lions Club and an award from the Knights of the Blind, and now rests eternally at the Pinelawn National Park with her loving husband who served our country.

Madam Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in remembering Maria Larriuz, whose extraordinary accomplishments will continue to be felt in her community for many years to come.

HONORING THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF RETIRED MONSIGNOR THOMAS A. DAVIS

HON. HENRY CUELLAR

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 22, 2009

Mr. CUELLAR. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize retirement of Monsignor Thomas A. Davis and his dedication and service as a Pastor and community leader in Laredo, Texas.

Monsignor Davis was born in Tipperary, Ireland on May 31, 1933 to Joseph and Brigid Davis. He has conducted missionary work and been involved with the Catholic Church for many years. More than a half a century has passed since Monsignor Davis began. He has spent his career in five different nations, driven by his devotion and humble beginnings. He will retire on October 28, 2009.

He began his career in 1954 in Ireland and would spend six years in a Monastery. Thereafter, he would spend another six years at St. Kieran's Seminary in Ireland. In 1968, he was ordained for the Diocese of Corpus Christi, Texas. In the years following his ordainment, he earned his Masters in Education Degree from Our Lady of the Lakes College in 1974. The next few decades, he continued faith-based and Church involvement in Robstown, Texas to Arteaga, Mexico to help communities and churches. His work would continue as his

passion with his faith grew stronger. His contributions to Laredo, Texas have proven monumental for the community, spending a total of 31 years at San Agustin Church, Mother Cabrini Church, and Saint Patrick's Church.

In 2003, Msgr. Davis established the Perpetual Adoration Chapel at St. Patrick's Church, which ensures Laredo residents have a place to go in times of need at any hour. This chapel is the only one of its kind in the area and is a great contribution to the efforts of the church and outreach.

Madam Speaker, I am honored to have had the time to recognize the faith and dedication of Monsignor Thomas A. Davis.

RYAN WHITE HIV/AIDS TREATMENT EXTENSION ACT OF 2009

SPEECH OF

HON. MAXINE WATERS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 21, 2009

Ms. WATERS. Mr. Speaker, I rise to support the Ryan White HIV/AIDS Treatment Extension Act of 2009, which reauthorizes the Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program for four years. The Ryan White program provides critical funds to cities, states and non-profit organizations for medical treatment and support services for people living with HIV and AIDS. The program currently serves more than 500,000 HIV-positive low-income people throughout the United States, many of whom would not be alive today without it.

The continuing need for the Ryan White Program cannot be overstated. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, there are more than 1.1 million people living with HIV/AIDS in the United States today, and every 9½ minutes, another person is infected.

Racial and ethnic minorities continue to be severely impacted by HIV/AIDS. African Americans account for 49% of new AIDS diagnoses, and Hispanics account for 19%. All minority groups combined represent 65% of new HIV infections, 67% of people living with HIV/AIDS, 71% of new AIDS cases, and 70% of deaths caused by AIDS.

Eleven years ago, in order to address the disproportionate impact of HIV/AIDS among minorities, I worked with my colleagues in the Congressional Black Caucus and the Clinton Administration to develop the Minority AIDS Initiative. This initiative provides funds to community-based organizations in order to build their capacity to serve minority communities and deliver culturally and linguistically appropriate care and services.

This bill recognizes the disproportionate impact of HIV/AIDS among minorities and reauthorizes key provisions of the Minority AIDS Initiative. The bill requires the Government Accountability Office (GAO) to report on activities under the Minority AIDS Initiative across governmental agencies and identify best practices in capacity-building. It also requires the Department of Health and Human Services to prepare a plan for the use of Minority AIDS Initiative funding, taking into consideration the GAO report.

I thank my good friend Delegate DONNA CHRISTENSEN, along with the other Members

and staff of the Energy and Commerce Committee, for consulting with my office on the reauthorization of the Minority AIDS Initiative, and I appreciate all of their work on this bill.

I urge my colleagues to support the Ryan White HIV/AIDS Treatment Extension Act of 2009.

RECOGNIZING THE RETIREMENT
OF THOMAS J. ORLOFF

HON. FORTNEY PETE STARK

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 22, 2009

Mr. STARK. Madam Speaker, I rise to congratulate and honor Thomas J. Orloff on his recent retirement as district attorney of Alameda County. A third generation resident of Alameda County, his 15 years as district attorney capped an extraordinary career of 40 years of service as a prosecutor on behalf of the people of both Alameda County and California. Mr. Orloff joined the Alameda County District Attorney's office in 1970 after graduating from the University of California's Boalt Hall School of Law. He distinguished himself as a trial lawyer, prosecuting many high profile cases including leaders of the Black Panthers and the notorious BGF prison gang. In addition to his trial prosecutions, Mr. Orloff served in many supervisory and administrative capacities including 5 years as the chief assistant district attorney.

Tom Orloff was elected district attorney, without opposition, in June 1994 and has been re-elected in June 1998, June 2002, and in June 2006, all unopposed. During his tenure, he established special units to emphasize prosecutions of domestic violence, stalking, gang violence, real estate fraud, and abuse of the elderly while expanding ongoing efforts to combat public assistance fraud, sexual assault and consumer and environmental crimes. Unlike most elected district attorneys, Tom recently personally tried and obtained the conviction of a street gang member who murdered San Leandro police officer Dan Niemi.

In addition to his work in Alameda County, Tom has given his time to the California and national prosecutors associations, serving as president and on the board of directors of the California District Attorney's Association and as a member of the board of directors of the National District Attorney's Association. Among many legal honors, he has been selected as a Fellow in the American College of Trial Lawyers. Active in Alameda County as well, Tom has for many years served on the board and as treasurer of the One Hundred Club which provides financial support to the survivors of Alameda County police officers and firefighters who are killed in the line of duty and on the advisory board of the Boys and Girls Club of Oakland.

Most importantly, I would like to commend Tom Orloff on his stewardship of the finest prosecutor's office in the country. Every day, since taking office in January 1995 Tom sat down behind the same desk Earl Warren used when he served as Alameda County District Attorney from 1925–1939. He proudly displayed on his office wall a framed indictment signed by both Warren and another Thomas Orloff, Tom's grandfather, then the foreman of the Alameda County grand jury. As only the

fifth Alameda County District Attorney since Warren, Tom has guided a prosecutor's office that has seen remarkable stability and has been characterized by its innovation, creativity, and remarkable commitment to the highest ethical standards.

Prosecutors are the only lawyers who are ethically bound to serve two masters. The public prosecutor, as Justice Sutherland put it in his United States Supreme Court opinion: "is the representative not of an ordinary party to a controversy, but of a sovereignty whose obligation to govern impartially is as compelling as its obligation to govern at all; and whose interest, therefore, in a criminal prosecution is not that it shall win a case, but that justice shall be done. As such, he is in a peculiar and very definite sense the servant of the law, the twofold aim of which is that guilt shall not escape or innocence suffer. He may prosecute with earnestness and vigor—indeed, he should do so. But, while he may strike hard blows, he is not at liberty to strike foul ones. It is as much his duty to refrain from improper methods calculated to produce a wrongful conviction as it is to use every legitimate means to bring about a just one." (Berger v. United States (1935) 295 U.S. 78, 88.)

Like Earl Warren and the four others who separate them, Tom Orloff has demonstrated a profound, personal commitment to the ethical administration of justice. More than anything else, this commitment, on the part of the elected district attorney, to ethics in criminal prosecution sets the Alameda County District Attorney's office apart from the rest. I know that Tom, while proud of his many personal accomplishments, takes his greatest pride and satisfaction in the office of the Alameda County District Attorney. In public life we are all too often confronted with many whose sole purpose in seeking or attaining public office often seems to be self-aggrandizement. Tom is that rare public servant who truly has served the public and who has put the interest of his office ahead of his own.

Tom has demonstrated courage and independence in making many hard and occasionally unpopular choices during his tenure as district attorney, authorizing the prosecution several years ago of several officers of the Oakland Police Department, known as the "Riders" who were accused of a variety of crimes including robbing, kidnapping and framing street-level drug dealers. Most recently, Tom filed murder charges against a Bay Area Rapid Transit police officer who shot and killed a BART passenger. The shooting was videotaped and received a very high level of publicity. This is reportedly the first murder charge lodged against an on-duty police officer in California history.

It should come as no surprise to learn that Tom Orloff has long led the way in hiring women and minority lawyers. Under his watch, and due to his personal commitment, the Alameda County District Attorney's office is now one of the most diverse prosecutor's offices in the country—a special challenge considering the debt most minority law school graduates carry and the small salaries starting prosecutors earn.

One of Tom's former colleagues wrote, many years before she became an associate justice of the California Supreme Court, "If our nation of laws is to remain both strong and free, we must have system of criminal justice

in which every citizen can have confidence. The weight of maintaining this confidence falls on the shoulders of those lawyers who walk into court to represent the People. It is, as it should be, the highest calling of an American advocate." (Carol Corrigan, *On Prosecutorial Ethics* (1986) 13 *Hastings Constitutional Law Quarterly* 537.)

I have known Tom Orloff for many years. In the time he has served as Alameda County's district attorney he has given me the highest confidence that the administration of criminal justice in Alameda County was in the most capable hands possible. To me, he epitomized the prosecutor who always sought justice first. In determining whether to initiate criminal charges he always made what he felt was the right decision, not the popular decision. In the trial courtroom, he fought hard and he fought fair. More importantly, he instilled that ethic in all of his prosecutors. As a result, I share with the citizens of Alameda County an enduring and deeply felt confidence in the work of our criminal justice system. I wish Tom and his wife Pam a long, healthy and productive retirement.

HONORING ALAN H. JEPSON ON
THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT

HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 22, 2009

Ms. DeLAURO. Madam Speaker, I could not be more pleased than to have this opportunity to rise today to pay tribute to a dear friend and outstanding member of the Milford community, Alan H. Jepson. I am proud to join family, friends, colleagues, and community leaders in thanking him for his many years of dedication and commitment as he celebrates his retirement from public life. It is difficult to put into words what Alan means to the Milford community—he is one-of-a-kind.

Alan is a rare individual who has dedicated a lifetime to public service. He bravely left high school after just three years to join the Navy during World War II and proudly served for two years, eight months, and twenty-four days. Upon his return from military service, he went back to high school, earned his diploma, and completed his college degree under the original GI Bill—in just three years, eight months, and twenty-four days. His first professional experience was as the Director of the Junior Achievement Program in Lynn and Salem, Massachusetts. It was this calling that brought him back to Connecticut in 1956 when he became Director of Junior Achievement for the City of New Haven. Moving his family to Milford, Connecticut, it was shortly later that Alan would begin his more than forty years in civic service.

In 1960 Alan was appointed as the Director of the Citizens' Action Commission where he worked with the City of New Haven in connection with the federal requirement of urban renewal. It was through this work that his interest in government, politics and eventually elected office was sparked. In 1962 he found himself chairing a charter revision commission for the City of Milford which required that he work with both Democrats and Republicans to accomplish. Just a year later he ran and was

elected Mayor of Milford—a post which he held for six years. Today, Alan is retiring after serving seven terms as the Town City Clerk—an elected office for which it is said he now runs unopposed out of sheer respect and the knowledge that no one else can truly compete. His years of service to the City of Milford have earned him the respect, admiration, and esteem of his colleagues on both sides of the aisle.

Alan's commitment to civic service extends far beyond his professional contributions. He has volunteered countless hours to innumerable service organizations. Alan is the former president of the Milford Rotary, has served as a United Way campaign worker as well as on the board of directors of the local Red Cross, and is a former First President of Milford Progress, Inc. Alan was also very involved with the local Boy Scouts where he served as a Volunteer Merit Badge Counselor and instituted Boy Scout Civic Day and Girl Scout Civic Day to promote civic pride and government studies. Alan can also be found giving his words of wisdom as "Uncle Sam" at the annual "Let Freedom Ring" bell ceremony on July 4th and volunteer reading at Milford public schools. And the list goes on. Alan Jepson is a reflection of all that we hope and expect community leaders to be. The City of Milford would not be the same without him so it was a fitting tribute when he was officially named and honored as a "living treasure." Alan's retirement marks the end of an era for the Milford community.

I am so proud to call Alan my friend. He and his late wife, Betty—a remarkable woman herself, welcomed me to their community with open arms and I will forever be grateful for their many years of special friendship and support. It is my privilege to stand today and extend my deepest thanks and appreciation to Alan H. Jepson and to wish him, his five daughters; Linda, Susan, Margo, Nancy, and Paula, as well as his eight grandchildren, three step-grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren all the best for many more years of health and happiness.

RYAN WHITE HIV/AIDS TREATMENT EXTENSION ACT OF 2009

SPEECH OF

HON. CHARLES B. RANGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 21, 2009

Mr. RANGEL. Mr. Speaker, I rise to praise the passage of S. 1793, the Ryan White HIV/AIDS Treatment Extension Act of 2009. On behalf of the hundreds of thousands of people with HIV/AIDS who rely on the Ryan White Program, I would like to express my appreciation to the Committee on Energy and Commerce and to the Members of the U.S. House for having voted in favor of extending this important program for four more years. The Ryan White Program is the largest federally funded program for people living with HIV/AIDS. It funds programs to improve availability of care for low-income, uninsured and underinsured people with HIV/AIDS, and it provides funding and technical assistance to local and state primary medical care providers, support services, healthcare providers, and training programs.

HIV/AIDS is one of the fastest expanding epidemics in the United States, affecting more than 1 million people in the country. Over 530,000 low-income people with HIV/AIDS depend on the services provided through the Ryan White program. In my home of New York City, as of June 30, 2008, 104,234 people have been diagnosed and reported to be living with HIV/AIDS, including 63,899 living with AIDS. There are approximately 32,000 people living with HIV/AIDS in New York City that use Ryan White Part A services for medical treatment, support services, and other care that they would not otherwise be able to afford. People with the disease and care providers will benefit greatly from the extension of this program. There is a growing demand for these services because of the increase in infected people; I am pleased that this bill includes an increase in the authorization level for the program by 5 percent every year for the next four years.

The bill passed with strong support from both parties, in a 408 to 9 vote, and it will now go to the President's desk for signing into law. This is a great accomplishment.

Again, I am pleased that this great body understands the importance of this program and will fund it for another four years, but let us please keep in mind that more still needs to be done to end this pandemic.

**A TRIBUTE TO DEPUTY CHIEF
DAVID P. BARRERE**

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 22, 2009

Mr. TOWNS. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Deputy Chief David P. Barrere.

David Barrere began his career in law enforcement as a Patrol Duty Officer at the 63rd Precinct in Brooklyn, New York on April 25, 1990. He then was assigned to the 32nd Precinct in Harlem as a Patrol Supervisor in 1994, and subsequently as a Sergeant and a Lieutenant at the 75th Precinct for three additional years.

David Barrere was promoted to Captain in 1999, and served as Captain and Executive Officer of the 67th Precinct before his promotion to Commanding Officer of the 76th Precinct in Red Hook, Brooklyn. He continued his remarkable progression through the ranks of the New York Police Department in 2002 when he was assigned as Commanding Officer of the 114th Precinct in Astoria, Queens, where he was later promoted to Deputy Inspector and then to Inspector. In September 2005, he returned to Brooklyn to command the 75th Precinct.

Today, he serves as the Commanding Officer of the Central Robbery Section, where he was again promoted to Deputy Chief. Chief Barrere is currently writing his thesis in Criminal Justice while studying at Long Island University. He also graduated from the Police Management Institute at Columbia University.

Chief Barrere and his wife Patricia of 15 years are the proud parents of three children: Kristina, Jennifer, and David.

Madam Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in recognizing Deputy Chief David P. Barrere for his extraordinary record of service

to New York's 10th Congressional District and to New York City at large.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. EARL POMEROY

OF NORTH DAKOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 22, 2009

Mr. POMEROY. Madam Speaker, on October 13, 2009, due to flight delays, I missed rollcall votes Nos. 772, 773, and 774. Had I been present, I would have voted in the following manner: rollcall No. 772—"yea"; rollcall No. 773—"yea"; and rollcall No. 774—"yea."

RYAN WHITE HIV/AIDS TREATMENT EXTENSION ACT OF 2009

SPEECH OF

HON. JAMES R. LANGEVIN

OF RHODE ISLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 21, 2009

Mr. LANGEVIN. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to rise in support of S. 1793, the Ryan White HIV/AIDS Treatment Extension Act.

There are nearly 40,000 new HIV/AIDS infections reported each year, and according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention approximately 1.1 million Americans are currently living with the disease. While contracting the HIV virus used to be considered a death sentence in our society, significant medical advances over the past 20 years have turned it into a very treatable condition. Today, many individuals with HIV are living long, happy and productive lives, but there are also many among us who don't have the means to access life-sustaining treatments and social supports.

The Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program was originally enacted in 1990 to provide HIV-related health services to those without sufficient health coverage or financial resources to cope with the disease. Last year, Rhode Island received approximately \$7.2 million in funding and supplied 2,800 people with access to primary medical care and case management services, including \$4.3 million in vital medications.

The bill before us today will authorize the continuation of this very successful program through FY 2013—including emergency relief, comprehensive care and early intervention programs. It will give our local, state and community partners the resources necessary to continue providing compassionate care for individuals living with HIV/AIDS. I strongly support this bill and urge my colleagues to vote in favor of its passage.

**OCTOBER: DOMESTIC VIOLENCE
AWARENESS MONTH**

HON. DAVID G. REICHERT

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 22, 2009

Mr. REICHERT. Madam Speaker, the month of October is recognized around this country as "Domestic Violence Awareness Month" and

I rise today to urge this House to continue advocating for victims of domestic violence and to continue the fight against domestic violence.

According to the National Coalition Against Domestic Violence, a non-profit organization working tirelessly and cooperatively against the scourge of domestic violence, an estimated 1.3 million women are victims of physical assault by an intimate partner each year. One in four women will experience domestic violence in her lifetime and, at this point, one in six have already experienced an attempted or completed rape. I spent 33 years of my life in law enforcement, often on the front lines combating acts of domestic violence. During that time, I saw many horrific things. I have seen lives end, communities shattered and families torn apart due to domestic violence. The human cost of domestic violence in this country is astronomical. It touches lives in big cities, small towns and everywhere in between. Domestic violence knows no boundaries.

Violence is often a destructive cycle. A boy who witnesses acts of violence between parents or caretakers is twice as likely to become a perpetrator of domestic violence as an adult. Even worse, children who witness abuse and are themselves abused are even more prone to acts of domestic violence in adulthood. Generations of Americans have failed to break this terrible cycle of violence and even more alarmingly, many of those same Americans refuse to properly identify acts of domestic violence and seek help or protection. I ask the members of this House to remember these facts throughout this month and to please do everything in their power to combat domestic violence in congressional districts across the country. Support the National Coalition Against Domestic Violence and other like minded organizations. Support local law enforcement. Support community organizations like the Boys & Girls Club and churches. Urge your constituents to be mindful of the devastating effects of domestic violence.

Domestic violence is debilitating to families, communities and the United States as a whole and is entirely preventable. Every day, we have the opportunity to remind our constituents and our families to work together to rid our communities of domestic violence. As we make progress and fight against this injustice within, we must stay vigilant.

A TRIBUTE TO ED McBRIDE

HON. ROBERT A. BRADY

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 22, 2009

Mr. BRADY of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor my dear friend, Ed McBride. After I was appointed to the Chair of the House Administration Committee, our colleagues nicknamed me the "Mayor of Capitol Hill." Since he became a manager in the Government Relations Department in 1991, Ed has been known as Mayor of PECO.

Ed McBride started working at PECO on September 15, 1969 as a Transportation Mechanic. For those of us in government, and for the people we serve, Ed is PECO. He acts as

a voice for the customers within the company and as a voice for the company and its employees in the community.

Madam Speaker, Ed McBride is the consummate professional. He is also a gentleman in every sense of the word. I'm proud to say that Ed is my colleague, my constituent and my friend. I ask every Member of Congress to join me in honoring his 40 years of service today.

RYAN WHITE HIV/AIDS TREATMENT EXTENSION ACT OF 2009

SPEECH OF

HON. MICHAEL E. CAPUANO

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 21, 2009

Mr. CAPUANO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of S. 1793 the Ryan White HIV/AIDS Treatment Extension Act of 2009. This important bipartisan bill reauthorizes a program that has provided some of the most critical services to our country's most vulnerable populations for nearly two decades.

As you know, according to the CDC, approximately 1.1 million Americans are currently living with HIV/AIDS. While we have made tremendous strides in the treatment of HIV, prolonging and improving the lives of those with the disease, the need for funding to provide treatment to all those living with HIV/AIDS has, accordingly, greatly increased.

Furthermore, this epidemic has had an alarmingly disproportionate impact on communities of color. African Americans account for roughly 50% of HIV/AIDS diagnoses and Hispanics/Latinos 18 percent. We must properly address this troubling disparity and continue to work for improved access and treatment for racial and ethnic minorities living with HIV/AIDS.

The Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program offers a comprehensive, cost-effective solution to these challenges. Ryan White has been a monumental success and has most certainly contributed to the decline in the number of AIDS cases and deaths due to HIV/AIDS. S. 1793 is an important piece of legislation and I urge my colleagues to support it.

HONORING HEATHER CHRISTENSEN

HON. JIM MATHESON

OF UTAH

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 22, 2009

Mr. MATHESON. Madam Speaker, Utah has lost a local treasure with the passing of Ms. Heather Christensen of American Fork, Utah.

Heather Christensen is remembered by her joyfulness. Her friends and family said she was always smiling, laughing, and positive. As the woodwind section instructor for the American Fork High School band, she was known to work 18 hours a day. Heather was known to arrive at school early in order to help individual students and make sure they had a

good experience. Her close friends said she believed in positive reinforcement as a way to motivate students.

Heather died trying to save 46 American Fork high school band students on October 12, 2009. A bus carrying the band crashed on Interstate 15 as they were returning after winning a competition at Idaho State University in Pocatello. After witnessing the bus driver pass out, she reached for the wheel and tried to steer the bus back to the road but fell out a window as the vehicle rolled. About 30 students sustained minor injuries, but thanks to Heather's fast action, none had life-threatening injuries.

Heather was a very talented young woman, who played multiple instruments and sang. Her family said she could play any instrument by ear and had perfect pitch. She was said to have been living her dream by working with the nationally recognized American Fork High band.

Heather grew up in American Fork and was the third of six children. She was the drum major at American Fork High School, and was also the student conductor for the school's a cappella choir. She went on to become a drum director at the University of Utah, where she earned both a bachelor's and masters in music education.

People have called Heather's actions heroic and I want to take a moment to honor this Utahn for her courage.

IN TRIBUTE TO INSPECTOR JEFFREY MADDREY

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 22, 2009

Mr. TOWNS. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Jeffrey Maddrey, Inspector of the 75th Precinct and an honorable public servant.

Inspector Maddrey is a graduate of John Jay College, with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Criminology, and is also a graduate of Columbia University's Police Management Institute. Inspector Maddrey is presently pursuing a Master's Degree in Human Services Management and Leadership at St. Joseph's College.

Inspector Maddrey became a member of the New York City Police Department in 1991 at the age of 20. Upon graduation from the Police Academy, Inspector Maddrey was assigned to the 110th Precinct in Queens, New York. He was promoted Sergeant in 1998.

Upon his promotion to Lieutenant in 2001, he served in the 67th Precinct, then successfully in various capacities as Captain in the 72nd, 60th, and 70th Precincts, and Commander of the Brooklyn South Task Force. On January 1, 2006, Captain Maddrey was assigned to the 73rd Precinct as Commanding Officer. He was then promoted to Deputy Inspector in December of 2006 and Inspector in November of 2008. Inspector Maddrey is currently the Commanding Officer of the 75th Precinct and also a member of the National Organization of Black Law Enforcement Executives. His service to the residents of East New York, Brooklyn is exemplary.

Madam Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in recognizing Jeffrey Maddrey.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. MICHAEL E. CAPUANO

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 22, 2009

Mr. CAPUANO. Madam Speaker, last week I missed several rollcall votes. Had I been present I would have voted the following: rollcall No. 790—"yes"; rollcall No. 791—"yes"; and rollcall No. 792—"yes."

BECKY FAST HONORED AS "SOCIAL WORKER OF THE YEAR" BY KANSAS CHAPTER OF THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF SOCIAL WORKERS

HON. DENNIS MOORE

OF KANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 22, 2009

Mr. MOORE of Kansas. Madam Speaker, since I took office in January, 1999, Becky Fast has worked as my constituent services director. My office has prided itself on a high level of constituent services, and for that Becky deserves much of the credit. I am proud and happy to announce that last Thursday, Becky was honored as "Social Worker of the Year" by the Kansas Chapter of the National Association of Social Workers. Vicki Arnett, LSCSW and the Chair of the Chapter LINC committee presented the award at the 62nd MoKan Clinical Institute in Overland Park (Ritz Charles) on Thursday, October 8, 2009. The Kansas Chapter, National Association of Social Workers represents the practice and profession of social work in Kansas. The event was a two day intensive training on familial sexual abuse with Michael Boniello, LSCSW and difficult ethical problems in social work with Frederic Reamer, Ph.D., of Rhode Island.

Although I was in Washington for scheduled votes, I was pleased to learn that Becky's father drove from Minnesota to Kansas to see her receive the award. I want to take this opportunity to congratulate Becky, and am honored to enter into the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD the remarks made by Vicki Arnett when she introduced Becky as the recipient of the 2009 Kansas Chapter of the National Association of Social Work "Social Worker of the Year":

Becky Fast originally was trained as a teacher. Through that work she found that many students and their families needed individual assistance through difficult circumstances. Becky went back to school and became a social worker. Since then, she has been working in different capacities to help improve services to many individuals. Her early work has included authoring several chapters in a book on serving the aged population as well as service manuals to implement such programs. She taught social policy for many years and helped bring attention to the importance of everyday advocacy in the political arena.

Becky practices Political Social Work. She has been the Director of Constituent Services for Congressman Dennis Moore since his victory in 1998. She is one of just a few social workers across the country to hold such a position. She has built the constituents program with a focus on applying social work values and skills to assisting people calling for help with federal programs. Her program

serves as a model for other congressional offices and Becky willingly shares her knowledge. Over the years, Becky has mentored many social work interns and taught them the importance of listening to caller concerns and responding in a helpful way. She is constantly making connections to individuals and the community by establishing access to the Congressman and helping to suggest ways to solve problems.

Becky has taken advantage of her ability to connect to people to promote social workers and the profession. For example, she had several conversations with then Governor Sebelius and they spoke about social work and delivering care to people. She was able to mention social work to President Clinton, and she facilitated a meeting with the Attorney General on social work safety. Many of the current Kansas State legislators keep social work on their mind because of Becky talking to them.

Most recently, after physical threats to the congressional office, and the town hall meetings had to be canceled for safety reasons, she was still preparing materials and was generous in giving time and attention to people expressing anger and frustration. She does not lose her cool in such situations. Becky was instrumental in securing federal funding to support the Teri Mathis Zenner Safety First conference in October. Becky was one of the original presenters for Dr. Nancy Humphreys Campaign School in Connecticut.

Becky has served as the Kansas Chapter, PACE Chair for several election cycles, served as the Treasurer on the Chapter Board of Directors and now serves as the Region Ten Representative on the National Board of Directors of NASW. She serves on a variety of committees and work groups and in the Kansas City area. Becky is well known across Kansas and everyone knows she is a social worker because she proudly states, "I am a social worker" as she does her work. Congratulations Becky for a well-earned and well-deserved recognition of the excellence you bring to the social work profession.

HONORING DR. JOHN WATERS

HON. DALE E. KILDEE

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 22, 2009

Mr. KILDEE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Dr. John Waters as he steps down as the President of the Genesee County Medical Society. Dr. Waters will be honored at the annual Presidents' Ball on November 7th in Grand Blanc, Michigan.

Dr. Waters became interested in a medical career at the age of 7. He was injured in an automobile accident and was hospitalized for a long time. Because of the care and compassion of his hometown physician, Dr. Waters decided to become a doctor. He earned a B.A. in psychology and a B.S. in biology from Quincy College. After graduating from Northwestern University Medical School he completed his residency at the University of Louisville, Department of Ophthalmology.

In addition to his medical practice at Complete Eye Care, he is a principal in the Surgery Center. Active in the community, Dr. Waters treats patients through the Genesee County Free Medical Clinic and works with the Greater Flint Health Coalition. He has provided free glaucoma and diabetic eye screenings in conjunction with FACED's Dia-

betic Sunday at area churches. He participated in Cover the Uninsured Week and Complete Eye Care received the "Community Caring Award" from Health Access.

Involved with the Genesee County Medical Society, he has served on the Board since 2000 and is a member of the Finance Committee. He also serves as part of the Genesee County delegation to the Michigan State Medical Society House of Delegates. His philosophy about being a doctor is: "I went into medicine because of what someone did for me. We who are physicians should do the same for our patients. If we do what is right for them everything will fall into place for us." Dr. Waters and his wife, Meg, have two children, JT and Elizabeth.

Madam Speaker, I ask the House of Representatives to join me in applauding Dr. John Waters. I commend him for his dedication to treating and healing his patients and I wish him many, many more years working for better health in our community.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. CHRISTOPHER P. CARNEY

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 22, 2009

Mr. CARNEY. Madam Speaker, on Thursday, October 22, I was unfortunately delayed reaching the floor and unable to cast my vote on the first two recorded votes of the day.

Had I been present, I would have voted: "yes" on rollcall vote 798, and "yes" on rollcall vote 799.

INTRODUCTION OF THE
OSTEOPOROSIS EARLY DETECTION
AND PREVENTION ACT OF
2009

HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 22, 2009

Mrs. MALONEY. Madam Speaker, today I am reintroducing bipartisan legislation, the Osteoporosis Early Detection and Prevention Act of 2009, along with my friend and colleague from West Virginia, Congresswoman SHELLEY MOORE CAPITO.

The Osteoporosis Early Detection and Prevention Act of 2009 will require private insurance plans to cover bone density testing for individuals most likely to develop osteoporosis. This bill will ensure that the individuals most likely to develop the disease will have access to screening tests, which could both improve health outcomes and save significant amounts of money.

Forty-four million Americans either suffer from osteoporosis or are at risk of developing it. One of every two American women and one of four American men, aged 50 or older, will suffer a bone fracture because of osteoporosis. This means that osteoporosis causes 1.5 million broken bones every year.

Osteoporosis has no symptoms and cannot be detected by an ordinary X-ray until 25 to 40 percent of bone mass has already been lost. As bone mass decreases, the risk of fractures increases exponentially. The disease is usually not diagnosed until a fracture occurs—but

by then, the disease is so advanced that another fracture is extremely likely.

While there is currently no cure for osteoporosis, there are effective and inexpensive techniques both to detect and prevent. A bone density screening is non-invasive, painless, and reliable. If osteoporosis is diagnosed early, drug therapy can reduce the risk of hip and spine fractures by 50 percent. The screening test costs, on average, between \$59 and \$300—compared to the more than \$35,000 it would cost to repair a hip fracture.

I believe that when we can improve health and save money at the same time, we should do just that. By requiring private health insurance plans to cover bone density screenings for the men and women who are most at risk for osteoporosis, we can prevent millions of painful hard-to-treat, costly, and completely unnecessary injuries.

RECOGNIZING THE CENTENNIAL
OF FLOYDADA, TX

HON. RANDY NEUGEBAUER

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 22, 2009

Mr. NEUGEBAUER. Madam Speaker, I am proud to congratulate the City of Floydada, TX, on the occasion of its centennial celebration. This 100 year milestone was commemorated by the dedication of the "Centennial Plaza" on October 2, 2009.

Floydada was officially incorporated in October 1909 with a population of approximately 500. In 1910, the Santa Fe Railroad arrived in town, sparking the growth and development of this community. Floydada has seen great changes over the past years from the building of new public facilities and fire stations to meeting the challenges of hard times in the 1930s.

Throughout its 100-year history, farming and ranching, as well as a sense of community and fellowship, have sustained Floydada.

Today, the Floydada community remains a stronghold for agriculture and authentic country living and has earned the title of "Pumpkin Capital of the U.S."

I am proud to recognize Floydada, the P.R.I.D.E. Committee, the Centennial Committee and over 4,000 residents of the city on the 100th anniversary of their wonderful community.

IN TRIBUTE TO THE HONORABLE
BETTY J. WILLIAMS

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 22, 2009

Mr. TOWNS. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of a tireless leader in the community.

Born and raised in South Carolina, Betty Williams began her educational pursuits at North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University. She then received her law degree from New York Law School. Always one to know the true importance of education, Ms. Williams obtained a Master's Degree in Social Work from Columbia University.

Betty Williams was elected to Kings County, Brooklyn Civil Court in November of 2000. On March 31, 2009, Justice Williams as appointed Acting Supreme Court Justice by the Chief Administrative Judge of New York State, Ann Pfau. She continues to preside over the Misdemeanor Brooklyn Treatment Center, affording long-term substance abusers the opportunity to receive treatment instead of incarceration.

Justice Williams serves in various capacities as Co-Chairperson of the National Association of Women's Judges (NAWJ) Women in Prison Committee, attending the NAWJ's Fourth Annual Meeting with the Congressional Caucus for Women's Issues and National Women Leaders of the Judiciary, Chairperson of the New York State Chapter of the NAWJ Legislative Subcommittee and the past chairperson of the Chapter's Women in Prison Committee. Justice Williams is also a board member of the Downtown Brooklyn Waterfront Local Development Corporation, the Community Advisory Board of the Bayview Correctional Facility, and the New York Chapter of the NAWJ.

Justice Williams is a member of the Association of the Bar of the City of New York, the Metropolitan Black Bar Association, the Brooklyn Bar Association, the National Bar Association, the Kings County Criminal Bar Association, the Judicial Friends, the World Community of Social Workers, Church Women United, Inc., Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, and the St. Paul Community Baptist Church.

In recognition of her loyalty and service, Justice Williams has received numerous awards, including the National Sojourner Truth Meritorious Service Award, the Whitney M. Young Jr. Equal Justice for Children Service Award, the New York City Department of Education Leadership Award, the New York Law School Black Students Association Outstanding Achievement Award, and the North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University Alumni Association's Julia S. Brook Achievement Award. Justice Williams was also the first woman in New York State to be awarded the Abraham Markoff Scholarship Award from the New York State Bar Association Workmen's Compensation Division.

Madam Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in recognizing this selfless and faithful public servant, Honorable Betty J. Williams.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. DEBBIE WASSERMAN SCHULTZ

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 22, 2009

Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ. Madam Speaker, on October 20, 2009, I missed the following rollcall votes due to a longstanding commitment away from Washington:

1. Rollcall vote No. 790, H.R. 3763, To amend the Fair Credit Reporting Act to provide for an exclusion from Red Flag Guidelines for certain businesses;

2. Rollcall vote No. 791, H.R. 3319, To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 440 South Gulling Street in Portola, California, as the "Army Specialist Jeremiah Paul McCleery Post Office Building";

3. Rollcall vote No. 792, H. Res. 558, Supporting the increased understanding of, and interest in, computer science and computing ca-

reers among the public and in schools, and to ensure an ample and diverse future technology workforce through the designation of National Computer Science Education Week.

If present, I would have voted "aye" on all matters.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. J. GRESHAM BARRETT

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 22, 2009

Mr. BARRETT of South Carolina. Madam Speaker, unfortunately, I missed recorded votes on the House floor on Tuesday, October 13, 2009.

Had I been present, I would have voted "aye" on rollcall vote No. 772 (on motion to suspend the rules and agree to HR. 3689); "aye" on rollcall vote No. 773 (on motion to suspend the rules and agree to HR. 3476); and "aye" on rollcall vote No. 774 (on motion to suspend the rules and agree to H. Res. 659).

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. BETTY McCOLLUM

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 22, 2009

Ms. McCOLLUM. Madam Speaker, I was absent from the Chamber on October 15, 2009 because I was in my district with Secretary of Transportation Ray LaHood reviewing an important community investment. On rollcall Nos. 780, 781, 782, 783, 784, 785, 786, 787, 788, and 789, had I been present, I would have voted "yea," and "no" on 783.

INTRODUCTION OF THE MAJOR
GENERAL DAVID F. WHERLEY,
JR. DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
NATIONAL GUARD RETENTION AND
COLLEGE ACCESS ACT

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 22, 2009

Ms. NORTON. Madam Speaker, today I reintroduce the Major General David F. Wherley, Jr. District of Columbia National Guard Retention and College Access Act for technical reasons. I introduced this bill a month after the heartbreaking collision of two Red Line Metro trains here in the District of Columbia that took the lives of 9 area residents, 7 from the District, including a local hero, Major General David F. Wherley, Jr. I originally had introduced the District of Columbia National Guard Retention and College Access Act in May of this year, but after the Metro tragedy I said at the Wherleys' memorial service that I would rename this bill in honor of General Wherley, who not only served his country all his adult life and never forgot the men and women who served under him at home or at war, but was particularly attentive to the residents of the District of Columbia, especially the city's most troubled youth. Thereafter, Congressman José

SERRANO, chair of the Appropriations Financial Services subcommittee, was good enough to offer this renaming in his appropriations bill and to appropriate the funds without authorization this year and in prior years.

Under General Wherley's command, the D.C. National Guard deployed several of its units in the Global War on Terrorism. General Wherley himself served courageously in both Iraq and Afghanistan, but at home he spent hours with me figuring out ways to get funds for programs for the District's children. We were always successful because he would show up, not only in my office, but wherever he was needed to go and get funds or to do service.

General Wherley was a full-service leader. He not only commanded the D.C. National Guard; he worked closely with me and with city officials on programs for our city, its disadvantaged youth, and on keeping our Guard competitive as a premier force at home as well as abroad. He became one of us when he and his wife, Anne, decided to purchase a co-op in Southeast, D.C., in the Capitol Hill community where they participated as hometown residents. Anne, who sadly also was killed in the train collision, was his high school sweetheart. At their joint memorial service, I only half-jokingly said that she did everything with him but run the D.C. Guard, because she was his helpmate in every aspect of his full and fruitful life.

As I highlighted when I originally introduced this bill earlier this session, the education incentives in my bill serve not only to encourage high quality recruits, but, when appropriated, have had the important benefit of helping the D.C. National Guard to maintain the force necessary to protect the federal presence because this funding helps equalize an important benefit compared with what is offered by Guard units in surrounding jurisdictions, which also are open to them.

A strong D.C. National Guard, able to attract the best soldiers is especially important, given the dual mission of the D.C. National Guard to protect the federal presence as well as hometown D.C. This unique responsibility distinguishes the D.C. National Guard from any other National Guard and accounts for the generosity of the Appropriations Committee in the past. However, while the appropriators treat funding for the D.C. National Guard as a programmatic request, under past administrations, the Office of Management and Budget has contended that these funds are earmarks, putting them in jeopardy for consistent funding. It therefore is imperative that this important educational incentive be authorized appropriately to ensure its permanent sustainability. That is what this bill does today.

I urge my colleagues to support this bill.

**PET SAFETY AND PROTECTION
ACT**

HON. MICHAEL F. DOYLE

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 22, 2009

Mr. DOYLE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to reintroduce the Pet Safety and Protection Act—legislation that I believe is essential to protect family pets, bring our nation's research policies into the 21st century, and end the un-

necessary and illegal abuse of cats and dogs that's widespread in the Class B dealer system, which provides a number of animals to biomedical research labs.

Class B dealers are licensed by the U.S. Department of Agriculture to acquire animals from "random sources," including individuals who claim to have bred and raised the animals, but oftentimes haven't actually done so. Then the dogs and cats are sold to labs across the country that conduct important biomedical research.

Most scientists agree that animals with certain genetic characteristics or medical conditions are necessary for some types of medical research. So-called random sources are often the best sources for such animals. Unfortunately, the Class B dealer system that was set up to address this need has been plagued by widespread and flagrant violations of the Animal Welfare Act—including complaints that family pets have been swept up and sent to labs and used in biomedical research.

While USDA has tried to monitor Class B dealers and make sure these laws are followed, it simply has never had the resources to ensure the dealers' compliance. USDA's efforts, have, however, resulted in a number of investigations that forced many bad dealers out of the business. Today, 7 of the 10 remaining licensed Class B dealers are being investigated for alleged violations of the Animal Welfare Act. An additional dealer has had his license suspended for 5 years.

That record should give anyone an idea of the magnitude of the problems that exist in the current Class B dealer program. If anyone still doubts the need for action, I urge them to watch a 2006 HBO program documenting in graphic, disturbing detail the inhumane and illegal treatment of animals by Class B dealers. This remarkable documentary contains video footage shot undercover in a Class B dealer's facility. Among the abuses documented in this film are overcrowded cages, rotten food, food contaminated with feces, frozen drinking water, dogs with serious untreated injuries and diseases, and live dogs caged with the carcasses of dead dogs. This investigation also documented the beating, strangulation, and shooting of dogs by a Class B dealer.

I have been working for a number of years to pass legislation that would change the way animals with random source characteristics are acquired for biomedical research. This legislation, the Pet Safety and Protection Act, would prohibit the sale of dogs and cats by Class B dealers for experimentation. Its goal is to stop the illegal supply of dogs and cats to laboratories—as was intended when the Animal Welfare Act was first adopted by Congress in 1966. The Pet Safety and Protection Act also provides an alternative to Class B dealers for acquiring such animals. Research labs could acquire them from Class A dealers, from certain publicly owned and operated animal pounds, and through donations from people who have owned the animal for at least a year. I believe that this law would end the abuses running rampant in the Class B dealer system and make the process for acquiring animals necessary for medical research far more humane.

This legislation has the strong support of the Animal Welfare Institute and the Humane Society of the United States.

In previous years, this bill has been derailed by concerns that it might prevent or delay life-

saving biomedical research. Consequently, the 110th Congress directed the National Academies to examine the issue and determine whether the Class B dealer system should be continued. Earlier this summer, the National Academies released its report on the Class B dealer system. The National Academies concluded that:

Although random source dogs and cats represent a very small percentage of animals used in biomedical research, this small number is not commensurate with their potential value, and it is desirable to assure continued access to animals with random source qualities. This access can be accomplished with existing alternative mechanisms other than Class B dealers and can be assured with additional effort. The Committee thus determined that Class B dealers are not necessary for supplying dogs and cats for NIH-funded research.

I believe that the National Academies study puts to rest any remaining concerns about the desirability of eliminating the Class B dealer system.

In closing, Madam Speaker, let me reiterate my belief that enactment of the Pet Safety and Protection Act is necessary to end the inhumane and illegal treatment of animals acquired and sold by Class B dealers, protect families' pets from being used for biomedical research without their permission, and achieve those goals without hindering essential biomedical research. I urge my colleagues to co-sponsor this long overdue legislation.

**NATIONAL SPINA BIFIDA
AWARENESS MONTH**

HON. MICHAEL N. CASTLE

OF DELAWARE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 22, 2009

Mr. CASTLE. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of October as National Spina Bifida Awareness Month, which aims to bring awareness to the nation's most common permanently disabling birth defect, affecting 3,000 pregnancies every year. New data from the Center for Disease Control and Prevention, CDC, reported this spring, indicates the number of Americans with spina bifida is actually 154,000—double what was previously thought. According to the Delaware Health Statistics Center, approximately one out of every fifty-six babies born in Delaware with birth defects suffers from spina bifida. Spina bifida occurs within the first month of pregnancy and leaves a permanent opening in the spinal column that subsequently impacts nearly every organ system. People with spina bifida face a host of complications, such as physical, developmental, educational and vocational challenges, among others.

The National Institution of Neurological Disorders and Stroke at the NIH supports research on neural tube defects. Studies have shown the addition of folic acid (0.4 mg of folic acid daily) to the diet of women of child bearing age may significantly reduce the incidence of neural tube defects. An estimated 70 percent of neural tube defects, including spina bifida, are preventable through consumption of folic acid prior to pregnancy, and National Spina Bifida Awareness Month plays a critical role in conveying this prevention message to the public. As a 2005 study uncovered, the

current system of care serving people with spina bifida does not fully meet current or anticipated needs, and physicians have little evidence-based research on which to build appropriate treatments. Increasing awareness of spina bifida will also focus attention on the need to expand and intensify evidence-based research to improve the quality of life of those living with spina bifida.

Mr. Christopher Malone, who is a board member of the Spina Bifida Association, visited my Washington office on October 2, 2009 to discuss the challenges facing children with spina bifida. When I listen to accounts from constituents like Christopher Malone, I am reminded of the enormous impact that spina bifida has had not only on those with this condition, but on their family members and friends.

I thank Mr. Malone and the members of Spina Bifida Association for their efforts and leadership over the last 36 years, and for their ongoing commitment to improving the quality of life of people affected by spina bifida. Too many Americans suffer needlessly from this birth defect when many cases are preventable.

Education and awareness, prevention, and research are key. During National Spina Bifida Awareness Month, I hope we will all take the time to learn more about spina bifida and support these endeavors.

IN RECOGNITION AND MEMORY OF
TAYLOR CATHERINE FEDA

HON. JOE WILSON

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 22, 2009

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Madam Speaker, I am honored to submit the following poem written by Ms. Taylor Catherine Fedra of Columbia, South Carolina. Taylor sadly passed away on July 6, 2007. She is remembered as a kind and generous daughter and friend as well as an excellent student at Dutch Fork High School where she excelled in writing poetry.

Her parents, Jim and Michelin Fedra of Irmo, were so kind to share the following poem penned by Taylor and included in the 2008 Dutch Fork High School literary magazine Revelations.

MONSTER

What do you find in the truth,
but something in it's most pure original form.

Something you must accept and respect on its own terms.

People can never really accept the truth,
They want to hide it with their own shades,
Or betray it as something more ideal for their needs and wants.

But maybe the truth is what we need,
And once we accept its purity,
Maybe it's exactly everything we want?

I'm sick of seeing the ones I care about leap
over the truth
and jump right off the ledge of thinking
straight,

or hoping things will change.

I'd like them to view things as I do,
With the glass half-full,

give or take a few sips of confidence in what
the outcome will be either way.

The truth is about acceptance, and betrayal,
love and hopeless mistakes of reading the
road signs that lead the other direc-
tion,

those road signs possibly leading to ditches
of deception or a simple glimpse of
happiness.

The truth is a monster that hurts people,
but somehow heals their vision of thinking
things are

perfect and surreal.

Let's accept it,

Embrace it,

Defy it.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. J. GRESHAM BARRETT

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 22, 2009

Mr. BARRETT of South Carolina. Madam Speaker, unfortunately, I missed recorded votes on the House floor on Tuesday, October 20, 2009.

Had I been present, I would have voted "aye" on rollcall vote No. 790, on motion to suspend the rules and agree to H.R. 3763; "aye" on rollcall vote No. 791, on motion to suspend the rules and agree to H.R. 3319; and "aye" on rollcall vote No. 792, on motion to suspend the rules and agree to H. Res. 558.

IN TRIBUTE TO THE HON.
DELORES J. THOMAS

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 22, 2009

Mr. TOWNS. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of a tireless leader in the community.

Born and raised in Boligee, Alabama, Delores Thomas began her career at Alabama State University, receiving a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Political Science. Shortly thereafter, Delores Thomas received her Juris Doctorate from the University of Georgia Law School. Upon successful completion of her Juris Doctorate, Delores Thomas was admitted to the State and Federal Bar Association in Georgia and New York.

Delores Thomas began her legal career as a staff and management attorney for the Housing Immigration and Unemployment Law Units at Brooklyn Legal Services. She also served as an Administrative Law Judge with the New York City Parking Bureau and was president and organizer for the Legal Services Staff Association for District 65 UAW.

Delores Thomas began years of succession to various judicial posts throughout her career. In March of 1994, Delores Thomas was appointed as Judge in the Housing part of Civil Court, handling landlord and tenant issues. In November of 2002, Justice Thomas was elected to the Civil Court bench, becoming the first African-American elected to a countywide judgeship.

Justice Thomas' most recent appointment is to the Supreme Court. While serving on the

Supreme Court, Justice Thomas was assigned to the Matrimonial Trial Part of the Supreme Court. Justice Delores Thomas is currently one of four judges in Kings County, Brooklyn, and the only African-American judge assigned to hear and determine matrimonial cases pertaining to dissolution of marriages and custody of children.

Justice Delores Thomas serves as a member of various organizations, such as the Judicial Friends, the National Association of Women Judges, the Brooklyn Bar Association, the Brooklyn Women's Bar Association and the New York City Bar Association. In her civic capacity, Justice Delores Thomas is a member of Delta Sigma Theta Society, the Eastern Star Organization, and Church Women United, Inc.

Madam Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in recognizing this relentless and dynamic public servant.

CELEBRATING THE 30TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE SOUTHWEST COLLEGIATE INSTITUTE FOR THE DEAF

HON. RANDY NEUGEBAUER

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 22, 2009

Mr. NEUGEBAUER. Madam Speaker, I proudly congratulate the Southwest Collegiate Institute for the Deaf on the occasion of their 30th anniversary celebration. This special milestone will be celebrated on November 6, 2009 with the dedication of the new Technical Training Center in addition to other celebratory events around the campus.

In the late 1970s, Dr. Douglas J.N. Burke, along with several members of the community, took action to meet the need for a postsecondary program to provide higher education and career training for the deaf in West Texas.

On November 6, 1979, SWCID was established by the Board of Trustees of the Howard Junior College District. The campus of SWCID would be an entity of Howard College and located at the former Webb Air Force Base in Big Spring, TX. In September 1980, SWCID first opened its doors to students, and was established as a state-supported institution on May 14, 1981.

Over the past 30 years, SWCID has strived to offer vocational and technical training, state of the art learning environments and technologies for deaf students, as well as courses for hearing individuals who have an interest in working with the deaf community.

I applaud Dr. Burke for his vision of creating this program for deaf students along with the countless groups and individuals who continue to support his dream and the unique education being provided by this institution. A facility of this nature is of incredible benefit to deaf individuals so that they may learn the necessary technical skills to successfully enter into the job market.

It is a great honor to recognize the Southwest Collegiate Institute for the Deaf on 30 years of service to the deaf community of Texas and our Nation.

HONORING RICHARD LONG

HON. DALE E. KILDEE

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 22, 2009

Mr. KILDEE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Richard Long as he retires after 46 years of dedicated and extraordinary service to the United Automobile Workers. For the past nine years Richard has served as the National Community Action Program Director for the United Automobile Workers.

In 1963, Dick Long began working at the former Pontiac Motor Division and joined UAW Local 653. This began his life's work promoting better working conditions, not just for the men and women he saw daily on the shop floor, but for all workers. He began his service with the UAW as an alternate committeeman and quickly progressed into the UAW's top leadership tier. He became the chair of Sub Council 7, the largest sub council in the UAW during this time and in 1987 Dick was elected Vice President of Local 653 by his peers. A year later he was elected President. As the Chairman of the United Auto Workers/General Motors contract negotiations in 1993, Dick helped craft an agreement advantageous to both workers and the company. Stephen Yokich, then UAW President, tapped Dick to be his Administrative Assistant in 1998 and in 2000 Dick became the National Community Action Program Director.

As a national leader Dick was able to break down barriers for workers, and enhance their quality of life. I have known and worked with Dick for many years and have a deep appreciation for his wisdom and perseverance. His work exemplifies the ideals that the UAW has championed since its inception.

Dick's vision of a better life for UAW members and their families prompted him to work promoting education, teamwork, and social justice. He is active with many community organizations and the Democratic Party. In addition to his work, Dick and his wife Jackie have three children and six grandchildren.

Madam Speaker, it gives me great honor to recognize the accomplishments of Richard Long. He is a man of honor, intellect, and remarkable compassion. The members of the UAW and workers everywhere owe him a debt of gratitude for his foresight, commitment and actions. Because of Richard Long there is a greater respect between management and labor, better working conditions for members of the UAW, and better opportunities for their families. I consider him a dear friend and would like to thank him for a lifetime of hard work. I ask the House of Representatives to join me in applauding Richard Long and wish him a long and enjoyable retirement.

NINTENDO

HON. DAVID G. REICHERT

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 22, 2009

Mr. REICHERT. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of an innovative global business headquartered in Washington State

named the best company in the world this year by Business Week magazine, Nintendo.

A company that employs many of my constituents, Nintendo is an electronics maker behind some of the most innovative and breath-taking technological advancements in the world over the past century, and is thriving in a less-than-adequate economic climate while positioning itself to surpass more challenges in the future. Over the past five years, Nintendo's sales have risen by more than 35 percent annually while its overall value averaged 38 percent growth.

Rather than shrinking and simply trying to weather the economic storm it is facing, Nintendo has expanded and used its unique brand of innovation to stay at the top of its game and produce "must-haves" such as the Wii console, and we all enjoy the Wii.

Like other global companies reliant on its own unique brand of innovation, Nintendo has invested huge sums of capital into its people and commanded a large share of the market. Nintendo is performing at a higher level than any other company in the world in 2009. I am honored to have worked with Nintendo in the past and plan to do the same moving forward. Technological innovation will continue to move this Nation and this world forward and I thank Nintendo for being a visionary leader in that innovation.

HONORING REVEREND DR. JOHNNY TILLER FOR SEVENTY YEARS OF PREACHING THE GOSPEL OF JESUS CHRIST

HON. HEATH SHULER

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 22, 2009

Mr. SHULER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Reverend Dr. Johnny Tiller, who celebrated his 70th anniversary of preaching the Gospel of Jesus Christ on September 10, 2009. Reverend Tiller has dedicated his life to this work, and has pledged that he will continue to do so until God calls him home to heaven.

Reverend Tiller has spent his life preaching and ministering to the needs of those in western North Carolina. At the young age of 12, Reverend Tiller preached his first sermon at a cottage prayer meeting. In November of 1944, at only 18 years of age, Reverend Tiller became the first full-time pastor of Starnes Cove Baptist Church, in Asheville, North Carolina.

In November of 1993, after serving as a full-time pastor of four different churches over 49 years, Reverend Tiller retired from full-time ministry. Since retirement, he has served as interim pastor for six different churches and currently serves at Sunrise Baptist Church in Asheville, North Carolina. He also has taught New Testament courses at Fruitland Baptist Bible Institute for the past 16 years. Reverend Tiller has preached on many radio stations, and has held numerous revivals and Bible study courses across the United States and around the world.

Madam Speaker, Reverend Dr. Johnny Tiller has done an exemplary service for the people of western North Carolina and throughout the world during his 70 years of ministry. His dedication and honorable commitment to serv-

ing God is truly a source of pride to western North Carolina. I urge my colleagues to join me today in honoring Reverend Tiller for his contributions to spreading God's word.

EXPRESSING CONDOLENCES REGARDING ATTACK ON UNITED NATIONS WORLD FOOD PROGRAM OFFICE IN ISLAMABAD, PAKISTAN

SPEECH OF

HON. AL GREEN

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 21, 2009

Mr. AL GREEN of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I extend my strong support to H. Res. 823, which expresses condolences to the families, friends and colleagues of those killed and injured in the recent attack on the United Nations World Food Program office in Islamabad, Pakistan, and support for the World Food Program's mission to bring emergency food aid to the most vulnerable people of Pakistan and around the world.

On October 5, 2009, a suicide bomber attacked the World Food Program office in Islamabad, Pakistan, killing five employees, Botan Ahmed Ali Al-Hayawi, Farzana Barkat, Abid Rehman, Gulrukh Tahir, and Mohamed Wahab. But more than killing these five individuals, the tragedy has affected the ability of this very important organization to meet Pakistan's most pressing humanitarian needs.

The United Nations World Food Program was established in 1962 and works to provide men, women and children with access to the food needed for an active and healthy life. In 2008, the World Food Program fed 102 million hungry and poor people in 78 countries. In Pakistan, the World Food Program provides assistance to 10 million people at any given time, including 2 million Pakistanis displaced by fighting in the Swat Valley region earlier this year.

As the international community grieves over the loss of five staff members who selflessly gave themselves to their fellow men and women, let us recognize the critical work of the United Nations World Food Program. More than 84.7 percent of Pakistanis live on less than US \$2 per day, and I daresay that Pakistan cannot afford to go on without the work and aid delivered by this organization.

I extend my sincerest condolences to the families, friends, and colleagues whose loved ones were lost in the recent attack on the World Food Program office in Islamabad. Moreover, I reaffirm my support for the mission of the World Food Program, its leadership and staff of over 10,000 dedicated men and women.

Lastly, I hope that this event reminds my colleagues in Congress, the American people and citizens of the world, that as human beings, it is in our personal interest to ensure that no one on this earth goes hungry for want of food. Let us rise up in solidarity with the people of the United Nations World Food Program and ensure that the recent attack does not diminish, but strengthens, our resolve to advance anti-hunger efforts in Pakistan and defeat poverty around the world.

CONFERENCE REPORT ON H.R. 2892,
DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY
APPROPRIATIONS ACT,
2010

SPEECH OF

HON. BETTY McCOLLUM

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 15, 2009

Ms. McCOLLUM. Madam Speaker, I rise to oppose this Republican Motion to Instruct Conferees on the Fiscal Year 2010 Department of Homeland Security Appropriations Act, H.R. 2010.

This Republican motion is nothing more than a political stunt that would delay Congressional action on this important bill that funds the Department of Homeland Security. This agency's ability to operate is crucial in keeping our borders and waters safe, preventing terrorism, and responding to natural disasters.

Furthermore, this is another example of a Republican proposal that blatantly disregards the Constitution. If enacted, it would undermine the principles of due process and a fair trial, both of which are American ideals we hold dear.

For these reasons, I urge a "no" vote.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. CONNIE MACK

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 22, 2009

Mr. MACK. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the Republican Leadership standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information regarding earmarks I received as part of H.R. 3183, Energy and Water Development and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010.

Project Name: Gulf Intracoastal Waterway, Southwest Florida

Requesting Member: Congressman CONNIE MACK

Bill Number: H.R. 3183, Energy and Water Development and Related Agencies Appropriations Act of FY 2010

Account: O&M

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: United States Army Corps of Engineers

Address of Requesting Entity: 441 G Street, NW., Washington, DC 20314

Description of Request/Justification of Federal Funding: \$1,313,000; This project would provide for maintenance dredging in four areas of the Gulf Intracoastal Waterway (GICW). The areas in need of maintenance dredging include the mouth of Caloosahatchee River (Miserable Mile in Lee County) and the Boca Grande Bayou area (Miller's Marina in Lee County) of the GICW.

Project Name: Naples to Big Marco Pass

Requesting Member: Congressman CONNIE MACK

Bill Number: H.R. 3183, Energy and Water Development and Related Agencies Appropriations Act of FY 2010

Account: O&M

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: United States Army Corps of Engineers

Address of Requesting Entity: 441 G Street, NW., Washington, DC 20314

Description of Request/Justification of Federal Funding: \$722,000; The Naples to Big Marco Pass, also known as the Gordon River Pass in Collier County, supports the commercial fishing, stone crab harvesting, sport fishing and tourism industries. The Pass also supports the County's marinas and is used by residential boaters. Typically, the Pass is dredged every four or five years. It was last dredged in 2002 and needs to be dredged this year because shoaling diminishes the water depth in the channel.

Project Name: Lee County, FL (Reimbursement)

Requesting Member: Congressman CONNIE MACK

Bill Number: H.R. 3183, Energy and Water Development and Related Agencies Appropriations Act of FY 2010

Account: Construction

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: United States Army Corps of Engineers

Address of Requesting Entity: 441 G Street, NW., Washington, DC 20314

Description of Request/Justification of Federal Funding: \$645,000; There are three sections to the Lee County shore protection project (Captiva, Gasparilla, and Estero Islands) which were authorized as federal shore protection projects. Lee County advanced the Gasparilla section, which was completed in the Spring of 2007. The funding will allow for the reimbursement of the federal share to the County for the Gasparilla beach re-nourishment project.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. BOB ETHERIDGE

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 22, 2009

Mr. ETHERIDGE. Madam Speaker, I regret that a death in my family delayed my return to Washington this week. I was, therefore, unable to cast a vote on a number of rollcall votes on Tuesday, October 20, and Wednesday, October 21, 2009.

Had I been present on Tuesday, October 20, I would have voted "yes" on H. Res. 558, supporting the increased understanding of, and interest in, computer science and computing careers among the public and in schools, and to ensure an ample and diverse future technology workforce through the designation of National Computer Science Education Week; "yes" on H.R. 3319, designating the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 440 South Gulling Street in Portola, California, as the "Army Specialist Jeremiah Paul McCleery Post Office Building"; and "yes" on H.R. 3763, amending the Fair Credit Reporting Act to provide for an exclusion from Red Flag Guidelines for certain businesses.

Had I been present on Wednesday, October 21, I would have voted "yes" on H. Res. 811, expressing support for designation of October 2009 as "National Principals Month." No school can be great without a great principal, and my district is fortunate to have an outstanding group of principals. High-quality school leadership is critical to supporting America's next generation of leaders and innovators.

I also would have also voted "yes" on S. 1793, the Ryan White HIV/AIDS Treatment

Extension Act of 2009; "yes" on H. Res. 837, recognizing Kentucky Wesleyan College for its service as an institution of higher education for over 150 years; "yes" on H. Res. 660, recognizing the distinguished history of the Laurinburg Normal Industrial Institute; and "yes" on S. Con. Res. 43, authorizing the use of the rotunda of the Capitol for the presentation of the Congressional Gold Medal to former Senator Edward Brooke.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JOHN R. CARTER

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 22, 2009

Mr. CARTER. Madam Speaker, on October 20 and 21, 2009, I was unable to be present for all rollcall votes due to an unexpected delay. If present, I would have voted accordingly on the following rollcall votes: roll No. 790—"yea"; roll No. 791—"yea"; roll No. 792—"yea"; roll No. 793—"yea"; roll No. 794—"yea"; roll No. 795—"yea"; roll No. 796—"yea" and roll No. 797—"yea."

HONORING DONALD D. LAUB

HON. JIM COSTA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 22, 2009

Mr. COSTA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay special tribute to a man whose life and pursuits have exemplified the spirit of fortitude and the virtues of family demonstrated by so many of those who work to provide food and fiber to our great nation. Many factors have contributed to California's bountiful agriculture industry and the economic well-being of the State of California, but one underlying factor in California's agricultural success has been the fortitude of those such as Donald D. Laub. A long-time Fresno county agricultural leader and Easton-area grape grower, Donald passed away on Oct. 20, 2009.

Born on July 22, 1933, in Fresno, Don Laub was involved in farming for the majority of his 76 years. At the tender age of 9-years-old, Don was called upon to assist his mother Anna and twin brother Ronald in keeping the family farm going when his father Henry died in 1943. These early years of working the farm would set the foundation for Don's entire agricultural career.

In 1954, Don married Clara Fogal. The Laubs soon expanded the family farm to the Easton area of Fresno County with the purchase of prime vineyard land. Under Don's direction, Laub Ranches quickly became known for producing premium table grapes, raisins and wine grapes. As part of J&L Vineyards, Don was one of the first to embrace and actively use integrated pest management and trellis designs for table grapes. Four generations have now engaged in the family business. His grandson, Ryan Jacobsen, is executive director of the Fresno County Farm Bureau, and his mother, Debbie Jacobsen, Mr. Laub's daughter, became the first female president of the Fresno-area chapter in 2002. Through Don's example, they have endured many challenges, but all with the tenacity of a

strong family farm ethic whose commitment has remained to agriculture as a business, as well as a way-of-life. Up until his untimely death, Don was still actively farming and pursuing new agricultural challenges for his business.

Mr. Laub was a respected leader in local agricultural and community organizations. For more than 50 years, Don was involved with the Fresno County Farm Bureau, serving as the organization's president from 1986–88. He represented Fresno County on the California Farm Bureau Federation Board of Directors, and served on several advisory committees for the state and national Farm Bureau organizations. In 1996, Don received the Distinguished Service Award from the California Farm Bureau Federation. 1994 brought an extra-special time as both the Laub and his in-laws, the Jacobsen family, received the Fresno County Farm Bureau Distinguished Service Award in 1994. That same year, Don was selected as the Fresno County Agriculturalist of the Year. In 2001, J&L Vineyards received the Agricultural Business of the Year Award.

Renowned for his passion and dedication to agriculture, Don Laub also served on the boards of directors of the Ag One Foundation at Fresno State, California Association of Winegrape Growers, Farm Labor Alliance, the advisory committee for the U.C. Extension Field Station in Parlier, and for several wine industry boards and commissions. In the late-1980s, Don was appointed to serve on the federal Western Region Immigration and Naturalization Service Advisory Committee. He was later appointed to serve on the Big Fresno Fair Board of Directors and the Fresno County Planning Commission. Don was a member of the California Agricultural Leadership Program, Class III.

In addition to his service to agriculture, Don assumed leadership roles in the Easton community, having served as a trustee and president of the American Union Elementary School Board and Washington Union High School Board. He also served as a director of the Fresno County Public Schools Foundation. Don's passion for education was evident in his program to host inner-city school children from Los Angeles and Fresno on his farm during the 1990s to learn more about agriculture. Don served in the Biola Congregational Church, and on the boards of Twilight Haven Convalescent Home, Fresno County Civil Service Commission, and Fresno County Affordable Housing Task Force.

Donald D. Laub will always be remembered for his passion for agricultural issues, dedication to his family and friends, and for his lifetime of service to his industry and community. He will be greatly missed, but his legacy will continue throughout all of California's San Joaquin Valley.

CONGRATULATING JAKE SCHULTZ
FOR RECEIVING AN AWARD
FROM THE NATIONAL ELEMENTARY
SCHOOL HONORS SOCIETY

HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 22, 2009

Mr. HASTINGS of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise to congratulate a fine young man, Jake

Schultz, on his receiving an award of recognition from the National Elementary School Honors Society. A fifth-grade student at Sagemont School in Weston, Florida, Jake, and 24 of his classmates, has received this honor for outstanding academic achievement and for demonstrating responsibility at home, school, and in his community. While Jake's mother, my esteemed friend and colleague, Congresswoman DEBBIE WASSERMAN SCHULTZ, insisted on there being no official recognition, I nevertheless equally insist on acknowledging Jake's stellar accomplishments. I know that both of his parents are extremely proud.

Jake has demonstrated leadership and accomplishment not only through his hard work in school and excellent grades but also through his community activism. Jake's community service includes the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life, the Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure, the Turkey Trot for Kids in Distress, and his work with a Miami orphanage.

There is an old saying that "all work and no play makes a dull boy." To that end, I should point out that Jake also excels in his efforts outside the classroom. He enjoys playing shortstop for the Hawks, a local baseball all-star travel team, where he has served as both captain and co-captain. Both he and his sister, Rebecca, attend Hebrew School twice a week and have a demonstrated commitment to their faith, family, and friends.

Jake sets an excellent example for his friends and peers in his approach to leadership. I applaud Jake for this honor that he has worked so hard to achieve, and I urge him to continue his dedication to academic achievement and community and public service.

RAISING AWARENESS AND ENHANCING THE STATE OF CYBER SECURITY IN THE UNITED STATES

SPEECH OF

HON. LAURA RICHARDSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 20, 2009

Ms. RICHARDSON. Mr. Speaker, as a member of the Homeland Security Committee, a member of the Subcommittee on Emerging Threats, Cyber Security, and Science and Technology, and a co-sponsor of this legislation, I rise in strong support of H. Res. 797, the "National Cyber Security Awareness Month Resolution." October is National Cyber Security Awareness Month, and in this digital age when so much of our country's economic and financial transactions are conducted in cyberspace over distributed computing networks, there are few higher priorities than cyber security.

Mr. Speaker, I thank YVETTE CLARK, the gentle lady from New York and Chair of the Subcommittee on Emerging Threats, Cyber Security, and Science and Technology, for her leadership and vision in recognizing the importance of cyber security in our overall national security. I could not agree more with Congresswoman CLARKE that it is not enough to just acknowledge the importance of this issue. In this digital age, we must work with federal agencies, national organizations, businesses, and educational institutions to strengthen ex-

isting security measures and to develop new methods to enhance the cyber security of the United States.

The tragedy of September 11th shook our national security like no event before or since. Although our Nation has remained safe and secure from physical attacks during the eight years since that terrible day, in this digital age we must remain vigilant against a possible terrorist attack on our cyber networks.

Such an attack could have devastating and immediate consequences for our nation and all of our citizens; funds could not be accessed from ATMs; mail service would be interrupted; the efficient movement of goods would be severely curtailed; capital markets could be shut down; and emergency response operations would be deprived of the information needed to save lives and property.

While this doomsday scenario has been the subject of the silver screen in recent years (e.g., "Die Hard or Live Free," "Eagle Eye"), make no mistake—the danger is very real and we ignore or minimize it at our peril. Many nations, including Russia, China, and North Korea, already possess the capability to launch cyber attacks against unprepared adversaries or competitors. And terrorist groups like al Qaeda are working round the clock to acquire this capability. Clearly, the United States must be proactive if we are to secure the physical and cyber networks of our country.

That is why I am also an original co-sponsor of H.R. 2195, the "Critical Electric Infrastructure Protection Act." Among other things, this legislation provides the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission the authority to create mandatory physical and cyber security standards for the electric power system. I look forward to the day when the Homeland Security Committee reports this legislation favorably to the House.

But today, I am very proud to stand with Chairwoman CLARKE in support of H. Res. 797, which is a clarion call to action to secure our nation's cyber networks. I urge all Members to join with me in voting for this resolution.

CONDEMNING PERSECUTION OF BAHAI'S IN IRAN

SPEECH OF

HON. MIKE QUIGLEY

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 21, 2009

Mr. QUIGLEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in strong support of H. Res. 175 and I thank the gentleman from Illinois, Representative MARK KIRK, for bringing this to the floor. This legislation makes it clear that the Congress of the United States of America will continue to stand strong against the religious persecution by the Government of Iran of the Baha'i community.

The ruthless persecution of those of the Baha'i faith by the Iranian Ministry of Information in Shiraz has led to jailing of Iranian citizens targeted solely on the basis of their religion. This persecution includes the jailing of Ms. Raha Sabet, 33; Mr. Sasan Taqva, 32; and Ms. Haleh Roohi, 29; who are currently serving four-year prison terms for educating underprivileged children.

In accordance with prior Congressional action, the Department of State has since released a statement urging the Iranian Regime

to release these victims along with others imprisoned on the basis of religious discrimination.

The combined effort of the United States Congress and the Department of State is only furthered by today's legislation. Today we reach out to the international community to immediately condemn Iran's continued violation of human rights and to demand the immediate release of prisoners held solely on account of their religion. I strongly believe that the United States and the world should stand together against this continued and blatant violation of the International Covenant on Human Rights.

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OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 22, 2009

Mr. REICHERT. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of a distinguished con-

stituent and, according to Hispanic Business Magazine, a man considered one of the most influential Hispanic Americans in the entire nation.

Dr. Pedro Celis, a celebrated Microsoft engineer and an engaged and informed individual living in my congressional district, was honored earlier this month as one of 100 influential Hispanic Americans. Alongside well known Hispanic Americans such as Supreme Court Justice Sonia Sotomayor and Secretary of Interior Ken Salazar, Dr. Celis is one of the most respected Hispanic American trailblazers in our great nation.

Born and raised in Monterrey, Mexico, Dr. Celis graduated from Monterrey Institute of Technology and earned his Ph.D. at the University of Waterloo in Canada. Aside from being a vital and innovative part of Microsoft's SQL Server Group, Dr. Celis served on President George W. Bush's Presidential Information Technology Advisory Committee. Further, Dr. Celis has served on a number of civic-minded organizations such as the Washington

State Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, Families Northwest, Hispanic Alliance for Progress and many more. It is no surprise, then, that Dr. Celis has been a trusted advisor on many issues since I was elected to serve in this body.

I want to thank Dr. Celis for his spirit of service and innovation, his commitment to community and family and his outstanding representation of Hispanic Americans. I am so proud Dr. Celis has taken his rightful place among the most influential Hispanic Americans in the nation, I encourage him to continue using his intellect and perspective to drive America in the right direction, and on behalf of the House of Representatives, congratulate him on this prestigious recognition.