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 EXPRESSING SYMPATHY FOR  
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 OF THE NEVSKY EXPRESS

**HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, December 11, 2009*

Mr. HASTINGS of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise today to introduce a resolution expressing sympathy for and solidarity with the people of the Russian Federation following the bombing of the Nevsky Express. This is a simple measure, but an important one. After our Nation suffered the terrorist attacks of 2001, Russia was among the first to reach out and offer unqualified condolences and support. Madam Speaker, too often when the Russians hear from this body they hear moralistic statements of condemnation and outrage. In the spirit of fairness and mutual respect, now is the time for Russia to hear our genuine sympathy and support. We all face a common enemy in the terrorists and extremists who would murder innocents to advance an ideology. Let us stand together with our Russian neighbors in their moment of sorrow and work together for a safer world. I urge my colleagues to support this resolution.

THE DECEMBER 4TH FIRE IN THE  
 CITY OF PERM, RUSSIA

**HON. JAMES R. LANGEVIN**

OF RHODE ISLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, December 11, 2009*

Mr. LANGEVIN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to express my deep sorrow over the tragic fire that took the lives of one hundred forty-two people at a nightclub in the city of Perm, Russia, on December 4th.

News of this fire hit close to home for me, and for many of my constituents, as it closely mirrors the devastating 2003 Station Nightclub fire in West Warwick, Rhode Island, which killed 100 people and injured over 200 more. According to early reports, the Perm fire started when performance pyrotechnics ignited the ceiling of the nightclub, sending patrons stampeding for one narrow exit. One hundred forty two people were killed and scores more were injured as patrons tried to escape the flames.

In the United States, fires caused over \$15.5 billion in damages last year, but their most horrific toll were the over 3,400 lives, including 118 firefighters, who were lost as a result. Studies have shown that fire sprinklers can dramatically reduce property damage and, more importantly, save lives. In fact, the National Fire Protection Association has no record of a fire killing more than two people in a public assembly, or an educational, institutional or residential building, with a complete and fully operational automatic fire sprinkler system.

This is why earlier this year I reintroduced the Fire Sprinkler Incentive Act of 2009 that provides tax incentives for property owners to retrofit buildings with automatic fire sprinkler systems. I hope that through this and other measures, we can raise awareness and im-

prove fire safety—not only in this country, but around the world—and ensure that tragedies like those in Russia and Rhode Island are never repeated.

I want to once again extend my sympathy, and that of the people of Rhode Island, for the families of the victims of the Perm fire and to the Russian people. We know all too well the pain and loss you are feeling, and we send our thoughts and prayers to your community in this difficult time.

RECOGNIZING THE ENGAGEMENT  
 OF MARC WIRTZ AND AMANDA  
 HASLAM

**HON. DANIEL E. LUNGREN**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, December 11, 2009*

Mr. DANIEL E. LUNGREN of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to announce that Marc Wirtz, an intern in my office, proposed to his girlfriend of 4 years, Amanda Haslam, at the top of our Nation's Capitol at sunset. I am pleased to congratulate the new couple and wish them the very best in their future together.

WALL STREET REFORM AND CON-  
 SUMER PROTECTION ACT OF 2009

SPEECH OF

**HON. CAROLYN MCCARTHY**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, December 9, 2009*

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 4173) to provide for financial regulatory reform, to protect consumers and investors, to enhance Federal understanding of insurance issues, to regulate the over-the-counter derivatives markets, and for other purposes:

Mrs. MCCARTHY of New York. Madam Chair, I would like to thank Chairman FRANK and his staff for working with me on a clarification included in the Manager's Amendment. The provision addresses how the Financial Services Oversight Council and the Federal Reserve should interact and supervise financial holding companies that do not own banks, but which are subject to stricter standards because the Council has found them to be systemically risky.

The provision requires the Federal Reserve to be flexible when applying the standards to non-bank holding companies, rather than using a bank-centric approach that may not be appropriate for their structure. In addition, the Federal Reserve will have to consult with the Federal Insurance Office when determining how best to supervise insurance companies that are subject to stricter standards. For companies that are also foreign-based, the Federal Reserve and the Oversight Council must take into consideration if the company has comparable home-country supervision and decide how best to coordinate with that supervision. These minor clarifications help to ensure that institutions which are not banks will not be forced to comply with regulations that do not fit their business structure.

The beauty of the U.S. financial system is diversity, both in products and in structure. It is important to preserve that diversity for the purpose of domestic and international competition. I thank Chairman FRANK for his willingness to incorporate these changes into the manager's amendment.

HONORING CHEYENNE SPETZLER  
 OF HUMBOLDT COUNTY, CALI-  
 FORNIA

**HON. MIKE THOMPSON**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, December 11, 2009*

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Cheyenne Spetzler, Chief Operations Officer of Open Door Community Health Centers, of Humboldt County, California. Ms. Spetzler has dedicated 30 years to providing quality health care for the people of Humboldt and Del Norte Counties.

Beginning as a volunteer, Cheyenne has worked at all levels of Open Door Community Health Centers, ultimately becoming responsible for daily operations of the clinic system. Under her leadership, the original part-time clinic staffed by volunteers developed into a comprehensive network of nine licensed facilities and mobile medical programs throughout the two counties. Ms. Spetzler led the team responsible for the addition of the Del Norte Community Health Center in 1990, the Eureka Community Health Center in 1991 and the Burre Dental Center in Eureka in 2003.

Today, the Open Door Community Health Centers provide medical, dental and mental health care to more than 40,000 individuals annually and employ a staff of more than 350. The Open Door network provides health care to approximately one-third of the total population from this large rural area the size of Connecticut, and is the largest safety-net provider in Northwestern California.

Ms. Spetzler has served the people of California as a long time board member of the statewide Reproductive Health Association and as a member of numerous state and local associations and committees. She also continues to promote healthy living through her passion for sports, including the development of women's soccer at Humboldt State University, first as a club team and later as a fully intercollegiate women's soccer team.

Cheyenne Spetzler is also a respected Mayan scholar who has taught Mayan Hieroglyphic Decipherment at the University of Texas at Austin and Humboldt State University in Arcata. She served as primary researcher for the NOVA television special "Cracking the Maya Code" released in 2008.

Ms. Spetzler is a respected member of the community, highly regarded for her successful efforts to develop health care facilities, which meet community health care needs through their focus on health education, access to care and prevention.

Madam Speaker, it is appropriate at this time that we recognize Cheyenne Spetzler for her unwavering leadership and dedication to improving the health of California's North Coast communities.