Madam Speaker, please join me in honor of Dan Fuller, whose longtime service to our community is framed by expertise, integrity and unwavering dedication to keeping boaters educated and protected along the waterways of Lake Erie. As he embarks on a new voyage, I wish Mr. Fuller, and his family, an abundance of health, happiness and peace.

HONORING DETROIT CATHOLIC CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY TEAM

HON. THADDEUS G. McCOTTER

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 16, 2010

Mr. McCOTTER. Madam Speaker, today I rise to acknowledge the Division 1 State Champion Cross Country team from my alma mater, Detroit Catholic Central High School. On November 6, 2010 the Catholic Central Shamrocks outran the Dexter Dreadnaughts to claim their second consecutive title.

After a season that saw great success in both dual meets and invitationals, Catholic Central distanced themselves from the rest of the Detroit Catholic League by garnering a point total of 26, less than half of 2nd place Brother Rice's 72 to win the Catholic League Championship. Moving on to MHSAA Regionals six days later, the Shamrocks placed 2nd, with a meager 2 points separating them from the Pinckney Pirates.

Head Coach Tony Magni's harriers were determined to hold on to the state title as the starter's pistol sounded at Michigan International Speedway. The Blue and White avenged the stinging regional loss to Pinckney by legging out a 1st place finish of 103 over 2nd place Dexter's 114 and leaving Pinckney to bring up 3rd place with 146. Head Coach Magni, along with Assistant Coaches Brian Wilson and Kevin Mason celebrated as their team took back to back state championships.

The hard work and dedication of this team and all of its members epitomizes what it means to be a Shamrock. By the teaching of our Basilian Fathers through goodness, discipline and knowledge, the entire Catholic Central family, including this alumnus, shares in this accomplishment.

Madam Speaker, the 2010 Catholic Central Shamrocks deserve to be recognized for their determination, achievement and spirit and I am very proud of their determination and effort. I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating the Shamrocks for obtaining this spectacular title and honoring their devotion to our community and country. Live and Die for CC High!

TRIBUTE TO JOSEPH DONALD LIND, SR.

HON. STEVE DRIEHAUS

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 16, 2010

Mr. DRIEHAUS. Madam Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to Joseph Donald Lind, Sr., who passed away November 7, 2010. Mr. Lind was an inspirational leader to his community, city, and country.

Mr. Lind graduated from Elder High School in 1953, where he put himself through school working as a maintenance man at St. Joseph Church in the West End. Upon graduating from Elder, Mr. Lind joined the United States Army where he earned an honorable discharge. Mr. Lind continued to serve his community by joining the Cincinnati Police Department for the remainder of his professional career.

It would have been easy for Mr. Lind to stop giving back to his community after his long career of public service; however, he continued to give back until his last day. Mr. Lind served as president of the Elder Dad's Club for 23 years and continually volunteered his time and energy for any cause that benefitted Elder High School. His impact on the Elder community will live on for generations to come.

Mr. Lind's charisma and commitment through service will not be forgotten and will serve as an example for years to come. Mr. Lind has showed us that serving your community is not a short sprint of a few years but a marathon that lasts a lifetime. Mr. Lind's community and country gave him countless opportunities and he worked a lifetime to give back to those that gave to him. Although Mr. Lind will no longer be with us, his legacy will continue on.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE NATIONAL WOMEN'S POLITICAL CAUCUS, ITS 2010 ''EXCEPTIONAL MERIT IN MEDIA'' HONOREES, AND ITS LATE CO-FOUNDER LIZ CARPENTER

HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 16, 2010

Mrs. MALONEY. Madam Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to the National Women's Political Caucus, NWPC, and to the 2010 recipients of its ''Exceptional Merit in Media Awards'', or ''EMMAs''. Last month at the Cornell Club in New York City, the NWPC honored several distinguished leaders with EMMAs at a ceremony in New York City hosted by the renowned actress Tyne Daly and dedicated to the memory of the late Liz Carpenter, its distinguished Co-Founder.

With state and local affiliates across America, the National Women's Political Caucus is the only national organization dedicated exclusively to increasing women's participation in all areas of political and public life—as elected and appointed officials, as delegates to national party conventions, as judges in state and federal courts, and as lobbyists, voters and campaign organizers. The NWPC was founded in 1971 by Liz Carpenter, former Press Secretary to Lady Bird Johnson; the late New York Congresswomen Bella Abzug and Shirley Chisholm; and several other distinguished woman leaders to advance its vital mission of achieving equal representation for women in our national political life. Today, the Caucus is led by its indefatigable and remarkably effective President, Lulu Flores. Each year the NWPC presents its Exceptional Merit in Media Awards to honor exceptional films, print publications, blogs and ''virtual'' news outlets, and other media leaders and institutions that highlight issues important to women and that promote the EMMAs' goal of encouraging journalists to produce pieces that elevate the civil discourse on issues that affect women. Also honored with EMMAs were three books: Jesus, Jobs, and Justice: African-American Women and Religion, by Bettye Collier-Thomas; Half the Sky: Turning Oppression into Opportunity for Women Worldwide, by New York Times columnist Nicholas D. Kristof and Sheryl WuDunn; and Notes from the Cracked Ceiling: Hillary Clinton, Sarah Palin, and What It Will Take for a Woman to Win, by Washington Post correspondent Anne E. Kornblut. Four authors of articles appearing in magazines were honored: Helen Benedict for her piece, ''The Scandal of Military Rape,'' which appeared in Ms. Magazine; Liz Welch for ''Meet Generation (R)x,'' published in Glamour; Sabrina Rubin Erdely for her article in Self, ''The Crime Against Women That No One Understands''; and Jessica Pupovac for her article, ''Silenced in the Barracks: The Pentagon Fails to Protect U.S. Troops from Sexual Abuse,'' published by In These Times.

The woman to whom the 2010 EMMA ceremony was dedicated, NWPC's late Co-Founder Liz Carpenter, was truly an extraordinary, pioneering figure in American political history. An accomplished journalist, author and public servant who served as the Press Secretary to a great First Lady, Lady Bird Johnson, Liz was also an accomplished raconteuse possessed of a remarkable and lively wit. It is therefore entirely appropriate that the NWPC has created the Liz Carpenter Political Humor Award, which this year was awarded for the first time to Samantha Bee, who amuses millions of viewers with her piercing political barbs on The Daily Show with Jon Stewart on the Comedy Central television network. Madam Speaker, I rise to request that my distinguished colleagues join me in recognizing the National Women's Political Caucus, its 2010 EMMA honorees, and NWPC's late Co-Founder Liz Carpenter for their tireless efforts to achieve equal representation and participation of women in American political life.

HONORING ROBERT L. FORBUSS, RECIPIENT OF THE AMERICAN AMBULANCE ASSOCIATION'S 2010 SPECIAL RECOGNITION AWARD

HON. SHELLEY BERKLEY

OF NEVADA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 16, 2010

Ms. BERKLEY. Madam Speaker, today I urge my colleagues to join me in recognizing the achievements of Robert L. Forbuss, a native Nevadan, for his lifetime of service to Las Vegas.

Robert L. Forbuss began his professional career in Las Vegas as a teacher at Bishop Gorman High School from 1972–1981. He served on the Clark County School District Board of School Trustees from 1979–1986. Currently, he is the Senior Vice-Chairman of the Board for The Public Education Foundation, and he has been serving on that board since 1997. Throughout his life, Bob's biggest achievement is that of ''Teacher.'' Whether the students were enrolled at Gorman High School, on the debate team, learning history or political science or just learning the ropes in the world of politics in Nevada, Bob was always happy to help mentor anyone with a little

initiative. A member of the Chamber of Commerce since 1985, he served as the Las Vegas Chamber of Commerce Chairman twice and Chairman of the Las Vegas Convention and Visitors Authority. Bob's influence is felt throughout Nevada and the nation and is most importantly represented in the elementary school that bears his name.

But Bob didn't stop there. He has also been recognized as a national Emergency Medical Service (EMS) leader. Bob was instrumental in educating and implementing new levels of EMS care for citizens, specifically Emergency Medical Technician, Paramedic, and Critical Care Paramedic. He served on the Clark County EMS Medical Advisory Board for decades and was a founding member of the national American Ambulance Association. He was also a founder of the national Commission on the Accreditation of Ambulance Services and served as the American Ambulance Association's president and member or ex-officio member of every American Ambulance Association leadership committee.

Mr. Forbuss has served as faculty for the American Ambulance Association, the American College of Emergency Physicians (ACEP) and traveled as part of ACEP's special EMS envoy to Russia. He belongs to the National Association of EMS Physicians, the International Association of Fire Chiefs, the International Association of Fire Fighters, EMS Today, EMS EXPO, and many other EMS related educational entities. Additionally, he served as Vice Chair for the National Registry of EMTs and served as faculty for the Japan Ambulance Association.

Mr. Forbuss led the ambulance response during two of Clark County's major mass casualty events, the MGM and Hilton hotel fires, as well as the PEPCON explosion in Henderson, Nevada.

Robert L. Forbuss received the EMS Today, EMS Administrator of the Year Award; the American Ambulance Association's President's Award and The Man of the Year Award. Also under his leadership, Mercy Ambulance received the United States Senate Quality and Productivity Award.

As the Representative for Nevada's First Congressional District, it gives me immense pride to recognize Robert L. Forbuss' lifetime of outstanding achievements and contributions to Las Vegas, and specifically on the occasion of the 2010 American Ambulance Association's Annual Conference, for his dedication and professionalism to the ambulance industry. I urge my colleagues to join me in honoring this outstanding American.

IN HONOR OF STANLEY EUGENE TOLLIVER

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 Stanley Eugene Tolliver, a dedicated family man, accomplished attorney, community advocate and civil rights leader on the occasion of his 85th birthday.

Born and raised in Cleveland, Ohio, Mr. Tolliver attended Cleveland Public Schools. He earned his undergraduate degree at Baldwin-Wallace College with a major in pre-law. He graduated with a law degree from Cleveland-Marshall College of Law in 1951. After law school, Mr. Tolliver served honorably in the United States Army.

Mr. Tolliver lives his life with a focus on service to others and to his community. He served for many years on behalf of the City of Cleveland schools. He was appointed by the late Judge Frank Battisti to the Committee of the Office of School Monitoring and Community Relations. He was elected as a member of the Cleveland School Board in 1981 and was re-elected in 1985 and 1987. In 1990, Mr. Tolliver was elected as President of the School Board.

Mr. Tolliver has also been a lifelong leader in our nation's struggle for civil rights. He served as legal counsel to Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., the Southern Christian Leadership Conference and the Congress of Racial Equality. He worked as the legal advisor for the Shield Club and led the indictment of ten Cleveland police officers for violent crimes. On the forefront of the civil rights movement in Cleveland, and across the country, Mr. Tolliver's work paved the way for equal rights and justice for all.

Madam Speaker and Colleagues, please join me in honor of Stanley Eugene Tolliver, as we celebrate the joyous occasion of his 85th birthday. His commitment to our community and to our nation reflects integrity, generosity and heart. We are grateful for his continued service.

HONORING OPERATION TRIBUTE

HON. MICHAEL H. MICHAUD

OF MAINE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 16, 2010

Mr. MICHAUD. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Operation Tribute for its substantial impact in spreading holiday joy to the children of military families.

Operation Tribute donates gifts to thousands of children in military families during the holiday season. Beginning just 4 months before Christmas 2007, founder Marc Badeau and his "Operation Holiday Cheer" raised more than $100,000, translating into 9,000 gifts that were given to 2,500 children across Maine.

One year later, the organization changed its name to Operation Tribute and expanded to over 800 communities throughout New England and New York. That year, $650,000 was raised to purchase 23,000 gifts. Marc has continued to expand the program along the East Coast and is aiming to reach all 50 States within the next 5 years.

For many military families, the holiday season can be a time of great sadness as children miss one or more parents stationed overseas. Through the giving of these gifts, Operation Tribute provides these brave children with an important measure of joy and hope. No one has had to make greater sacrifices in defense of our Nation than our armed forces and their families, and this is just one small way that we can give back to them.

The value of this program cannot be overestimated, and I wish Mr. Badeau and Operation Tribute the very best of luck going forward.

Madam Speaker, please join me in recognizing Operation Tribute and its founder Marc R. Badeau.

RECOGNIZING THE ACHIEVEMENTS OF PUGET SOUND NAVAL SHIPYARD AND INTERMEDIATE MAINTENANCE FACILITY IN ENGAGING AND HIRING WOUNDED WARRIORS AND VETERANS

HON. NORMAN D. DICKS

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 16, 2010

Mr. DICKS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to an outstanding organization located in my district, the Puget Sound Naval Shipyard and Intermediate Maintenance Facility (PSNS & IMF). PSNS & IMF, commanded by Captain Mark Whitney, leads Naval Sea Systems Command in engaging and hiring our nation's veterans and wounded warriors. In Fiscal Year 2010 PSNS & IMF hired 56 Disabled Veterans with a disability of 30 percent or greater, providing them with the opportunity to productively continue to contribute to our nation's security through the critical work of maintaining our Navy.

The debt of gratitude the nation owes our veterans is immeasurable, but this is one effort which has had a substantial and meaningful impact towards our responsibilities for these men and women. I submit this letter from Vice Admiral Kevin M. McCoy, Commander of Naval Sea Systems Command, as testimony to the leadership and achievements of Captain Whitney and Puget Sound Naval Shipyard and Intermediate Maintenance Facility.

DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY,
NAVAL SEA SYSTEMS COMMAND,
Washington Navy Yard, DC, October 22, 2010.

Congressman NORM DICKS.
Rayburn House Office Building,
Washington, DC.

DEAR CONGRESSMAN DICKS: During my visit to Bremerton for Armed Forces Day 2010, you had some very encouraging comments about the great work of Puget Sound Naval Shipyard and Intermediate Maintenance Facility (PSNS & IMF) in taking care of our Nation's Veterans and in particular our Wounded Warriors. We also discussed NAVSEA initiatives in support of these very important programs as I had recently returned from the Wounded Warrior Olympics in Colorado. Captain Mark Whitney continues to lead NAVSEA activities in hiring and reaching out to our veterans and wounded warriors. For Fiscal Year 2010, PSNS & IMF has hired 56 Disabled Veterans with 30 percent or greater disability.

This past year, they participated in many significant events to hire veterans and wounded warriors. They strengthened their partnership with agencies that support Wounded Warriors by hosting a familiarization visit of the shipyard with Career Counselors, Employment Specialists, and Vocational Rehabilitation Counselors from Warrior Transition Command, Phoenix Battalion, Fort Lewis; Seattle and Bremerton Veterans Affairs Vocational Rehabilitation/Education Office. The visit provided information that improved awareness of the career and development opportunities available for Wounded Warriors and Disabled Veterans at naval shipyards.

Most recently the shipyard entered into a partnership with the Navy Safe Harbor Program at Bremerton Naval Hospital to provide internship opportunities for active duty service members who are seriously wounded, injured, or ill. This is a terrific opportunity for service members to productively apply