

record of about \$450,000. Text-message donations continue to play a larger-than-expected role in the push for earthquake relief in Haiti. As of late Sunday, the American Red Cross said that it had collected pledges of about \$103 million, including \$22 million through the text donation program. Another organization, Partners in Health, raised \$25 million in the five days following the Jan. 12 earthquake in Haiti. This is equal to what it budgeted for Haiti in all of 2009. Overall, U.S. charities raised more than \$150 million in the four days after the quake, according to the Chronicle of Philanthropy, which based its tally on proceeds reported by the nation's 22 largest charities. That total surpasses the \$108 million raised in the four days following Hurricane Katrina in 2005 and the \$30 million raised in the three days following the tsunami in Asia in 2004.

Financially, 2009 was not an easy year for many Americans. Although thousands of jobs were created and we are back on the road to economic recovery, Americans lived on tighter budgets than usual. This legislation will allow those Americans who have generously donated money to Haiti to receive their tax break this year instead of next year.

Once again, I am devastated by the immeasurable tragedy that occurred in Haiti. Along with my colleagues, I hope to visit Haiti in the near future to meet with their leaders and see what the United States can do to rebuild the shattered livelihoods.

In January of 2005, Congress enacted this type of relief for individuals that made charitable contributions to victims of the Indian Ocean tsunami that occurred in late December of 2004. That bill (H.R. 241 in the 109th Congress) passed the House of Representatives without objection and subsequently passed the Senate by unanimous consent. I hope that this legislation, like our response to the 2004 tsunami, will encourage Americans to contribute more money to Haiti. As Haiti starts on its long recovery, every dollar is critically important. Once again, I am proud to represent such a compassionate and generous nation.

A TRIBUTE TO DANIEL STEWART
BERKEY

HON. ANNA G. ESHOO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 26, 2010

Ms. ESHOO. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the extraordinary life and work of Daniel Stewart Berkey who passed away at the age of 68 on October 19, 2009. Daniel is survived by his beloved wife, Ann Richardson Berkey, his daughter Elizabeth Wellington Berkey, and his son, William Cabot Berkey. Other surviving relatives include his brother-in-law, Thomas Latham Richardson of Sarasota, Florida, his brother, Richard Scott Berkey, Jr., of Vienna, Virginia and several aunts, nieces and nephews.

Daniel Berkey was born on June 25, 1941, in New Brunswick, New Jersey. He earned his Bachelor's degree from Lehigh University in 1963, then entered the United States Army where he earned the rank of Captain. He served his country with distinction in Vietnam and was awarded the Bronze Star and the Army Commendation Medal.

Upon his return to the United States, Daniel entered the Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania and earned an MBA in 1970. He worked for Lipton Tea and at the U.S. Department of the Interior in Washington, D.C., where he met his wife, Ann Cabot Richardson. They were married in 1975 and moved to Houston. In 1977, the couple moved to San Francisco where Dan launched a successful financial services consulting company, Berkey Associates. His wife Ann serves as Senior Vice President for Corporate Public Affairs at McKesson Corporation.

Daniel loved to camp, hike, and ski, and with his wife spent many happy family vacations in state and national parks.

Dan survived two battles with non-Hodgkins Lymphoma, and received a bone marrow transplant in 2003. He fought courageously for 18 months before finally succumbing to the relentless disease after the cancer returned.

Madam Speaker, I ask the entire House of Representatives to join me in honoring Daniel Stewart Berkey. He was a great and good man who gave generously to his beloved family, his community and his country. He will be missed by every person who had the good fortune to know him, and may this tribute bring comfort to his family who were the greatest source of pride to him.

BOBBY D. ARIAS

HON. HOWARD L. BERMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 26, 2010

Mr. BERMAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate my good friend Bobby D. Arias on the occasion of his 60th Birthday. Bobby is being honored by his many colleagues, family and friends for his dedicated career as President of the Communities in Schools of Greater Los Angeles/San Fernando Valley.

As a lifelong resident of Southern California, Bobby began his career as an Executive Director of USC's Learning Center and the Director of Athletics at Loyola Marymount University (LMU) in Los Angeles. While at LMU, Bobby was instrumental in bringing the 1984 Olympic Weightlifting Competition to that institution, in addition to negotiating contracts for the Lakers/Clippers and the NBA Summer Pro-League to practice at LMU facilities.

I know first hand of Bobby's commitment to our community. Since 2004 Bobby has volunteered to be the Master of Ceremonies at the annual San Fernando Valley Veterans Day Parade. Additionally, Bobby has committed himself to improving the minds, spirits, and bodies of children throughout Southern California as the Southwest Regional Director for our nation's largest Drop out Prevention Program, Communities In Schools, Inc. He developed public and private partnerships between the community and its schools, brokering in-need resources to at-risk youth and their families. In 1996, he also served as the Chairman for the Executive Committee for Arnold Schwarzenegger's inner City Games, an Olympic style sporting/academic event for 100,000 at-risk youth throughout the Los Angeles County.

As a result of his professional achievements, Bobby has received numerous awards including the prestigious "Man of the Year"

award for youth empowerment from MCI and Hispanic Magazine, and the "California All Star Dad's" Award by the California Department of Social Services.

Madam Speaker and distinguished colleagues, I ask you to join me in wishing Bobby Arias a happy birthday and best wishes for continued success.

IN HONOR OF LANCE CORPORAL
JEREMY M. KANE

HON. JOHN H. ADLER

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 26, 2010

Mr. ADLER of New Jersey. Madam Speaker, I rise today with a heavy heart and deep sense of gratitude to honor the life of a brave young man from Cherry Hill, New Jersey. Lance Corporal Jeremy M. Kane, 22 years old, was killed in Afghanistan on January 23, 2010 when a suicide bomber attacked his unit in the Helmand Province. Jeremy joined the Marines with his entire life before him. He chose to risk everything to fight for the values Americans hold close to our hearts, in a land halfway around the world. Today, I join Jeremy's family, his friends, and the entire Cherry Hill community in mourning his death. While we struggle to bear our sorrow over his death, we can also take pride in the example he set, bravely fighting to make the world a safer place. It is this courage and strength of character that people will remember when they think of Jeremy.

After graduating from Cherry Hill High School East in 2006, Jeremy attended Rutgers University to study criminal justice. He joined the Marine Corps on September 11, 2006, during his freshman year at Rutgers University and served as a reservist. His father, Bruce, had served as a major in the Army and passed away in June 2008 while Jeremy was undergoing Marine Corps training. His mother, Melinda, said Jeremy believed it was "his duty to serve his country." Jeremy also leaves behind his two brothers, Benjamin and Daniel.

In recognition of this selfless individual and brave patriot who gave his life to protect this nation, I ask that the House of Representatives and all Americans join me to honor the legacy of Lance Corporal Jeremy M. Kane.

IN HONOR OF CARL TUBBESING,
DEPUTY EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
OF THE NATIONAL CONFERENCE
OF STATE LEGISLATURES

HON. JIM COSTA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 26, 2010

Mr. COSTA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Carl Tubbesing, Deputy Executive Director of the National Conference of State Legislatures, NCSL, upon his retirement after 35 years of distinguished service to the organization.

Through his tireless efforts promoting state's rights and federalism during his tenure at the NCSL, Carl Tubbesing has earned the admiration and affection of his many colleagues across the country. Legislatures cannot run effectively without professional, high-quality staff