## IN RECOGNITION OF RANN AND NANCY CARPENTER

### HON. DAVID P. ROE

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 24, 2010*

Mr. ROE of Tennessee. Madam Speaker, I would like to pay tribute to a very special occasion today—the 43rd wedding anniversary of John Randolph Carpenter and Nancy Anderson Carpenter.

John Randolph Carpenter was born on April, 11, 1945 in Shelby, North Carolina. His wife, Nancy Anderson Carpenter was born on December 27, 1946 in Charlotte, North Carolina. The couple began dating when they attended Meyers Park High School and were eventually married on June 24, 1967 at Meyers Park Methodist Church in Charlotte.

As native North Carolinians, they have lived in Rutherfordton, Greenville, Washington, eventually settling in the Tar Heel state capitol of Raleigh. Together they have raised two daughters, Ragan Kathryn of Los Angeles, California & Mary Randolph of Washington, DC.

Rann enjoyed a successful career with Texasgulf, PCS Phosphate, and the North Carolina Pork Council. Nancy, a loving mother & homemaker actively enjoys working with charitable church & volunteer organizations in Raleigh.

I salute this lovely couple on the 43rd year of their life together and join their family in honoring them on this special occasion. It is a true pleasure to recognize their commitment to one another, their children, and ultimately, our Nation.

## RECOGNIZING NATIONAL HOMEOWNERSHIP MONTH

SPEECH OF

### HON. DANNY K. DAVIS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 23, 2010*

Mr. DAVIS of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I would like to express my support and recognition of National Homeownership Month and the importance of owning a home. Homeownership is a signifying mark of hard work and informed decisionmaking. Therefore it is in the interest of us all to ensure that our decisions about homeownership are informed.

During National Homeownership Month, there is an emphasis placed on the importance of providing first time home buyers and those who have acquired home information that is imperative to them making informed decisions. In light of the current economic recession, it is crucial that information of this nature is provided to the people in an effort to revive the economy.

The recognition of National Homeownership Month is especially important as it pertains to my constituents. In the 7th Congressional District of Illinois, the community of North Lawndale has real estate values estimated at six figures, the median income of the people that live there is estimated to be five figures, and there have been over 200 foreclosures as of June 16, 2010. I firmly believe that the foreclosure of those homes could have been prevented had the constituents been informed and privy to the information necessary to make the best decision for themselves and their families.

It is also important to recognize the importance of owning a home given the social and familial ties that are associated with and can be cultivated by homeownership. Homeownership is essential to building the foundations of longstanding social networks. It is imperative that there is stability in the society for the purpose of cultivating and expanding the social networks we develop into meaningful relationships aimed at making substantial change through these relationships.

## MARTIN NEVELS

### HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 24, 2010*

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Martin Nevels. Martin is a very special young man who has proven the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by being selected to the People to People World Leadership Forum.

Since People to People International was founded by President Dwight D. Eisenhower in 1956, the organization has been a leader in provide educational world tours. Acceptance into the World Leadership Forum demonstrates Martin's academic excellence, community involvement, and leadership potential. This forum will help further provide Martin the tools to become a leader for the next generation.

Madam Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Martin Nevels for his acceptance into the People to People World Leadership Forum and for his efforts put forth in achieving this high distinction.

## CALLING FOR RELEASE OF ISRAELI SOLDIER BY HAMAS

SPEECH OF

### HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 23, 2010*

Mrs. MALONEY. Madam Speaker, I rise to acknowledge the fourth anniversary of the kidnapping of Israeli Staff Sergeant Gilad Shalit and call for his immediate and safe return to Israel.

Four years ago, Hamas militants attacked an Israeli outpost near the border between Israel and Gaza. Two soldiers, Staff Sergeant Pavel Slutzker and Lieutenant Hanan Barak, were killed and Staff Sergeant Gilad Shalit was kidnapped. Less than a month later, two other Israeli soldiers, Sergeant Major Ehud Goldwasser and Sergeant First Class Eldad Regev were captured and killed by Hezbollah. On July 16, 2008, their bodies were returned in exchange for over 200 prisoners demonstrating Israel's special concern for the redemption of their captured soldiers—going so far as trading live and dangerous terrorists for the remains of their fallen heroes.

Hamas continues to inhumanely hold Staff Sergeant Shalit for ransom and has denied him basic medical needs. Since his capture, Gilad Shalit has been deprived of every basic right a captured soldier should be able to expect: visits by the International Committee of the Red Cross, the ability to send and receive letters to his family, and protection from being used involuntarily for propaganda footage. The captivity of Shalit is unacceptable and in clear violation of the laws of the Geneva Convention. I urge Congress to reaffirm Israel's right to defend itself and that the path to peace in the region lies in the recognition of Israel's right to exist, the dismantling of Hamas' terrorist infrastructure, and the release of Gilad Shalit.

As we continue working to secure Staff Sergeant Shalit's safe return, we also keep Corporal Shalit's parents, Aviva and Noam, his older brother Yoel, and his younger sister Hadas in our thoughts.

## IN HONOR OF THE LATE WASCO TRIBAL CHIEF NELSON WALLULATUM

### HON. GREG WALDEN

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 24, 2010*

Mr. WALDEN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the great Oregon tribal leader, Chief Nelson Wallulatum of the Wasco Tribe, who passed away on Sunday, June 13, 2010. He was laid to rest in a traditional Wasco ceremony at 4:30 a.m. on Tuesday, June 15, before the Sun rose that day. He had led his people, and served on the Tribal Council of the Confederated Tribes of the Warm Springs Reservation of Oregon, for more than 50 years. Chief Wallulatum was 84 years old.

Nelson Wallulatum became chief of the Wasco Tribe in 1959. Historically, the Wascos are a tribe of the Columbia River, particularly in the Gorge area, and in modern times they are one of the three tribes of the Confederated Tribes of the Warm Springs Reservation of Oregon. Pursuant to the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs constitution, as chief of one of the three tribes, in 1959 he also became a lifetime tribal council member of the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs, a duty he fulfilled with enthusiasm, dignity and intelligence.

As the Wasco chief and a tribal council member, he was steadily and deeply involved in the governance of the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs during a period of great history and change in Indian affairs. He was an unparalleled expert in the Warm Springs constitution and the 1855 Tribes of Middle Oregon Treaty with the United States, and fought to preserve and strengthen the sovereign authority of the Warm Springs Tribes across a time that moved from federal policies of Indian termination to today's well-established self-determination and tribal-federal mutual government-to-government relations. As you might imagine, Chief Wallulatum's leadership tasks brought him on many occasions to Washington, DC, to address both the administration and the Congress on the issues of his people and all Indian people. Over the many years, he was well known and respected by members of Oregon's congressional delegation, as well as by congressional leaders in national Indian issues and policy, before whom he often testified.