

## EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

### OFFICER DANIEL FAULKNER CHILDREN OF FALLEN HEROES SCHOLARSHIP ACT

SPEECH OF

#### HON. ALLYSON Y. SCHWARTZ

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 12, 2010*

Ms. SCHWARTZ. Madam Speaker, I strongly support the families of the brave men and women who fight every day to keep our communities safe and that is why I believe the Officer Daniel Faulkner Children of Fallen Heroes Scholarship Act is such an important piece of legislation.

Inspired by the heroic service of Philadelphia Police Officer Daniel Faulkner, this legislation would offer financial assistance for higher education to the children of police officers, firefighters, and other first responders who made the ultimate sacrifice in the line of duty. Officer Faulkner's own life was tragically cut short when he was murdered performing a simple traffic stop.

Officer Faulkner is one example of the countless first responders who put themselves into harm's way every day. Tragically, since 2006, seven police officers from my district have died in the line of duty: Officer John Pawlowski, Officer Gary Skerski, Officer Chuck Cassidy, Officer Isabel Nazario, Sergeant Patrick McDonald, Sergeant Tim Simpson and Officer Stephen Liczbinski. These men and women selflessly risk everything so the rest of us may live in peace and safety. This Act will help the children of fallen heroes to be all they can be. It is yet another way for us to honor their service and their sacrifice.

This legislation is one way to meet our shared debt of gratitude to our police officers, firefighters, and other first responders, to their families and to their children.

### RECOGNIZING THE BODE TECHNOLOGY GROUP, INC. OF LORTON, VIRGINIA FOR RECEIVING THE PRESIDENT'S "E" AWARD

#### HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 13, 2010*

Mr. CONNOLLY of Virginia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize The Bode Technology Group, Inc., of Lorton, Virginia. The Bode Technology Group received the President's "E" Award today in recognition of its achievements in supporting export growth in the U.S. business community. The "E" Award is the highest honor the Federal Government can give to a U.S. company or organization for exporting or facilitating export activity.

The recognition of Bode for this honor highlights the importance of the President's National Export Initiative (NEI), which aims to

double exports over the next five years to support two million American jobs. Given the region's innovative technology base and strong international business community, Northern Virginia especially stands to benefit from the NEI.

Bode, which is located in Virginia's 11th Congressional District, specializes in DNA collection and analysis. It provides services to law enforcement agencies in all 50 states and more than 30 countries worldwide. It also provides critical assistance in identifying victims of mass disasters and missing persons. In addition, Bode has been a partner in helping to reduce human trafficking. Last year, the company was awarded the Virginia Governor's Award for Excellence in International Trade by Governor Tim Kaine.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Bode Technology Group on this honor and for its leadership on export activities.

### IN RECOGNITION OF THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF CRAIG NOEL

#### HON. SUSAN A. DAVIS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 13, 2010*

Mrs. DAVIS of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize an icon in the theater community and a treasured member of the San Diego family. On April 3, 2010, Craig Noel, the Founding Director of the Old Globe Theatre, passed away after 94 full years of life.

Craig Noel was a tenacious, witty, and warm-hearted man with a tireless commitment to the arts. San Diego is forever in debt to this talented man. He told a reporter in 2005, "I had a vision. I wanted to make San Diego a theater town." And that he did.

Without Craig Noel, the San Diego arts community would not be the flourishing creative environment it is today. In addition to his directorial and artistic contributions, Craig Noel was a World War II veteran. While serving in the Army, he directed the Ernie Pyle Theater for service members in Tokyo.

When Craig returned to San Diego, his work as Artistic Director took the Old Globe to heightened levels of excellence. During his distinguished seven decades with the theater, Craig Noel staged over 225 productions of all styles and periods. These performances engaged and entertained theatergoers of all ages and backgrounds.

The Old Globe is nestled within Balboa Park, the nation's largest urban cultural park. The theater itself is actually one of the oldest nonprofit theaters in the country. Modeled after Shakespeare's Old Globe in London, San Diego's Old Globe was built in 1935 to present abridged versions of Shakespeare's plays during the California Pacific International Exposition.

After the exposition ended in 1937, a nonprofit production corporation, the San Diego

Community Theatre, leased the theater from the City of San Diego and remodeled it for continued use. On December 2, 1937, the renovated Old Globe opened with a production of John Van Druten's "The Distaff Side." In the cast was a young actor named Craig Noel. His entrance was the beginning of a long and fruitful relationship with the Old Globe. Craig Noel's presence as an actor, director, and artistic leader guided the theater's growth through decades of artistic development and community outreach. The loyalty and dedication with which he served San Diego and the Old Globe is unparalleled.

Sadly, on March 8, 1978, an arson fire destroyed the Old Globe. I remember watching the news coverage with a heavy heart and then rushing to view the actual destruction the following day. I also vividly recall Craig Noel's passion and leadership to literally raise the theater from the ashes. Craig was pivotal in the reconstruction of the theater. He started a fundraising campaign and the people of San Diego donated more than \$6 million dollars, which was a lot of money in those days given the economic conditions people were facing. In 1982, the new Old Globe re-opened with a production of Shakespeare's "As You Like It."

On Nov. 15, 2007, Craig Noel was awarded the National Medal of Arts. This honor is the highest award given to artists and arts patrons by the United States Government, and is awarded by the President to those who "are deserving of special recognition by reason of their outstanding contributions to the excellence, growth, support and availability of the arts in the United States." Craig Noel was truly deserving of this acknowledgement. His nurturing spirit and supportive presence were an inspiration to everyone with whom he worked.

While we grieve the loss of Craig Noel, we take comfort in the legacy he has left behind. You cannot walk the grounds of the Old Globe without feeling and seeing his strong hand of influence. On May 24th, the Old Globe Theatre is holding a public memorial in his honor. At that time, the Globe's lower courtyard will be renamed the Craig Noel Garden. I am confident his legacy will live on for generations to come.

### IN RECOGNITION OF JOHN J. FLYNN

#### HON. RUSS CARNAHAN

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 13, 2010*

Mr. CARNAHAN. Madam Speaker, I rise to congratulate retiring President of the International Union of Bricklayers and Allied Craftworkers, John J. Flynn, for his lifetime of service to the St. Louis and International union community.

As President, Flynn understood the priorities of the International Union and consistently worked to support and improve employment,

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training and educational opportunities for BAC contractors. Moreover he supervised the International Unions programs and ensured that all activities were in accordance with policies established by the International Unions conventions and constitution.

For more than 60 years, Flynn used the discipline and persistence that he learned during his early years as a boxer to help him become a true advocate for the members of the International Union of Bricklayers and Allied Craftworkers and all workers.

Although he has been honored with numerous awards for his service, no award can accurately reflect the tremendous impact he has had made on the union movement. I am pleased to congratulate John Flynn for his lifetime of service and unwavering dedication to the labor community. I wish John and his wife, Joyce, the very best.

HONORING THE CONTRIBUTIONS  
OF MR. DON AMMERMAN

**HON. ALAN GRAYSON**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 13, 2010*

Mr. GRAYSON. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor of National Military Appreciation Month. This month, I would like to recognize a phenomenal service member from central Florida who is making a distinguished contribution to my district, the great State of Florida, and to our Nation as a whole. Today, I honor former Orlando City Council Commissioner Don Ammerman.

Mr. Ammerman graduated from Indiana University with a BS in Real Estate & Marketing and an MBA in Real Estate Marketing/Finance. He is a recipient of two Ford Foundation Grants for overseas study while in graduate school. He also completed the John F. Kennedy School of Government for senior Executives in State and Local Government at Harvard University.

Mr. Don Ammerman began his military career in 1968 at Fort Jackson in South Carolina and from there served with the 83rd ARCOM in Columbus, Ohio. He completed his service in the reserves in Orlando in 1974. He was hand selected by the U.S. Navy Academy to serve as a Blue and Gold Admissions officer at Annapolis. His dedication to our country and our military is shown through his volunteering spirit. Mr. Ammerman continues to mentor hopeful academy members by offering young adults with aspirations of attending an academy his guidance and support. Currently, Mr. Ammerman serves as a board member for the 8th District Veterans Advisory Board and Military Academy Nominations Board.

Mr. Ammerman has contributed greatly to the central Florida community. He has served on the municipal Planning Board (1983–1989, 2 terms as Chairman), Chairman of the Orlando Growth Management/Concurrency Implementation Committee and Chairman of the 1991 Orlando Redistricting Committee. Mr. Ammerman successfully ran for the office of District 1 City Commissioner. Mr. Ammerman also served as a Board Member of the Greater Orlando Aviation Authority and he is a past member and Chairman of the Sunshine State Governmental Finance Commission for 20 years. Nationally, he served on the Leadership

Training Council for the National League of Cities. Mr. Ammerman finished his City Council service in June of 2002.

Mr. Ammerman's commitment to community service is unyielding. He served as Philanthropy Chair and active member of the Board of Directors for the Orlando Regional HealthCare Foundation. He is a trained volunteer with the Neo Natal Unit for 22 years at Arnold Palmer Hospital for Women and Children. He serves as a teacher at the First Presbyterian Church. Additionally, Mr. Ammerman is a member of the Florida Citrus Sports Association, the Greater Orlando Leadership Foundation, a graduate of Leadership Orlando and Leadership Florida, as well as the Dr. Phillips Foundation Grant Review committee. His other involvements include past National Admissions Chairman/Society of Industrial & Office Parks Realtors and past President of the Central Florida Chapter of the National Association of Industrial/Office Parks (NAIOP).

Madam Speaker, during Military Appreciation Month, it is my honor to recognize this remarkable public servant whose dedication to our country and community can be shown through his great achievements in the State of Florida. Commissioner Ammerman has been working for the people of Florida since 1972 and I applaud his civic and military accomplishments in our central Florida community, our great State and our Nation.

NATIONAL WOMEN'S HEALTH  
WEEK

SPEECH OF

**HON. LAURA RICHARDSON**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 11, 2010*

Ms. RICHARDSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today as a cosponsor of H. Con. Res. 268, which supports the goals and ideals of National Women's Health Week and requests that the President of the United States issue a proclamation calling upon the people of the United States and interested groups to observe National Women's Health Week with appropriate ceremonies and activities. This is an important measure that will increase public awareness of the critical issue of women's health.

I thank Chairman TOWNS for his leadership in bringing this bill to the floor. I would also like to thank the sponsor of this legislation, Congressman HINCHEY, for his dedication to ensuring that women's health is a national priority.

Mr. Speaker, it is important that our nation adopt a heightened focus on the issue of women's health. Women of all backgrounds should be encouraged to reduce their risk of common diseases through preventative measures, such as engaging in regular exercise, eating a nutritious diet, and visiting a healthcare specialist to receive regular check-ups and preventative screenings. These healthy habits begin at a young age and so we must stress the importance of preventative health measures to children in homes and schools across the country.

Unfortunately, there is a high prevalence of disease and health complications among minority women. African-American women, Asian-American women, and American Indian

women all face a high risk of contracting diseases. As the representative of a district that is home to large African American and Latino populations, as well as the largest Cambodian population in the country, I understand the crucial importance of improving public awareness about women's health and the unique health challenges for minority women.

Thanks to the historic passage of health care reform, we have taken a giant step in the right direction for women's health. All Americans will have access to affordable, quality care and no longer will women be discriminated against by insurance companies. We owe it to all women in this country—now and in future generations—to continue this effort to increase awareness regarding women's health.

I urge my colleagues to join me in supporting H. Con. Res 268.

RECOGNIZING THE HONOREES OF  
THE 63RD ANNUAL ANNANDALE  
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE  
AWARDS BANQUET

**HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 13, 2010*

Mr. CONNOLLY of Virginia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the honorees of the 63rd Annual Annandale Chamber of Commerce Awards Banquet.

The Annandale Chamber of Commerce is a thriving volunteer organization with more than 200 active members. The members represent businesses, industries and professionals who work together to maintain a favorable business climate while improving the quality of life for all residents.

Each year, the Annandale Chamber of Commerce honors a few select individuals who have distinguished themselves as exemplars of the community. It is my honor to recognize these fine recipients and the contributions that they have made to the community:

Student Achievement Award for Falls Church High School: Dennis Nolasco. Dennis is a marketing student who was instrumental in the development and promotion of the School's Jaguar Joe Coffee Project. Dennis has an outstanding work ethic and serves as an effective role model to his peers. After graduation from Falls Church High School, Dennis plans to major in finance or business administration at George Mason University.

Student Achievement Award for Annandale High School: Emma Dorothy Whitmyre. Emma is an International Baccalaureate Diploma candidate and has served as president of both the National Honor Society and the Jewish Culture Club. Emma has a strong commitment to social action. She volunteers at a homeless shelter, tutors, and runs a winter coat drive for those who are less fortunate. This fall, Emma will be attending New York University where she plans on majoring in anthropology or psychology.

Student Achievement Award for Northern Virginia Community College: Jacquelyn Shanahan. Jackie, as she is known by her friends and family, has nobly served our nation in the United States Marine Corps. She recently received the Liberal Arts Division academic award and has completed the Honors

Curriculum at NOVA with a GPA of 4.0. Jackie has served as president of the Honors Community Annandale Honors Club and as a chair for the Relay for Life. Jackie has been accepted into the Marymount University Honors Program and plans to major in English.

Citizen of the Year Award: Irv Denton. Irv has dedicated his time and efforts to the residents of Annandale for many years, having served on the boards of the Annandale Central Business Planning Committee and the Annandale Chamber of Commerce. After his distinguished career in the U.S. Air Force, he focused his energies in the field of education and taught classes at the Northern Virginia Community College. His commitment to our country, our community and our future is an inspiration to us all.

Firefighter of the Year Award: Apparatus Technician John Lockhart. John has given more than 25 years of service to the residents of Fairfax County, including 14 at the Annandale Station. John also serves as a tremendous community resource, instructing the younger firefighters in the safe usage of the equipment, and helping to ensure that Annandale residents will continue to receive the highest quality rescue care into the future.

Police Officer of the Year Award: Detective Horace Lawalt. Horace has served the residents of Fairfax County for more than 11 years, including 5 years at the Mason District Station. As a detective in the Criminal Investigation Section, he has helped keep the community safe from burglaries, robberies and grand larcenies. Despite having one of the lowest per capita police forces, Fairfax County enjoys one of the lowest crime rates of any jurisdiction its size due to the exceptional work and dedication of Horace and his fellow officers.

Madam Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in recognizing Dennis, Emma, Jacquelyn, Irv, John and Horace, the honorees of the 2010 Annandale Chamber of Commerce Awards Banquet, and thanking them for their service to our community. Each honoree is a role model for his or her peers and an invaluable member of our community.

RECOGNIZING THE 25TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE DURHAM LITERACY CENTER AND HONORING ITS FOUNDER, MRS. MARY WHALEY PAUL

**HON. DAVID E. PRICE**

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 13, 2010*

Mr. PRICE of North Carolina. Madam Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge the twenty-fifth anniversary of the Durham Literacy Center and to honor its founder (and my constituent), Mrs. Mary Whaley Paul. Mrs. Paul has led a remarkable life and, along the way, she managed to spearhead the campaign against illiteracy in Durham, North Carolina.

Like so many people who achieve great things, Mrs. Paul didn't set out to become a literacy advocate. In 1975, she was a widowed mother of two nearing retirement age. But she attended a workshop on teaching literacy skills to illiterate adults, and the course of her life was forever changed. By 1978, Mrs. Paul had begun leading her own literacy-instruction

workshops, and she had become director of the Yates Baptist Literacy program that same year.

The creation of the Durham County Literacy Council in May of 1985 was a direct result of Mrs. Paul's efforts to spread adult literacy instruction and increase the number of literate adults throughout Durham County. This Council later became the Durham Literacy Center.

The Durham Literacy Center targets the provision of its services to those most in need: adults who lack basic literacy skills, recent immigrants, and out-of-school teenagers. Since its inception, a small but dedicated staff has trained more than 2,000 literacy tutors who have served more than 12,000 Durham residents. The Center currently serves more than 550 adults per year at seven locations in Durham.

Growing along with Durham, the Center has evolved from a small organization to a pivotal provider of a variety of educational services. In addition to instruction in reading and writing, the Center helps individuals gain educational credentials (such as a GED) and provides instruction in workplace, computer, financial, and health literacy.

The impact of the Center on the lives of its graduates is Mrs. Paul's most compelling legacy. For starters, graduates earn an average of \$7,500 more per year than their counterparts who lack a GED or are not proficient in English. But in addition to securing better employment because of the skills they learn at the Durham Literacy Center, they also go on to receive promotions, purchase homes, improve their health, and enjoy a better quality of life.

Over the years, the Durham Literacy Center has become one of Durham's greatest assets, and the organization's achievements have much to do with the foresight and dream of Mary Whaley Paul and those who followed her. Mrs. Paul helped to illuminate a hidden segment of the Research Triangle populace—the non-reader—and has been instrumental in alleviating the severe economic and social stigma under which they struggle. She also has been a beacon of hope and inspiration for thousands to volunteer and make a difference in the Durham community.

It is in that spirit that I urge my colleagues to join me in celebrating the 25th anniversary of the Durham Literacy Center and in honoring Mrs. Mary Whaley Paul for her efforts to empower the people of Durham County through literacy.

OFFICER DANIEL FAULKNER CHILDREN OF FALLEN HEROES SCHOLARSHIP ACT

SPEECH OF

**HON. TODD RUSSELL PLATTS**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 12, 2010*

Mr. PLATTS. Madam Speaker, I rise today in support of H.R. 959, the Children of Fallen Heroes Scholarship Act, which provides financial assistance for higher education to the children of police officers, firefighters, and other first responders who made the ultimate sacrifice in the line of duty. Representative Patrick Murphy and I introduced this legislation so that a child of one of these fallen service men and

women would become automatically eligible for the maximum Pell Grant amount. This benefit already exists for the children of military service members who are killed in action.

This legislation is aimed at ensuring we do right by police officers, firefighters and other first responders who put their own lives at risk everyday to keep us safe. Making a college education more accessible to the children of these fallen heroes is an important expression of our Nation's gratitude. This legislation is a justified price for our Nation to pay to ensure that those serving on the front lines in our communities know that a higher education will be within their children's reach should the unthinkable happen. I urge all of my colleagues to support this important legislation and yield back the remainder of my time.

RECOGNIZING THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE "SHOOTERS" OF TRAINING SQUADRON SIX

**HON. JEFF MILLER**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 13, 2010*

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Madam Speaker, it is with great pleasure I rise to recognize the 50th anniversary of the Shooters of Training Squadron SIX. Through times of war and through times of peace, Training Squadron SIX has served our country with great distinction and valor. For that reason, I am proud to recognize the Shooters of Training Squadron SIX for their exceptional training and excellent performance over the last 50 years.

Training Squadron SIX has picked up the torch lit by their predecessors on May 1, 1960, and continued the legacy of producing the best combat aviators the world has ever seen. On that day, Training Squadron SIX was commissioned with the task of providing primary flight training to a younger generation of student naval aviators. Since being commissioned, more than 15,000 students have been trained and in excess of 1.1 million flight hours performed.

Madam Speaker, on behalf of the United States Congress, I am privileged to recognize Training Squadron SIX for going above and beyond the call of duty on their 50th anniversary. To this day, Training Squadron SIX continues to provide the highest quality training to student aviators from the Navy, Marine Corps, Coast Guard and several Allied Forces.

RECOGNIZING THE CAREER OF MR. ROBERT WYDRA

**HON. JERRY F. COSTELLO**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 13, 2010*

Mr. COSTELLO. Madam Speaker, I rise today to ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing the distinguished career and regional contributions of Mr. Robert, Bob, Wydra, Executive Director of the Tri-City Regional Port District.

Bob Wydra has been with the Tri-City Regional Port District since 1982. Under his leadership, the Port—which includes the former Melvin Price Army Depot—has been an economic engine for Southwestern Illinois and is

developing into a true intermodal transportation facility. Prior to coming to the Port District, he was Director of Planning for Southwestern Illinois Planning Commission for 15 years. Bob also spent 2 years with his wife, Kay, in India and Israel in Economic Development work as American Peace Corps volunteers.

Bob has a Master's of Science Degree in Community Development and Regional Planning from Southern Illinois University—Edwardsville. He also has a Bachelor of Arts Degree in History and Education from SIU—E.

Bob is very active in numerous professional organizations. He is a member of the National Association of Foreign Trade Zones, St. Louis World Trade Center, Inland Rivers, Ports and Terminals, Illinois Development Council, Southwestern Madison County Chamber of Commerce, Water Resource Congress, American Association of Port Authorities, St. Louis Regional Commerce and Growth Association, Military Affairs Committee of the Leadership Council, St. Louis World Affairs Council, Southwestern Illinois Planning Commission Executive Committee, and Traffic Club of St. Louis. Bob is a Past President of the Illinois Association of Port Districts, board member of the Southwestern Illinois Leadership Council and member of US MARAD's Maritime System of the Americas Advisory Committee, among other committee positions.

In addition to his professional affiliations, Bob has also found time to help with various community activities. He has been an active fundraiser for the United Way Tree of Lights Campaign and was Chairman for the Salvation Army for 2 years.

Bob Wydra has received the St. Louis Commerce and Growth Association's "Sold on St. Louis" Award for promoting the St. Louis area in the world economy. In 2002, he received the "Salute from Southwestern Illinois" Award from the Leadership Council. The Port received the "Outstanding Development of the Year" Award in 2002 from the Southwestern Illinois Development Authority and, also in 2002, the "Marketing Award for Excellence" from the National Association of Developers. Bob received the "Art of Business Leadership" Award from the Southwestern Madison County Chamber of Commerce in 2005.

Bob has been married to Kay Lee Wydra for 45 years and they have two children: Nicole who lives in Glen Carbon, Illinois, with her husband, Kurt, and their two children, Trey and Caitlyn; and a son, Paul who lives in the Nashville, Tennessee, area.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in an expression of appreciation to Mr. Robert Wydra for his many contributions to the Southwestern Illinois and Metropolitan St. Louis regions and to wish him and his family the very best in the future.

#### RECOGNIZING NATIONAL NURSES' WEEK

SPEECH OF

**HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO**

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 12, 2010*

Ms. DELAURO. Madam Speaker, in recognition of National Nurses' Week, I rise to say a few words in honor of these indispensable and often overlooked public servants.

As the saying goes, nurses are our "angels in comfortable shoes." From the days of the first "Lady with the Lamp," Florence Nightingale, their selflessness, their dedication to their patients, and their deep reservoirs of compassion have helped illuminate the path to healing for millions of Americans.

Anyone who has suffered from a serious ailment or injury—I myself am a survivor of ovarian cancer—knows how important good nursing is for restoring one's health. Nurses are both the frontlines and the glue of our health care system, and their commitment, caring, and sacrifice goes unrecognized far too often.

I am particularly proud that we have honored nurses this year not only in word, but in deed—by passing comprehensive health reforms which allow them, doctors, and other health care professionals to do what they do best—help people to heal—without the continual interference of the insurance industry.

I am also glad we made strong commitments in this health care legislation through grants, loan forgiveness, and other key programs to encourage more young men and women to take up a career in nursing, and to give today's nurses more freedom and opportunities to ply their craft where they are desperately needed.

In my home state of Connecticut, we are short more than 11,000 registered nurses this year. By 2020, that number is projected to double, leaving the state with fewer than half the nurses it needs. In the face of a rising senior population, supporting our nation's nurses becomes especially critical, and I am glad we have done right by them in the health care bill.

To the nurses of Connecticut and all across the country, I applaud you for your service. And I encourage my colleagues to express their support for our nurses—in both word and deed—this week, and in the months and years to come.

#### RECOGNIZING DR. STEVE GAYNOR'S DECADES OF SERVICE TO OUR COMMUNITY AS A LEADER IN EDUCATION

**HON. GARY C. PETERS**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 13, 2010*

Mr. PETERS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Dr. Steven Gaynor, the distinguished Superintendent of the Bloomfield Hills School District, on the occasion of his retirement after nearly 35 years of service to countless families and children of Southeast Michigan through his work as an educator, administrator and leader.

Almost 35 years ago, Dr. Gaynor embarked upon a career in education that would span the geography of Southeast Michigan and the broad breadth of service in education. Steve began his career in 1975 as a social studies teacher and special education teacher consultant. He served the communities of Livonia, Madison Heights, Walled Lake, Davisburg, Holly and Royal Oak before becoming the superintendent of Bloomfield Hills Schools where, for the past 8 years, he has served the families and community of Bloomfield Hills.

Steve's tenure at Bloomfield Hills Schools was during a most tumultuous and challenging

time for public education. Despite dwindling state and local revenue sources and the severe economic downturn in Southeast Michigan, Steve made the best of shrinking resources and pressed forward with important and innovative projects. Steve's vision and dedication led to the creation of multiple International Baccalaureate programs, an increased use of innovative technology in the classroom, improved professional development for teachers and administrators, and overall academic achievement by putting students first. He has been recognized for his unwavering focus on securing the future of the schools with boundless energy, good humor and strong leadership.

Through these busy years, Steve remained active in key community organizations including the Oakland County Superintendents' Association, the North Central Association state committee, where he received an award for instructional leadership and school improvement, and as a founding member of the Learning Achievement Coalition, a project focused on eliminating achievement gaps among children. Moreover, he pioneered important partnerships including one with the municipalities of Bloomfield Hills and Bloomfield Township to preserve historical assets. With other Oakland Schools and the Oakland Intermediate School District, Steve pooled funds to rebuild Wing Lake Development Center to a \$10 million state-of-the-art educational facility for our most challenged students in Oakland County.

Madam Speaker, as parents of Bloomfield Hills Schools students, my wife Colleen and I are pleased to call Steve a much admired and appreciated friend. Undoubtedly, we join the scores of children and families whose lives have been touched by Steve's hard work, dedication and caring. I ask my colleagues to join me today as I honor Dr. Steve Gaynor for his lifetime commitment to bettering the lives of children through education, on the occasion of his retirement from Bloomfield Hills Schools.

#### A TRIBUTE TO DART CONTAINER CORPORATION

**HON. BRETT GUTHRIE**

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 13, 2010*

Mr. GUTHRIE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Dart Container Corporation and its Horse Cave plant located in the Commonwealth of Kentucky. This past April, Dart Container Corporation, headquartered in Mason, Michigan, celebrated its 50th Anniversary.

The company established a plant in Horse Cave, Ky., in 1980, and has been delivering quality goods ever since. Dart Container Corporation's Horse Cave facility is currently the largest employer in Hart County and continues to expand.

The plant started 30 years ago with 25 employees and had a 230,000 square foot facility. Today, it has grown to employ 1,090 individuals and now covers almost 3 million square feet.

The Dart Container Corporation and its Horse Cave facility have a long history of community involvement, including participating in Hart County's Relay for Life and the Horse Cave Heritage Festival. Over the years the

company has sponsored local sports and school activities, 4-H programs, Clothes for Kids, the YMCA, American Heart Association, Big Brothers/Big Sisters, the Hart County Public Library, the Kentucky Repertory Theatre, the American Cave Museum and Hidden River Cave.

The entire Hart County community is grateful for Dart's continued presence, support, and generosity.

I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the employees of Dart Container Corporation. I am proud to represent them here in Washington and look forward to their continued success.

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IN HONOR OF THE RETIREMENT  
OF BREWSTER FIRE CHIEF ROY  
JONES

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**HON. BILL DELAHUNT**

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 13, 2010*

Mr. DELAHUNT. Madam Speaker, I rise before you today to honor the retirement of a distinguished member of the Brewster Fire Department, Chief Roy Jones. For 37 years, Roy has selflessly served the people of Brewster and Cape Cod as a member of the Fire Department, and spent an impressive 29 years as Fire Chief.

The heroism and bravado of fire-fighters inspire many children to dream of one day donning their own bright yellow fire-suit and grasping a fire hose in their hands as they storm a building engulfed by flames. Like countless children before him, Roy, too, was enraptured by the blaring sirens and towering ladders introduced to him at his first firehouse visit. By the age of 18, he served as a volunteer firefighter in the towns of Harwich and Eastham on Cape Cod. Nothing could tear him from his passion—he even lived and worked in a firehouse during his college years in Maryland.

With his youth interrupted by the war in Vietnam, Roy took his fire-fighting expertise—and the invaluable life skills attributed to the diligence that only a life-long firefighter possesses—to the U.S. Air Force. Following his laudable service, which brought him far from the dunes of Cape Cod to the exotic South Pacific, he returned home to Massachusetts, where he founded the first rescue squad in the town of Brewster.

From volunteer to captain to chief, Roy Jones lived his childhood dream each day, leaving behind an impressive resume and hundreds of lives and memories saved. Now, Roy had folded his "bunker gear" for the final time, laying to rest not only years of fire-fighting experience, but of tremendous and admirable leadership. As he acclimates himself to a new life of retirement and—if he allows himself to slow down—a life of unprecedented leisure, I applaud his dedication to public safety and the people of Brewster. On behalf of a very grateful constituency, thank you on a job well done.

HONORING THE SERVICE OF  
ALFRED P. GERHARDT, JR.

**HON. JIM GERLACH**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 13, 2010*

Mr. GERLACH. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Alfred P. Gerhardt, Jr., as his one-year term as Eastern Vice Commander of the Pennsylvania Department of the American Legion draws to a close.

Vice Commander Gerhardt has served with honor and demonstrated tremendous leadership for the approximately 50,000 veterans residing in the Legion's Eastern District. He exemplified the Legion's core principle of continued devotion to fellow service members and veterans with his efforts in coordinating the distribution of Christmas gifts to veterans in the Coatesville and Philadelphia Veterans Administration Hospitals.

Friends, supporters and fellow Legionnaires will thank Commander Gerhardt for his service during a testimonial dinner on Saturday May 15, 2010 at the Honey Brook Fire Company.

Madam Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me today in recognizing the outstanding service and exemplary leadership that Alfred P. Gerhardt, Jr., has provided to veterans and service members as Eastern Vice Commander of the Pennsylvania Department of the American Legion and in offering our heartiest congratulations on the successful completion of his one-year term.

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RECOGNIZING DICK BOZZONE,  
USAF (RET.)

**HON. SCOTT GARRETT**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 13, 2010*

Mr. GARRETT of New Jersey. Madam Speaker, I rise today with the honor of recognizing Dick Bozzone, a veteran of the United States Air Force and former commander of the American Legion Cpl. Jedh C. Baker Memorial Post 153. Dick has been recognized for his service to his country and community by being named the Grand Marshal of the Tri-Boro Memorial Day Parade in Montvale, Park Ridge, and Woodcliff Lake, NJ. During my time representing these boroughs, I have had the opportunity to get to know Dick, and consider him well-deserving of this accolade.

Since retiring from the Air Force, Dick has remained an active supporter of our nation's servicemen and servicewomen. In addition to his years as the American Legion Post Commander, Dick also served as the President of the Chorwon Chapter of the Korean War Veterans Association. This past year, Dick and his fellow Legionnaires erected a monument memorializing those who lost their lives in the Fort Hood Massacre. Dick has proven to be an effective advocate for veterans and active-duty members of the military, and has also educated the public on proper respect for the U.S. Flag. Dick has been active in his community, our state, and our nation. He has run for office on the local and federal level, and has served in various leadership posts in the local Republican Party. He was also appointed as a Commissioner of the USS NJ Battleship Museum under two governors.

This is not the first time Dick has been recognized for his exemplary citizenship. In addition to his awards for serving honorably in the Air Force, he has been grand marshal of several other parades and is one of the few honorary members of the Pearl Harbor Survivors' Club of NJ. Last year, Park Ridge Mayor Donald Ruschman recognized Dick's years of public service alongside other civic, educational, and religious leaders from the borough. I join Mayor Ruschman, the boroughs of Montvale, Park Ridge, and Woodcliff Lake, and countless others in thanking Dick Bozzone for his ongoing service to this country and commend him for leading an exemplary public life. Dick is a man our sons and daughters can look up to, and an individual our community can depend on. Our brave servicemen and women are the embodiment of the American ideals, and it is an honor to represent such individuals as Dick Bozzone in Congress.

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NATIONAL WOMEN'S HEALTH  
WEEK

SPEECH OF

**HON. LINDA T. SÁNCHEZ**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 11, 2010*

Ms. LINDA T. SÁNCHEZ of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of mothers, sisters, daughters, and friends across America.

This Sunday, as I celebrated my first Mother's Day as a mom, I was reminded of the importance of a healthy family.

As moms, we set a foundation for our families—whether it is putting on the sunscreen or scheduling check-ups—we set the example for our children.

One reason I worked so hard to pass the Affordable Care Act is to empower moms and their children.

Thanks to the healthcare reform law, women will no longer be excluded from insurance for pre-existing conditions, pay higher premiums than men, or forced to pay skyrocketing out-of-pocket costs for basic health services like preventive screenings and maternity coverage.

As a working mom, I know how easy it is to put our own health on the back burner behind work, family, or school.

Mother's Day marked the beginning of National Women's Health Week, a time to encourage women to make their health a top priority and recommit to improving the health of women for generations to come.

Women's health is not just a women's issue. When we have healthy moms, we encourage the vitality of our children and our communities.

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AMERICA COMPETES  
REAUTHORIZATION ACT OF 2010

SPEECH OF

**HON. DAVID WU**

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 12, 2010*

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 5116) to invest in

innovation through research and development, to improve the competitiveness of the United States, and for other purposes:

Mr. WU. Mr. Chair, my amendment, which I have submitted along with my colleague from Maryland, Mr. BARTLETT and will be part of an en bloc amendment, will facilitate ARPA-E applications by small businesses and entrepreneurs and will allow ARPA-E to consider a wider range of proposals relevant to its mission.

This amendment is straightforward and emphasizes the importance of proposals submitted by small businesses and entrepreneurs—the lifeblood of innovation and our American economy. This amendment further mirrors the DARPA program by creating flexibility within ARPA-E for solicitations year-round, on broadly defined areas of science and technology, creating a greater diversity of projects coming into the pipeline, while still maintaining the program's ability to focus on funding projects in specific areas of technological innovation.

ARPA-E is a robust pathway to new discoveries in technology and new investment in American manufacturing. To paraphrase Secretary Chu, ARPA-E was designed to provide for opportunity to swing from the heels. There will be missed pitches, but there will be home runs and grand slams, too. While the program has been considered a success—recently announcing 37 diverse solicitation winners—by providing continuous and non-restrictive solicitations, ARPA-E will be able to act in an all-comers fashion, selecting from a wide range of products in order to foster innovative solutions to the energy issues our Nation faces.

I am happy to have worked in a bipartisan way with Mr. BARTLETT from Maryland—I greatly appreciate his thoughtful contributions to this amendment. Through both his scientific background and his work on Armed Services, Mr. BARTLETT has always brought an informed and helpful perspective in the establishment of ARPA-E. The House Committee on Science and Technology may be one of the last bastions of nonpartisan policymaking in this body and Mr. BARTLETT's work and forethought has helped to exemplify that ideal. I ask that the House support this amendment.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

### HON. JEFF MILLER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 13, 2010*

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Madam Speaker, I missed rollcall vote No. 248 on May 5, 2010. If present, I would have voted "nay."

#### A PROCLAMATION HONORING SGT. 1ST CLASS CHARLES KOMAROMY FOR FORTY YEARS OF SERVICE IN THE UNITED STATES ARMY AND NATIONAL GUARD

### HON. ZACHARY T. SPACE

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 13, 2010*

Mr. SPACE. Madam Speaker, Whereas, Sgt. 1st Class Charles Komaromy has served forty years in the United States Army and the National Guard; and

Whereas, Sgt. Komaromy answered his country's call of duty and served honorably and bravely in Vietnam, Operation Desert Storm, and Operation Iraqi Freedom; and

Whereas, Sgt. Komaromy has represented the community of Dover and his country proudly and admirably with forty years of military service; and

Whereas, the community of Dover will honor the distinguished service of Sgt. Komaromy with a celebration on Saturday, May 15 at the Dover Armory, be it

Resolved, that along with his friends, family, the United States Army and National Guard, and residents of the 18th Congressional District of Ohio, I commend and thank Sgt. 1st Class Charles Komaromy for his forty years of exemplary service to his country and his community.

#### HOUSE RESOLUTION 1272, COMMEMORATING THE 40TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE MAY 4, 1970, KENT STATE UNIVERSITY SHOOTINGS

### HON. BETTY SUTTON

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 13, 2010*

Ms. SUTTON. Madam Speaker, I rise today in support of House Resolution 1272, commemorating the 40th anniversary of the May 4, 1970, Kent State University shootings.

As a lifelong Northeast Ohioan and a graduate of Kent State University, I hold what took place on May 4th close to my heart.

After the announcement of the U.S. incursion into Cambodia, Kent State students began a weekend of anti-war protests that culminated in the deaths of four unarmed students on May 4th . . .

. . . Another nine were injured, including one of my constituents, Barberton resident and my very dear friend, Alan Canfora.

During the height of the Vietnam War from 1968 to 1971, 17 people were killed during anti-war protests on college campuses.

Many of these Vietnam War demonstrations, including those at Kent State, pitted students against their peers serving in the National Guard.

Forty years after the Kent State shootings, the tragic events of May 4th remain a symbol of the Vietnam War and the protests that ensued at college campus in Ohio and across the country.

I commend the recent placement of the site of the May 4th shootings on the National Register of Historic Places.

I also applaud the establishment of the May 4th Visitors Center, Memorial, and Historical Walking Tour on the campus.

May 4th took the lives of Allison Krause, Jeffrey Miller, Sandra Scheuer, and William Schroeder.

They will always live on in our memories.

They represent a generation and a tumultuous chapter of our Nation's history that should not ever be forgotten.

#### SUPPORTING WAL-MART'S EFFORTS TO COMBAT HUNGER IN THE UNITED STATES

### HON. CHAKA FATTAH

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 13, 2010*

Mr. FATTAH. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize a notable work of good citizenship on the part of Wal-Mart and the Wal-Mart Foundation. Their announcement of a five year, \$2 billion initiative to improve the efficiency of the U.S. food bank system and make nutritious food more accessible to those in the greatest need will contribute towards the goal of ending childhood hunger by 2015. This initiative will provide 1.1 billion pounds of food to families who desperately need it, and will deliver \$250 million in grants to help support hunger relief organizations.

As Chair of the Congressional Urban Caucus, I know that too many of the nation's urban residents face the silent epidemic of food insecurity, and that they are not alone in their plight. Up to 49 million Americans and 22 percent of all children went hungry in 2008. This is a travesty in a country as rich and prosperous as the United States. This cannot be allowed to continue.

I wish to congratulate Wal-Mart in its efforts to help combat hunger in the United States, and I hope that this is not only a significant step in a broad commitment on the part of this corporation, but one that motivates their peers to join us in this cause.

#### THE SUBCOMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND THE ENVIRONMENT HEARING ON THE REAUTHORIZATION OF STATE REVOLVING FUNDS

### HON. BOBBY L. RUSH

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 13, 2010*

Mr. RUSH. Madam Speaker, I submit the following.

Chairman WAXMAN, Chairman MARKEY, Ranking Member BARTON, Ranking Member UPTON and all of my distinguished colleagues that sit on the Subcommittee on Energy and the Environment, thank you all for allowing me to make these remarks for the record on this important hearing on the reauthorization of State Revolving Funds within the "The Assistance, Quality, and Affordability Act of 2010."

Chairman MARKEY, I would especially like to thank you and your staff for working with my office over the past year to tighten the regulations within the SRF that govern water security to ensure that the incident that happened in my congressional district of Crestwood will not be replicated and that all of our constituents will have access to clean, safe drinking water.

Mr. Chairman, I would like to briefly recount for all of my colleagues the preposterous and unbelievable events that happened in Crestwood that has brought us to the point we are today. It is a story that, unfortunately, is ripe with abuses of the public trust by crooked and corrupt public officials at a level that is hard to fathom.

And it is a story that, hopefully, with the measures that we will enact in this legislation, will never be allowed to happen again.

Mr. Chairman, the story of Crestwood began in 1986, when the Illinois EPA was notified that the well water that was being used for public consumption was contaminated and was found to be unsuitable under federal EPA standards. Officials from the Village of Crestwood told State EPA authorities that the well would no longer be used for drinking purposes, but would remain open for emergency uses only, such as fighting fires.

Unbelievably, despite the warning from the IL EPA to the Crestwood officials about using the well for public consumption, for another 20 years, from 1986–2007, untreated well water was mixed with Lake Michigan water and was piped into the homes of village residents for drinking and other uses.

Mr. Chairman, for over 20 years, the citizens of Crestwood Village were consuming water, filled with contaminants, while the IL EPA never went back in to test the water quality or ensure that Crestwood officials had followed their edict to stop using the well for public consumption.

Then, in December 2007, acting on a tip from a private citizen, Tricia Krause, the IL EPA decided to test the well water for the first time since they were first alerted to the problem in 1986.

During these tests, the IL EPA found that the well water contained unacceptable levels of perchloroethylene (PCE), a chemical linked to liver damage and neurological problems, as well as other carcinogenic chemicals that were higher than federal standards permit.

Mr. Chairman, it took the brave and courageous act of an everyday, hardworking, private citizen, Ms. Tricia Krause, to finally pull the plug on the nefarious and despicable acts of Crestwood officials. For 20 years, these officials willfully and reprehensibly lied to State authorities and fed contaminated water to the very citizens they were sworn to protect.

After Ms. Krause blew the whistle on these despicable acts and the story became public, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the U.S. Department of Justice executed search warrants and found that Village officials had been falsifying records regarding the purchase and delivery of water to its citizens for over 20 years.

And while we must acknowledge and praise the work of courageous citizens like Ms. Krause for taking matters into her own hands to shed light and seek justice, we must also do everything in our power to make it more difficult for immoral and despicable public officials to dupe the public again and feed contaminated and poisonous water to our citizens.

Mr. Chairman, the steps that you have taken in this bill will go a long way toward restoring the public trust in the system by requiring our State agencies, which are in many cases the last line of defense in ensuring public safety, to go that extra step to protect the public.

This language would simply compel the EPA to set up requirements for notifying the public served by a water system when different types of violations occur. The EPA would be allowed to use the same categories of violations that have already been developed under subsection (c) of the Safe Drinking Water Act.

Additionally, for each category of violation, the EPA will determine what types of follow-up inspections are needed, and how many inspections the State will need to carry out. This

gets right at the issue of the Illinois EPA not being required to go out and check whether the contaminated well was being used, without being overly burdensome if the violations are not related to public safety.

Mr. Chairman, as representatives of the people we serve, for most of us the actions taken by Village of Crestwood officials would be unconscionable. In all of my time as a public servant, I have rarely encountered public officials acting so egregiously against their own citizens or abusing their power in a way that puts the public safety at risk.

In March 2010, the IL Dept. of Public Health released a report that found cancer rates were “significantly elevated” in Crestwood residents, with higher-than-expected cases of kidney cancer in men, lung cancer in men and women, and gastrointestinal cancer in men.

While researchers could not make a definite link between the consumption of contaminated water for 20 years for the 11,000 residents of Crestwood and the elevated rates of cancer there, they determined it was possible that toxic chemicals in the drinking water caused the extra cancer cases.

Well, I’m not a researcher, but I can analyze commonsense, and for me, the coincidence between drinking cancer-causing contaminated water for 20 years and then having higher-than-normal rates of cancer appear in those same citizens shows that there must be some connection between the two.

With our actions here today and in moving this bill forward, it is my sincere hope that no other community in America will have to suffer from the reprehensible acts of a few despicable public servants who would seek to abuse the public trust.

Thank you again Mr. Chairman, and distinguished Members of the Subcommittee, for allowing me to participate today.

**CONGRATULATING ERMA JOHNSON HADLEY AND RECOGNIZING HER MANY ACCOMPLISHMENTS TO TARRANT COUNTY COLLEGE AND HER COMMUNITY**

**HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 13, 2010*

Mr. BURGESS. Madam Speaker, I proudly rise today to congratulate Erma Johnson Hadley, the newly appointed Chancellor of the Tarrant County College District, and to recognize her many accomplishments to TCC and her community. Hadley is not only the first female to be named Chancellor of TCC, but also the first African American.

Hadley has been with TCC, which includes five districts and has an enrollment of more than 45,000 students, for over 40 years. Prior to being named Chancellor, Hadley has served as both a faculty member and administrator, including Director of Personnel, Vice Chancellor for Human Resources, and Vice Chancellor for Administration.

During her distinguished tenure at TCC, Hadley has been voted “Outstanding Teacher”, she established the District’s call center, and created the TCC Employee Scholarship Program, among other notable accomplishments. Hadley has also served as Equal Opportunity Officer and formerly oversaw the Ad-

missions, Records and Registration departments.

In addition to her service to TCC, Hadley has contributed significantly to the local community for more than 35 years. She has served as Chairman of the Tarrant County Hospital District Board of Managers, Chairman of the Dallas-Fort Worth International Airport Board, and Chairman of the North Texas Commission. Hadley was also selected by former Texas Governor Bill Clements for the Trinity River Authority of Texas and former Texas Governor George W. Bush for the Texas Governor’s Committee on Volunteerism.

Madam Speaker, it is with great honor that I rise today to congratulate and recognize the accomplishments of Erma Johnson Hadley, Chancellor of the Tarrant County College District. It is a privilege to represent such a dedicated community member and public servant, and such a superb educational institution, in the United States House of Representatives.

**2010 14TH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT ART COMPETITION**

**HON. MICHAEL F. DOYLE**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 13, 2010*

Mr. DOYLE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the artistic ability of a young woman from my Congressional District, Stephanie Taylor of South Allegheny High School. Ms. Taylor is the winner of the 2010 14th Congressional District of Pennsylvania’s High School Art Competition, “An Artistic Discovery.” Ms. Taylor’s artwork, an acrylic painting entitled “Leaves,” was selected from a number of outstanding entries to this year’s competition.

In fact, sixty works from twelve different schools in Pennsylvania’s 14th Congressional District were submitted to our panel of respected local artists. It’s a real tribute to her skill and vision that her work was chosen as the winner of this year’s competition. I am certain that Ms. Taylor’s family is proud of her artistic talents and this impressive accomplishment.

Ms. Taylor’s artwork will represent the 14th Congressional District of Pennsylvania in the national exhibit of high school students’ artwork that will be displayed in the United States Capitol over the coming year. I encourage my colleagues as well as any visitor to Capitol Hill to view Ms. Taylor’s artwork, along with the winning entries from the high school art contests held in other Congressional Districts, which will be on display in the Capitol tunnel. It is amazing to walk through this corridor and see the interpretation of life through the eyes of these young artists from all across our country.

I would like to recognize all of the participants in this year’s 14th Congressional District High School Art Competition, “An Artistic Discovery” from Brashear High School, Nour Qutyan; from the Pittsburgh High School for the Creative and Performing Arts, Zoe Capcara, Emily Daley, Kyle Gorcey, Amber Key, Noel Peterson, and Audrey Stygar; from East Allegheny High School, Cody Atkins, Nikki Croft, Chey A. Gojkovich, Randy Stegner, Jr., Brianna Stevens, and Jacob Williams; from Northgate High School, Carolyn Denes, Alison Gusew, Seth Huston, Collyn

Kunkel, and Savannah Paladin; from Penn Hills High School, Jessica Clair, Nicolette Deighan, Krysty Kunkel, Dana Lyons, Chloe Regan, and Chloe Weiss; from Pittsburgh Allderdice High School, Dani Hicks, Jordan Keitel, David Newbury, April Post, Tsu Hung Tien, and Yan Yang; from Schenley High School, Maurice Campbell, Briana Jackson, Stephen Karas, Fatima Kizilkaya, and Monique Pressley; from South Allegheny High School, Alexis Carr, Kristen Kudla, Megan Stevens, and Stephanie Taylor; from Sto-Rox High School, Adam Wayne Baker, Travis Crump, Allison Funwela, Natalie Gamble, Orlando Russell, and Elizabeth Thornton; from Trinity Christian School, Rebekah Garard; from West Mifflin High School, Tori Cooper, Victoria Donahoe, and Natalie Kerrigan; and from Woodland Hills High School, Heather Evans, Elijah Johnson, Josh Ryzdak, Stephan Spence, and Hoong Tosangchai.

I would like to thank these impressive young artists for allowing us to share and celebrate their talents, imagination, and creativity. The efforts of these students in expressing themselves in a powerful and positive manner are no less than spectacular.

I hope that all of these individuals continue to utilize their artistic talents, and I wish them all the best of luck in their future endeavors.

#### TRIBUTE TO DONALD OETMAN

### HON. DALE E. KILDEE

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 13, 2010*

Mr. KILDEE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Donald Oetman as he retires as Director of UAW Region 1D. A celebration of Don's life and contributions to the UAW will be held on May 21st in Grand Rapids, MI.

Donald Oetman was part of the original group that organized Micromatic Textron in Holland, MI. In 1965 they formed Local 1502 when Don was only 20 years old. He served as Vice-President of the Local and two years later became its President. During this time he held the position of steward and ex-officio member of all standing committees at Local 1502 and served as vice-chairperson of the Allegan-Ottawa CAP Council for 12 years. Don remained the Local's President and its bargaining chairperson until he was appointed to the International Union staff by then UAW President Owen Bieber and Director Robert Flierman in 1984. In June 1995 he was appointed Assistant Director of Region 1-D and elected Director at the 33rd Constitutional Convention in 2002. He was re-elected in 2006.

Committed to community involvement, Don serves on the Board of Directors and the Labor Participation Committee of Greater Kalamazoo United Way and the Holland United Way. He is co-chair of the Muskegon Area Labor/Management Joint Committee, he is on the Board of Directors of Blue Care Network, sits on the Blue Care Network Audit Committee, serves on the Economic Alliance of Michigan Board of Directors and the Board for the Alliance of Health, the Kalamazoo Area Labor/Management Committee, the Red Cross Board, sits on the Board of the Michigan State University Labor Studies Program, the Holland United Labor Building Corporation, the Michi-

gan Association of United Ways, and the Private Industry Council of Allegan and Ottawa Counties. He is a lifelong member of the Coalition for Labor Union Women.

Don is a member of the Allegan County Democratic Party and the Michigan State Democratic Party. He was a delegate to the 2000 Democratic National Convention and was an Al Gore Elector for the State of Michigan in the Electoral College. Don and his wife Corlyn have two daughters, one son and six grandchildren.

Madam Speaker, I ask the House of Representatives to rise with me and applaud the work of Donald Oetman. From the age of 18 he has acted to improve the lives and working conditions in our factories and offices and many people have benefitted from his commitment to the ideals of labor. I will miss his counsel and camaraderie and I wish him the best in the future.

IN RECOGNITION OF MR. JOSEPH PETERS, ON THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT FROM THE DIRECTORSHIP OF THE UNITED AUTO WORKERS REGION 1

### HON. GARY C. PETERS

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 13, 2010*

Mr. PETERS. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor a lifelong champion of the American labor movement, Mr. Joseph Peters, Director of the United Auto Workers Region 1, on the occasion of his retirement from the UAW. As a Member of Congress, it is both my privilege and honor to recognize Mr. Peters for his many years of service and his contributions which have enriched and strengthened our community.

Joe Peters has been a tireless advocate for his UAW brothers and sisters. Joe started his career as a member of Local 400, while working at the Ford Paint Plant in Mount Clemens. Joe became active in the UAW in the late 1960s when he moved to work at the Ford Utica Trim plant. While at Utica Trim, Joe was elected as the Midnight Committeeman, member of the Plant Bargaining Committee, Plant Chairman, Vice President of Local 400, and President of Local 400.

In 1988, Joe was appointed to the UAW International staff by President Owen Bieber and assigned to the National Ford Department. In 1999, Joe was appointed assistant director of Region 1 under Director Kenneth Terry. Joe served as assistant Director of Region 1 until 2005, when he was elected Director in a special election.

Joe has spent his career in support of civil rights and his community. Joe is a lifelong member of the NAACP, a member of the Troy Elks club, and a strong grassroots political leader. Joe has won numerous awards for his community activism including: Civil Rights Lifetime Achievement, ARC Detroit Legacy Award, Veterans Michigan Stand Down, and the UAW Region 1 Women's Council Circle of Excellence award. Moved by the increasingly difficult economic times facing Michigan families, Joe started the "No Child Without Christmas" foundation in 2004. His foundation brings together a broad spectrum of community leaders to provide clothing, food, and gifts for thou-

sands of homeless and abused children during the holiday season each year. Joe's commitment to his community has been his personal as well as his professional legacy.

Joe has spent his career in service of others, his UAW brothers and sisters, his community, and most importantly, his large and growing family. Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me today to honor Mr. Joe Peters for his many contributions to our community and his leadership at the United Auto Workers Union. I wish him many more years of health, happiness, and productive service.

RECOGNIZING THE FAIRVIEW SOUTH SCHOOL PENNIES FOR PEACE PROGRAM

### HON. JANICE D. SCHAKOWSKY

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 13, 2010*

Ms. SCHAKOWSKY. Madam Speaker, I rise tonight to recognize an extraordinary group of students in Skokie, Illinois.

I would like to recognize 6th grade students Lucas Brace, Alexander Brown, Soretti Donka, Lily Griffin, J.D. Kim, Rachel Sison, Kevin Thurman, Patricia Valdepenas, and Tessa Waters, as well as their SPINOUT reading teacher, Ms. Yolanda Toni. These sixth grade students were inspired, after reading Greg Mortensen's book *Three Cups of Tea*, to collect pennies from their classmates at Fairview South School for the charity Pennies for Peace.

Ms. Toni's nine students worked with the school's Student Council and teacher sponsors Ms. Katherine MacLennan and Ms. Christina Sylvester. They made presentations to each grade level about the program and encouraged other students at the school to participate. Over two months, the students raised an impressive \$1,524.26 for Pennies for Peace. They wrote letters to me and other elected officials explaining their program and urging us to also work to promote education for all children throughout the world.

Pennies for Peace is a fantastic charity, founded by Mortensen, that encourages students to collect their pennies, and one cent at a time, to support education around the world. A penny might not seem like much money, but the students at Fairview South School demonstrated how quickly they can add up. This money will go to change the lives of students in Pakistan and Afghanistan and bring access to education and opportunity to girls and boys across the world.

The Fairview South students recognize that children in many places around the world do not have the same opportunities to attend school and gain an education as do kids in Skokie. Two students in the class wrote to me, and they eloquently argued that education is one of the most powerful tools we have to combat poverty, hopelessness, and violence.

One student wrote, "I know how it feels to want a good education that can get me further in life." Another said, "Can you imagine what it would be like if your children were unable to be educated? The luxury of elementary schools can indeed be taken for granted." These students know that helping girls and boys throughout the world, particularly in war-torn or impoverished countries, is one of the investments we can make.

Not only did the students at Fairview South raise an impressive number of pennies, but I hope that this program has also turned them into lifetime philanthropists. By participating in Pennies for Peace, students were able to help children in Pakistan and Afghanistan while also learning the invaluable lesson that even a small amount of money can make a big difference.

Again, I would like to thank the students and their teacher for their work with Pennies for Peace.

AMERICA COMPETES  
REAUTHORIZATION ACT OF 2010

SPEECH OF

**HON. JERRY F. COSTELLO**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 12, 2010*

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 5116) to invest in innovation through research and development, to improve the competitiveness of the United States, and for other purposes:

Mr. COSTELLO. Madam Chair, I rise today in support of H.R. 5116, the Reauthorization of the America COMPETES Act of 2010.

I commend Chairman GORDON for his leadership in developing this important legislation and bringing it to the floor.

In the three years since the America COMPETES Act was signed into law, we have made great strides in innovation, education, and technology. H.R. 5116 makes strong investments in science and education to strengthen U.S. competitiveness, support businesses, and create jobs.

H.R. 5116 builds upon the recommendations of the 2005 report, *Rising Above the Gathering Storm*, and prioritizes science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) education at all levels.

Since coming to Congress, I have been a strong supporter of STEM education at every age from pre-school through adult education. These investments ensure we prepare the next generation of scientists and engineers and maintain the most innovative, competitive workforce in the world.

Specifically, investment in STEM education is especially important at the K–12 level, when students are first exposed to STEM curricula. It is vitally important to engage the interest of K–12 students in STEM and to attract and retain highly skilled teachers in the STEM field.

It is my hope that teacher retraining and K–12 STEM education provisions included in the 2007 COMPETES bill will be reauthorized, and I look forward to working with my colleagues in the House Education and Labor Committee to achieve this goal.

In addition, I am pleased the bill supports STEM education programs at community colleges and 2-year institutions and links community colleges with Manufacturing Extension Partnerships, other institutions of higher education, research institutions, and regional innovation hubs. This connection ensures that students will have the job training necessary to secure good-paying jobs in their communities and manufacturers have a workforce with the right skill set to promote innovation.

I appreciate Chairman GORDON's willingness to work with me to include language in the bill

that ensures that DOE's STEM education programs mirror the important research being conducted by the agency on carbon capture and sequestration (CCS) science. CCS represents a major advancement in the use of coal, the nation's most abundant and affordable energy source.

The President's Fiscal Year 2011 budget invests over \$400 million in CCS research at DOE, and universities such as the Southern Illinois University-Carbondale engage in cutting-edge clean coal research. Including CCS in DOE's STEM education programming will ensure we continue to expand research, development, and deployment of this important technology and train a new generation of CCS scientists.

I urge my colleagues to support H.R. 5116.

AMERICA COMPETES  
REAUTHORIZATION ACT OF 2010

SPEECH OF

**HON. JAMES R. LANGEVIN**

OF RHODE ISLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 12, 2010*

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 5116) to invest in innovation through research and development, to improve the competitiveness of the United States, and for other purposes:

Mr. LANGEVIN. Madam Chair, I rise in support of H.R. 5116, the America COMPETES Reauthorization Act of 2010. This multi-year reauthorization allows for urgently-needed investments to improve science, technology, engineering and math education, foster innovation and create jobs in the short, mid and long term. This bipartisan legislation will go a long way towards reversing the downward trend in domestic science and technological development, and will allow America to educate a new and highly skilled workforce, create new jobs in cutting-edge fields, and compete more aggressively in the global marketplace.

The COMPETES Act will strengthen STEM education programs—the building blocks of scientific and technological advances—through a number of important initiatives at all levels. The Robert Noyce Teacher Scholarship Program will provide funding to train highly competent secondary school teachers. And as our students progress, H.R. 5116 will afford them the opportunity to continue studying science and technology through grants designed to attract and retain undergraduate students in STEM fields.

The key to continued technological advances is innovative thinking. The COMPETES Act will create Regional Innovation Clusters, allowing businesses to collaborate and communicate more effectively on work and development in a number of fields. Additionally, through the reauthorization of the Advanced Research Projects Agency for Energy, we will continue investing in potentially high-reward energy technology development. Along with the establishment of Energy Innovation Hubs, which support the advancement of energy technologies through research, development, and commercial application, we will be working towards achieving our nation's energy goals.

I am also very pleased that the COMPETES Act takes steps towards helping our domestic

small and medium-sized manufacturers through federal loan guarantees. This will allow them to access the capital they need to remain competitive in the global market. Additionally, through increased federal investment in the Manufacturing Extension Partnership at the National Institute of Standards and Technology, we will enable them to continue their important work during these difficult economic times.

This legislation will encourage and support the STEM students of today and tomorrow, reward innovative thinking, invest in promising technological advances, and aid struggling American manufacturers. Madam Speaker, this measure will have short and long-term benefits for our economy and allow the United States to remain competitive in an increasingly interconnected global economy. I am proud to support this bill today, and I urge my colleagues to do the same.

AMERICA COMPETES  
REAUTHORIZATION ACT OF 2010

SPEECH OF

**HON. ZOE LOFGREN**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 12, 2010*

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 5116) to invest in innovation through research and development, to improve the competitiveness of the United States, and for other purposes:

Ms. ZOE LOFGREN of California. Madam Chair, today I rise in support of H.R. 5116, to reauthorize the America COMPETES Act. This bill continues the commitment we made to science and innovation from the first COMPETES Act, passed in 2007.

As a Member representing Silicon Valley, I have seen firsthand what innovation and research can do to keep us competitive and economically strong. H.R. 5116 will foster research by reauthorizing the Department of Energy's Office of Science, the National Science Foundation, and the National Institute of Standards and Technology, and keep them on a path that will double their authorized funding over 10 years, based on 2007 appropriated levels. This funding will support basic research in labs across the country. The Act also includes loan guarantee programs for small- and medium-sized manufacturers to bring their new and innovative products beyond the prototype stage and into production.

Madam Chair, the bill fosters STEM education and will help ensure that today's children are prepared to be tomorrow's competitive workforce. H.R. 5116 provides greater coordination of STEM education programs across federal agencies and aligns the programs at all levels of education—from K–12 through doctoral degrees. Once students are interested in STEM fields, we need to foster their growth and ensure that they have the right tools and support to stay within the STEM pipeline.

The COMPETES Reauthorization Act also encourages innovative thinking and solutions by reauthorizing the Advanced Research Projects Agency for Energy (ARPA-E) to perform high-risk, high-reward energy research that could lead to the game-changing technology we need to wean ourselves off of polluting fossil fuels.

I would like to note one concern I have with this legislation. Section 123 establishes a working group to coordinate the policies of various agencies regarding public access to the results of federally-funded research. I agree that coordination could improve technical uniformity in the dissemination of data, boosting interoperability across agencies and disciplines. However, the working group should not extend its mandate to demand uniformity in all public access policies, such as those for scientific publications. In particular, it should not interfere with the policy of the National Institutes of Health, which requires free public access to the published results of research funded by NIH. This legislation should not be interpreted to restrict existing open access to scientific knowledge, or to prevent its expansion.

This issue aside, I am pleased of the commitment we are making to science and innovation today, and I strongly urge my colleagues to support this bill.

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#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

### HON. RUSS CARNAHAN

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 13, 2010*

Mr. CARNAHAN. Madam Speaker, due to being unavoidably delayed, I missed the vote on the passage of H.R. 5014, to clarify the health care provided by the Secretary of Veteran Affairs that constitutes minimum essential coverage (roll No. 260). I would have voted in favor of this bill, which passed overwhelmingly by a margin of 417-0 had I been present to record my vote.

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#### IN RECOGNITION OF THE BIRMINGHAM GROVES HIGH SCHOOL FALCONS' BOYS SWIM TEAM FOR WINNING THEIR SIXTH STATE CHAMPIONSHIP

### HON. GARY C. PETERS

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 13, 2010*

Mr. PETERS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Birmingham Wiley E. Groves High School Falcons' boys swimming and diving team, its coaches Matt Watson, Dave Eichenhorn, Seena Karapetian and Virginia Naegly, Birmingham Schools Superintendent David Larson, Groves Principal Fred Procter and Athletic Director Tom Flynn on the team's 2010 MHSAA Division 2 State championship. As a Member of Congress it is both my honor and privilege to recognize the team and its outstanding coaches on this hard fought and impressive victory.

Established in 1959, in the Village of Beverly Hills, Birmingham Groves High School has developed a rich history of academic and athletic excellence. This victory at the 2010 Division 2 MHSAA State swim meet caps off an incredible year for the Falcons, who had a nearly perfect season in their run up to the State championship. This championship victory also marks the team's fourth State championship in the last ten years and sixth State championship in school history. For this year's

seniors, the championship victory represents the culmination of their high school athletic careers. Four years in the making, it is a vindication of the team's hard fought and close second place finish at last year's State championship and a testament to the spirit of the team.

This year's Division 2 State championship meet began as it would end, with victories for the Falcons. The team set the tone for the event by finishing first in the opening 200 meter medley relay, followed by first place finishes in the 100 meter backstroke and the 400 meter freestyle relay. In addition to its terrific wins, the Falcons finished in the top four spots in half of the twelve events at the championship meet.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me today in recognizing the Birmingham Groves High School's boys swim team and its coaches on this great achievement. This victory was truly a team effort, made possible by countless hours of practice by the team, the guidance of the team's coaches, the support of the team's dedicated parents and the commitment of the school's administration. The Falcons' determination to succeed and their commitment to excellence are most exemplary virtues. I wish the team and its coaches many more successes and championships in the coming years ahead.

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#### COMMEMORATING THE LIFE OF CYNTHIA DELORES TUCKER

SPEECH OF

### HON. LAURA RICHARDSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 11, 2010*

Ms. RICHARDSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of H. Res. 1094, which honors the tremendous accomplishments of the late Cynthia Delores Tucker. Ms. Tucker dedicated her life to advancing the interests of women and minorities in the United States. Raised in Philadelphia during the Great Depression, Ms. Tucker overcame great hardships to become one of our Nation's leaders in both the Civil Rights Movement and the fight for women's rights. After a life full of achievements and milestones, Ms. Tucker passed away in 2005 at the age of 78. We owe our national gratitude to Ms. Tucker, an American hero who made the United States a more fair and tolerant country.

I thank Chairman CONYERS for his leadership in bringing this bill to the floor. I also thank the sponsor of this legislation, Congresswoman WATSON, for her commitment to ensuring that the legacy of Cynthia Delores Tucker always shines as a beacon of social progress.

Mr. Speaker, Ms. Tucker became politically active in 1950, when she worked to register African American voters during Philadelphia's mayoral campaign. She went on to play a central role in the Civil Rights Movement and marched with the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. from Selma to Montgomery in support of the Voting Rights Act of 1965. In January of 1971, Governor Milton Shapp appointed Ms. Tucker as Pennsylvania's secretary of state, making her the first African American female secretary of state in the country. While serving as secretary of state, Ms. Tucker was a leader in the successful effort to add an Equal Rights

Amendment to Pennsylvania's State constitution, guaranteeing equal rights for women under State law. She also oversaw the lowering of the Pennsylvania voting age from 21 to 18 years old.

In 1984, Ms. Tucker founded the National Political Congress of Black Women, an organization dedicated to supporting the interests and well-being of African American women and their families. Ms. Tucker was also the first African American president of the National Federation of Democratic Women and founded the Philadelphia Martin Luther King, Jr. Association for Non-Violence. Additionally, she founded the Bethune-Dubois Institute in an effort to promote the cultural and educational development of African American youth.

In her later years, Ms. Tucker spearheaded a campaign against gangster rap music containing lyrics glamorizing criminal lifestyles and disrespect of women. In this effort to combat the negativity in gangster rap music, Ms. Tucker initiated a boycott of companies that produced such music and spoke out in objection to the NAACP honoring rapper Tupac Shakur with its Image Award.

William Tucker, Ms. Tucker's husband of more than forty years, once described her as "one of the most fearless individuals I have ever known. She will take on anyone, anything, if that is what she thinks is right. . . . I tell her there are times you have to compromise, but she is not one who will readily entertain the idea of compromise about anything." It was this dedication to social progress and unwillingness to settle for anything short of equality for all that makes Ms. Tucker a national hero.

I salute the dedication and resilience that characterized Ms. Tucker's work throughout her life. I am truly grateful for her efforts to help women and minorities achieve equality and justice.

I urge my colleagues to join me in supporting H. Res. 1094.

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#### RECOGNIZING MARK SPENCER

### HON. DALE E. KILDEE

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 13, 2010*

Mr. KILDEE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mark Spencer as he retires from teaching with the Flint Community Schools. A celebration will be held on May 21st in his honor.

As part of a long line of educators, Mark began his career teaching with the Swartz Creek School District in 1978. He taught in Swartz Creek Schools for 7 years and then moved to Flint Community Schools working first as a Community School Director then as a school teacher. Over 25 years, Mark worked at Doyle Ryder, Potter, McKinley, Whittier, Cody, and Neithercut Schools. He holds a Master of Arts degree from Central Michigan University and is considered a master teacher by Flint Community Schools.

Madam Speaker, I ask the House of Representatives to join me in congratulating Mark Spencer as he retires from Flint Community Schools. I commend him for his work developing the talents of children and wish him the best as he starts the next phase of his life.

HONORING THE RICHMOND HIGH  
SCHOOL WRESTLING TEAM

**HON. CANDICE S. MILLER**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 13, 2010*

Mrs. MILLER of Michigan. Madam Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge the outstanding season put forth by the Richmond High School Blue Devils Wrestling Team. Throughout the entire year, the members of the 2010 team demonstrated true solidarity, and great individual fortitude worthy of many accolades. And judging by the trophy case, the Blue Devils have the hardware to prove it.

To start, Richmond won the Michigan High School Athletic Association (MHSAA) Division III Team State Title! This is the school's fourth state title since 2000, after winning the State's top award in 2002 and 2006. But I would be remiss if I did not also point out the Blue Devils' other impressive final finishes where they earned state runner-up in 1996, 2004 and 2007. In addition, Blue Devils Brian Henke and Stephen Ireland dominated their weight classes to win individual state titles. They manufactured impressive overall records of 50-0 and 30-0 respectively.

Madam Speaker, my home county of Macomb certainly noticed what the Blue Devils were able to accomplish as they took home "Team of the Year" honors. But this was just icing on the cake as individual team members picked up numerous awards. Stephen Ireland, Dominic Cattera, Justin Russo, Pat Baruth, Preston Treend, Brian Henke, Adrian Morang, Roger Crump and Dakota Boldrey all earned First Team All Macomb County for Division II, III, and IV. Dustin Pitcel, Garrett Edwards, Casey Martin and Greg Sebastian were named to the Second Team; while Austin Cattera and Josh Rivard earned spots on the Third Team. Brandon Pawlak, Grant Hafner, Sean Clancy, Alex Morang, Austin Kratt, Scott Gulette, Robert Clancy and Eric Boyd followed up with Honorable Mention distinctions.

Macomb also selected an All-County Dream Team which had five members from Richmond—Stephen Ireland, Dominic Cattera, Justin Russo, Preston Treend, and Brian Henke who all got the nod.

I commend Coaches Robert Hablin, George Hamblin and Brandon Day for their efforts to prepare this team for battle on the mat every day. They were shining examples of strong leadership. They also realized this quest to be very demanding, so they put the team through intense physical training and offered the guidance and mental focus needed to wrestle.

I believe these key attributes are crucial and inseparable once you cross that line to compete. The Blue Devils coaching staff had the ability to keep the team energized and hungry each time they faced off against their opponents. This is an extremely difficult task, considering the various pressures and distractions a high school student-athlete encounters.

Madam Speaker, simply put, it is not easy to remain at the top of your chosen field, no matter what your profession is. Once a team wins a championship they become a target, and their foes become even more determined to defeat them.

But to this point, I would evoke the words of Green Bay Packers legendary football Coach Vince Lombardi who once said, "Winning is

not a sometime thing; it's an all the time thing. You don't win once in a while; you don't do the right thing once in awhile; you do them right all the time. Winning is a habit. Unfortunately, so is losing." History clearly shows the Richmond High School Wrestling Program has developed a habit of winning and an environment that breeds success.

Moreover, I wish to recognize the hard work, determination and teamwork displayed by all the members of the 2010 Richmond High School Wrestling Program. I applaud the coaches, support staff, teachers, parents and fans alike, for their assistance and for making this another season to remember.

Despite the injuries and grueling practices, the Blue Devils showed once again they had what it takes to accomplish their ultimate goal—a state title! Teamwork, dedication and friendship all helped deliver this championship. I know the City of Richmond and Macomb County take great pride in what these young men were able to accomplish at each level of achievement.

Madam Speaker, I certainly share that pride and express my personal congratulations. This team has exceeded all expectations and lived up to the strong traditions that define Richmond Wrestling. Way to go Blue Devils!

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. MARSHA BLACKBURN**

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 13, 2010*

Mrs. BLACKBURN. Madam Speaker, I was unable to participate in the following votes due to a natural disaster in my district. If I had been present, I would have voted as follows: May 4, 2009.

Rollcall vote 243, on motion to suspend the rules and agree—H. Res. 1307—Honoring the National Science Foundation for 60 years of service to the Nation—I would have voted "aye."

Rollcall vote 244, on motion to suspend the rules and agree—H. Res. 1213—Recognizing the need to improve the participation and performance of America's students in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) fields, supporting the ideals of National Lab Day—I would have voted "aye."

Rollcall vote 245, on motion to suspend the rules and agree, as amended—H. Res. 1132—Honoring the USS *New Mexico* as the sixth Virginia-class submarine commissioned by the U.S. Navy to protect and defend the United States—I would have voted "aye."

May 5, 2010.

Rollcall vote 246, on motion to suspend the rules and agree, as amended—H. Res. 1320—Attempted Terrorist Attack in Times Square on May 1, 2010—I would have voted "aye."

Rollcall vote 247, on motion to suspend the rules and agree—H. Res. 1272—Commemorating the 40th anniversary of the May 4, 1970, Kent State University shootings—I would have voted "aye."

Rollcall vote 248, on motion to suspend the rules and agree, as amended—H. Res. 1301—Supporting the goals and ideals of National Train Day—I would have voted "nay."

May 6, 2010.

Rollcall vote 249, on agreeing to the resolution—H. Res. 1329—Providing for consider-

ation of the bill (H.R. 5019) to provide for the establishment of the Home Star Retrofit Rebate Program, and for other purposes—I would have voted "nay."

Rollcall vote 250, on motion to suspend the rules and agree—H. Res. 1295—Celebrating the role of mothers in the United States and supporting the goals and ideals of Mothers Day—I would have voted "aye."

Rollcall vote 251, on motion to suspend the rules and pass, as amended—H.R. 1722—Telework Improvements Act—I would have voted "nay."

Rollcall vote 252, on agreeing to the amendment—H.R. 5019—Barton of Texas Amendment No. 2—I would have voted "aye."

Rollcall vote 253, on agreeing to the amendment—H.R. 5019—Burgess of Texas Amendment No. 4—I would have voted "aye."

Rollcall vote 254, on motion to recommit with instructions—H.R. 5019—Home Star Energy Retrofit Act—I would have voted "aye."

Rollcall vote 255, on passage—H.R. 5019—Home Star Energy Retrofit Act—I would have voted "nay."

INTRODUCTION OF "ACCESS TO  
BIRTH CONTROL ACT"

**HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 13, 2010*

Mrs. MALONEY. Madam Speaker, today I am reintroducing the Access to Birth Control (ABC) Act along with 12 other Members of the House of Representatives. Senator FRANK LAUTENBERG is introducing companion legislation in the Senate. Ninety-eight percent of American women use birth control at some point in their lives. This bill ensures that any woman who would like birth control and who has a legal prescription or is seeking over-the-counter emergency contraception, will be able to get it in a timely and convenient manner.

The ABC Act would make it illegal for a pharmacist to refuse to return a birth control prescription, or for a pharmacist to intimidate, threaten, or harass customers, or intentionally breach, or threaten to breach, medical confidentiality.

Under my bill, if a pharmacist on duty refuses to fill the prescription, then the pharmacy must ensure that another employee on staff fills the prescription for the customer without delay.

Very simply, this legislation ensures a woman's legal access to birth control.

An alarming trend has erupted in some pharmacies across the nation. Over the past few years, there have been increasing reports of pharmacists refusing to fill prescriptions for birth control pills. In some cases, pharmacists have kept and refused to transfer a prescription, refused to sell over-the-counter emergency contraception, or given the customer false medical information about the requested birth control. Pharmacists have taken it upon themselves to decide whose prescription they will fill and which over the counter medication they will provide.

Despite action by the Food and Drug Administration to make emergency contraception available without a prescription to women over the age of 17, refusals among pharmacists continue to be a problem. Access to birth control is especially important for women living in

rural areas who may not have multiple pharmacies near them and for women from low-income communities who lack the resources to find another pharmacy in the appropriate time. Women from all walks of life are being traumatized and humiliated at the hands of pharmacists who are denying them their right to contraception based on their own personal beliefs.

The Access to Birth Control, ABC, Act is an important step in protecting a woman's constitutional right to contraception. Birth control and emergency contraception are part of women's basic health care and pharmacists should not have the right to interfere.

AMERICA COMPETES  
REAUTHORIZATION ACT OF 2010

SPEECH OF

**HON. VERNON J. EHLERS**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 12, 2010*

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 5116) to invest in innovation through research and development, to improve the competitiveness of the United States, and for other purposes:

Mr. EHLERS. Madam Chair, in 2007, Congress responded to the recommendations of many experts that the federal government must increase its investment in basic research and in science and math education by passing the America COMPETES Act. The reauthorization before us today continues the United States on the path of investing in programs that will keep the U.S. competitive in the global economy.

Beginning in 2006, President Bush's American Competitiveness Initiative (ACI) launched a three-pronged approach to competitiveness by strengthening research at the National Science Foundation, the Office of Science at the Department of Energy, and the laboratories and construction of the National Institute of Standards and Technology, NIST. The America COMPETES Act of 2007 established a 7-year doubling funding pathway for these agencies and also included some new ideas, such as the establishment of a DARPA-like agency at the Department of Energy. ARPA-E is still in its infancy, but testimony before the Science and Technology Committee indicates that this agency has the potential to overcome some of the greatest hurdles to commercialization of innovative energy technologies. The reauthorization bill provides more flexibility to ARPA-E and increases its authorization in future years.

The reauthorization measure before us today also focuses on the challenges facing our nation's manufacturers by broadening and strengthening manufacturing extension services and reviving manufacturing innovation through research and development. Although manufacturing has experienced tremendous technological gains over the last few years, international competition has exacted a toll on our Nation's manufacturers. Furthermore, today's economy has placed a great strain on States to participate in federal programs like the Manufacturing Extension Partnership at NIST. This bill would temporarily relax the cost-share requirements on States to allow for

continued participation of the greatest number of small manufacturers across the Nation who depend on this program to help them continually innovate.

I recognize that many of my colleagues are concerned that this bill authorizes spending more than \$80 billion over the next 5 years. Indeed, our economy is suffering, we are deeply in debt, and fiscal restraint must be exercised. However, if there is ever an investment that will guarantee an economic return, this is it.

The reality is that if we are unwilling to spend this money now, we are deciding to pay it later to other countries that make these investments today and produce the products that we will need tomorrow. A recent article in *The Economist* focused on emerging international markets, and noted that:

Last year productivity in China grew by 8.2%, compared with a rise of 1.0% in America and a decline of 2.8% in Britain. A few years ago Airbus and Boeing were willing to outsource only basic work to Indian firms, but now they entrust some of their most complicated tasks to them.

Other countries are now competing with us not only on cost, but also creativity. We have thought for years that there are certain innovative activities that will only happen in the United States, but I feel less certain that is still the case. To keep on the cutting edge of creativity, we must make these investments in science and technology, or we will simply be left behind.

Science and technology are the fundamental movers of our economy, and if we want to remain globally competitive, this bill is the surefire way to guarantee results. The dividends paid by training scientists, engineers, and teachers will multiply throughout all sectors of our economy.

I want to thank Chairman GORDON and Ranking Member HALL for working on this legislation. I hope my colleagues will support this investment in our Nation's future.

HONORING GUERNEVILLE SCHOOL  
DISTRICT

**HON. LYNN C. WOOLSEY**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 13, 2010*

Ms. WOOLSEY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Guerneville School District on the occasion of its 150th anniversary. The school can trace its history to several separate one-room schools in Russian River communities in Sonoma County, CA. The earliest was founded in 1860, and the last one merged into the Guerneville School District in 1955.

The direct forerunner of the school opened its doors in the old-time logging town of Guerneville on First Street, in a building which now houses the Sonoma County Veterans' Memorial Hall. There were four classrooms serving students in first through eighth grades. In 1949 the school moved to its current location, one mile north on Armstrong Woods Road.

Guerneville School District operates from the Armstrong Woods Road site today, although it has gone through many transformations to raise it above flood level and to gradually replace the original rooms with spa-

cious classrooms, offices, gymnasium, library, and computer lab, as well as a modern play yard. Today it houses students in grades K–8.

But the school's biggest asset is its community of students, parents, and staff who work together to create a learning environment that addresses the whole student. To achieve this, Guerneville School District offers "a campus that is friendly, safe, and welcoming; a district that accepts and is committed to diversity; and an educational environment that promotes unity of staff on both professional and community levels."

The school also works in partnership with the larger community to impart a sense of citizenship to the students and secure local support. One of its programs, Circle of Sisters, was started as a pilot project by St. Joseph Health System to promote the self esteem of middle school girls; Circle of Sisters was such a success that it has been replicated around the area.

Madam Speaker, I congratulate the Guerneville School District and all of its family, friends, alumni, students, and staff as they celebrate this momentous occasion. Happy 150th birthday!

RECOGNIZING THE SIGNIFICANT  
ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF AMERI-  
CORPS

SPEECH OF

**HON. DAVID WU**

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 12, 2010*

Mr. WU. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor AmeriCorps Week, and the nearly 12,000 Oregonians who are AmeriCorps alumni that have pledged to "get things done for America" since the program began in 1994.

Whereas service to others is a hallmark of the American character, and throughout our history citizens have stepped up to meet our challenges by volunteering in their communities; and

Whereas those AmeriCorps members have served more than 774 million hours nationwide, including 14,388,200 served by residents from Oregon, helping to improve the lives of our State's most vulnerable citizens, strengthen our educational system; protect our environment, and contribute to our public safety, and;

Whereas the Corporation for National and Community Service State Office and Oregon Volunteers! Commission on Voluntary Action and Service play a key role in determining where AmeriCorps resources should be directed to meet State and local needs; and

Whereas residents of Oregon have earned more than \$32,097,912 in Segal AmeriCorps Education Awards to help pay for college or pay back student loans; and

Whereas AmeriCorps members, after their terms of service end, remain engaged in our communities as volunteers, teachers, public servants, and nonprofit leaders in disproportionately high levels; and

Whereas last year I cosponsored and helped pass the Edward M. Kennedy Serve America Act which sets AmeriCorps on a path to grow to 250,000 members by the year 2017 and focuses AmeriCorps on critical national

issues of education, health, clean energy, veterans, and economic opportunity; and

Whereas, AmeriCorps Week, May 8–15, 2010, is an opportune time for the people of Oregon to salute AmeriCorps members and alums for their service; thank AmeriCorps' community partners; and bring more Americans into service: Therefore, be it

*Resolved*, that I, DAVID WU, do hereby recognize AmeriCorps Week and urge citizens to thank AmeriCorps members and alumni for their service and to find ways to give back to their communities.

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EXPRESSING SYMPATHY FOR  
FLOOD VICTIMS IN SOUTHEAST

SPEECH OF

**HON. LAURA RICHARDSON**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 12, 2010*

Ms. RICHARDSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in strong support of House Resolution 1337, expressing the sympathy and condolences of the House of Representatives to those affected by the flooding in Tennessee, Kentucky, and Mississippi in May 2010.

I would like to acknowledge Speaker PELOSI and Chairman OBERSTAR for their leadership in bringing this important resolution to the floor. I would also like to thank my colleague Congressman COOPER, who authored this legislation.

As Chair of the Homeland Security Subcommittee on Emergency Communication, Preparedness, and Response, I stand with my colleagues in expressing our deepest sympathy to those affected by this recent flooding. The State of Tennessee was hit by unprecedented rainfall that resulted in the massive flooding of areas in and around Nashville. According to the National Weather Service of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, the two-day rainfall totals of 13.53 inches more than doubles the previous record of 6.68 inches set in September, 1979. Unfortunately, the storms causing the rainfall claimed the lives of 31 people across Tennessee, Kentucky, and Mississippi. My heart goes out to their families and loved ones.

In addition, the storms destroyed homes and displaced thousands of people across Tennessee, and the flooding affected travel along hundreds of roads throughout Tennessee, including interstate highways 40 and 24. Schools and universities across the region were closed. However, in this time of need, citizens and emergency responders worked together to aid their neighbors after the storm. I want to express my gratitude and appreciation to the people of the State of Tennessee and the surrounding States, who continue to work to protect people from the floodwaters and aid in the recovery efforts.

In conclusion, Mr. Speaker, I stand with my colleagues today to honor the emergency responders across Tennessee for their bravery and sacrifice during this tragedy.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in supporting H. Res. 1337.

HONORING THE 2ND AIR DIVISION  
OF THE 8TH AIR FORCE

**HON. DUNCAN HUNTER**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 13, 2010*

Mr. HUNTER. Madam Speaker, I rise before the House today to remember the American heroes of the 2nd Air Division of the 8th Army Air Force, and the designers and manufacturers of the B–24 Liberator whom served our country so honorably during WWII.

The 8th Air Force—known better as the “Mighty Eighth”—was part of the largest air strike force in history, flying bombing missions over Europe from November 1942 to April 1945. While pilots and crewmen were trained in Pueblo, Colorado, their aircraft—the B–24 Liberator—had its manufacturing headquarters in San Diego.

In the peak of the wartime efforts, 11 Liberators were built a day, and more Liberators were produced than any other four-engine bomber in World War II, including the famous B–17 bomber. Over 18,000 bombers were made by Consolidated Aircraft Corporation in San Diego between the years of 1939 and 1945, and over 45,000 San Diegans helped in the manufacturing process.

The B–24 Liberator carried a crew of 8 to 10 men, and was powered by four 1,200 horsepower engines and carried 2,750 gallons of fuel. Many of the B–24 missions were round trips of 1,500 miles, and the planes were not pressurized or heated; crewmen wore oxygen masks on high altitude missions and were exposed to temperatures that could reach minus 50 degrees Fahrenheit. Despite these conditions, the 2nd Air Division dropped over 630,000 tons of bombs and destroyed thousands of enemy aircraft.

In San Diego, we honor their service at the Veterans Memorial Garden in the Air Garden, which is the first city park to honor the ground and flight crews of the bomber, along with the citizens of San Diego who helped build it.

Madam Speaker, we will never forget the bravery displayed by the men of the 2nd Air Division, 8th Air Force. We will remember their sacrifice and patriotism, especially as the remaining members meet on June 5th for their annual reunion. So, as we remember the contributions made by the members of the 2nd Air Division, 8th Air Force, we shall never forget that the freedoms we enjoy today are because of the courage and valor displayed by those who fought to protect them. As a veteran myself, I take great pride in recognizing the 2nd Air Division and the San Diego community for their contributions and tireless efforts that were so critical to our success and ultimate victory in World War II.

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CONGRESSIONAL RECOGNITION  
FOR THE ARA PARSEGHIAN  
MEDICAL RESEARCH FOUNDATION

**HON. GABRIELLE GIFFORDS**

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 13, 2010*

Ms. GIFFORDS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Ara Parseghian Med-

ical Research Foundation, which is holding its 15th annual “One More Victory, Ara!” event in Tucson, Arizona on May 14 and 15.

The Foundation was established in 1994 by Cindy and Mike Parseghian after three of their four children were diagnosed with Niemann-Pick Type C disease. It is named for the children's grandfather, Ara Parseghian.

Niemann-Pick Type C disease is a genetic, neurodegenerative disorder that causes progressive deterioration of the nervous system. It affects children by interfering with their ability to metabolize cholesterol. This metabolic disorder results in neurological problems that are ultimately fatal.

Tragically, Mike and Cindy's three children, Michael, Marcia and Christa lost their lives to Niemann-Pick Type C disease. But as Cindy, has said, “they have given us a legacy of hope.” Cindy, Mike and their extended family has not been defeated by the deaths of their children. With incredible determination and hope they have devoted themselves to finding a way to conquer this disease.

Great progress has been made through research supported by the Foundation. Scientists funded by the Foundation have identified the gene responsible for causing NP–C. This discovery has played a major role in moving Niemann-Pick research to a new and encouraging level.

On her desk, Cindy Parseghian keeps a quote by physicist, inventor and rocketry pioneer Robert H. Goddard: “The dream of yesterday is the hope of today . . . and the reality of tomorrow.”

Those dreams and hopes are carried forward by the Ara Parseghian Medical Research Foundation, which has raised more than \$33 million. That money has been used to fund more than 75 research projects, which the Parseghian family believes will prevent other families from having to lose a child to this disease.

The family's cause has become our community's cause and this weekend hundreds of people will gather to once again show their support for the Foundation and its critical mission.

The Foundation is a labor of love for the Parseghian family and for many others but we all know that the hardest worker, the force behind the Foundation, is Cindy Parseghian. While Cindy would not want to be singled out for all that she has done, we do so today on behalf of a grateful community and in recognition of her dedication to the work of the Foundation over the past 15 years.

I commend the Parseghian family for their courageous fight on behalf of children across our country and the world. The fight has been difficult but, with the progress they have made, the final victory is within sight.

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SATELLITE TELEVISION  
EXTENSION AND LOCALISM ACT

SPEECH OF

**HON. ANNA G. ESHOO**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 12, 2010*

Ms. ESHOO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of S. 3333, the Satellite Television Extension and Localism Act of 2010. I'm pleased that the Senate finally passed its version of a

bill that the House passed last December, and I look forward to enactment and implementation of much-needed improvements to the laws governing the transmission of satellite signals to American consumers.

Among this bill's many consumer-oriented regulations is Section 207, which ensures that satellite providers do not discriminate against noncommercial high definition signals. I drafted this language to protect the rights of consumers to receive federally funded programming broadcast by America's Public Broadcasting Service, PBS.

Without this provision, PBS stations cannot compete for viewers with commercial stations favored by satellite contracts. This problem is particularly troubling in the case of DISH Network, which covers 93 percent of U.S. households but only carries local PBS HD broadcasts in Alaska and Hawaii—where they are legally obligated to do so. The behavior of DISH contrasts with Direct TV, which voluntarily offers 106 PBS HD channels in its regions of operation.

With the enactment of this bill, 14 million satellite viewers will have a date certain when they will receive PBS HD signals, and PBS stations will have an even playing field when their signals are distributed via satellite providers.

My language is a simple and direct solution to a problem that undermines consumer rights and shortchanges PBS carriage:

Carriers will give their customers local noncommercial HDTV transmissions when carrying other locally broadcast HD signals.

It provides for carriage compliance for 50 percent of the stations by the end of 2010, with an extra year for the remainder, thus accelerating the FCC 2013 date.

When new service is initiated, noncommercial stations will get equal treatment.

Carriers will have one last opportunity to sign a contract prior to the date of enactment to receive a safe harbor from the hard deadlines in the bill.

I look forward to final passage of the Satellite bill, and especially the anti-discriminatory section which is so essential to America's consumers.

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COMMENDING PROGRESS MADE BY  
ANTI-TUBERCULOSIS PROGRAMS

SPEECH OF

**HON. GENE GREEN**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 12, 2010*

Mr. GENE GREEN of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of H. Res. 1155, commending the progress made by anti-tuberculosis programs.

Tuberculosis is the second leading global infectious disease killer behind HIV/AIDS, claiming approximately 1.8 million lives each year. It is estimated that 1/3 of the world's population is infected with TB. This disease kills people of all races and ages around the world.

The global TB pandemic and spread of drug resistant TB presents a persistent public health threat to the U.S. The WHO reports that 5 percent of all new TB cases are drug

resistant, with estimates of up to 28 percent drug resistant reported in some parts of Russia. Of these numbers, it is estimated that only 7 percent are receiving treatment.

Although drugs, diagnostics and vaccines for TB exist, these technologies are antiquated and are increasingly inadequate for controlling the global epidemic. The most commonly used TB diagnostic in the world, sputum microscopy, is more than 100 years old and lacks sensitivity to detect TB in most HIV/AIDS patients and in children.

Drug susceptibility tests for drug resistant TB take 2–4 weeks to complete, during which time a drug resistant TB patient in a developing country may die. The TB vaccine, BCG, provides some protection to children, but has little or no efficacy in preventing pulmonary TB in adults. We will never be able to defeat TB without the introduction of new identification, treatment and prevention tools.

World TB Day also provides us with an opportunity to celebrate the significant gains made in the fight against TB and reminds us of the challenges ahead. Since 1995, 36 million people around the world have successfully been treated for TB and 9 million lives have been saved.

Less than 2 years ago, this Congress passed two historic laws to combat TB. The Comprehensive TB Elimination Act authorizes the tools to put the U.S. on the path to TB elimination and the Lantos-Hyde Act, with multilateral commitment, aims to reduce the global TB burden by half within a decade.

Both of these laws would support an increased research investment to get us the new TB diagnostic, treatment and prevention tools that we urgently need. With enactment of these 2 laws, we have the power to combat TB effectively and reduce the human misery that this disease wreaks around the world.

I want to commend Rep. ENGEL for his tremendous efforts on TB awareness and urge my colleagues to support H. Res. 1155.

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AMERICA COMPETES  
REAUTHORIZATION ACT OF 2010

SPEECH OF

**HON. JIM MATHESON**

OF UTAH

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 12, 2010*

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 5116) to invest in innovation through research and development, to improve the competitiveness of the United States, and for other purposes:

Mr. MATHESON. Madam Chair, I support H.R. 5116, the "America COMPETES Act of 2010."

This bill makes important investments in science, innovation and education to strengthen U.S. businesses and create jobs in the short and long term. This bill expands, strengthens and aligns STEM education programs at all levels of education. It fosters research by reauthorizing the National Science Foundation and National Institute of Science and technology labs.

Not only does this bill strengthen the U.S. competitiveness with countries abroad with re-

search and development incentives, but it also makes significant strides in building and improving our manufacturing base. In particular, this bill improves the Manufacturing Extension Program. The MEP is a network of 59 centers located in every state and Puerto Rico that provides a range of services to small and medium sized manufacturing. This program has been very successful to the manufacturing industry in my state of Utah.

Manufacturing is the largest trade in the State of Utah and 99% of the 4,000 manufacturers in the state are small businesses. This bill provides innovative technology federal loan guarantees for small and medium sized manufacturers to help them access capital to become more efficient and stay competitive.

In 2008 the federal investment of \$1 million dollars in Utah's MEP, matched by State and private sector funds, resulted in work for over 400 manufacturers, of which 94 were major projects with quantifiable impacts. Madam Chair, we need to invest in cost effective programs that help create jobs and MEP is an example of this success. I have visited many of the small businesses that have benefited from the MEP center in Utah and I believe that they are worthwhile and extremely beneficial.

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HONORING SENATOR JAMES  
BARCIA

**HON. DALE E. KILDEE**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 13, 2010*

Mr. KILDEE. Madam Speaker, today I ask the House of Representatives to join me in honoring Senator James Barcia, former Member of Congress, and current Senator representing Michigan's 31st State Senate District. The Bay City Branch of the NAACP will celebrate Senator Barcia's service at their Freedom Fund Banquet on May 16th.

After Jim Barcia graduated from Bay City Central High School he went on to earn a Bachelor's Degree from Saginaw Valley State University in 1974. During his college career he was elected student body president and began his lifelong commitment to public service. Jim was elected to three terms in the Michigan House of Representatives, and five terms in the United States Congress. He is now serving his fifth term in the Michigan State Senate. In this capacity he serves as the Chair of the Senate Committee on Hunting, Fishing and Outdoor Recreation. As a member of the Senate Appropriations Committee he sits on the Human Services Subcommittee, the Community Health Subcommittee and is the Minority Vice-Chair of the Higher Education, State Police and Military Affairs subcommittees. He is also the Associate President Pro Tempore of the Senate. Senator Barcia is married to Vickie Bartlett; he has two stepchildren and six grandchildren.

Madam Speaker, I ask the House of Representatives to join me in applauding the career and life of one of its own. Jim Barcia is a dedicated, unswerving, public servant. He is a dear friend, and I have valued his insight over the years. I congratulate him for being honored by the Bay City Branch of the NAACP for his commitment to their goals and to the community.

CONGRATULATING MR. AND MRS. HERBERT FISHER, SR. ON THE OCCASION OF THEIR 86TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

**HON. G.K. BUTTERFIELD**

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 13, 2010*

Mr. BUTTERFIELD. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize and congratulate New Bern, North Carolina residents Zelmyra and Herbert Fisher, Sr. on 86 years of marriage—the longest marriage of a living couple in the world.

Mrs. Zelmyra Fisher, born on December 10, 1907, and Mr. Herbert Fisher, Sr., born on June 10, 1905, have been married since 1924. In that year, Calvin Coolidge was President; New York taxis cost 10 cents per half-mile; the Teapot Dome Scandal broke; the Ford Model T was the most popular automobile; and a postage stamp cost 2 cents while bread cost 9 cents a loaf.

In 1942, Mr. Fisher built what would become the family's home in the James City neighborhood. Mr. and Mrs. Fisher would raise five children in that home, and continue to live there today. The couple met in elementary school and married when he was 19 years old and she was 18 years old, and they have shared 86 blissful years.

On Valentine's Day this year, Mr. and Mrs. Fisher gave free marriage advice on Twitter. When asked to share the best marriage advice they've received, they advised couples to "respect, support and communicate with each other. Be faithful, honest and true. Love each other with all of your heart."

Mr. Fisher, a retired worker from the Coca-Cola Bottling Company, has a great passion for baseball, especially for his two favorite teams, the New York Yankees and the Atlanta Braves. Mrs. Fisher, a retired caretaker, greatly enjoys reading the Bible.

Mr. and Mrs. Fisher have contributed a lifetime of service to the fabric of their community through various community organizations and their respective churches, Jones Chapel A.M.E. Zion and Pilgrim Chapel Missionary Baptist.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing and congratulating Mr. and Mrs. Zelmyra and Herbert Fisher, Sr. on the blessing of 86 years of marriage. They serve as a wonderful and enduring inspiration of love, family and sacrifice.

92ND ANNIVERSARY OF  
AZERBAIJAN REPUBLIC DAY

**HON. SOLOMON P. ORTIZ**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 13, 2010*

Mr. ORTIZ. Madam Speaker, I rise to commemorate the 92nd anniversary of the independence of the Republic of Azerbaijan, celebrated on May 28th.

Located in a highly political, dynamic and sensitive region between Russia and Iran, Azerbaijan is a proud ally of the United States. An emerging democracy, Azerbaijan has taken the world stage as a member of the Council of Europe, the United Nations, and the Organization of Security and Cooperation in Europe.

A strategic partner of the United States, Azerbaijan works with the U.S. on major economic and security matters. Most profoundly, Azerbaijan has been an ally for the United States in terms of sending troops to Iraq and Afghanistan. They work with area nations to secure borders and deny illegal trafficking, and are an important component of NATO's Partnership for Peace program.

Their robust oil market provides western nations the means to power our economies.

I thank the nation of Azerbaijan for their continued journey towards democracy, and for their enduring strategic partnership in the region and around the world.

The United States congratulates all Azerbaijani citizens, and Azerbaijanis around the world, on the occasion of the 92nd anniversary of Azerbaijan Republic Day.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. NIKI TSONGAS**

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 13, 2010*

Ms. TSONGAS. Madam Speaker, I was unavoidably detained and was unable to cast a vote on rollcall 260. I would like the record to reflect that I would have voted "aye" in support of H.R. 5014, a bill that clarifies that health care provided by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs meets minimum essential coverage requirements for individual health insurance under the newly enacted health care reform law. Our Nation's veterans and their families have sacrificed so much and it is our obligation to ensure they receive the benefits and health care they so rightly deserve.

HONORING THE CITIZENS OF NEW YORK FOR THE ATTEMPTED TERRORIST ATTACK IN TIMES SQUARE

**HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON**

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 13, 2010*

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Madam Speaker, I rise in support of this resolution honoring and expressing support for the vigilance and prompt response of the citizens and law enforcement agencies in New York and Connecticut, as well as Federal authorities, to the attempted terrorist attack in Times Square on May 1, 2010, their exceptional professionalism and investigative work following the attempted attack, and their consistent commitment to preparedness for and collective response to terrorism.

Just less than 54 hours is what it took for Federal law enforcement agencies, including the Department of Homeland Security, to identify, find, and apprehend Mr. Faisal Shahzad, the prime suspect for this attempted act of terror.

During the 54 hours, the New York Police Department, working with Federal and State law enforcement agencies, including the Federal Bureau of Investigation, and others identified and began unraveling the tangled web that eventually led to Mr. Shahzad's arrest. This arrest could not have been made without the help of several people and organizations.

First, I commend the alertness and awareness of Mr. Lance Orton and Mr. Duane Jackson for "seeing something" and "saying something" to law enforcement. If it were not for these citizens, many others could have been hurt and Mr. Shahzad might not have been apprehended. This is the kind of vigilance is vital to our homeland security efforts.

Second, I want to thank the citizens of New York for helping and cooperating with law enforcement during the precautionary evacuations in the vicinity of Times Square. I also want to acknowledge New Yorkers and their resilient nature and ability to return to life as normal.

Third, I want to express my deep appreciation for the professionalism and collective response of the following law enforcement agencies: New York City Police Department, in particular Police Officer Wayne Rhatigan of Mounted Unit Troop B, the Fire Department of New York, the New York Police Department Bomb Squad, led by Lieutenant Mark Torre and other first responders, the Federal Bureau of Investigation, United States Customs and Border Protection, the Transportation Security Administration, the United States Attorney's Office for the Southern District of New York, the Department of Homeland Security, the Department of Justice, the New York Joint Terrorism Task Force, the Bridgeport Police Department, Detective Bureau, Patrol Division, and other law enforcement agencies in Connecticut.

Finally, I want to say that without these citizens and the collaborative effort of law enforcement, we would not have the mountain of evidence we have now, including two additional unnamed suspects in custody. It is also more likely true that according to the Attorney General, the Pakistani Taliban was likely involved in planning this attempted attack. As such, we must remain vigilant against terrorism and our enemies.

Madam Speaker, while I know others may say that we just got lucky this time, I say that they are missing the point. Our post-9/11 efforts to foster greater vigilance among our citizens and a culture of preparedness and collaboration among first responders and law enforcement paid off. Further, we stayed true to our cherished constitutional principals as we initiated this wide-scale collective response to terrorism. As evidenced by what we saw on May 2, 2010, the citizens of New York and this great country are and remain committed to living their lives in the pursuit of the cherished tradition we have celebrated since our country's start and that is the pursuit of freedom.

HONORING THE BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA ON THEIR 100TH ANNIVERSARY

**HON. BART STUPAK**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 13, 2010*

Mr. STUPAK. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor the Boy Scouts of America on their 100th anniversary and to pay tribute to the impact scouting has had on the lives of countless young men over the past century. As members of the Hiawathaland Council in Michigan's Upper Peninsula gather this weekend to celebrate the Boy Scouts' centennial, I

ask that the U.S. House of Representatives join me in commemorating 100 years of scouting.

The Boy Scouts of America was created on February 8, 1910 with a purpose of teaching young men patriotism, courage, self-reliance and kindred values. By 1912, Boy Scouts were in every state, and in 1916 Congress granted the Boy Scouts of America a federal charter.

Across the country, every Boy Scouts council commits each scout to perform 12 hours of community service a year, totaling 30 million hours of community service annually. In addition to the commitment young men show to scouting, more than 1 million adult scout leaders are selflessly serving young people in their communities through organizations chartered by the Boy Scouts of America.

As an Eagle Scout myself, I have a special appreciation for the rich history and tradition of scouting that has touched so many lives over the past 100 years. The lessons young men learn as scouts help guide them throughout their lives.

In scouting, you learn to do a good deed everyday. The world would be a better place if we all lived by this simple creed. In scouting, you learn to leave your campsite in better shape than you found it. Many scouts grow up to be leaders in their communities or here in the United States Congress and strive to leave things better than they found them.

For a century now, scouting has helped to instill in young men the values of good conduct, respect for others and honesty. Scouting has taught young men skills that will last a lifetime, including basic outdoors skills, first aid, citizenship, leadership, and how to get along with others. Scouting teaches the values and knowledge to become leaders in our communities and our country.

Madam Speaker, the lives of millions of young men, including many members of this chamber, have benefited from their experiences in scouting. Too often, the valuable contribution of scouting to our communities and to the development of future leaders goes unrecognized. As the Hiawathaland Council gathers in Marquette, Michigan this weekend to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the Boy Scouts of America, I ask that you, Madam Speaker, and the entire U.S. House of Representatives join me in congratulating the Boy Scouts of America on 100 years of scouting.

#### HOME STAR ENERGY RETROFIT ACT OF 2010

SPEECH OF

### HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 6, 2010*

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 5019) to provide for the establishment of the Home Star Retrofit Rebate Program, and for other purposes:

Ms. DeLAURO. Madam Chair, I rise in support of the Home Star Energy Retrofit Act, an important, commonsense bill that will help promote energy efficiency, conserve our resources, spur job creation and the green economy, and save Americans money.

In my home State, excellent efficiency programs like the Connecticut Energy Efficiency Fund have helped to reduce energy demand, improve air quality, and deliver savings of \$3 to \$4 to customers for every \$1 invested. That is why they enjoy the support of business, in-

dustrial, commercial, low-income, consumer, and environmental advocates alike.

By taking the idea national, and offering rebates for energy-saving home retrofits like insulation and duct sealing, the bill will create over 168,000 jobs across the country for electrical workers.

I want to thank Mr. WELCH and Chairmen WAXMAN and MARKEY for working with Congresswoman CHELLIE PINGREE and I to include language requiring Home Star implementers to coordinate with existing State efforts like the CEEF. This will help ensure that leading States like Connecticut can maximize their impact, using both State and Federal resources, when it comes to energy efficiency.

This is a great bill, and I urge my colleagues to support it.

#### TRIBUTE TO PATRICIA'S MEXICAN RESTAURANT ON ITS 25TH ANNI- VERSARY

### HON. IKE SKELTON

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 13, 2010*

Mr. SKELTON. Madam Speaker, it was recently brought to my attention that Patricia's Mexican Restaurant in Sedalia, Missouri, is celebrating its 25th year in business. Let me take this opportunity to congratulate the owners of Patricia's, Patricia Ives and Gary Farr, for operating such a thriving business for so many years.

Pat Ives, who is originally from Creighton, Missouri, first started a business in Sedalia as the owner of a Mexican restaurant franchise known as El Sambre, which was located in Liberty Plaza. In 1993, she bought the rights to the restaurant and changed its name to Patricia's Mexican Restaurant. In 1990, Pat's son, Gary Farr, joined his mother in running the restaurant, which moved from Liberty Plaza to a new, architecturally unique building in 1998.

Pat and Gary have run their successful restaurant with a great deal of common sense and a compassion for their employees and for their community.

They care genuinely about the people who help them operate their restaurant. This kindness has generated deep loyalty among their workforce and among those who have worked at Patricia's Mexican Restaurant through the years. By encouraging hard work and the development of good people skills, Pat and Gary have helped transform many young Missourians, the restaurant's first-time workers, into responsible citizens. Many of these folks are now contributing within their own communities and to our country.

Pat and Gary are good employers, which is why it is no surprise that they have been in business for 25 years. I know my fellow colleagues in the House of Representatives will join me in paying tribute to Patricia's Mexican Restaurant on its important milestone and in honoring all who have worked for Pat Ives and Gary Farr through the years.

#### HONORING THEODORE KAPLAN ON HIS 100TH BIRTHDAY

### HON. THEODORE E. DEUTCH

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 13, 2010*

Mr. DEUTCH. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Theodore Kaplan on his 100th

birthday. Mr. Kaplan is an active constituent in my district who still walks, drives, and plays bridge. We should all be so lucky to live such a fruitful life! Congratulations to Theodore on this joyous occasion.

#### OUR UNCONSCIONABLE NATIONAL DEBT

### HON. MIKE COFFMAN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 13, 2010*

Mr. COFFMAN of Colorado. Madam Speaker, today our national debt is \$12,923,161,977,864.28.

On January 6, 2009, the start of the 111th Congress, the national debt was \$10,638,425,746,293.80.

This means the national debt has increased by \$2,284,736,231,570.48 so far this Congress.

This debt and its interest payments we are passing to our children and all future Americans.

#### RECOGNITION OF E. CHARLES CON- NOR'S ELEVATION TO JURISDIC- TIONAL BISHOP

### HON. DANIEL E. LUNGREN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 13, 2010*

Mr. DANIEL E. LUNGREN of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor E. Charles Connor's elevation to Jurisdictional Bishop within the Church of God in Christ.

Bishop Connor is a graduate of the University of San Francisco and has also completed the Hospital Administrator's Course at the U.S. Air Force School of Applied Health Science at Sheppard Air Force Base, Texas.

E. Charles Connor has spent much of his life in public service. Governor George Deukmejian appointed Connor to serve on the Board of Vocational Nurses, Psychiatric Technician Examiners from 1989 to 1992, and was re-appointed by Governor Pete Wilson to serve from 1992 to 1996 where he rose to the level of Vice President of the Board. Connor also serves in the U.S. Air Force Reserve as a Hospital Administrator in the grade of Major, after having served in the U.S. Air Force for 26 years—participating in the Viet Nam War and the Persian Gulf War.

Within the church, Bishop Charles Connor has spent 18 years working overseas with various ministries in Korea, Jamaica, Japan, and the Philippines.

Connor is the Bishop of the St. Lucia Eastern Caribbean Jurisdiction, and while his main responsibilities are ecclesiastical, Bishop Connor's goal is to respond to the needs of all people; spiritual, natural and emotional.

I am pleased to recognize and congratulate Bishop E. Charles Connor for his dedication to the Church of God in Christ, his elevation to Jurisdictional Bishop, and his contributions to our community at large.