

CELEBRATING THE 25TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE PRIDE FOUNDATION

**HON. JIM McDERMOTT**

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 22, 2010*

Mr. McDERMOTT. Madam Speaker, I rise today to offer special recognition of the Pride Foundation on the occasion of its 25th anniversary. Since 1985, the Pride Foundation, through creation and administration of a vibrant lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender (LGBT) charitable legacy, has helped to unify and to strengthen the Northwest LGBT and allied communities.

In 1985, nonprofit organizations serving the needs of the LGBT community were rare. Those that did exist struggled for financial stability while also facing daunting challenges, not the least of which was the emergence of HIV/AIDS. At that time, no scholarships existed to help LGBT students pursue higher education. To address these challenges, a small group of concerned citizens founded the LGBT community's own philanthropic organization. The Pride Foundation created an endowment that would be prudently managed and professionally administered—a place where the LGBT community and its supporters could confidently contribute knowing full well that their donations would not only be used in accordance with the donor's wishes, but would also leave an enduring legacy for future generations.

In 1987, the Pride Foundation awarded its first organization grants, totaling \$7,654. Today, the Foundation grants hundreds of thousands of dollars every year. In 1993, the Pride Foundation started its scholarship program, giving \$3,680 the first year. Since then, the program has become one of the nation's largest LGBT scholarship funds. To date, the Pride Foundation has raised and invested more than \$8 million in hundreds of nonprofit organizations and individual students. In recent years, the Pride Foundation has broadened its reach beyond Seattle to the entire State of Washington as well as to Alaska, Idaho, Montana, and Oregon.

The Pride Foundation has enriched tens of thousands of lives, and has touched those who give and those who receive. It has sustained countless students, strengthened many valued non-profit organizations, and helped to improve the quality of life in the Pacific Northwest. Today, I rise to offer my thanks and congratulations to the Pride Foundation for 25 years of inspiring work and a legacy that will impact generations to come.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. ADAM H. PUTNAM**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 22, 2010*

Mr. PUTNAM. Madam Speaker, the week of Tuesday, September 14, 2010, through Thursday, September 16, 2010, I was not present for thirteen recorded votes. Had I been present, I would have voted the following way:

Roll No. 519—"yea," Roll No. 520—"yea," Roll No. 521—"yea," Roll No. 522—"yea," Roll No. 523—"yea," Roll No. 524—"yea," Roll No. 525—"yea," Roll No. 526—"nay," Roll No. 527—"nay," Roll No. 528—"yea," Roll No. 529—"yea," Roll No. 530—"nay," Roll No. 531—"yea."

CONGRATULATING SAHIL KHETPAL ON 2010 DAVIDSON FELLOWSHIP

**HON. SAM JOHNSON**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 22, 2010*

Mr. SAM JOHNSON of Texas. Madam Speaker, it is my privilege to congratulate Sahil Khetpal, 17, of Plano, Texas on being named a 2010 Davidson Fellow by the Davidson Institute for Talent Development.

Davidson Fellowships, offered by the Institute since 2001, are honors given to only the very best of America's very brightest. As one of just 20 young people to receive the designation this year, Sahil Khetpal certainly fits that distinguished category.

He is a recent graduate of the Texas Academy of Mathematics and Science (TAMS), an advanced program for high school students offered through the University of North Texas. During his time at TAMS, Sahil took the specialized, college-level coursework necessary to fuel his Davidson Research Project, "Carbon Nanotubes as a Cancer Drug Delivery System."

In his project, which was motivated by the tough experience of watching several family members fight cancer, Sahil developed a nanotube based drug-delivery system that can be used for both chemotherapy and phototherapy of cancer. His innovative system has the potential to treat cancerous tumors more efficiently and effectively with fewer side-effects, and it could even allow for earlier diagnosis in some cases. In short, this outstanding young man's work will likely save lives.

Using his talent and voice to help others is not a new concept for Sahil. In the midst of a strenuous coursework and research load, he made time to co-found and serve as copresident of the local branch of Invisible Children, an organization that raises awareness of the conflict taking place in Northern Uganda.

Sahil is currently continuing his higher education at the University of Pennsylvania where he is a double-major in business and chemical engineering. This incredibly talented, hard-working young man is an exceptional representative of Texas' Third Congressional District, and it is my distinct honor to enter his accomplishment into the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD for posterity.

To Sahil Khetpal, 2010 Davidson Fellow, congratulations and God bless you!

HONORING WILLARD MORRISSEY

**HON. BILL SHUSTER**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 22, 2010*

Mr. SHUSTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Willard Morrissey, recipient of

the HEALTHSOUTH Personal Achievement Award for his unparalleled strength and exceptional perseverance. On January 25th, Mr. Morrissey was involved in a traumatic accident in Altoona, Pennsylvania while operating a cardboard crusher. He was flown by medical helicopter to Penn State Milton S. Hershey Medical Center, and immediately underwent surgery, which resulted in the amputation of both legs. Will has made an amazing recovery and is now ambulating with bilateral prosthesis and no assistive device.

Will's perseverance and determination throughout his path to recovery has served as an inspiration to us all. Staff and patients of The HealthSouth Rehabilitation Center were moved to tears when Will proudly walked through the halls with his new sneakers that he proudly wore.

Will has risen above adversity and lifted himself to a stature that we should all emulate in our daily lives. I would like to wish Willard the best of luck in his path to recovery. I know that my words reflect the feelings of all citizens of our nation when I say that Willard Morrissey is an inspiration to us all.

IN HONOR AND REMEMBRANCE OF JAMES M. ANDREWS, SR.

**HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 22, 2010*

Mr. KUCINICH. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor and remembrance of James M. Andrews, Sr., a loving husband, father, grandfather, veteran and protector of the people of the City of Cleveland as a firefighter for thirty years.

Mr. Andrews joined the Cleveland Fire Department on July 1, 1960. He was committed to the safety and wellbeing of Cleveland residents as well as his fellow firefighters. He was a thirty-year member of the Cleveland Firefighters Union, Local 93 and served on the Executive Board from 1970 to 1990. He served as Secretary from 1970 to 1979, as President from 1980 to 1989 and was named President Emeritus in 1990.

In addition to his devotion to serving our community, Mr. Andrews' devotion to family was unconditional. He was the beloved husband of Joan and loving father of Anne, James Jr., Katherine, Joseph and Ellen. He was the cherished grandfather of Jennifer, Elizabeth, Emily, Mary, James III, Angela, Claire, Joseph and Nicholas and father-in-law of Terrance, Mary Brigid, Robert and Stephen. He was also the beloved brother of Sister Mary Ann and uncle, friend and mentor to many.

Madam Speaker and colleagues, please join me in honor and remembrance of firefighter James M. Andrews, Sr. Mr. Andrews served our community and our nation with commitment and excellence. Mr. Andrews lived his