

specializes in individualized curriculum development, parent and staff training and behavior planning.

Madam Speaker, it is only right and fitting that amFAR will present this remarkable couple with its Award of Courage on November 12 at its annual San Francisco Gala. Their substantial contributions have advanced AIDS research and the treatment and prevention of HIV. I ask that this house join me in thanking the Goldmans for their philanthropic efforts to better this world for those in need.

IN HONOR AND RECOGNITION OF
RINALDO S. BRUTOCO

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 16, 2010

Mr. KUCINICH. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor and recognition of Rinaldo S. Brutoco, a successful technical innovator, entrepreneur and businessman who has dedicated his life to transforming the consciousness of business to be a force for the common good. Mr. Brutoco consistently invests his time, expertise and personal resources to incubate peace-building, ecological sustainability and consciousness-raising initiatives.

As President and founder of the World Business Academy, he has worked to educate, inspire and assist business leaders to take responsibility for society. His work with the Academy led Deepak Chopra to select Mr. Brutoco as his "favorite intelligent optimist," saying, "Rinaldo Brutoco has provided a platform for harnessing the creativity and compassion of some of the best minds in the world to create a vision of the future of socially and ecologically responsible business. As we now enter a global economic crisis, Rinaldo's ideas on the creation of true wealth that will benefit society will become even more valuable."

Mr. Brutoco was instrumental in the founding of the National Peace Academy, a historic learning institution that focuses on peace through programs that develop an understanding of the self's role in non-violent conflict resolution. The National Peace Academy is preparing the next generation of peace builders who will bring their unique backgrounds to communities as well as the corporate, nonprofit, and government workplace.

As Principal and CEO of the ShangriLa Group, Mr. Brutoco consults on the leading edge of business, renewable energy, international micro and macroeconomics, technology and finance.

Madam Speaker, please join me in honor of Rinaldo S. Brutoco a practical visionary, change agent and futurist who has compassionately devoted his life, extensive knowledge and considerable talents to the betterment of life on our planet.

HONORING THE 135TH ANNIVERSARY OF ST. JOHN BAPTIST CHURCH IN FLETCHER, NORTH CAROLINA

HON. HEATH SHULER

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 16, 2010

Mr. SHULER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the 135th anniversary of St. John Baptist Church in the town of Fletcher, North Carolina. Since 1875, this church has brought light and joy to the lives of many devoted members.

St. John Baptist Church has long been a sanctuary shared by for those seeking Christ and deserves commendation for its many years of good service to the people of Fletcher. The importance of faith in community rings true in St. John Baptist Church's long and storied history. From its humble beginnings, St. John Baptist Church has grown to be a proud and prominent part of the Fletcher community. Over the past one hundred and thirty-five years, the Church has witnessed many significant moments in history from both World Wars to the Civil Rights Movement.

The strength and longevity of St. John Baptist Church has proven to be an inspiration for many, and I look forward to seeing what the future holds for the Church as it continues its journey through future years. Madame Speaker I urge my colleagues to join me today in congratulating St. John Baptist Church on its outstanding service to the community over its 135-year history.

HONORING FORMER WEST VIRGINIA HOUSE OF DELEGATE MEMBER BEATRICE "JACKIE" WITHROW

HON. NICK J. RAHALL II

OF WEST VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 16, 2010

Mr. RAHALL. Madam Speaker, Jackie Withrow was an angel for the ages. She was Florence Nightingale, Susan B. Anthony and Eleanor Roosevelt all rolled into one.

If the Almighty had to pick a day to open Heaven's Gates for Jackie, none could be mean more meaningful than Veteran's Day for no one cared more or worked harder for our veterans. One estimate credited Jackie with 27,500 hours of service to our veterans.

I am sure that number would pale in comparison to all she really did over her lifetime of dedication to our veterans, taking them to church services on Sundays and planning new ways to serve them at all hours.

Many people blaze trails, and Jackie accomplished that but made sure others were able to follow her.

Jackie was always known for breaking new ceilings for women. She cared about that, of course. But I think she and the women who supported her and followed in her footsteps were proudest of the issues on which they could command attention in their day, like health care. Health care was on Jackie's radar screen from the beginning—for our miners, our children, and those needing mental health services.

Senator Bill Wooton led the charge to make sure we would forever be reminded of her trailblazing leadership by appropriately naming a hospital for her.

Bill spoke of "Mercy" and "Justice" to describe Jackie's contributions to us. To those we must surely add, "Commitment" and "Dedication."

Her public service never wavered. Although she served in our state's legislature for a generation, her longest public service was as a good citizen and dependable neighbor.

Long out of office, Jackie continued opening doors of opportunity and opening the eyes of the rest of us. Always with a warm heart and determined will, Jackie Withrow changed our world for the better.

Jackie's lasting legacy to each of us was her fierce loyalty to what she believed in the most—the "least" of us, as Christ taught. And, we recall the loyalty of Ruth in the Old Testament as we celebrate Jackie's loyalty to those who needed her hand and hope the most:

Do not press me to leave you
or to turn back from following you!

Where you go, I will go;

Where you lodge, I will lodge;

Your people shall be my people and your God
my God.

Where you die, I will die

There I will be buried.

May the Lord do thus and so to me

And more as well

If even death parts me from you!

Next to my family, Jackie was my earliest and strongest supporter. I will celebrate Jackie's life the rest of my days. I know countless others will never be far from her firm hand of friendship, her warm smile of compassion, and that ever present twinkle in her eye of figuring out how she was going to help.

My family and I offer Jackie's family and her many friends our thoughts and prayers, as we all celebrate this extraordinary woman's life.

TRIBUTE TO LINDA LEHMAN

HON. WILLIAM L. OWENS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 16, 2010

Mr. OWENS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Linda Lehman for being recognized as the 2010 Caregiver of the Year by the Behavioral Health Services North Inc. Caregiver Resource Center in Plattsburgh, NY.

Behavioral Health Services North Inc.'s Caregiver Resource Center bestows the honor of Caregiver of the Year each November, in commemoration of National Family Caregiver's Month. Lehman was chosen as Caregiver of the Year in recognition of her work as full-time caregiver for her father, Reggie Love.

The award is presented in recognition of outstanding service and sacrifice, and Mrs. Lehman's actions have demonstrated exactly this. She has enjoyed a full career as a caregiver, describing her work as a labor of love and crediting her family and friends for providing a support system that is so critical to her work.

Mrs. Lehman's work for her father is representative of what makes our community great, and today I congratulate her on her achievement.