

Madam Speaker, I join my colleagues in expressing our sincere appreciation to Chief Master Sergeant Steven J. Perrault for his outstanding service to both the United States Air Force and our great nation. Chief Perrault will retire from the United States Air Force service with more than just his experience, decorated career and remarkable accomplishments. He will also have served as a shining example and constant reminder of what it means to be an American patriot and leader. I am grateful for his service and salute him as he retires from the United States Air Force.

INTRODUCING THE SAVE THE BAY
HOME OWNER ACT OF 2010

HON. JOHN P. SARBANES

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 29, 2010

Mr. SARBANES. Madam Speaker, I rise today to introduce the Save the Bay Homeowner Act of 2010. This legislation would allow the 17 million citizens of the Chesapeake Bay watershed to become citizen stewards of the Bay and give them an active role in restoring it.

The bill directs the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to develop a "Save the Chesapeake Bay Home" designation program that identifies various steps homeowners could voluntarily take around their property to reduce nutrient and sediment runoff and improve water quality in local streams and rivers that feed into the Bay. If a participating home meets certain standards, such as installing rain barrels or reducing fertilizer on their lawns, that home could be designated a "Save the Chesapeake Bay Home." The legislation further directs the EPA to give credit to states and local jurisdictions for nutrient and sediment level reduction based upon the number of homeowners that achieve the "Save the Chesapeake Bay Home" designation.

Under the Clean Water Act, the EPA must develop a Chesapeake Bay Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) because the Bay has failed to meet water quality goals and segments of the Bay are classified as "impaired" water ways. The TMDL will limit the amount of nitrogen, phosphorus and sediment that may enter the Chesapeake Bay and its tidal tributaries based on what is required to restore the Bay. Each state within the watershed will be required to meet pollution limits and water quality goals under this new framework. There are different ways that state and local governments can meet these standards but many require relatively expensive infrastructure upgrades or storm water runoff retrofits. This bill gives those state and local jurisdictions a voluntary tool to meet TMDL standards while engaging the 17 million citizens of the Chesapeake Bay watershed. Furthermore, if states and local jurisdictions receive credit towards their TMDL limit for "Save the Chesapeake Bay Homes," they can pass along those savings to homeowners who choose to participate in the program through reductions in their water and sewer bills or their property taxes—a meaningful incentive for citizens who do right by the Bay.

Madam Speaker, to truly Save the Chesapeake Bay, we need the 17 million people who live in the Bay's watershed to become cit-

izen stewards of the streams and rivers in their community. If each individual within the watershed were to contribute to clean-up efforts, even in small ways, the aggregate would yield significant results in moving Bay restoration forward. I hope my colleagues will join me in supporting this legislation.

HONORING GENESSEE COUNTY COMMITTEE FOR COMMUNITY PEACE

HON. DALE E. KILDEE

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 29, 2010

Mr. KILDEE. Madam Speaker, on Saturday, October 2nd, the Genesee County Committee for Community Peace will dedicate a statue of Mahatma Gandhi on the campus of the University of Michigan-Flint. The statue, the first of its kind in Michigan, will be installed in the Peace Park in celebration of Peace Day.

The Genesee County Committee for Community Peace has been celebrating Peace Day in Flint Michigan for over 15 years. The Committee is part of the Chinmaya Seva Samiti of Flint. Over the years they have sponsored several events including essay writing competitions, building of a sports field for the underprivileged, painting a peace mural, honoring a Peace Maker annually, and the creation of the Peace Park. Their goals are promoting peace, teaching ways of harmonious co-existence, and educating future generations on the principles of peace and nonviolence. The University of Michigan-Flint, the Community Foundation of Greater Flint, Dr. and Mrs. M. Nagaraju, the Genesee Intermediate School District and the Genesee County Medical Society Alliance are represented on the Committee.

Mahatma Gandhi said, "I offer you peace. I offer you love. I offer you friendship. I see your beauty. I hear your need. I feel your feelings. My wisdom flows from the Highest Source. I salute that Source in you. Let us work together for unity and love." In keeping with his sentiments, the Committee believes in embracing the unifying features of all different beliefs and ethnicities and strives to pass on this wisdom to the next generation.

Madam Speaker, I ask the House of Representatives to join me in recognizing the dedication, efforts and enthusiasm of the Genesee County Committee for Community Peace to promote unity, and enhance peace in Flint and Genesee County. I pray that their work to create a more harmonious world is successful.

A TRIBUTE TO MR. BRAD MORAN

HON. RANDY NEUGEBAUER

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 29, 2010

Mr. NEUGEBAUER. Madam Speaker, I would like to recognize Mr. Brad Moran for being inducted into the Tech University Mass Communications Hall of Fame.

Brad received a Bachelor's Degree in Business from Texas Tech in 1982, making him the first college graduate in his family. While attending Texas Tech, Brad worked as an afternoon disk jockey. After graduation, he

went to work for his father at KJTV-34 as a national sales manager. In 1985, Brad and his father decided to make their station a FOX affiliate. The father-son team also launched a Spanish-language station, Telemundo 46. Since then, Brad has launched several successful news and interactive talk radio shows under the name of Ramar Communications. Most recently, the Ramar radio group launched TT 104.3, the Texas Tech University athletics station.

Not only is Brad Moran a successful broadcaster, but he is also very active in the community. He has served on, and chaired, numerous fundraising committees for Lubbock. A few of these include the Lubbock Area United Way, American Cancer Society, South Plains Area Food Bank, and Lubbock Rotary Club. Brad continues to support Texas Tech from academics to athletics. He is a member of the Chief Executives Roundtable for the Rawls College of Business and has committed to begin a scholarship endowment for the Texas Tech College of Mass Communications. Additionally, Brad has served on numerous committees of the Lubbock Chamber of Commerce, and he is currently serving on the Chamber's Board of Directors.

A few noted accolades and awards Brad has received include the 1999 LAF Silver Medalist; 2003 Alexis de Tocqueville Society Award for his community dedication through philanthropic and human service; and the Lubbock Chamber's 2006 Businessperson of the Year Award.

I am enormously appreciative to Mr. Brad Moran for his contributions to Texas Tech and the Lubbock community. Those in District 19, including myself, congratulate him on being named to the Hall of Fame and extend to him our best wishes for his future endeavors.

TEJANOS OF WORLD WAR II

HON. TED POE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 29, 2010

Mr. POE of Texas. Madam Speaker, America honors Hispanic Heritage this month. I would like to recognize some of Texas' heroes who served their country in body and deed, held up the torch of bravery and, in turn, were awarded Medals of Honor for their actions.

Born in San Marcos, Texas, Cleto Rodriguez enlisted in the U.S. Army in 1944, where he served as a Private in Company B, 148th Infantry, 37th Infantry Division. On February 9, 1945 in Manila, while crossing a railroad station, Cleto's platoon was stopped by intense Japanese gunfire. Without being ordered to do so, Rodriguez and a fellow soldier, Private First Class John N. Reese, Jr., left the platoon and marched straight into the enemy volley. For two and a half hours, charged on conquest, Rodriguez and Reese killed over 82 Japanese soldiers and paved the way for an American victory at the railroad station that day. Sadly, Reese was killed in action defending his friends and country. For his "determination to destroy the enemy and courage in the face of tremendous odds," Rodriguez was awarded the Medal of Honor. He became the first Mexican American GI to be given this award in the South Pacific.

Private First Class Silvestre Herrera, drafted to the U.S. Army in 1944, was a seasoned