

issues important to nonprofits and the people they serve. Marcia teaches with her husband, Wy Spano, at the Center on Advocacy and Political Leadership at the University of Minnesota—Duluth, where she is inspiring the next generation of great nonprofit leaders. She has traveled all over the country and abroad, to England, Poland and Hungary, to conduct national advocacy and organizing institutes and seminars for nonprofit centers, academic centers, and for Wellstone Action, a nonprofit dedicated to progressive social change.

Marcia gives a presentation called “Lobbying for the Truly Intimidated,” in which she tells the story of her own first legislative experience, testifying on hearing aid reform as a parent of a hearing impaired son. She went to the wrong building with a dome: the Cathedral of Saint Paul instead of the State Capitol. It was a fitting recognition of Marcia’s dual roles that in 2003 she was recognized as “Teacher of the Year” by Hamline University for her course on Public Policy and Nonprofits, and in the same year received “Activist of the Year” from the Minnesota Alliance for Progressive Action.

Marcia has played a key role in developing the field of nonprofit advocacy, with numerous articles and two books: “The Lobbying and Advocacy Handbook for Nonprofit Organizations: Shaping Public Policy at the State and Local Level” (2002); and “The Board Member’s Guide to Lobbying and Advocacy” (2004).

Marcia’s effectiveness in local, state and federal government relations is the result of her experience working as Communications Director for the late U.S. Senator Paul Wellstone, Deputy Mayor of St. Paul, Executive Director of The Minnesota Project, Assistant Commissioner of Energy for the State of Minnesota, and Legislative Director with the Minnesota Public Interest Research Group (MPIRG).

Not everyone knows that Marcia served in several key roles for MCN before she became Director of Public Policy: as one of the original planners in 1986 at a retreat at Wilder Forest; one of the three incorporators when MCN filed with the Secretary of State, and as MCN’s first Board Chair and convener of the first MCN Annual Conference in 1987. Marcia built MCN’s public policy program and developed a national reputation for MCN in the areas of public policy and capacity building.

Marcia is always generous with her time and her insights, meeting and speaking with small groups on nights and weekends as well as serving on numerous community and nonprofit boards. Her work includes serving on the board of directors of Lifetrack Resources, Inc., the Governor’s Commission on Deaf and Hard of Hearing, the Center for Lobbying in the Public Interest, Wellstone Action, the Wellstone Action Fund, and the Nonprofit Information Networking Association which publishes *The Nonprofit Quarterly*. Marcia has a BA from Carnegie Mellon University and an MA from the University of Arkansas.

Madam Speaker, as we honor Marcia’s service to the Minnesota Council of Nonprofits, it is fitting to quote from the dedication of her book, “The Lobbying and Advocacy Handbook for Nonprofit Organizations.” As she quotes her grandmother, Marcia tells us something about why she has been and will continue to be such an effective advocate for nonprofit organizations in Minnesota and across the na-

tion: “This book is dedicated to nonprofits’ achievements in shaping public policy—past, present, and future. Remember: ‘You Don’t Ask, You Don’t Get’ Grandma Mania Zaludkowski.”

ALL-AMERICAN FLAG ACT

HON. BRUCE L. BRALEY

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 23, 2010

Mr. BRALEY of Iowa. Madam Speaker, I’m proud to rise in strong support of my legislation, the All-American Flag Act. I strongly believe that our American flags should be made in the U.S.A. with American products.

Currently, Federal law does require that American flags purchased and used by the government are partially American made. That is, the law only requires that at least 50 percent of the materials used to make the flag are American made. I strongly believe that this is a hypocritical use of our taxpayer dollars, especially when the majority of American flags that are imported into the United States come from China.

According to Commerce and Census Data, in 2009, the dollar value of flags imported to the United States was \$3 million. Of that total, \$2.5 million of imported flags came from China.

The Federal Government should not be buying American flags that are manufactured in countries such as China. This is why I introduced the All-American Flag Act.

My legislation would simply require that any United States flags acquired for use by the Federal Government be entirely manufactured in the United States. This is a simple fix that ensures American flags are not foreign-made.

I urge my colleagues to support my All-American Flag Act and look forward to seeing it pass on the House floor.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. CAROLYN C. KILPATRICK

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 23, 2010

Ms. KILPATRICK of Michigan. Madam Speaker, I was unavoidably absent from votes yesterday. Had I been present, I would have voted “aye” on final passage of H.R. 5131 and “aye” on final passage of H.R. 3470.

RECOGNIZING SEATTLE INDIAN HEALTH BOARD 40TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. JIM McDERMOTT

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 23, 2010

Mr. McDERMOTT. Madam Speaker, today I rise to offer special recognition to the Seattle Indian Health Board, SIHB, on its upcoming 40th anniversary celebration. Since its founding in 1970, SIHB has played a critical role in improving the access to and quality of healthcare for the American Indian and Alas-

kan Native communities throughout King County. The organization serves as a great model for other Native care organizations throughout the country.

The Seattle Indian Health Board began its mission working with an all-volunteer staff out of various donated spaces. Within five years of its founding, SIHB grew to a staff of several dozen workers who served over 12,000 patients annually through various programs, including Thunderbird Fellowship House, SIHB’s alcoholism treatment center.

In the following decades, SIHB expanded its programs and staff in a variety of ways and has been diligent in pursuing new methods for helping its community members. Its services extend beyond medical and dental assistance; SIHB also provides a variety of mental health programs, guidance to Native youth, and generous programs to take care of the elderly and returning veterans.

These are difficult times; our Nation faces difficult challenges at home, and our Native communities are some of the most vulnerable. The Seattle Indian Health Board has done an excellent job in making sure that these communities receive the care and attention they need. For this, they have my deep gratitude and congratulations on four decades of service, and my best wishes for many more.

RECOGNIZING EUREKA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL OF KEYSVILLE, VIRGINIA

HON. THOMAS S. P. PERRIELLO

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 23, 2010

Mr. PERRIELLO. Madam Speaker, today I wish to recognize Eureka Elementary School of Keysville, Virginia, which has been honored as a 2010 Blue Ribbon School by the Department of Education. Eureka Elementary has worked hard to achieve this prestigious honor, and I am proud to congratulate Principal Andy Heintzleman, the staff, and the students of Eureka on their success.

The Blue Ribbon Award for improving schools is given to schools that show dramatic improvements in achievement for disadvantaged students. These schools are leaders in education reform and sharing best practices, helping to disseminate information that can be used to improve education across the country. The Blue Ribbon Flag that will now fly over Eureka Elementary School will stand as a beacon to schools throughout the Nation—a signal of the power of education to change lives and unlock the potential in every child.

Eureka Elementary has shown us all what teachers and students can accomplish with dedication, collaboration, and hard work, and I am confident that they will build on this award both within their own community and to assist other schools in achieving such a high standard. I congratulate Eureka and its community again on their momentous achievement, and I look forward to seeing them lead the way in educating our Nation’s children for generations to come.