

the citizens of West Texas to see some of man's finest artistic achievements in their own back yard. It also serves as an exclamation point on 25 years of exceptional educational opportunities.

Of course, without curators, teachers, maintenance staff, donors, and volunteers, a museum is just a building. As we celebrate the museum's 25th anniversary, we must also extend our gratitude to the hundreds of people who have worked over the years to build this institution into the community treasure we have today.

For 25 years, the dedicated staff and volunteers at the Ellen Noël Art Museum has served the students and families of their community. From nothing more than an idea, they have built a lasting legacy for every citizen of West Texas to enjoy and be inspired. We owe them all a debt of gratitude.

On behalf of the citizens of the Permian Basin, who I am privileged to represent, I extend my congratulations to the Ellen Noël Art Museum on its 25th Anniversary and my deepest thanks to the citizens who have worked to create this institution. Our community is made better because of your hard work.

IN HONOR AND MEMORY OF
NORBERT M. BANGAYAN, MD

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 16, 2010

Mr. KUCINICH. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor and memory of Norbert M. Bangayan, MD, whose lifelong commitment to his patients, family and community made a permanent impact on countless lives throughout the northeast Ohio region.

Dr. Bangayan was a dedicated internist who led a family medical practice for nearly 40 years. Beyond his superior medical expertise and knowledge, Dr. Bangayan was known for his caring, patience and kindness. He treated every patient with dignity and respect, and frequently went above and beyond the call of duty to assist a patient in need. A gentle soul, Dr. Bangayan practiced from Deaconess Hospital in Cleveland for nearly 40 years, where he served in several leadership roles, including the hospital's Chief of Medical Staff. Dr. Bangayan served on several committees at Deaconess Hospital, and volunteered his time within several community organizations.

The center and foundation of Dr. Bangayan's life was always his family. He was the beloved husband of Ofelia and the loving father of Shirley, James, Maribe, and Michele. He was the devoted grandfather of Eric, Jack, Leo, Max and Kristin, and the beloved brother of Amelia. Dr. Bangayan was the beloved brother of Amelia. Dr. Bangayan was the beloved father-in-law to Ermir, Dr. Kieo and Steve. Along with his wife, Ofelia, Dr. Bangayan taught his children and grandchildren the significance of family, faith, heritage and giving back to community. He was deeply connected to his Filipino heritage, and was very active in the Filipino community of Greater Cleveland. For several years, Dr. Bangayan served as the President of the Association of Philippine Physicians of Ohio.

Madam Speaker, please join me in honor and remembrance of Norbert M. Bangayan,

MD, whose joyous life was framed by love for family, devotion to friends and dedication to the wellbeing of the patients he so lovingly served. Dr. Bangayan's generous heart and love for others will forever exist within the hearts and memories of his family, friends and every patient who knew and loved him—and he will never be forgotten.

OVERSEAS CONTRACTOR REFORM
ACT

SPEECH OF

HON. CAROLYN MCCARTHY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 15, 2010

Mrs. MCCARTHY of New York. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of H.R. 5366, the Overseas Contractor Reform Act. The Overseas Contractor Reform Act will keep any person found to be in violation of the Foreign Corrupt Practices Act of 1977 from receiving a government contract or grant. It is important that we ensure that any individual that receives a contract from the Federal Government, and therefore is a de facto representative of the people of the United States, is of the highest moral standard and complies with all applicable laws. Improving our ability to effectively oversee our foreign contractors will yield numerous benefits. I look forward to continuing to work with my colleagues to improve our contractor system and curtail abuses and excesses when they are found.

RECOGNIZING THE 91ST ANNIVERSARY
OF AMERICAN LEGION
DAY

HON. HARRY E. MITCHELL

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 16, 2010

Mr. MITCHELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the American Legion for the outstanding work they do on behalf of and for our nation's veterans.

Today we celebrate American Legion Day, the 91st anniversary of the date that the American Legion received their charter from the U.S. Congress. Over the past nine decades, the American Legion has never wavered from their commitment to support our veterans, our country and our communities.

The American Legion is a tremendous advocate for war-time veterans through their legislative outreach. Over the years, the Legion helped write and successfully advocated for the original "GI Bill of Rights" during World War II and the U.S. Court of Veterans Appeals, among other important accomplishments. In addition to working directly with and for veterans, the Legion has also played an important role providing community support in areas such as mental health, children's welfare, and disaster relief.

As the House sponsor of the 21st century Post 9/11 GI Bill, I am particularly grateful to the work the American Legion once again put forth to advocate for improved and enhanced education benefits for today's veterans. From helping to craft language and whipping support among lawmakers and the public, the Le-

gion was an irreplaceable partner in this great step forward. Thanks to the Legion's grassroots efforts, today there are more than 330,000 veterans across the country now enrolled and using GI Bill benefits.

I am grateful for the many opportunities I have had to work with the Legion on both the national and local level.

Madam Speaker, please join me in recognizing American Legion Day and honoring the decades of service to our veterans, and the vital work they continue to perform for our country.

CONGRATULATING THE CITY OF
MAULDIN, SOUTH CAROLINA, ON
ITS MUNICIPAL ASSOCIATION OF
SOUTH CAROLINA ACHIEVEMENT
AWARD

HON. BOB INGLIS

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 16, 2010

Mr. INGLIS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the City of Mauldin, South Carolina, on its Municipal Association of South Carolina Achievement Award for improving relations between the Mauldin Police Department and youth community. Through four innovative youth initiative programs, Mauldin police officers interacted with the young people in a positive, hands-on way.

The Mauldin Youth Court puts first-time juvenile defenders in a student-run trial. The jury of high school students hands out sentences typically consisting of community service, tutoring, or an essay. The program has seen success evidenced by a recidivism rate 5 percent lower than the rest of the state.

The Youth Academy program targets middle-school students who have met the police department in negative circumstances. Together the Mauldin police department and other community members interact with the students for four weeks in circumstances not involving disciplinary measures. After the four weeks have concluded, each student is delegated an officer for a year-long mentorship program.

Mauldin's police community also has made an effort to create a more formative relationship with adolescents through the Fifth Quarter program. With the help of the local high school and churches, the program hosts students at the local skating rink after school sporting events to prevent swarming and loitering. Officers serve free food and hand out prizes throughout the night. The program successfully has eliminated juvenile delinquency after football games, leading to a possible expansion of the program after basketball games.

The Mauldin Youth Academy and Explorer programs give youth community a chance to interact directly with the police department through hands-on activities and mentorship. These programs not only teach adolescents about law enforcement but also give the police department a desired pool of potential candidates when hiring new officers.

I am honored to see the City of Mauldin's novel youth programming with these four initiatives. The Mauldin Police Department is giving students the opportunity to interact with officers to proactively address juvenile crime