

2006, was on hand with the Mayor and Phillies President Dave Montgomery for the launch.

Uteley is by no means alone. Numerous members of this exciting and community-minded team have established personal foundations, visited inner city playgrounds, donated generously to charities and performed like All-Stars of public service.

Leading off in center field is Shane Victorino, the Phillies nominee for the Roberto Clemente Award that Major League Baseball bestows each year on the player who best exemplifies the charitable spirit of the late and great Pirates Hall of Famer. On June 7, he officially launched the Shane Victorino Foundation and announced that he would be donating \$900,000 over the next three years to the Nicetown Boys and Girls Club to be renamed for Victorino—in one of Philadelphia's most impoverished neighborhoods. Victorino is paying homage to the Boys and Girls Club where he spent time as a youth in Hawaii.

Batting cleanup is first baseman Ryan Howard. The popular slugger has teamed up with Victorino to support Philadelphia Futures, a mentoring program for inner-city students. He has donated to the Police Athletic League and received recognition from PAL for community service. He has worked with the Make-A-Wish Foundation, granting special wishes for children and teens suffering from serious illnesses. He has been Spokesman for the Boys and Girls Clubs nationally, for the Variety Club, and has visited a number of schools and recreation centers in Philadelphia.

Shortstop Jimmy Rollins has turned his defensive skills into a big time community offensive. He hosts an annual Celebrity BaseBOWL charity event which has raised over \$200,000 for the Juvenile Diabetes Foundation, the Arthritis Foundation and local literacy efforts. He's also worked with the American Red Cross, Easter Seals and the Volunteers of America organization, and donated 30 computers to Olney High School.

Uteley hosts Chase's Champs which benefits Children's Hospital of Philadelphia and St. Christopher's Hospital and provides young patients and family members with the opportunity to attend a Phillies game. He and his wife Jen have been prominent fundraisers and spokespeople for the Pennsylvania SPCA and their love for animals is known to just about every Phillies fan.

Pitcher Cole Hamels and his wife Heidi have created the education-minded Hamels Foundation, which has a dual mission to provide support for quality community-based education in the United States and to establish a school in Malawi, Africa. The Foundation has also been active closer to home, with Cole Hamels hosting pitching clinics for campers at FDR Park.

Pitcher Jamie Moyer and wife Karen have long been recognized for their tireless efforts for young people. Jamie Moyer, who set records for longevity and accomplishment almost every time he took the mound this year, has set more records through the Moyer Foundation, raising more than \$19 million in the past decade to assist over 170 programs that directly serve the needs of children in severe distress. The Moyers established Camp Erin, in 2007, as a weekend bereavement camp for children, and the Foundation has set up three dozen such camps with hopes to establish a Camp Erin in every Major League City.

Coming out of the bullpen are J.C. Romero, with his "Romero's Rookies" benefitting underprivileged children, closer Brad Lidge, who with his wife Lindsay partner with the Food Trust to raise awareness about healthy eating and access to healthy, affordable food. Brad Lidge also has Lidge's Legion, benefitting Children's Hospital, its patients and their families.

I'm proud to have this All-Star lineup going to bat for the underserved youth, for those battling diseases and health concerns, all across the Philadelphia area, from the inner city to the far suburbs. Thanks to all our champions in Red, on and off the field, and go Phillies!

DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR TRIBAL SELF-GOVERNANCE ACT OF 2010

SPEECH OF

**HON. MICHAEL M. HONDA**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 22, 2010*

Mr. HONDA. Mr. Speaker, I rise to express my support for H.R. 4347, "The Department of the Interior Tribal Self-Governance Act." This legislation gets us much closer to fulfilling our special nation-to-nation relationship with Native American people and tribes in our country. H.R. 4347 includes critical amendments to the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act that essentially allow for greater self-governance by Indian tribes; it directs the Secretaries of the Departments of the Interior and Health and Human Services to implement criteria that make it possible for more tribes to learn about and eventually enter into self-governance compacts or agreements to administer whole programs currently performed by the Federal Government. In addition to enhancing their sovereignty, this legislation has the potential to significantly improve the effectiveness of social, education, and health programs because leaders within specific Indian Tribes are often in the best position to determine the needs of their communities. Additionally, as suggested by a 2004 report by the Government Accountability Office (GAO), Indian tribes that participated in self-governance agreements often experienced greater growth in employment levels from 1990 to 2000 compared to those that had either lower or no participation in these programs.

I have been an ardent supporter of tribal sovereignty throughout my career as an elected official, and advocated to ensure that the Federal Government is accountable for exercising its full fiduciary responsibility. During my early career as an educator, I traveled through Indian Country doing educational research for Stanford University. Over the past 15 years serving in the California State Assembly and U.S. Congress, I have authored legislation and voted to support measures that respect and protect tribal sovereignty.

As a member of the Congressional Native American Caucus since coming to Congress in 2001, I have been a strong supporter of full respect and recognition of tribal jurisdictions, for the expansion of tribal courts, the protection of Indian water and fishing rights, increased funding for the Bureau of Indian Affairs and key programs serving Indian Country. As a member of the House Appropriations

Committee, I have fought to increase funding for vital self-governance programs and funding for programs serving Indian Country.

Once again, Mr. Speaker, I am proud that the House of Representatives has taken a significant step in the right direction!

CELEBRATING THE 60TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE 126TH AIR REFUELING WING

**HON. JERRY F. COSTELLO**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 23, 2010*

Mr. COSTELLO. Madam Speaker, I rise today to ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing the 60th Anniversary of the 126th Air Refueling Wing, Illinois Air National Guard, Scott Air Force Base, Illinois.

The 126th Air Refueling Wing, ARW, traces its origin to the formation of the 126th Composite Wing at Chicago's Midway Municipal Airport on November 1, 1950. During the 1950's there were a couple of name changes for the unit and its home moved between Chicago's Midway and O'Hare airports before it was finally designated the 126th Air Refueling Wing, received its first KC-97 flying tanker and flew its first air refueling mission in 1961.

From 1967 to 1976, the 126th ARW took part in Operation Creek Party, during which they would fly refueling missions in support of the U.S. Air Force in Europe. 150 million pounds of fuel was off-loaded to U.S. Air Force and NATO aircraft during approximately 600 flights. This marked the first time the Air National Guard had performed a continuous operation without activation.

The first KC-135 Stratotanker, the aircraft that is still flown by the 126th ARW today, began its service in 1976, at which time the 126th ARW began support of the Strategic Air Command. The 126th ARW would support U.S. Air Force operations in the first Gulf War and in Kosovo as well as respond to the Illinois Governor's call for assistance during the 1993 Midwest flooding.

As part of the 1995 round of Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC), the decision was made to move the 126th ARW to Scott Air Force Base and the move was completed in 1999.

After September 11, 2001, the 126th ARW was called to fly missions to monitor the skies over major U.S. cities. The wing again was called to support U.S. Air Force missions during the first year of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

The mission of today's 126th Air Refueling Wing is to provide air refueling support for U.S. and allied nation military forces throughout the world. As it has shown throughout its history, the 126th answers the call to protect the citizens of Illinois through civil defense and disaster relief. The men and women of the 126th Air Refueling Wing continue to protect and defend "Anytime, Anywhere!"

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Wing Commander, Colonel Peter Nezamis, and all the service men and women of the 126th Air Refueling Wing on their 60th Anniversary and wishing them the very best as they continue to provide valuable service to the State of Illinois and our great Nation.