

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

CELEBRATING THE LIFE AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF RICHARD GOLDMAN

HON. NANCY PELOSI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 2, 2010

Ms. PELOSI. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the life and the accomplishments of Richard Goldman, a great American and a dear friend. The passing of Richard Goldman, an accomplished businessman, noted philanthropist and powerful advocate for environmental justice, will be felt throughout the world in the hearts of all who work to preserve the planet, protect women's rights, and strengthen the Jewish community.

Richard Goldman's story cannot be told without beginning with his life's love, Rhoda. As young children, they lived down the street from each other; in 1946 they were reunited at a friend's wedding, and were married within the year. Together they were inseparable until Rhoda's passing in 1996.

As two of the Nation's most noted philanthropists, Richard and Rhoda established their family foundation in 1951. In the decades since, it has given away more than half a billion dollars in support to charitable causes. As patrons of the arts and culture, Jewish community and the environment, their impact has been felt nationally and around the world. In San Francisco, their impact can be seen from the new headquarters for the Family Violence Prevention Fund in the Presidio to the Conservatory of Flowers and the Lands End Trails Forever project at the Golden Gate National Recreation Area.

Their commitment to the pursuit of knowledge is enshrined at the Goldman School of Public Policy at UC Berkeley. Their compassion for the suffering is self-evident in the \$1 million gift to 14 HIV and AIDS organizations on the 25th anniversary of this devastating disease. And their work supporting the state of Israel and fighting anti-Semitism has made the world a better and safer place.

The Goldman's commitment to the air we breathe, the water we drink and the land that we share is among their greatest accomplishments. Their work has protected threatened habitats, reduced harmful impacts on the environment and restored California's pristine forests, coasts and wilderness. In 1990, Richard and Rhoda founded the Goldman Environmental Prize, nicknamed the "Green Nobel Prize," which is awarded annually to grassroots environmental heroes from each of the world's six inhabited continents and is the largest award of its kind.

Richard Goldman's reputation for success and philanthropy is well known. Those who know him well have enjoyed his wonderful personality. His love of his children John, Doug and Susan and his beloved late Richard; and his glowing pride in his grandchildren gave a twinkle to his eye.

His pride in San Francisco, its people, its arts and its sports—go Giants—were part of

who he was. Richard Goldman was a great patriot who loved our country—the diversity of its people, the beauty of its natural resources and the freedoms we all enjoy. He served our country in uniform in his youth and every day since.

I hope it is a comfort to his children John and his wife Marcia, Douglas and his wife Lisa, and Susan and husband Michael Gelman, his eleven grandchildren and three great-grandchildren that so many people mourn his loss. Thankfully this next generation stands ready to ensure Richard and Rhoda's legacy of compassion, pursuing peace and protecting our planet goes forward.

HOBART CHAMBER OF COMMERCE 2010 AWARDS

HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKEY

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. VISCLOSKEY. Madam Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I stand before you today to recognize the Hobart Chamber of Commerce 2010 award winners and to congratulate the recipient of the Mayor's Award, County Line Orchard. These outstanding recipients will be honored during the Chamber's Annual Christmas Open House and Installation, on December 3, 2010, at the Community Center in Hobart, Indiana.

The 2010 Outstanding Business Award recipients are: Regional Federal Credit Union, Centier Bank, and Ginter Realty. Regional Federal Credit Union was established by a group of teachers in 1961 and now has offices in Hammond, Portage, and Valparaiso, as well as ten student credit unions in these areas. Centier Bank, founded in 1895, has remained in the Schrage family for the past 115 years. Mike Schrage is the current Chief Executive Officer. Under his leadership, Centier has grown to include 48 branches in Lake, Porter, LaPorte, Saint Joseph, Marshall, and Tippecanoe counties. Centier Bank was recently named one of the Best Places to Work in Indiana by the Indiana Chamber of Commerce. Ginter Realty is owned by Joyce and George Ginter, who started their business in 1965. The family-owned business is now managed by their daughter, Polly Koesters, who is the current owner and principal broker. Another daughter, Carrie Ledyard, is a real estate agent with the company. They are currently celebrating their 45th year in business. Each organization is dedicated to providing excellent business and customer service to their communities, and for that reason, they are to be commended.

The Outstanding Businessperson Award recipient is Kevin Grace. Kevin has worked for Strack and Van Til for the past 27 years. Currently, he is the manager at the Hobart location, a position that he has held for the past four years. Kevin's consistent dedication to his community, civic organizations, and sports teams is worthy of the highest praise.

Scott and William Frey are the recipients of the Visionary Award. In 1997, brothers Scott and William bought The Art Theatre, located in downtown Hobart. The two renovated and restored the theatre, which was first built in 1941. Today, the theatre attracts many visitors from surrounding communities. Scott and William have expanded their business to include the Art of Pizza restaurant, located next door to the theatre, which is set to open in 2011. For their outstanding commitment to their community, Scott and William Frey are to be honored.

The Legacy Award recipient is People's Bank. People's Bank is headquartered in Munster, with twelve branches located throughout Lake and Porter counties. David Bochnowski is the current Chairman and Chief Executive Officer. This year, People's Bank is celebrating its 100th Anniversary of community banking. People's Bank and their commitment to exceptional customer service for the past 100 years is truly remarkable, and they are worthy of such a prestigious award.

County Line Orchard is the recipient of the Chamber of Commerce, Mayor's Award. County Line Orchard in Hobart attracts a very significant number of consumers to the area. In addition to their exemplary efforts that boost business locally, they also give back to the community. Throughout the year, County Line Orchard supports non-profit organizations. They also host a free Halloween party for children in the community. For their exceptional service to their community, I congratulate County Line Orchard on this esteemed award.

Madam Speaker, at this time, I ask that you and my other distinguished colleagues join me in honoring the Hobart Chamber of Commerce award winners. For their dedication and commitment to the community of Hobart, as well as Northwest Indiana, they are worthy of the honors bestowed upon them.

HONORING THE 40TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE FEDERAL LAW ENFORCEMENT TRAINING CENTER

HON. JACK KINGSTON

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 2, 2010

Mr. KINGSTON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 40th anniversary of the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center (FLETC). Located in Glynco, Georgia, FLETC is responsible for equipping officers from over 80 different Federal Agencies with the professional training and tactical expertise needed to successfully deal with diverse situations in variety of scenarios.

Prior to the formation of FLETC, Federal agencies trained their law enforcement personnel at different sites throughout the country. Recognizing that there was a need for standardized professional instruction, Congress established CFLETC, the Consolidated Federal Law Enforcement Training Center,

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within the Department of the Treasury. After operating for five years in temporary facilities outside Washington, DC, CFLETC was renamed and moved to its permanent facilities at the former site of Naval Air Station Glynco near Brunswick, Georgia. FLETC also operates two more residential training sites in Artesia, New Mexico, and Charleston, South Carolina as well as a re-qualification center in Cheltenham, Maryland. In 2003, FLETC was moved into the newly created Department of Homeland Security, cementing its role as an essential part of the team of brave men and women who keep us safe both at home and abroad.

In addition to instructing federal officers, FLETC partners with local and state law enforcement agencies to enable advanced training for non-federal personnel that otherwise is unavailable. Furthermore, FLETC plays a central role in the effort to professionalize law enforcement departments across the globe, operating and supporting International Law Enforcement Academies in Botswana, El Salvador, Peru, Hungary, and Thailand.

Over the past 40 years, FLETC has improved both the efficiency and quality of training provided to America's Federal law enforcement officers. I congratulate FLETC on its 40 years of service to our Federal law enforcement agencies, and I am certain that FLETC personnel will continue their commitment to our country for many years to come.

HONORING A. GARLAND DELOZIER

HON. JOHN J. DUNCAN, JR.

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 2, 2010

Mr. DUNCAN. Madam Speaker, I wish today to honor one of the most well-known and respected men in Blount County, Tennessee. A. Garland DeLozier passed away at the age of 88 on October 23, 2010. He lived a long and successful life full of service to God, family, community, and Country.

Upon reporting Garland's passing, The Daily Times newspaper in Maryville declared, "Few, if any, have equaled his quiet involvement as a community leader in farm, business and government circles."

Garland's service to Blount County is legendary. He was a former Blount County Commissioner, Member of the Board of Education, President of the Chamber of Commerce, and charter member of the Foothills Land Conservancy.

He was also a man of God who always used his faith as his compass. For half a century, he served as a Deacon at Mt. Lebanon Baptist Church, where he devoted his time and effort wherever it was needed. He served as church treasurer and Sunday school teacher and even volunteered in the jail ministry.

Garland raised beef and dairy cattle most of his life and achieved much success in farming, what I believe to be one of the toughest jobs around. I have nothing but the greatest admiration for those persons who make their living off the land, and Garland somehow found time to run a successful farm and serve as a leader in the agricultural community.

Garland served as a member of the Blount County Soil Conservation District Board of Supervisors and the state Soil Conservation

Committee under Governor Lamar Alexander, whose campaign for Governor he helped lead.

He was also a member of the Farm Bureau, Gideons International, and the Blount County Livestock Association, and he served on the board of directors of First Tennessee Bank and Blount Memorial Hospital.

As you would expect from someone of Garland's character and generation, he volunteered admirably for service during World War II, serving three years in the United States Air Force in Europe.

Garland was a shining example of not just a community leader but also a beloved father, grandfather, and husband. His 64-year marriage to wife, Tommie, is something we should all aspire. I extend my deepest sympathies to Tommie, as well as Garland's daughters Carolyn and Debora, son Arthur, six grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

Garland's granddaughter, Rebecca Forster, is one of my former House Pages and a current member of my staff, and her sister, Joy, interned for me in 1996. They are wonderful young women who exude their grandfather's character and love of community, and I know he is proud of them.

The former publisher of The Daily Times wrote on the news of Garland's death, "I would like to say to his family that God will take care of them for all he did."

Madam Speaker, I urge my Colleagues and other readers of the RECORD to join me in celebrating the life of Garland DeLozier. He is an example of leadership and generosity that is becoming rarer to find, and his absence will be felt by all those who knew him.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. LYNN C. WOOLSEY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 2, 2010

Ms. WOOLSEY. Madam Speaker, on December 1, 2010, I was unavoidably detained and was unable to record my vote for Rollcall No. 595. Had I been present I would have voted: Rollcall No. 595: "yes"—Commending the City of Jacksonville, Arkansas, for its outstanding support in creating a unique and lasting partnership with Little Rock Air Force Base, members of the Armed Forces stationed there and their families, and the Air Force.

IN MEMORY OF COLONEL JOAL WOLF AND HIS SERVICE TO THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

HON. ROBERT E. ANDREWS

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 2, 2010

Mr. ANDREWS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the extraordinary contributions of Colonel Joal E. Wolf. On behalf of New Jersey's First Congressional District and the entire Nation, I would like to thank Colonel Wolf for his service and dedication.

Colonel Wolf was commissioned in the Active Component Army as a Field Artillery Officer through ROTC scholarship at Pennsylvania State University. He graduated with a bachelors of science degree in finance and

has a masters in business administration. After graduation, his initial military assignment was with the 6th Battalion, 14th Field Artillery, 1st Armored Division, Germany as Battery Fire Direction Officer, Battery Executive Officer, Battalion S2, and Assistant Battalion S3.

Upon release from active duty in 1988, Colonel Wolf entered the U.S. Army Reserves and served as Battery Commander, Battalion S1, and Battalion S4 in the 4th Battalion, 92nd Field Artillery Regiment in Erie, PA.

In 1993, Colonel Wolf was recruited by the 308th Military Intelligence (MI) Detachment based in Erie, PA, where he supported the Africa Branch and Executive Support Office at the Defense Intelligence Agency, DIA. While assigned, Colonel Wolf served as S3, Executive Officer, and Commander. During his command, the unit was credited for creating the Iraqi "55 Most-Wanted" deck of cards at the beginning of Operation Iraqi Freedom in 2003. In 2008, Colonel Wolf assumed duties as the Commander of the 3300th Strategic Intelligence Group in support of the Defense Counterintelligence & HUMINT Center and the National Media Exploitation Center at the Defense Intelligence Agency.

Colonel Wolf participates in several civic and business organizations, and is the former president of the French Creek Valley Chapter of the Military Officers Association of America. He currently resides in Conneaut Lake, PA and is president and proprietor of Conneaut Cellars Winery, Inc., a state-of-the-art winery that produces 20,000 gallons of national award-winning wine.

Madam Speaker, Colonel Joal E. Wolf's commitment to the United States must be recognized. I wish him the best in his future endeavors and thank him for his continued service and dedication to our country.

SOCIETY OF INNOVATORS OF NORTHWEST INDIANA

HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKY

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 2, 2010

Mr. VISCLOSKY. Madam Speaker, it is my distinct honor to commend Ivy Tech Community College of Indiana Northwest and its regional partners, who recently celebrated their 6th Annual "Spirit of Innovation" Induction Ceremony in which twenty individuals and nine teams were inducted as members of the 2010-2011 class of the Society of Innovators of Northwest Indiana. Six individuals were selected from these new members and inducted as Society Fellows for their exceptional efforts in innovation. These individuals are: Ralph W. Braun, the late Robert H. Forney, Jr., P. Scott Bening, Howard Cohen, Ph.D., Tom Sourlis, and Ernest Talarico, Jr., Ph.D. Also honored were two Chanute Prize team recipients: "Exploration Earth: Mission Ocean" and "Dage-MTI." For their outstanding efforts, these honorees were recognized at an award and induction ceremony sponsored by The Society of Innovators. This prestigious event took place at the Pavilion Ballrooms at the Horseshoe Casino in Hammond, Indiana, on Thursday, October 21, 2010.

The Society of Innovators of Northwest Indiana was created by Ivy Tech Community College with the goal of highlighting and encouraging innovative individuals and groups within

the non-for-profit, public, and private sectors, as well as building a "Culture of Innovation" in Northwest Indiana. The importance of innovation in Northwest Indiana, as well as globally, is crucial in today's ever-changing economy.

The six Fellows selected by the Society of Innovators were chosen for their remarkable diversity of innovation and the impact of their efforts throughout the community of Northwest Indiana. The 2010–2011 individuals named Society Fellows are as follows:

Ralph W. Braun is the CEO of The Braun Corporation in Winamac. Ralph is truly an inspiration. His personal challenge, being dependent upon a wheelchair for mobility, has inspired him to create a corporation that has become the largest manufacturer of wheelchair accessible mini-vans and lifts in the world. The late Robert H. Forney, Jr. is the former President and CEO of the Chicago Stock Exchange, Inc. Mr. Forney founded the Chicago-based Global FoodBanking Network, a foundation set up to fight hunger worldwide, in which independent food banks were established and work with over 30 countries. Tom Sourlis of MotarNet in Burns Harbor created a proper drainage system for masonry walls, changing the masonry construction industry. This original idea led to major support for local non-profit organizations. P. Scott Bening is the President and CEO of Monosol in Merrillville. His company has become the global leader in specialty water-soluble, polymer-based film manufacturing. His facilities are currently located in Portage, LaPorte, and Hartlebury, England. Howard Cohen, Ph.D., is the Chancellor of Purdue University Calumet (PUC) in Hammond. Throughout his tenure he has been the inspiration behind turning PUC into "a high quality, regional, full-service University." Ernest Talarico, Jr. Ph.D., is the founder of the International Human Cadaver Prosecution Program, a program that prepares cadavers for study with the goal of encouraging respect for donors and families. This program is based at Indiana University Northwest (IUN) and has brought professionals from around the world to Gary.

The recipients of the Chanute Prize for team innovation are: "Exploration Earth: Mission Ocean" and "Dage-MTI." "Exploration Earth: Mission Ocean" is a submarine stimulation program geared toward enhancing the development of science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) skills in elementary and middle school students. The Center for Science and Technology Education at PUC hosts this program, which is currently being expanded nationwide with a major grant from the U.S. Navy. "Dage-MTI" is a camera company located in Michigan City and is the oldest camera company in the United States. Current owners, John and Peggy Moore, rescued the store as it was about to close its doors seven years ago. "Dage-MTI" now offers some of the finest digital cameras for microscopic research in the world.

Madam Speaker, I ask you and my distinguished colleagues to join me in commending these outstanding innovators on being named Society Fellows and Chanute Prize winners. Their dedication and commitment to innovation is truly an inspiration. Their years of hard work have played a major role in shaping future development in Northwest Indiana and communities worldwide, and each recipient is worthy of the highest praise.

CALLING FOR DIGNITY, COMFORT, AND SUPPORT FOR HOLOCAUST SURVIVORS

SPEECH OF

HON. SHELLEY BERKLEY

OF NEVADA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 30, 2010

Ms. BERKLEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of this resolution and to thank my colleague from Florida for her leadership on this resolution supporting the survivors of the Holocaust.

It has been 65 years since the horrors of the Holocaust came to a close, leaving in its wake six million dead Jews as well as millions of displaced persons, orphans and widows, some of the most vulnerable and victimized people the world has ever known. Impoverished and starving, many of them arrived at our shores with little besides the clothing on their backs and their resolute determination to rebuild their lives. They started families, built businesses, synagogues and community centers and became not only contributing members of our society, but even national leaders. We all remember and miss our good friend Tom Lantos, whose dedication to human rights was so unparalleled that Congress named our Human Rights Commission in his memory.

These survivors are not only models of resilience, but are a living reminder of the horrors that evil people, if given the chance, will visit upon the defenseless. Every year we lose more and more of these heroes, who by their mere existence remind us that it is our collective responsibility to prevent genocide from ever occurring again. With Israel under threat from all sides, this message is needed more than ever before.

Sixty-five years after the Holocaust, the remaining survivors are once again entering a vulnerable time in their lives. They are growing older and relying more on government and communal services. Now is not the time to turn our backs on these survivors, whose legacy and leadership is an inspiration to us all. We must heed the call of the Old Testament Psalm: Do not cast me away when I am old; do not forsake me when my strength is gone. I urge support for this resolution.

IN RECOGNITION OF NATIONAL EPILEPSY MONTH

HON. RUSS CARNAHAN

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 2, 2010

Mr. CARNAHAN. I rise today and join the Epilepsy Foundation in calling for Americans to Get Seizure Smart! Epilepsy awareness is critically important because Americans need a better understanding about the basics of the condition. For instance, people often characterize seizures as jerking and shaking uncontrollably. However, not all seizures cause convulsions. There are many different symptoms of seizures, which can include eye fluttering, staring and laughing. Recurring seizures can be a sign of epilepsy.

Epilepsy awareness is critically important for public servants too. Because first responders

are often called when someone is having a seizure, it's critical they have good information on which to act. And because epilepsy is common in children, educators, administrators and parents need to know how to respond in an emergency.

For 40 years, the Epilepsy Foundation has been raising awareness and reducing the stigma associating with this condition. Specifically, I commend the Epilepsy Foundation of Missouri and Kansas in their efforts to ensure that people living with seizures are able to participate in all life experiences. They are working to prevent, control, and cure epilepsy through research, education, advocacy, and services.

I urge my colleagues to Get Seizure Smart! to help dispel the myths associated with epilepsy and empower those millions of Americans affected by this condition. We must work together to learn more about epilepsy and connect with our local Epilepsy Foundation to raise awareness in our communities.

THE DEDICATION OF THE LONG BEACH ROSIE THE RIVETER PARK AND INTERPRETIVE CENTER

HON. LAURA RICHARDSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 2, 2010

Ms. RICHARDSON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to support the dedication of the Long Beach Rosie the Riveter Park and Interpretive Center.

The Rosie the Riveter Park and Interpretive Center is an historic accomplishment for the Rosie Riveters, for Long Beach, California and for our nation.

Since over 175,000 women served at the Long Beach Douglas Aircraft Company, it is very appropriate that the Long Beach Rosie the Riveter Park and Interpretive Center be the second site in the United States dedicated to honoring the contributions of the women, symbolized by the cultural icon "Rosie the Riveter," who served on the home front during World War II.

The first Rosie the Riveter Park, located in Richmond, California, focuses on women who worked in the Kaiser shipyards. The Long Beach Rosie the Riveter Park and Interpretive Center, however, focuses specifically on the women who assembled military aircraft at the Douglas Aircraft Company in Long Beach. The Long Beach site includes informational displays on the Women Airforce Service Pilots, WASP. These women transported the airplanes assembled by the women at the Douglas Aircraft Company and other aircraft plants in Southern California.

During World War II over 6 million brave women courageously entered a new workforce and served admirably the United States Armed Forces by manufacturing and delivering many parts, planes, and ammunition that enabled our victory. "Rosie the Riveter" is an historic American cultural icon that represents these women who were able to produce 300,000 airplanes, 102,000 armored vehicles, 77,000 ships, 20 million small arms, 40 billion bullets and 6 million tons of bombs.

The Rosie the Riveter Park and Interpretive Center features 3-acres of historic, interpretive displays surrounded by a rose-colored

walking path that circles the park and includes an etched timeline that chronicles the history of Long Beach, Douglas Aircraft Company, and the women who worked at the plant. Attached to 1940's era light poles are interpretive signs bring up a number of themes, including: the Arsenal of Democracy, Long Beach in 1941, Rosie the Riveter Comes to Long Beach, Airplanes and the War, and Women in the Workplace. All the signs feature photographs obtained from the Library of Congress and the Boeing Company. Students are encouraged to test their knowledge of World War II history at additional signs with "Did you know?" information displays. Military service flags also hang from each light pole.

Along the walking path are several stopping points with etched stars and colorful tiles that are replicas of the recruitment posters used to encourage women to enter the workforce during the war.

A recorded narrated tour of the park that gives visitors additional information and takes them back to the 1940s with music and radio broadcasts is available for free by cellphone and can be downloaded by podcast. Visitors can listen while walking or sitting at several of the benches placed throughout the park.

The park also features a replica of a "compass rose" that once decorated the lobby of the Roosevelt Naval Base in Long Beach. The compass rose has historically been used by pilots and navigators to locate their position and is symbolic of the way in which World War II took our Nation and its people all over the world in the defense of freedom.

Adjacent to the compass rose is a quiet garden and memorial to the women and men who served in the military, noting in the inscription: "All Gave Some—Some Gave All." Carved emblems for each branch of the military, as well as the Women Airforce Service Pilots, are embedded into the memorial. Three flags fly over the memorial: a U.S. flag flown over the Capitol, a California flag, and a City of Long Beach flag.

At the south side of the park is a "flight path" lit with solar powered flashing lights that follows several planes etched in the pavers—planes that were assembled at the Douglas Aircraft plant. The 99s—an organization of women pilots formed by Amelia Earhart and Long Beach's first female licensed pilot, Gladys O'Donnell—will paint an air marking at the terminus of flight path just as they did before and after World War II.

In the Spring of 2011, the Long Beach park will add a replica of the original relief designed by Raymond Kaskey, which depicts women assembling airplanes and is included in the National World War II Memorial here in Washington, DC. This wonderful addition to the Long Beach site is being partially funded by a generous contribution from the Daughters of the American Revolution.

The Long Beach Rosie the Riveter Foundation maintains a Web site, www.lbroisie.com which includes links for teacher resources in order to utilize the park as a teaching opportunity for Long Beach and United States history.

I call upon my colleagues to take this opportunity to study, reflect upon, and celebrate the stories and accomplishments of the women who served the nation as "Rosies" during World War II and to acknowledge all those for their efforts to honor the contributions of these heroic women.

CALLING FOR DIGNITY, COMFORT,
AND SUPPORT FOR HOLOCAUST
SURVIVORS

SPEECH OF

HON. RUSH D. HOLT

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 30, 2010

Mr. HOLT. Mr. Speaker, I rise in strong support of House Concurrent Resolution 323, and I thank Representatives WASSERMAN SCHULTZ and WOLF for introducing this important measure. I have long advocated for providing resources to help our senior citizens age in their own homes with dignity, comfort, and security. That is why I worked hard to create and fund the Community Innovations for Aging in Place program at the Department of Health and Human Services. This initiative assists millions of older adults throughout the country get the services they need to live at home.

H. Con. Res. 323 brings attention to a special population of older Americans to whom aging in place is especially important. All of the approximately 127,000 Holocaust survivors living in the United States are at least 65 years old, and they are five times more likely than other older Americans to live below the poverty line. These individuals often have experienced unimaginable violence, torture, and systematic extermination in concentration camps. For them, the prospect of living in an institutional setting may be particularly frightening. We have a moral obligation to help the remaining Holocaust survivors live out their lives safely and comfortably in their own homes and local communities. I urge support for this resolution, and I look forward to working with my colleagues to ensure that Holocaust survivors have the social services they need and deserve.

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IN RECOGNITION OF THE COLO-
RADO SPRINGS SITE OF THE
MITRE CORPORATION UPON 50
YEARS OF SERVICE TO THE
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

HON. DOUG LAMBORN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 2, 2010

Mr. LAMBORN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the MITRE Corporation on the occasion of its fiftieth anniversary of their Colorado Springs site. It is a pleasure and privilege to honor MITRE for its dedicated services to the Colorado Springs community and to the United States of America.

The MITRE Corporation was founded in 1958 on the premise that the government needed a corporate partner to provide technical expertise in systems engineering and integration. MITRE was born out of the Lincoln Laboratory at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. Its founding principle was to produce quality expertise for the government by drawing on the best in both the commercial and public sectors to solve the nation's most difficult technical problems. MITRE joined the nation and Colorado Springs community to help with the challenges of standing up the new North American Aerospace Defense Command (NORAD) and engineering capabilities for its operations including the Cheyenne Mountain complex.

Over the years, the Colorado Springs site has been a vital part of the development and testing of countless critical sensor systems, data link systems, and command and control systems. From its development of space and missile warning methods in the 1960's to its recent work on the integration of Space, Cyber, and Missile Defense capabilities, MITRE has spent the last fifty years providing essential services to the defense community of the United States.

Today, the MITRE Colorado Springs Site consists of 180 engineers, scientists, researchers, analysts, and support staff providing a wide range of development and engineering expertise to the North American Aerospace Defense Command, United States Northern Command, the Air Force Space Command, Missile Defense Agency, Electronic Systems Center, and Air Force Academy. MITRE has earned an international reputation for technical excellence and innovation. Their local employees devote themselves to serving the public interest as well as contributing community service throughout the Colorado Springs community.

Madam Speaker, on behalf of the United States Congress, I am proud to honor one of America's true corporate leaders, the MITRE Corporation and its Colorado Springs site, for their fifty years of service to the defense community of Colorado Springs and across the United States. I wish everyone at MITRE the best for continued success.

IN TRIBUTE TO CHRISTOPHER
BOYLAN

HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 2, 2010

Mrs. MALONEY. Madam Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to the exceptional accomplishments of Christopher Boylan, Deputy Executive Director, Corporate and Community Affairs. Mr. Boylan is retiring from the Metropolitan Transportation Authority (MTA) after a long and celebrated career at the agency. During Mr. Boylan's successful tenure at the MTA, the agency has moved forward with long-stalled projects to provide new mass transit options and to upgrade existing infrastructure. As one of the MTA's lead advocates, Mr. Boylan has played a central role in the reinvigoration of the agency.

Mr. Boylan has been responsible for corporate-wide internal and external relations for the MTA, including federal government relations, community relations, marketing & corporate communications, and customer service. In this capacity, Mr. Boylan has represented the MTA in seeking federal funding for a variety of capital projects that are improving and expanding mass transit service for New Yorkers. Mr. Boylan has handled the many programs, problems and projects of the MTA with intelligence, patience and tact.

I first came to know Mr. Boylan during the construction of the 63rd Street Tunnel Connector, which made use of the much-derided 'tunnel to nowhere' and expanded subway service between Queens and Manhattan. Since then, I have worked with Mr. Boylan on the Second Avenue Subway and East Side Access, the two largest mass transit projects in the nation. Together these projects are employing 38,000 people and bringing nearly \$4 billion in federal funding to the state. It has always been reassuring to know that Mr. Boylan was helping to shepherd these projects forward.

In addition, Mr. Boylan has been overseeing two unique programs at the MTA, the "Arts for Transit" Program and the "New York Transit Museum," the largest public transit museum in the country and a favorite destination for

many. The New York Times has called the Arts for Transit project, now in its 25th year, a "gift to future generations." The MTA dedicates a portion of station renovation funding to public art—and the result is a range of museum-quality artworks that delight, charm and captivate commuters.

Mr. Boylan joined the MTA in 1990 and served as both Deputy Director and subsequently Director of Government Relations. From 1993 to 1996, he was Chief of Staff to two Chairmen of the MTA. Mr. Boylan has also been an active member of the American Public Transportation Association (APTA), the transit industry's trade association. He currently serves as APTA's Vice Chair of Management and Finance; Member of the Executive Committee; and Member of the Board of Directors. He also served as Vice Chair of Government Affairs of APTA from 1996–99 and again from 2003–2006 and also served on the APTA Nominating Committee and Executive Search Committee. In addition, he was previously a member of the Board of Directors of the NY Public Transit Association.

Before joining the MTA, Mr. Boylan served for nearly six years as Federal Legislative Representative in the New York City Mayor's Office of Intergovernmental Relations after having served as a legislative analyst in the City's Office of Management and Budget. Prior to joining City government he worked for the New York State Department of State in Albany and the New York State Assembly.

In addition to his civilian career, Mr. Boylan has been a dedicated Naval officer. In October 2007, he retired from the U.S. Navy/Navy Reserve as a Captain (O–6), after over two and a half decades of honorable service. His last reserve assignment was as the Navy's Deputy Chief of Information in the Pentagon, where he reported directly to the Chief of Information, the Navy's top spokesman.

Madam Speaker, I ask my distinguished colleagues to join me in recognizing the extraordinary accomplishments of Christopher Boylan, and in wishing him great success as he begins a new chapter in his career.

CONGRATULATING GREG
GORMANOUS

HON. RODNEY ALEXANDER

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 2, 2010

Mr. ALEXANDER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to applaud Greg Gormanous for his exceptional service to the Alexandria community on the occasion of his retirement. His staunch support of both the citizens of Alexandria and his students at Louisiana State University-Alexandria is admirable and deserving of appreciation.

Upon his retirement, Greg was the longest serving administrator in the history of LSU-Alexandria, where he served as Behavioral and Social Sciences Chair and the Liberal Arts Division Head and was an avid backer of four-year degree programs. Among his many accomplishments at the university, Greg helped establish three endowed student scholarships as well as initiate theatre and travel courses and the lecture series.

In addition to his work in academia, Greg is a strong advocate for the betterment of Alex-

andria by serving the public as a government liaison. He continues to be a driving force in the community for his committed leadership on various business, civic, educational and governmental boards and committees, such as the Rotary Club of Alexandria, the Convention and Visitors Bureau, the Mardi Gras Association, the Rapides Primary Health Care Center, and the March of Dimes to name a few. He is also a licensed psychologist and his extensive research has been published in numerous publications.

Through his endeavors, both professional and volunteer, Greg has earned the respect and regard of all those with whom he has served and the gratitude of the people that have come to know him.

Please join me in extending best wishes to Greg upon his retirement and wishing him future success in all his efforts.

IN HONOR OF LANCELOT McCLAIR

HON. SAM FARR

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 2, 2010

Mr. FARR. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Lancelot McClair, who recently passed away at the age of 68 following a long illness.

Lance was born in Arkansas and moved to Seaside at the age of 9. He joined the Navy during the Vietnam War and served on a submarine. On returning home he studied law at Monterey Peninsula College and received his Masters Degree from Golden Gate University. He trained as a police officer and joined the Public Defender's Office as an investigator.

In 1982, he was elected Mayor of Seaside, California. At thirty-nine years old at the time, he was the youngest mayor in the city's history. Lance served as Mayor until 1994, his twelve year tenure setting another record. During that time, Seaside was hit hard by recession, followed by the closure of neighboring Fort Ord, at the time the Army's largest base and home to over 35,000 soldiers and civilians. He worked hard for his city's economic development and promoted tourism.

After his time as Mayor, Lance continued to be involved in local politics, working to strengthen Seaside's position in the county. He made an unsuccessful run for Congress, and later for County Supervisor.

Madam Speaker, Lance McClair is remembered by all as first and foremost a fighter for his city. I know I speak for every Member of Congress in offering our condolences to his wife, Earlene; his mother, Chester Viola McClair; two sons, Todd and R. Vance; daughter, Gigi Stephens; and his many friends upon this great loss.

A TRIBUTE TO MS. SUSAN N.
KLEINROCK

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 2, 2010

Mr. TOWNS. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Ms. Susan N. Kleinrock.

Ms. Kleinrock was born in Brooklyn, New York, to the late Martin and Ruth Kleinrock.

She is a product of the New York City public education system and has received awards of excellence for both her academic and community success.

While still a high school student, Ms. Kleinrock began her career in healthcare; on weekend and evenings she volunteered at Coney Island Hospital. She was later nominated and accepted to the MJ3DEX Program, which affords pre-med students specialized training and opportunities to explore careers in healthcare.

Ms. Kleinrock graduated from New York University and completed her doctoral studies at Syracuse University. After completing her graduate training in Psychology, Ms. Kleinrock expanded her knowledge base in healthcare administration and quality management; she became a Certified Professional in Healthcare Quality and a Fellow of the American College of Healthcare Executives.

In her career, Ms. Kleinrock has come full circle. She started at Woodhull Medical and Mental Health Center, as the Coordinating Manager for Inpatient Psychiatry and later became the Assistant Director of Quality Management. With this position, she developed, implemented and trained clinical staff on standardized medical record documentation for both mental health and chemical dependency programs. Ms. Kleinrock also wrote the Certificate of Need application for the Medically Managed Detoxification Unit which opened in 1989.

In 1993, Ms. Kleinrock went to work for the Bellevue Medical and Mental Health Center; she was responsible for the quality, risk and regulatory activities of the Department of Psychiatry. This department of Bellevue is the largest public healthcare system in the country and has earned recognition for excellent clinical and administrative accomplishments. In 2010, Ms. Kleinrock returned to Woodhull Medical and Mental Health Center as the Deputy Director of Psychiatry; she continues to work as a member of the Joint Commission Survey Preparation Team.

In addition to all her professional responsibilities, Ms. Kleinrock is also a member of the Board of Directors of the American Association of Psychosocial Rehabilitation, where she advocates for quality mental health and psychosocial rehabilitation. Ms. Kleinrock believes that patient safety and quality care are vital components of a strong public healthcare system. She is endlessly committed to assisting the Woodhull staff in accomplishing this mission.

Madam Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in recognizing the achievements of Ms. Susan N. Kleinrock.

HONORING NATIONAL GUARD ON
374TH ANNIVERSARY

SPEECH OF

HON. PHIL GINGREY

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 30, 2010

Mr. GINGREY of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today as a proud cosponsor of H. Res. 1740, which recognizes and honors the National Guard on the occasion of its 374th anniversary. I would also like to thank Congressman LATTI for offering this resolution and for

his recognition of this important aspect of our Armed Forces.

The National Guard is America's oldest military component dating back to 1636 when colonial militias—comprised of ordinary citizens—would put aside their occupations to defend their fellow countrymen and towns from hostile attacks. From their service in the Revolutionary War where they stood their ground during the opening shots at Lexington Green and Concord Bridge to most recently valiantly fighting in Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraqi Freedom, the Guard has participated in every major American conflict. All Guardsmen are combat-trained, and while abroad they serve in combat missions, build schools and hospitals, and train local peacekeepers.

In 1824, the 2nd Battalion, 11th Regiment, New York Artillery became the first military organization in the United States to adopt the title "National Guard." During the Mexican War, more than 70 percent of the total manpower effort was from citizen-soldiers, and in the Spanish-American War, over 160,000 National Guardsmen volunteered for active duty on behalf of their country. As evidenced throughout history, the Guard has always been there in our time of need. Guard troops comprise more than 40 percent of the manpower for the U.S. in World War I, 300,000 Guardsmen participated in World War II, 183,000 in the Korean War, 23,000 in the Vietnam War, and 70,000 in Operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm. Finally, since the September 11, 2001 attacks, hundreds of thousands of Guardsmen have and continue to serve in combating terrorism at home and abroad.

Mr. Speaker, while the National Guard has certainly had an impressive track record of keeping our nation safe at home and throughout the world, they also support our countrymen when they are endangered by storms, floods, fires, and other disasters. Every state in the United States utilizes the National Guard for disaster assistance, and when Hurricane Katrina devastated the Gulf of Mexico, over 50,000 Guardsmen were deployed to aid in clean-up and restoration efforts.

I am particularly honored to have the Georgia National Guard headquartered in Georgia's 11th Congressional District, which I have proudly represented for 8 years. In 2005, the Naval Air Station—Atlanta was closed by the Base Closure and Realignment Commission, and on September 29, 2009, the Georgia National Guard took control of that facility adjacent to Dobbins Air Force Base. The Georgia Guardsmen have always served with integrity and have been there for our State during times of need.

I would also like to congratulate Major General William Nesbitt—who has a decorated career in the National Guard—for being reappointed as the Adjutant General of the Georgia National Guard by my good friend and former colleague in the House of Representatives, Governor-Elect Nathan Deal.

Mr. Speaker, it is truly a privilege to recognize the 374 years of service of the National Guard on behalf of our country, but we must take a moment to honor the men and women who have paid the ultimate sacrifice on the battlefield keeping the citizens of this great Nation safe. I want to say a gracious thank you to these brave individuals for their service and thank their families for bearing the great

cost of a loved one so that America can be a better place. We will never forget these heroes, and we will always honor and admire their sacrifice.

The National Guard has and always will be an icon of the United States Armed Services, and I am very proud of the job these men and women continue to do at home and around the world.

HONORING MARIA SHRIVER

HON. PATRICK J. KENNEDY

OF RHODE ISLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 2, 2010

Mr. KENNEDY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Maria Shriver, First Lady of the State of California and my first cousin for her work with her Women's Conference and Alzheimer's advocacy. Her work for those suffering from this disease is truly remarkable.

Cousin Maria is a mother, wife, daughter, sister and friend, who proudly serves as the First Lady of California. An award-winning journalist and best-selling author, Maria has transformed the office of First Lady by approaching it not simply as a role, but as a job with real purpose and a platform to make a difference. Maria became California's First Lady when her husband, Arnold Schwarzenegger, became the 38th Governor of California on November 17, 2003.

From day one, Maria made the position her own by combining her journalist's eye for the needs of real people, with a deeply ingrained passion for service and activism, and a creative entrepreneurial spirit and vision that embraces bold ideas. She has used her voice to advocate on behalf of women, the working poor, the intellectually disabled and families struggling with Alzheimer's.

Maria has created groundbreaking programs and initiatives that educate, enlist, empower, connect, and honor people who are what she calls "Architects of Change" in their own lives and in the lives of others. Under a banner called WE, the WE programs have been successful in motivating people to get involved and unite across gender, economic, and party lines.

Under Maria's leadership, The California Governor and First Lady's Conference on Women—an element of the WE Empower program—has grown into the Nation's premier forum for women, with more than 14,000 attendees every year since 2004. The conference encourages women to become "Architects of Change" in their own lives, in their communities, and in the country—and teaches them how. Hundreds of world opinion leaders and newsmakers have spoken at the conference, including Oprah Winfrey, Justice Sandra Day O'Connor, Secretaries of State Condoleezza Rice and Madeleine Albright, Barbara Walters, Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger, former Prime Minister Tony Blair, Bono, and His Holiness the Dalai Lama.

Beyond her role as First Lady, Maria has announced a project called "A Woman's Nation." This multi-faceted project, in partnership with the Center for American Progress and the University of Southern California's Annenberg Center of Communication Leadership and Policy, will take a new, empirical look at the status of American women, who, for the first time,

will make up half of the nation's workforce. The preliminary survey will be released in the fall, followed by a book.

Maria is also a vocal advocate for families that—like her own—are struggling with Alzheimer's disease. She was Executive Producer of The Alzheimer's Project, a groundbreaking four-part documentary series that premiered on HBO and won two Emmy Awards. One of the films, "Grandpa, Do you Know Who I Am?" is based on Maria's best-selling children's book dealing with Alzheimer's.

Maria also executive-produced the critically acclaimed "American Idealist: The Story of Sargent Shriver." The documentary aired on PBS and chronicled the life, accomplishments, and vision of her father, Sargent Shriver. Maria serves on the advisory board of the Sargent Shriver Peace Institute, which raises public awareness of her father's legacy as a peace builder and offers educational and training programs grounded in the principles of public service that motivate the many programs he created, including the Peace Corps, Job Corps, Head Start, and Legal Services for the Poor. In addition, she serves on the advisory board of the Lou Ruvo Center for Brain Health in Las Vegas, a new institute that will serve as a national resource for the most current research and scientific information for the treatment of Alzheimer's, Parkinson's, and Huntington's diseases.

With a career in journalism spanning more than 2 decades, Maria has been a network news correspondent and anchor for CBS and NBC, winning Peabody and Emmy Awards. She is the author of six New York Times best-selling books. Maria is also a small business owner. In February of 2008, she launched an ice cream company called Lovin' Scoopful in supermarkets around the country. A portion of the proceeds from Lovin' Scoopful benefits the Special Olympics and other charities.

Maria is a graduate of Georgetown University, with a degree in American Studies. She and Governor Schwarzenegger have four children—Katherine, Christina, Patrick, and Christopher. Maria says, "When all is said and done, my main goal in life is to raise children who feel they are deeply loved . . . children who are kind, compassionate and aware of the world around them. If I can do that, I will consider myself a success."

I wish Maria the best as she continues her important work on behalf of those with Alzheimer's. She will continue to carry my own admiration, and that of all who have had the privilege to work with her.

THE 30TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE
ASSISTANCE LEAGUE OF BOISE,
IDAHO

HON. MICHAEL K. SIMPSON

OF IDAHO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 2, 2010

Mr. SIMPSON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 30th anniversary of the Assistance League® of Boise, Idaho. This outstanding association is an all volunteer, non-profit organization that puts caring and commitment into action through philanthropic programs in Ada County, Idaho.

Thirty years ago on this day, 73 charter members opened the door to a new philan-

thropic organization, and over time their membership has grown to over 370. Together they provide a multitude of needed services to the community.

The seven philanthropic programs of Assistance League® of Boise focus on helping school age children in need, children and adults with hearing disabilities, and community education.

The members of Assistance League® of Boise have achieved remarkable results in improving the lives of those in need through their innovative and targeted philanthropic programs.

Congratulations to all the members of this fine and outstanding organization on your 30th anniversary. I thank you, the community thanks you, the children and families you have helped thank you.

A TRIBUTE TO THE MILWAUKEE
BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION
TRADES COUNCIL

HON. GWEN MOORE

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 2, 2010

Ms. MOORE of Wisconsin. Madam Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to the Milwaukee Building and Construction Trades Council as it celebrates its 100th Anniversary.

The Milwaukee Building and Construction Trades Council was created in July, 1910, in order to represent all working men and women in the trades living in the Greater Milwaukee area. The Council constantly works to assist the local unions it represents, by ensuring justice on the job, achieving the highest wages and fringe benefits possible, and providing quality work for the customer. Milwaukee Building Trades' quality efforts have proven to be effective.

The former presidents listed below have worked tirelessly to fulfill the Milwaukee Building Trades' mission: Peter Schoemann (1932–1952), John Zancanaro (1953–1973), James Elliott (1974–1996), and Lyle Balistreri (1996–present). Under their leadership, the Milwaukee Building and Construction Trades Council truly built Milwaukee.

The Milwaukee Building and Construction Trades Council helped to make numerous construction initiatives possible. Such community-enhancing projects include: Petit National Ice Center, Bradley Center, Miller Park, Elm Road Generating Station, & the Marquette Interchange.

This organization has provided countless opportunities for members of the Milwaukee community. Promoting apprenticeship programs and training has developed workers capable of addressing the many varied and future labor needs of Milwaukee. Participating in labor-management projects and initiatives has left an excellent example for future building trades leaders. Members of the Milwaukee Building Trades can be proud of the work they do, and have helped shape southeastern Wisconsin.

After one-hundred years of service, the Council deserves praise for its dedication to the labor industry. By exemplifying the balance between collaboration and solidarity, Milwaukee Building and Construction Trades Council maintains solid working relationships throughout the industry.

Madam Speaker, for these reasons, I am honored to congratulate the Milwaukee Building and Construction Trades Council for one-hundred years of exemplary leadership for local unions and dedication to developing projects in the Fourth Congressional District and the State of Wisconsin.

HEALTHY, HUNGER-FREE KIDS
ACT OF 2010

SPEECH OF

HON. JUDY CHU

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 1, 2010

Ms. CHU. Madam Speaker, I am very proud that the legislation before us includes important new options for high-poverty schools to provide free meals to all students. These new options, known as community eligibility, will reduce hassles for schools and stigma for students. They will allow schools serving our poorest communities to throw open the cafeteria doors and focus on serving the healthiest possible meals to all their students.

Right now, low-income children who qualify for free school lunches have to apply for this program and prove that they are eligible. Schools then have to process the paperwork and certify that the children qualify. But the community eligibility provisions in this bill minimize all that paperwork both for children and for schools. In schools where there are large numbers of children who qualify for free school lunches, schools would have the option to provide free school lunches to all the children in the school. This option is much more efficient—children don't have to worry about whether they qualify for the program, their parents don't have to complete the paperwork, and school personnel can focus on providing the children with the best education instead of processing paperwork. This is a better way and it's the children that benefit the most.

Low-income children contend with so many stressors in their lives, whether it's violence and addiction in their neighborhoods, parents who are working long hours for the basic necessities of living, or the stress children experience when they don't have enough to eat. The community eligibility provision in this bill makes our most disadvantaged children's lives a little easier by transforming their lunchtime experience from one of stress and stigma, to one of easy access to the food they need to develop to their fullest potential. These options are designed to be simple and easy to adopt. USDA must make it as seamless as possible for high-poverty schools to avail themselves of these new options.

The bill that we passed out of the House Committee on Education and Labor directed USDA to provide outreach and informational materials on these new options to local educational agencies and schools in which a significant portion of students are eligible for free or reduced price meals, including those receiving funds for school improvement under section 1003(g) of the Elementary and Secondary Act of 1965. But USDA does not need new authority to reach out to these schools and facilitate their use of community eligibility. Therefore I urge USDA to set policies that welcome high-poverty schools into these options and provide the support and materials to facilitate their implementation.

S. 3307 also includes a demonstration project to explore the use of Medicaid data for automatic enrollment for free school meals. Due to limited funds, the demonstration project in S. 3307 focuses on the use of Medicaid data by selected school districts around the country. However, I urge USDA to use alternative authority to allow California to conduct a statewide demonstration directly certifying children for free school meals based on Medicaid data. California's sophisticated data matching system is fully capable of conducting statewide matches to directly certify these children. A rigorous evaluation of such a demonstration project would help other states implement statewide direct certification using Medicaid data.

I must also express my deep regret that this bill is partly funded by reducing SNAP benefits. Although I support passage of this legislation, I oppose the SNAP cuts it contains, will work to reverse them, and will strongly oppose any further cuts to SNAP benefits.

H. RES. 1631 WILL HARM EFFORTS
FOR REUNIFICATION OF CYPRUS

HON. BILL DELAHUNT

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 2, 2010

Mr. DELAHUNT. Madam Speaker, I am concerned that the voice vote passage of H. Res. 1631, on September, 28, 2010, "Calling for the protection of religious sites and artifacts from and in Turkish-occupied areas of northern Cyprus as well as for general respect for religious freedom," may be detrimental to efforts at reunification of Cyprus.

While the Cyprus dispute is between Greek Cypriots and Turkish Cypriots, it has commanded the attention of other countries for decades. In that time, negotiations over Cyprus have involved not only the Cypriot communities, but also Turkey, Greece, the United Kingdom, the United States, the United Nations, and the European Union. The impasse over Cyprus has had a number of implications, including the continuing stalemate on Turkey's accession to the European Union.

While sponsors of H. Res. 1631 spoke about religious tolerance, this legislation is clearly intended to target Turkey and Turkish Cypriots directly. No mention was made about the destruction of Turkish—Muslim cultural sites in the Republic of Cyprus, or the fact that both Greek and Turkish Cypriot communities have been working to tackle this problem together since 2008, under a Technical Committee established jointly by the leaders of the two communities.

Turkey, a friend of the United States and a NATO ally, has been supportive of the current discussions within the global community and between the two Cypriot leaders. The continuation of these efforts should be encouraged.

Passage of H. Res. 1631 at this time, could provoke a highly negative reaction and completely sidetrack the ongoing reunification process. Instead of a one-sided resolution, this House should commend and endorse the steps taken by both parties to resolve their longstanding dispute and settle their differences together.

A TRIBUTE TO REV. WALTER J.
MORRIS

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 2, 2010

Mr. TOWNS. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Rev. Walter J. Morris.

Born in Mobile, Alabama, Rev. Morris has always been committed to service to the elderly community and serving others. At a very young age, he showed great respect for all people and took an interest in serving others. This was instilled in him from his late parents, Johnny and Emma Morris, who believed in strong morals and values, and respecting oneself and others. He was raised in a very large family, and is number eight of twelve children. He was educated in the Mobile County public school system, and was also the first male to graduate from high school in his family.

Rev. Morris went on to complete his education and graduated from the General Society of Mechanics and Tradesmen Mechanics Institute's, "Building Construction Superintendence Program" in 1973; Wilfred Academy Cosmetology School in 1993; New York Theological Seminary in 1997; Blanton Peale Graduate Institute in "Pastoral Care Awareness" in 1997; and attended New York College Alliance Theological Seminary, "Pastoral Ministry" and "Biblical Studies" from 2000 to 2003. Professionally, his first job was at Robert Hall Clothes Store. Later he transitioned to H.L. Lazar Inc., where he worked for more than twenty-one years, initially employed as a messenger. During the first sixty days he received two promotions. Rev. Morris received numerous promotions, including Field Service Supervisor in the construction department. He was promoted to Construction Superintendent in 1974, to be named the first Black Superintendent in the company until they went out of business in 1990. He moved on and continued to work in the construction industry until 2006, until retirement.

Rev. Morris has always been a Christian; his first church was Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church, in Mobile, Alabama. He continued his life of ministry at the Bethany Baptist Church, where he served as an Associate Minister under the pastorate of Rev. Dr. William A. Jones, Jr. who licensed him to preach in 1998, and ordained him in 2006. Rev. Morris has been in the community and active at the Bethany Baptist Church for over twenty years in various ministries, visiting the sick and shut-in, praying for people and preaching midweek services.

Rev. Morris served as the Chairman for the clergy group "The Community Benefit Agreement" for the Atlantic Yard Project, and is one of the original signatories. He feels that it is an honor to be able to help someone and encourage our youth to know that there is more to life than going to jail. As of five months ago, he started a new church, The Anointed Church with a Vision, in the Brownsville area, where he is the current and active Assistant Pastor.

God also blessed him seven years ago with a lovely wife, Barbara Morris, and step-daughter, Karen Miller where they currently reside in Brooklyn, New York.

Madam Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in recognizing the achievements of Rev. Walter J. Morris.

HONORING AMERICAN SOCIETY
FOR TRAINING AND DEVELOP-
MENT AND RECOGNIZING THE
IMPORTANCE OF EMPLOYEE
LEARNING WEEK

HON. RUSH D. HOLT

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 2, 2010

Mr. HOLT. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the American Society for Training and Development and to commend them for its annual Employee Learning Week.

The ASTD is the world's largest association dedicated to the training and development field. Each year the ASTD sponsors Employee Learning Week to recognize the value of employee learning and the important link between a knowledgeable, highly skilled workforce and organizational success. This year Employee Learning Week will be celebrated December 6th through the 10th.

The ASTD has been committed to creating a highly skilled workforce that is critical to growing and sustaining a competitive advantage. There are 130 U.S. Chapters and 30 international partners including the Mid New Jersey Chapter with 140 members across Central New Jersey. Led by Peter J. Rizza, ASTD's Mid New Jersey Chapter members consist of training directors and human resource managers from a broad range of business and government agencies.

I applaud ASTD for its positive role in recruiting, training and developing the workers of today and the leaders of tomorrow. I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating ASTD and recognizing Employee Learning Week.

A TRIBUTE TO RUSS NORMAN, M.
ED.

HON. ADAM B. SCHIFF

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 2, 2010

Mr. SCHIFF. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Mr. Russ Norman, an emeritus faculty member at Glendale Community College, whose commitment to education has contributed substantially to student achievement.

Professor Norman began teaching business courses at Glendale Community College in 1955, and continued as a full-time professor until his retirement in 1995. As a dedicated educator, Mr. Norman has continued teaching as an adjunct faculty member since that time. He primarily teaches accounting courses, in addition to written business communications and mathematics of finance courses.

Professor Norman holds a bachelor's degree and a master's degree in education (M. Ed.) from the University of California, Los Angeles.

In his early years at Glendale Community College, Mr. Norman served as coach of the Judo Club. Under his leadership, the club garnered its first Southern California Kodokan Judo Association Collegiate Championship, beating his alma mater, UCLA.

Even more impressively, Mr. Norman's accomplishments stretch far beyond his role as a college instructor and coach. He served on the Board of Governors for the Institute of Internal Auditors, and was the coordinator of a

project to create an IMAX theater in Jakarta, Indonesia. It was Mr. Norman who supervised procurement of system components, and brought in the company which filmed the first film shown in the venue. Further, Mr. Norman is a veteran, having served in the U.S. Army at the beginning of World War II.

Russ Norman is a tremendous asset to Glendale Community College and to our community, and I ask all Members to join me in thanking him for his dedicated service and remarkable achievements.

CONGRATULATING JOE GROSS ON
HIS RETIREMENT FROM ST.
ELIZABETH HEALTHCARE

HON. GEOFF DAVIS

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 2, 2010

Mr. DAVIS of Kentucky. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize the career of Mr. Joe Gross and to congratulate him on his retirement from St. Elizabeth Healthcare after an outstanding 25 years serving our community.

Joe's contributions to the St. Elizabeth Healthcare system and the northern Kentucky health care community have been significant. Thanks in large part to his leadership, St. Elizabeth's has emerged as a robust hospital system in our region that has introduced many new and innovative approaches to health care to our area.

St. Elizabeth Edgewood has been named one of America's 50 Best Hospitals by HealthGrades for 4 consecutive years, one of the nation's 100 Top Hospitals by Thomson Reuters for 5 years, the first hospital in the tri-State to be awarded Magnet status by the American Nurses Credentialing Center, ANCC, for excellence in nursing care.

Joe has also been recognized personally through a number of awards and honors, including Healthcare Manager of the Year in Cincinnati and the Healthcare Hero Lifetime Achievement Award by the Cincinnati Business Courier, the Distinguished Service Award from the Kentucky Hospital Association, and the Northern Kentucky Chamber of Commerce's Walter R. Dunlevy/Frontiersman Award.

In addition to his responsibilities with St. Elizabeth, Joe has been actively involved in the community over the years, including as a chairman of the Northern Kentucky United Way campaign and in working with area colleges to provide scholarships and learning opportunities for students in nursing and other allied health professions.

In sum, Joe has made a difference in the lives of northern Kentuckians. He and his team have worked to improve access to quality health care to all in Northern Kentucky. I have enjoyed working with Joe closely on health policy and I have come to count him as a friend.

I thank Joe for his service to our community and wish him the very best in his next adventure.

I ask my colleagues in the U.S. House of Representatives to join me in recognizing Mr. Joe Gross' accomplishments and contributions and wishing him many more years of health and happiness.

HONORING RON JELINEK

HON. FRED UPTON

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 2, 2010

Mr. UPTON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay special tribute to my dear friend, State Senator Ron Jelinek of Berrien County on the occasion of his retirement. A lifelong Michigan resident, Ron has dedicated himself to serving the people of southwest Michigan and improving the quality of life for all Michiganders.

After receiving his degrees from Michigan State University and Western Michigan University, Ron began his career as an educator in the River Valley School District, where he taught for three decades.

In 1996, Ron was first elected to the Michigan House of Representatives where he was popularly reelected to two additional terms. Ron was then elected to the Michigan State Senate in 2002. Throughout his 14 distinguished years in public office, Ron has been a leading champion of public education and Michigan agriculture.

Beyond the duties of elected office, Ron has proven himself to be a natural community servant. He serves as a member of the Berrien County Farm Bureau, the Three Oaks Free Methodist Church, the Michigan Coalition of Responsible Gun Owners, and the River Valley Engine Club. He also was a co-founder, officer, and volunteer for the Three Oaks Ambulance Service, and involved in Future Farmers of America, 4-H, and Girl Scouts.

Ron's leadership, knowledge, and compassion have made him an indispensable asset to the citizens of Berrien County and the State of Michigan. As Senator Ron Jelinek prepares for his retirement, he leaves both an example for future public servants and a legacy that will benefit southwest Michigan for years to come. I am truly honored to call Ron a colleague and friend.

A TRIBUTE TO DR. MODDY H.
KILUVIA

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 2, 2010

Mr. TOWNS. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Dr. Moddy H. Kiluvia.

Moddy H. Kiluvia, MD joined North Brooklyn Health Network in August 2006 as an attending Psychiatrist at Woodhull Hospital Psychiatry Emergency Room. He is responsible for providing acute Psychiatric care to the residents of Bushwick, Bedford Stuyvesant, Fort Green, Williamsburg and Greenpoint.

Dr. Kiluvia was born in Tanzania, East Africa. After graduating from high school, he received a full scholarship to attend medical school at Turkey's most prestigious medical school, Hacettepe University, School of Medicine in Ankara, Turkey. After graduating from medical school he immigrated to United States in 1997 to pursue his residence. He first worked at New York City Fire Department as a medical reviewer.

Dr. Kiluvia started his residence in Psychiatry at Mt. Sinai School of Medicine, Cabrini from 2001 to 2005. He then did his Advanced

Residence (fellowship) in Addiction Psychiatry at Yale University between 2005 and 2006. During his residence and fellowship, Dr. Kiluvia received several awards from American Psychiatric Association (APA). He received APA/ASTRAZENACA fellowship for outstanding minority resident in Psychiatry as a resident and APA/SAMHSA minority fellowship award during his fellowship.

Additionally, Dr. Kiluvia works part time at Rikers Island as a per diem Psychiatrist. Despite his busy work schedule, Dr. Kiluvia finds spare time to work as a Doping Control Officer (DCO) for International Doping Testing Management (IDTM), conducting doping tests on Olympic athletes. The job gives him opportunity to conduct doping tests in various major international sports tournaments including World Cup Soccer in South Africa (2010), US Open Tennis (2009), DN Galan Athletic Tournament in Stockholm, Sweden (2009 and 2010) and various other out-of-competition doping controls on high profile athletes in major international sports.

Dr. Kiluvia enjoys dancing, traveling, watching sports especially soccer, basketball and tennis. He is married to Zelda.

Madam Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in recognizing the achievements of Dr. Moddy H. Kiluvia.

HEALTHY, HUNGER-FREE KIDS
ACT OF 2010

SPEECH OF

HON. LAURA RICHARDSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 1, 2010

Ms. RICHARDSON. Madam Speaker, I rise today in support of S. 3307, "the Healthy, Hunger-free Kids Act of 2010." This bill will improve childhood nutrition and also women, infant, and children programs.

I thank Chairman LINCOLN of the Senate Committee on Agriculture for her leadership in shepherding this bill through the Senate and applaud Chairman GEORGE MILLER's continued commitment as well.

Nearly one quarter of children live in households that are struggling to put enough food on the table and approximately one third of children are overweight or obese. Both of these statistics represent serious threats to the future of our Nation's public health and security.

Specifically, S. 3307 will increase school lunch funding to help schools offer healthier meals, limit the availability of junk food at schools, and leverage public-private partnerships to identify successful community-wide strategies to improve child nutrition. It will help struggling families by modernizing the WIC benefit programs in transitioning from paper vouchers to an electronic program. This legislation also provides mandatory funding for innovative state and local projects that address childhood hunger and promote food security for low-income children.

The Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act gives 115,000 new students access to school meals by using Medicaid data to certify eligibility and provides an additional 21 million meals annually for at-risk children by reimbursing providers for meals served after school. This legislation improves the nutritional quality of

school meals by increasing reimbursement rates to school districts that meet federal nutritional standards and it eliminates junk foods in schools by applying nutritional standards for all food products sold in schools.

In California 3.1 million children get help from the national school lunch program. Now is the time to make these changes by passing the Healthy, Hunger-free Kids Act tomorrow.

Madam Speaker, for these reasons, I urge my colleagues to join me in supporting S. 3307.

RECOGNIZING EUGENE GWIZDALA

HON. DALE E. KILDEE

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 2, 2010

Mr. KILDEE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Eugene Gwizdala as he retires from the Bay County Commission after serving 34 years as the Commissioner for the 8th district. A celebration is planned for December 14th in Bay City, Michigan in his honor.

First elected in 1975 to represent the 4th district, Eugene served through 1984. He was elected in 1987 to represent the 8th district and has held the position since that time. During his tenure he was Chairman of the Board in 1997, 1998, 1999, and 2005; and Vice-Chair of the Board in 2000, 2001, 2003, 2004, 2006, 2007, 2008, and 2009. He also served on numerous county boards and commissions. He was a member of the MSB Airport Commission, working tirelessly to develop and secure services for airport customers and ensure the future of the airport. Eugene was also instrumental in the creation of the Bay County Mosquito Control Program.

Madam Speaker, Eugene Gwizdala has served the people of Bay County with diligence, insight, and enthusiasm. He has spent the past three decades of his life committed to improving the quality of life for the residents of Bay County. I wish him the best as he retires and enters the next phase of his life.

COMMEMORATING THE FORTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF THE U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

HON. JAMES P. MORAN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 2, 2010

Mr. MORAN of Virginia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the work of the U.S. Environmental Protection as it celebrates its fortieth anniversary.

EPA was established December 2, eight months after the nationally-celebrated Earth Day. EPA's work has been much in the forefront in recent years, particularly related to its work to regulate greenhouse gas emissions. There are some that disagree with EPA's approaches, believing that they cause increased costs to industry and hurt the economy. Yet we have all benefitted from its results. No one can dispute that EPA's efforts have provided a cleaner, healthier environment for the American people.

Congress has given EPA much to work with, including the Clean Air Act, Clean Water Act, Safe Drinking Water Act, Resource Conservation and Recovery Act, the Superfund Law, Oil Pollution Act, and other laws. The agency has done its best to meet stringent congressional mandates through strong scientific and medical-based research, working with states, industry and the public, encouraging voluntary actions and taking aggressive enforcement actions when needed.

Sadly, some of my colleagues are now criticizing the agency for following the law and discussing ways to prevent the agency from doing its job. Under the Clean Air Act, Congress directed EPA to regulate air pollutants on health-based standards. I urge my colleagues that refrain from this criticism and think twice before weakening regulations that protect our health.

There is a strong record of achievement. Let me list some of EPA's many accomplishments in these forty years:

- Removing lead from gasoline
- Reducing acid rain
- Establishing vehicle efficiency and emissions control standards
- Controlling toxic substances management and disposal
- Banning widespread use of pesticides such as DDT
- Promoting recycling of potential waste
- Achieving cleaner drinking water
- Making information on environmental concerns available to the public
- Revitalizing communities with Brownfield grants

In addition, EPA is called upon to respond to natural and man-made disasters. In the last ten years, EPA assisted in the World Trade Center response in 2001; performed several cleanups of anthrax, including the Hart Senate Office Building, in 2001; cleaned up following Hurricane Katrina in 2005; retrieved Columbia Shuttle debris in 2003; responded to the collapse of the TVA dam in Kentucky in 2008; and provided support to the BP oil spill response in 2010.

For four decades, EPA has confronted environmental challenges, fostered innovations, and cleaned up pollution in the places where people live, work, play and learn. Anyone who travels outside this country to areas without strong environmental protections can attest to the benefits to our well being from reducing pollution. Over the past forty years, it is undisputed that EPA has improved our environment and the health of all Americans.

A TRIBUTE TO JULIA FENNER HOLLAND

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 2, 2010

Mr. TOWNS. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Julia Fenner Holland.

Julia Fenner Holland, a native North Carolinian, was born and raised in a little town called Scotland Neck. The middle child of eleven siblings, she received her formal education in the Halifax County Public School System and continued her education at the North Carolina Central University. Julia was an active participant in the civil rights movement

during the 1960s. Upon moving to Brooklyn, New York in 1969, she enrolled in Cornell University School of Industrial and Labor Relations and later completed studies at New York State Stenotype Academy in Manhattan, New York.

Julia grew up in a wholesome rural environment where her parents instilled in their children the importance of sound religious values and education. She attributes her success in life to her parents who throughout their lives taught that one can attain anything in life by working hard and by having faith in God. In 1973, she was employed by the U.S. Postal Service and retired in 2003. During her tenure with the U.S. Postal Service, she held executive positions with the postal union. In this position, she traveled widely to various foreign countries, and to nearly every state in the Union promoting women's rights in the workplace. Her vast experiences have impacted the lives of many people positively.

She began her fraternal career in the Prince Hall Masonic Family in 1986. Since becoming a member, she has served untiringly with grace and pride in various positions, voluntarily doing charitable and benevolent work in her community and across the State of New York to help make a better life for others. Julia's philanthropic spirit embodies the very nature of the ethos of the Prince Hall Order of Eastern Star.

In June 2009 Ms. Holland was elevated among her peers to the esteemed position of Grand Worthy Matron of Eureka Grand Chapter Prince Hall Order of Eastern Star., Incorporated, for the State of New York. In this position, she is the chief administrator of 53 subordinate chapters comprised of nearly three thousand members.

She grew up in the Baptist Church in North Carolina and in 1988 received the right hand of fellowship at Berean Baptist Church located in Brooklyn, New York, where she remains a member.

She finds time to read, sew, and practice developing graphic art images on the computer when she is not doing voluntary work in soup kitchens in the East New York section of Brooklyn.

The proud parent of two adult sons, Cedric and Christopher, she also had two lovely granddaughters, Naima and Nya. She emphatically states "God has been good to me".

Madam Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in recognizing the achievements of Julia Fenner Holland.

HEALTHY, HUNGER-FREE KIDS ACT OF 2010

SPEECH OF

HON. JOHN CONYERS, JR.

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 1, 2010

Mr. CONYERS. Madam Speaker, I rise in support of the child nutrition bill, S. 3307, the Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act of 2010. The reauthorization of this bill will significantly improve child nutrition programs by addressing hunger and obesity in children. It will provide healthier meal options, eliminate junk-food and sugary beverages from a la carte lines and vending machines from all schools, increase student eligibility to access school meals and

enhance school wellness policies to improve opportunities for nutrition education and physical activity.

At a time when unemployment rates continue to climb it is essential that we provide for the nutritional needs of our children. As a result of these tough economic times many families are stricken with poverty and are currently facing severe food shortages. Furthermore, obesity is increasing at an alarming rate due to poor dieting. Nearly one third of children are either overweight or at risk of becoming overweight. Obesity is even a greater problem amongst African-American children. Currently, thirty-six percent of African-American youth are either overweight or obese compared with less than thirty percent of white youth. This is a result of the fact that African American children are more likely to lack access to healthy fruits and vegetables at lunch time. For example, in a school with a majority of all Black students, forty-seven percent of Black middle school students receive fruits and vegetables compared to sixty-three percent of students in predominately white schools. Childhood hunger and obesity is unacceptable within our country. Moreover, these disparities must be addressed. Our children deserve better and, thus, the time to strengthen our child nutrition programs is now.

It is disappointing that my Republican colleagues would attempt to kill this bill and leave children to the pain of hunger and lack of nutritional meal. But, we cannot afford to delay the passage of S. 3307. This bill is our best chance at combating obesity and hunger and addressing disparities in child nutrition. Although it is paid in part by ending a temporary increase to the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits, I am confident that President Obama and his administration will work to restore these benefits before the SNAP cuts take place. I urge that my colleagues vote "No" on the Motion to Recommit and "Yes" on S. 3307.

HR. 5114—FLOOD INSURANCE
REFORM PRINCIPLES ACT OF 2010

HON. CAROLYN MCCARTHY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 2, 2010

Mrs. MCCARTHY of New York. Madam Speaker, I firmly support H.R. 5114, the Flood Insurance Reform Principles Act of 2010, and requested to be a cosponsor, with consent from the bill's principle sponsor. Unfortunately, under House Rules, cosponsors may not be added to legislation once a house report has been filed for that legislation.

I have worked tirelessly on this issue, both with my colleagues on the Financial Services Committee, as well as Senator SCHUMER. I remain committed to working on reforming the National Flood Insurance Program, and will support this again, should it return to the House for a final vote.

When we reconvene for the 112th Congress, I will work with the bill's sponsor to ensure this important legislation is reintroduced.

HONORING PAUL SCHRADER

HON. PATRICK J. KENNEDY

OF RHODE ISLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 2, 2010

Mr. KENNEDY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Paul Schrade on the occasion of the dedication of a library in his honor at the Robert F. Kennedy Schools Complex in Los Angeles, California on September 13, 2010. Named after U.S. Senator Robert F. Kennedy, my uncle, the schools are devoted to social justice. Paul was one of the five people wounded the night Senator Kennedy was assassinated at the Ambassador Hotel, where the Schools Complex is located.

Paul, a close friend and campaign staffer, was right behind Senator Kennedy when shots rang out shortly after RFK's victory speech following the California Democratic presidential primary on June 5, 1968.

The 24-acre, \$578 million schools complex on Wilshire Boulevard consists of six different schools for grades kindergarten to 12, with more than 4,000 students, the vast majority of them from Latino and low-income neighborhoods. Paul, 85, was a driving force behind the project, which was fraught with obstacles from the start, including Donald Trump's plans to build five towers at the site, one of them 125 stories tall. Later, Wal-Mart wanted to put a store there.

Senator Kennedy's commitment to social justice is evident throughout the campus with murals, quotations and similar exhibits.

Originally designed as a large, comprehensive K–12 school that would house more than 2,400 students, the school district determined in 2008 that the facility would host wall-to-wall pilot schools, which opened this fall. Pilot schools are innovative small schools that have charter-like autonomy over their budget, curriculum and assessment, governance, schedule and staffing, but are part of the public school system.

Among the new school's many features is a 500-seat auditorium and cafe at the site of the old Coconut Grove nightclub, built adjacent to the hotel in the 1920s, where LA's rich and famous would go to party. Howard Hughes was a regular there and several Academy Awards events were held there during the 1930s.

Groundbreaking on the new schools took place four years ago.

Paul has been instrumental in the improvement of public education in Los Angeles. His lifelong mission, since RFK's death, has been to perpetuate the best of what Kennedy stood for. I wish Paul all the best as he continues his important work on behalf of young people. He will continue to carry my own admiration, and that of all who have had the privilege to work with him.

A TRIBUTE TO ARNOLD DEBRICK

HON. IKE SKELTON

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 2, 2010

Mr. SKELTON. Madam Speaker, let me take this means to recognize an American veteran, Arnold Debrick of Paola, Kansas, for his heroic service during WWII. On Sunday, De-

ember 5, 2010, Mr. Debrick will be awarded the French Legion of Honor for his extraordinary bravery in liberating France during WWII. The French Legion of Honor was founded by Napoleon Bonaparte in 1802, and it is the highest distinction that France can bestow upon those who have achieved remarkable deeds for the country. Mr. Debrick served in France, Luxembourg, Belgium, and Germany, and participated in the Ardennes, Rhineland, and Central Europe battles, including the Battle of the Bulge, and the liberation of Buchenwald, a German Nazi concentration camp outside of Weimar, Germany.

In the summer of 1944, at the age of 19 and meager weight of 125 pounds, Mr. Debrick enlisted in the United States Army. On New Year's Eve, 1944, he boarded the Queen Mary in New York's harbor and departed the United States. He sailed across the Atlantic to combat an evil the likes of which had never been seen in modern history. During the chaos of war and beneath a barrage of mortar fire, Mr. Debrick was separated from his original unit but was able to hop onto the back of an American chow truck, which led him to Company B of the 9th Armored Infantry Battalion of the 6th Armored Division, United States Army.

After weeks of grueling battle in the dead of an unforgiving winter, an officer noticed Debrick's feet had turned completely black. He was sent to the hospital in Metz, France, and it was determined he had trench foot. Each day, then Private First Class Debrick waited anxiously in the hospital bed with his feet elevated; he feared he would share the similar fate that many of his brothers in arms had met and would face amputation. Yet, his faith was unyielding and partial circulation eventually returned to his feet. After many days, he was able to rejoin his outfit. To this day, Mr. Debrick says that his feet getting cold is a constant reminder to give thanks to God for not only saving his feet but his life as well. To all of us in this grateful nation, Mr. Debrick's cold feet should also serve as a solemn reminder of the many sacrifices our brave men and women in uniform endure and that we will forever be indebted to them for the freedoms and many blessings we have in America.

Just as France will recognize Mr. Debrick's exceptional service and sacrifices this coming Sunday, it is also fitting and appropriate that we do so today as one grateful nation. Mr. Debrick's bravery is admirable and inspiring and I am honored to acknowledge his service during WWII. I trust that the Members of the House will join me in thanking him.

A TRIBUTE TO GINA PARHAM

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 2, 2010

Mr. TOWNS. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Gina Parham.

Gina Parham was born on August 30, 1957, in Brooklyn, New York. She is the daughter of the late Gloria Green and mother of Tavelle S. Parham. Gina was raised by her extended family.

Gina received her education in the Public School System here in Brooklyn. She attended college in New York City, and has returned to

complete her Bachelor of Arts in Human Resources. She accepted Christ and was baptized at the early age of ten, under the Pastorate of the late Rev. Dr. Hylton L. James. Dr. James allowed the youth of Berean to take a part in the morning worship program and this is where her Christian journey began.

Her work experience spans from city to private corporations. She is presently employed by Vanguard Temporaries, New York and White Plains, New York as a Human Resources/Benefit Administrator and an Administrative Assistant. She loves to help others. Rarely will she turn anyone down if in need of her assistance. She is an event planner, loves to read, travel and cook.

Her past and present affiliations include the following: President and Dean of Pledges for Zeta Phi Beta, Sorority, Inc. Omicron Beta Chapter in Brooklyn; Officer and member of various youth organizations at Berean, such as the Girl Scouts, Jr. Ushers, Youth Lay League, Cherub Choir and Gregory Daffin Singers; Co-Chairperson on the Culinary and Decoration Committee for Women's Day Committee 2007; and was a student in Berean's Bible Institute. She currently serves as Assistant Financial Secretary and Luncheon Co-Chairperson for the Brooklyn Sunday School Union; she is a member of Church Women United in Brooklyn, Inc., Berean's Joint Usher Ministry, where she serves as a supervisor to the Jr. Usher Ministry, Berean Broadcaster and Sunday School Ministry. She also is a graduate of George T. Grier School of Ushering in June 2010.

Volunteering is important to Gina. She continues to do volunteer work three days a week or more at the Evangelical Lutheran Church of the Epiphany, Epiphany Lutheran School. She volunteers for voter registration drives, assists seniors when in need, (i.e. shopping, going to the doctor or any other task they may ask of her). Gina loves to work with the seniors at Berean, especially on Senior Emphasis Sunday, an experience that brings joy to her heart.

Madam Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in recognizing the achievements of Gina Parham.

HEALTHY, HUNGER-FREE KIDS
ACT OF 2010

SPEECH OF

HON. ENI F. H. FALEOMAVAEGA

OF AMERICAN SAMOA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 1, 2010

Mr. FALEOMAVAEGA. Madam Speaker, I rise in strong support of the "Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act of 2010," legislation to extend and improve the nation's policies and programs with respect to child nutrition.

I want to thank the Chairman of the Committee on Education and Labor, my good friend, Mr. GEORGE MILLER, and all the members of the Committee for their work on this comprehensive bill on nutrition programs for the children of America. I also want to thank the cosponsors and all the stakeholders for their support and advocacy.

This piece of legislation will make improvements in existing nutrition programs for kids by helping our nation fulfill the following objectives: reduce childhood hunger by expanding

access to the child nutrition programs; reduce childhood obesity and other health concerns by improving nutritional quality of meals; and make improvements in how the programs are administered.

Historically, child nutrition programs have served many needs in our schools and communities across the nation. For example, since 1946, the National School Lunch program has provided nutritionally balanced lunches to children across the country. Today, more than 31 million children each school day in over 101,000 public and private nonprofit schools and residential child care institutions receive nutritional lunches through this program.

Since 1966, the School Breakfast Program has provided nutritionally balanced breakfasts to America's children. Today, 11 million children in more than 88,000 public and private nonprofit schools and residential child care institutions are receiving healthy meals to start off their school day.

Nutrition programs have also been a key factor in supporting children and the family outside of school cafeterias. Programs such as the Child and Adult Care Food Program and the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children (WIC) provide nutrition and support to low-income families, benefiting mothers, infants, and young children across the nation.

Overall, these family nutrition programs have provided many critical services for our children. In 2009 alone, The Child and Adult Care Food Program distributed 1.9 billion meals to over 3.3 million participating children and adults. Additionally, the WIC program supported 9.1 million participants in all 50 States, U.S. Territories, and 34 Indian tribal organizations.

Emerging challenges, however, necessitate improvements. Most disconcerting is the USDA 2009 report showing an increase in food insecurity. The report shows that 6.7 million households, including 16.7 million children, across the nation lacked money and other resources for food. This is unacceptable.

Moreover, obesity rates between 1963 and 2004 quadrupled for children ages 6 to 11 years and tripled for children between 12 and 19 years old. Strong correlation between obesity rates and other chronic diseases including cardiovascular disease, hypertension, and diabetes, suggests that we have a major problem to confront. Now is the time to act.

The United States of America must take care of her children by providing the necessary resources to maintain a healthy lifestyle. As we all know, a child's health has a direct impact on their education and their future.

We must therefore address the emerging health challenges and negative trends by stepping towards improvements in our child nutrition policies and programs.

The "Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act of 2010" is a crucial step towards addressing these challenges and reversing these trends. I urge my colleagues to vote "yes" and support this important legislation.

NEW YORK TIMES SHOWS DOUBLE
STANDARD ON LEAKS

HON. LAMAR SMITH

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 2, 2010

Mr. SMITH of Texas. Madam Speaker, the New York Times recently decided to print classified State Department documents obtained illegally by WikiLeaks.

But one year ago, The Times declined to print information released during the ClimateGate scandal that showed scientists were hiding contradictory temperature data.

Regarding its decision to print the WikiLeaks documents, The Times wrote: "For The Times to ignore this material would be to deny its own readers the careful reporting and thoughtful analysis they expect when this kind of information becomes public."

In contrast, The Times said they did not publish the ClimateGate documents because, "The documents appear to have been acquired illegally and contain all manner of private information and statements that were never intended for the public eye, so they won't be posted here."

There is no better example of a double standard.

A TRIBUTE TO MS. DONNA
EVELYN ANDERSON WHITE

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 2, 2010

Mr. TOWNS. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Ms. Donna Evelyn Anderson White.

Ms. White was born on February 23, 1960, in Manhattan, New York, where she spent most of her childhood. She attended P.S. 103 and Montauk Junior High School for her elementary education, graduated with honors from Franklin Delano Roosevelt High School and received a Bachelors of Arts in Humans Services from the University of Buffalo.

A strong love for children led Ms. White to become a teacher at the Trey Whitfield School. She started out as a substitute teacher at the school, but a commitment to the institution and its children kept her there. Now, after teaching Kindergarten for sixteen years at the Trey Whitfield School, Ms. White teaches Pre-K. Teaching has been her passion and one of her greatest joys in life; she loves helping students achieve their personal and academic goals. Ms. White is considered "the other mother" to some at the Trey Whitfield School because children can come and talk to her about anything. She strongly believes that in life, one cannot do it alone; as the old adage goes, "it takes a village to raise a child."

Ms. White has always enjoyed singing—whether at church or just for fun. She shares this passion by serving as the choir director for the Trey Whitfield School's Children's Concert Choir. This choir is seasoned! They sing from state to state and, under Ms. White's direction, bless people with beautiful music.

Ms. White recently received the Mary McLeod Bethune Award for Excellence in Education/Song Bird. For her continuous efforts in

the education for the children, this recognition was long overdue. After receiving this award and many other honors, Ms. White knows that she is not doing the work alone. God is on her side. Beyond her teaching duties, Ms. White proudly serves her community by tutoring and mentoring inner-city youth.

In addition to caring for children in the community, it should also be noted that Ms. White lives for her own children as well. She is a proud mother of two daughters: Whitney and Whynter. Whitney is a senior at Loyola University in Baltimore, Maryland, and Whynter is a sophomore at Nazareth Regional High School in Brooklyn, New York.

Ms. White owes all of her success to two women: Her mother, Patricia Robinson, and her deceased grandmother, Evelyn Jenkins. Ms. White's mother is not just a parental figure, but a best friend; her grandmother always provided guidance, telling her that, "little becomes much when you place it in the Master's hand." Both women offered constant support, encouragement and taught her how to bring out the best in others. Ms. White stands on the shoulders of these two valiant women and her life is a testament to their love.

Madam Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in recognizing the achievements of Ms. Donna Evelyn Anderson White.

COMMENDING THE MARSHALL
CENTER

SPEECH OF

HON. LAURA RICHARDSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 30, 2010

Ms. RICHARDSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of H. Res. 528, which commends the George C. Marshall European Center for Security Studies for its valuable contributions to international peace and security throughout Post-Soviet Europe and Asia. This important measure honors the Marshall Center for promoting regional stability through a new generation of military and civilian leaders; commends its Director, Dr. John P. Rose; and strengthens the bonds between America and its allies as we work to ensure global peace and prosperity.

I thank Chairman BERMAN for his leadership in bringing this resolution to the floor and for his dedication to promoting effective foreign policy that meets the challenges of an ever-changing world.

I also applaud Congressman TANNER for sponsoring this legislation. This resolution is emblematic of his commitment to transatlantic security cooperation, a cause he has championed both as a Member of Congress and as President of the NATO Parliamentary Assembly.

Mr. Speaker, the George C. Marshall European Center for Security Studies, the Marshall Center, was established in 1993. It is an institute dedicated to security and defense studies tailored to advancing post-Cold War democracies in Europe and Central Asia.

As a joint partnership of the United States and German governments, the Marshall Center stands as a testament to the power of international collaboration. Alumni of the Marshall Center serve as military officers, ambassadors, government ministers, and elected of-

ficials in over 100 countries. Carried by the spirit of the Marshall Plan, which rebuilt Europe following World War II, the Marshall Center has created a new generation of leaders fully prepared to tackle the most important security issues facing Europe, Asia, and North America.

Mr. Speaker, since World War II, the security of the United States has been intimately connected to the stability of Europe and Eurasia. Many of my constituents fought bravely overseas to protect and promote this stability. We owe it to our veterans and to future generations to continue working for global security; the Marshall Center is a crucial part of this effort.

I urge my colleagues to join me in supporting H. Res. 528.

HONORING THE OUTSTANDING
PUBLIC SERVICE OF KATHY
BECKER

HON. JOHN S. TANNER

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 2, 2010

Mr. TANNER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to tell you about a dear friend of mine who has served the House of Representatives longer than you, me and the vast majority of our colleagues.

Kathy Becker's distinguished career on Capitol Hill spans more than 40 years, during which she has made important contributions not only to the districts she has served but to our country and our international alliances.

Kathy grew up near here in Federalsburg, Maryland, on the Eastern Shore and attended the University of Maryland and George Washington University before coming to Capitol Hill in May 1971. She worked almost four years for Congressman Frank Denholm of South Dakota and then—fortunately, for us—came to the Tennessee delegation, where she has served much longer than any of us elected to represent Tennessee in this chamber. She worked for 3rd District Congresswoman Marilyn Lloyd for more than 4 years and then joined the 8th District team working for my predecessor, Congressman Ed Jones.

When Betty Ann and I took office in 1989, we were very grateful that Kathy agreed to stay on the team as executive assistant, and she has been a loyal, dedicated staff member to us and an exceptional public servant to the people of west and middle Tennessee.

Kathy has been on Capitol Hill for some of history's biggest moments. She has seen eight presidential administrations, including one president who was impeached and another who resigned to avoid the same. Kathy was here when the Vietnam War ended, the Berlin Wall came down and fundamental extremists attacked our country on September 11, 2001.

One of the great honors I have had is representing the House of Representatives on the NATO Parliamentary Assembly, serving 6 years as chairman of the U.S. delegation to that body and 2 years as President of the NATO Parliamentary Assembly. This opportunity has allowed us to help strengthen diplomatic ties with parliamentarians from our closest allies, relationships that had been strained in recent years.

Our efforts there would not have been possible without Kathy's work staffing the U.S.

delegation here and abroad. She has helped us stay in communication with our allies and the NATO Parliamentary Assembly team in Brussels; organized important sessions to help us get to know our fellow parliamentarians more closely; and ensured we are able to best represent our country and the House of Representatives on both sides of the Atlantic Ocean. Her commitment and hard work have helped our country continue rebuilding its reputation with our NATO allies, which is especially important to the men and women in uniform who are serving our nation around the world.

In January, Kathy will retire from Federal service, and she can do so proudly, knowing that in a career that spanned more than 4 decades, she has been a part of history and has served our district and her country honorably. Madam Speaker, I ask that you and our colleagues join Betty Ann, our family and me in congratulating and thanking Kathy Becker for her unparalleled commitment to public service.

CONGRATULATIONS TO BERNIE
AND REEVA NOWITZ

HON. PAUL TONKO

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 2, 2010

Mr. TONKO. Madam Speaker, I would like to call the attention of the House to the remarkable accomplishments of Reeva and Bernie Nowitz as The Israel Center, a program of Jewish Educational Resources of New York, JERNY, prepares to honor them later this week.

Bernie Nowitz is a retired pharmacist. As the former president of Burns Pharmaceuticals in Rensselaer, New York, Bernie served my constituents faithfully for 24 years. After his retirement, he worked as a pharmacy consultant and then as a volunteer for the Schenectady Free Clinic. He has served as a board member of Jewish Family Services, and is a past president of Temple Beth El in Troy, where he currently serves on the Religious Committee.

As part of a fact-finding mission, Bernie traveled to the former Soviet Union and Austria to understand the plight of Jewish refugees. He has also traveled to Israel with the Volunteers for Israel project on two separate occasions. Bernie and his wife, Reeva, have been strong supporters of Israel since their first trip 35 years ago. They have been longtime supporters of JERNY and Hadassah as well.

Reeva Nowitz, who is also being honored by JERNY, was Vice President of Burns Pharmaceuticals, working alongside her husband. Since her retirement she has been involved with the Jewish Federation, serving as president of the Women's Division and has been on the boards of the Jewish Federation of Northeastern New York and the Daughters of Sarah Foundation. She is the current president of Temple Beth El in Troy and helped in the formation of the Albany Area Jewish Cemetery Association of Northeastern New York.

Reeva and Bernie are shining examples of Americans who actively demonstrate their commitment to their family, their community and their faith. Bernie often assists Reeva with her duties at Temple Beth El of Troy where

she has served as president for several years. Together with the other families that make up this small but active congregation, Temple Beth El has come to be known in the community as a place where friends and family gather each week for informal services. There, spiritual leader Alan Bell works with the members to develop weekly educational and religious activities for members and non-members alike. The services are inclusive and accessible, bringing children and grandchildren into active participation during worship.

The Nowitzs have lived the dream of seeing their love survive many decades, as their children grow to be fine adults and their family blossoms to include grandchildren. They have been members of Temple Beth El for more than 50 years and attended Hebrew School there. Reeva was born in nearby Cohoes. Bernie was born in the Bronx and moved upstate to Troy at age three.

Reeva and Bernie have been married for more than 46 happy years and have been part of the Temple Beth El and Troy community for that entire time. They have been blessed with two daughters, Cheryl and Nicole, Cheryl and Nicole. Cheryl is married to Anthony Klein and they live in Palto Alto, California with their children Alex and Daniel. Nicole works in real estate in New York City.

I ask my colleagues to pause to congratulate Reeva and Bernie for being among the honorees at the Israel Heroes Dinner on Thursday, December 2, 2010.

HONORING STEVEN HURD

HON. MICHAEL H. MICHAUD

OF MAINE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 2, 2010

Mr. MICHAUD. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Steven Hurd on the occasion of his retirement after 38 years of dedicated service in the Department of Veterans Affairs.

Throughout his career, Steve has fought tenaciously to improve the quality of life of veterans and their caregivers. Steve began his VA career in 1972 and served in a variety of Recreation Therapy positions. From 1983 to 1987, he served as the Assistant Chief of Voluntary Service at the Brockton, Massachusetts VA Medical Center. For the past 23 years, Steve has served as the Chief of Voluntary Service at the Togus, Maine VA Medical Center.

Under his leadership, a number of new programs have been established at Togus, including the 'Caught Ya' program to recognize staff members that go above and beyond their duties in caring for veterans, the Service Recovery Program, and new volunteer assignments to provide mealtime companions and other quality of care initiatives for hospitalized veterans. These programs have greatly enhanced and expanded the use of volunteers and staff in improving veterans' healthcare experiences at Togus.

Steve is also an active leader in other sectors of Veterans Affairs. He serves as the VISN 1 Voluntary Service Liaison Chief, is an active member and past president of the Maine Society of Directors of Healthcare Volunteer Services and is current president of the New England Association of Directors of

Healthcare Volunteer Services. In his capacity as VISN Liaison Chief, Steve has also mentored incoming Voluntary Service Chiefs in other Medical Centers in VISN 1. In 2008, Steve served as the president of the Association of Healthcare Volunteer Resource Professionals, becoming the first VA Voluntary Service staff member to be elected to this position.

Through his dedication and valued work, Steve has garnered well-deserved appreciation and numerous accolades including the Voluntary Service Award for Excellence, the Governors' Volunteer Service Award for Excellence in Volunteer Administration and most recently, the Award for Excellence from the Association of Volunteer Resource Professionals.

Madam Speaker, please join me in recognizing Steven Hurd for his compassion and tireless efforts on behalf of the veterans in Maine.

A TRIBUTE TO ANN-MARIE K. FOSTER

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 2, 2010

Mr. TOWNS. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Ann-Marie K. Foster.

Ann-Marie Karlene Goddard Foster was born to serve and help others. Born in Brooklyn, New York on June 22, 1969, she is the eldest of three children born to the late Marva Williams. After losing her mother to gun violence at the tender age of eight years old, Ann-Marie's desire to help others in her community began to take root. Ms. Foster was raised by her loving grandmother, Josephine Ellis, and her late grandfather, Clayton Ellis; her grandparents instilled in her that a solid education was the key to endless opportunities, and a mantra such as "what is in your head can't nobody take it away from you." She graduated at the age of 16 with a Regents diploma from Brooklyn Technical High School in 1986. She went on to earn a Bachelor of Science degree in Biology from Utica College of Syracuse University in 1990 with intentions of serving in the health care community.

Upon her return to Brooklyn, her first employment opportunity was for the Health Insurance Plan (HIP) of New York working as a Medical Assistant. During her time at HIP serving in the Women's Health Division, she learned early the power of engaging women in caring for their health which ultimately could shape the health outcomes of the entire family. It was also during this time that she saw the necessity to have health care providers who could relate to a vulnerable population—those who often put other priorities ahead of their own health—women. As the HIV epidemic and the spread of STDs began to take its toll on the African American community, being able to communicate without judgment was the key to the center's success.

In 1991, she joined the New York City Health and Hospitals Corporation at Metropolitan Hospital Center in New York and began a journey that would span 19 years in increasing administrative capacities. One of her most rewarding times was spent at Woodhull Medical Center in Brooklyn where she met her mentor who would guide her career and allow her to

spread her administrative wings. The seasoning of her experience at Woodhull prepared her for her most challenging opportunity to date. In June 2009, she was recruited to lead the oldest public hospital psychiatric program at Bellevue Hospital Center. Currently, Ms. Foster is the Senior Associate Executive Director of the Psychiatry and Child/Adolescent Psychiatry departments, which includes a 339 bed inpatient unit and multiple mental health ambulatory care services. She is a member of the American College of Health Care Executives and the National Alliance on Mental Illness.

Ms. Foster is most proud of being the mother of two beautiful children, Maya, 13 and Myles, 9; both of whom attend independent schools in NYC. Ms. Foster finds time to be a class representative at her daughters' school, serve in the Parents' Association, mentor young women at the Lenox Road Baptist Church, where she is a member, and participate in community service projects. She continues to live in Brooklyn with her husband of fifteen years, Ray Foster, and her children.

Madam Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in recognizing the achievements of Ann-Marie K. Foster.

PROVIDING FOR APPROVAL OF U.S.-AUSTRALIA NUCLEAR ENERGY AGREEMENT

SPEECH OF

HON. LAURA RICHARDSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 30, 2010

Ms. RICHARDSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of H.R. 6411, which would approve the cooperation agreement between the government of the United States and the government of Australia concerning the peaceful use of nuclear energy. This important legislation will renew a long-standing agreement between one of our strongest allies and promote the safe trade of nuclear energy products.

I thank Chairman BERMAN for his leadership in bringing this bill to the floor. I also thank the sponsor of this legislation, ILENA ROSLEHTINEN, for her commitment to the safe, secure trade and peaceful use of nuclear energy products.

Mr. Speaker, the United States has had an ongoing civilian nuclear cooperation agreement with Australia since 1957. Australia sells around 36 percent of its \$1 billion in uranium exports to the United States. This accounts for 13 percent of our uranium supplies. This cooperation agreement also facilitates Australia's sale of uranium to other countries that will use it with technology made in the United States.

The civilian nuclear cooperation agreement with Australia is set to renew automatically upon the 90th day of continuous session since the President's May 5 transmittal of the renewal agreement. However, it is nonetheless appropriate for us to come together to affirm this agreement with Australia, one of our closest and most strategically important allies.

The United States and Australia have a strong relationship rooted in our shared values, historical ties, and strategic outlook. Our militaries conduct joint military exercises and Australian troops are currently in Afghanistan

fighting alongside U.S. service men and women. In addition, Australia has an excellent record on nuclear safety and has worked with the United States to fight nuclear proliferation. Australia's efforts to reduce proliferation have made them one of the world's leaders on global nuclear security and arms reduction.

Mr. Speaker, for these reasons I urge my colleagues to join me in showing their support for this important agreement with Australia. This cooperation agreement is good for our relationship with an old ally, good for our energy sector, and good for international nuclear security.

TRIBUTE TO FERNANDO A.
GUERRA, MD, MPH, FAAP

HON. CHARLES A. GONZALEZ

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 2, 2010

Mr. GONZALEZ. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor a man who has spent his whole life pursuing the well-being of others, especially that of children, through his medical practice, education, and leadership. After many years of service to his community, Dr. Fernando A. Guerra, a long time practicing pediatrician and a dear friend of mine, is now retiring from his post as Director of Health at the San Antonio Metro Health District.

Having received his bachelor of arts degree from the University of Texas in Austin, his medical degree from the University of Texas Medical Branch in Galveston, and a master's of public health degree from the Harvard School of Public Health where he was a Kellogg Fellow, it comes as no surprise that Dr. Guerra has been recognized as a leading contributor to medical research and literature. We are forever grateful for Dr. Guerra's work in numerous areas, including immunizations, community health, and health disparities, as his work and leadership have made a difference for the people of our Nation's seventh largest city and its surrounding areas.

Over the years, Dr. Guerra has offered his expertise to many boards and committees, and he will continue to serve in this capacity in retirement. One of Dr. Guerra's greatest passions is educating and mentoring the next generation of public and private health professionals. As the Director of Health at the San Antonio Metropolitan Health District, he has mentored physicians in training from both the public and private sectors, including the Residents in Aerospace Medicine, RAMS, program. Through the RAMS, he has been able to give back to the military he served in as a member of the U.S. Army Medical Corps during the Vietnam War, for which he received both the Bronze Star and the U.S. Army Commendation Medal with "V" distinction.

In light of all that Dr. Guerra has accomplished in his long and prosperous career, I would like to ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing this extraordinary man of scholarship and public service for all that he has done for the people of Bexar County and our Nation.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. RANDY NEUGEBAUER

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 2, 2010

Mr. NEUGEBAUER. Madam Speaker, on rollcall No. 584, I was unavoidably detained. Had I been present, I would have voted "no."

OUR UNCONSCIONABLE NATIONAL
DEBT

HON. MIKE COFFMAN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 2, 2010

Mr. COFFMAN of Colorado. Madam Speaker, today our national debt is \$13,834,918,581,977.03.

On January 6th, 2009, the start of the 111th Congress, the national debt was \$10,638,425,746,293.80.

This means the national debt has increased by \$3,196,492,835,638.20 so far this Congress.

This debt and its interest payments we are passing to our children and all future Americans.

A TRIBUTE TO JOYCE MARIE
CANNADY

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 2, 2010

Mr. TOWNS. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Joyce Marie Cannady.

Joyce Marie Cannady was born in Franklin, Virginia, to Sallie Irene and Jasper Williams. She has lived a life of service to others and continues to do so even as a retiree today.

Ms. Cannady began her work career as a Secretary for the Department of Social Services as a member of the executive staff team. During her tenure there, she excelled at meeting the day-to-day operation needs of the department. Always a good listener, she was tasked with the assignment of addressing complaints of the office.

In 1971, a co-worker informed her about a Medgar Evers College opening in Brooklyn. She accepted a position as the first Secretary in the Nursing Program, which began with sixteen students. Joyce helped set the tone and pace for the Nursing Program. She excelled in her position and received increasing levels of responsibilities over the years. In her role as Administrative Assistant to the Nursing Program Director, she was responsible for hiring and supervising support staff, scheduling student consultations and managing the on-going administrative operations.

Ms. Cannady retired after dedicating 30 years of service to an institution that continues to educate students by supporting its motto: "Creating success one student at a time." She has also worked with the AmeriCorps program, serving as a reading and writing tutor for first and second grade students at P.S. 57 in Queens.

In her spare time, she dedicates her experience and talent to others. Her community ac-

tivism began in the early 1980s, when she created the United Neighborhood Block Association in Queens and became its first President. The association was designed to increase the sense of community within the neighborhood. She also became a member of the Queens Village Civic Association, Queens Democratic Club, Eleanor Roosevelt Democratic Club, Women's Caucus for Congressman Towns and AmeriCorps Alumni. She has served as a leader for other service committees. She was the Executive Secretary, District Council 37 Women's Committee and President of the Youth Department of Black Trade Unionists. As a member of the Retirees Committee, she continues to live a life of service and currently serves as the Executive Secretary for the Church of God In Christ Jesus, N.D. Inc. She is also proud to have been ordained as a Minister by her Bishop, W.H. Amos in 2008.

Ms. Cannady's contributions to others have not gone unnoticed. Over the years she has been awarded the Medgar Evers College Secretary of the Year Award, U.S. Air Force Special Presidential Citation, Administrative Assistant of the Year Award, DC 37 People Merit Award and the Coalition of Black Trade Unionists Youth Department Award.

She has been married for fifty years to Ivory; they are the proud parents of three adult daughters, Vernay, Valerie, and Aesha. She also has two sons-in-law, Eugene Simmons and Scott Lynch, and a granddaughter, Ashley Simmons.

Madam Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in recognizing the achievements of Joyce Marie Cannady.

STATEMENT TO COMMEMORATE
THE 40TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE
UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL
PROTECTION AGENCY

HON. JOE BACA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 2, 2010

Mr. BACA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commemorate four decades of the creation of a federal agency with the noble mission to protect human health and the environment. The founding of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) on December 2, 1970, represented the start of remarkable environmental achievements for our nation. Their mission and valuable accomplishments have been well captured in EPA's 40th anniversary theme: "Healthier Families, Cleaner Communities, A Stronger America."

In this anniversary celebration, we should honor EPA's dedicated employees who during 40 years have worked hard to keep our land, air, and water clean and protected. Thanks to their efforts, expertise, and enthusiasm, this and future generations will be able to enjoy better environmental conditions in the places they work, live, and pray.

I take pride in representing a unique and diverse ecosystem in California's 43rd District. I particularly thank EPA for developing regulations that will assist the studies of water resources and groundwater conditions needed in potentially contaminated sites in my District. Sound environmental protection policies not only promote American security through better

use of our natural resources, but they also ensure the vast beauty of our nation is safeguarded for future generations to enjoy.

Throughout its existence, EPA has developed different programs that effectively respond to public concerns about their water, air, and land. These programs ensure public safety and support to local communities struggling in a difficult economic environment. Efforts that ensure that polluters pay, such as the Superfund Program—that addresses the cleanup of toxic waste sites—provide important tools that help identify the parties responsible for contamination. The Superfund Program has successfully required identified responsible parties to pay for the cleanup of their contaminated sites which has saved taxpayers billions of dollars.

As a Member of Congress, I am committed to continue fighting for legislation that allows EPA to protect our treasured resources—including ensuring clean air, safe drinking water for everyone and promoting cleaner, more efficient uses of America's natural resources.

Let us commemorate this milestone anniversary of the EPA by recognizing its people, its programs, and the progress they have made since the day the agency was founded 40 years ago. This celebration of EPA's legacy and accomplishments should also serve as a reminder of the work we still have ahead of us to protect the health and the environment of everyone in our communities and our nation.

RECOGNIZING THE NATIONAL CENTER FOR CREDIBILITY ASSESSMENT (NCCA)

HON. JOE WILSON

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 2, 2010

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the re-designation of the Defense Academy of Credibility Assessment, DACA, as the National Center for Credibility Assessment, NCCA.

Part of the Defense Intelligence Agency, DIA, and located at Fort Jackson in the Second Congressional District of South Carolina, NCCA serves as the government's premier educational center for polygraph and other credibility assessment technologies and techniques. Its central mission is to assist federal agencies in the protection of U.S. citizens, interests, infrastructure, and security by providing the best education and tools for credibility assessment.

For more than 50 years NCCA and its predecessor organizations have served as a core agency for the discipline of credibility assessment within the federal government, promoting standardization of credibility procedures, techniques, and applications across the federal government.

By designating NCCA as a national center, the Department of Defense and Defense Intelligence Agency are taking an important step in helping to harness the rapid technological advances in the field of credibility assessment. As a national center, NCCA will be able to better focus efforts addressing the urgent needs of national and international partners combating terrorism, narcotics trafficking, and other criminal activity.

As the national focal point for credibility assessment, NCCA will coordinate the develop-

ment and fielding of new credibility technologies to address a broad range of defense, homeland security, intelligence, and law enforcement requirements, ensuring that the federal government's technologies, techniques and procedures are reliable and scientifically supportable.

Madam Speaker, I am honored to have this important national asset in my district and I congratulate the leadership of DIA and the military and civilian employees at NCCA on this important recognition.

IN HONOR OF THE 125TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE CONNECTICUT STATE GRANGE

HON. JOE COURTNEY

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 2, 2010

Mr. COURTNEY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the Connecticut State Grange on their 125th anniversary.

The National Grange, also known as the Order of Patrons of Husbandry, is the nation's oldest national agricultural organization, with local chapter established in 2,700 local communities in 40 states. The Connecticut Grange has been one of the most active, continuously operating since 1885. In Connecticut the Grange has been an integral part of our state's efforts to preserve farmland, support rural communities and maintain the idyllic charm that is such an important part of New England's past.

The Grange has always welcomed farming families to involve themselves in the betterment of rural life and to contribute to its welfare by talent, thought, strength and willingness to labor heartily with fellow Patrons for the general good of the order and of mankind. The Grange's focus on community service, family activities and agricultural causes reflects well on the countless farmers who strive to preserve America's pastoral traditions. In eastern Connecticut, the Grange has a long and storied past supporting communities, maintaining our rural heritage and promoting the agricultural ideals that serve as the backbone of our country.

Not only is the Grange the oldest and one of the strongest farm organizations in America, it is the only farmers' fraternity in the world. The precepts of this farm-family fraternity are fourfold: (1) We should work toward a more prosperous agriculture; (2) Improve practical education; (3) Super-size community life and citizenship; and (4) Build higher ideals of manhood and womanhood among ourselves. With a strong faith in God, a nurturing hope, a focus on charity, and faithfulness to duty, the Granger continues to make rural life more desirable.

Members of the Grange have adopted the following creed: "United by the strong and faithful tie of agriculture, we mutually resolve to labor for the good of our order, our country and mankind." Madam Speaker, I believe those are words we can all live by, and so I ask my colleagues to join with me, and the people of Connecticut, in recognizing the Connecticut State Grange on their 125th anniversary.

HONORING ROBERT F. KENNEDY, JR.

HON. PATRICK J. KENNEDY

OF RHODE ISLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 2, 2010

Mr. KENNEDY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Robert F. Kennedy, Jr. for his remarkable work on environmental issues.

Cousin Bobby serves as Senior Attorney for the Natural Resources Defense Council, Chief Prosecuting Attorney for the Hudson Riverkeeper organization, and President of Waterkeeper Alliance which he founded in 1999. He is also a Clinical Professor and Supervising Attorney at Pace University School of Law's Environmental Litigation Clinic, and is co-host of the Ring of Fire radio program. Earlier in his career he served as Assistant District Attorney in New York City.

Bobby is credited with leading the fight to protect New York City's water supply. The New York City watershed agreement, which he negotiated on behalf of environmentalists and New York City watershed consumers, is regarded as an international model in stakeholder consensus negotiations and sustainable development. He has also worked on environmental issues across the Americas and has assisted several indigenous tribes in Latin America and Canada in successfully negotiating treaties protecting traditional homelands.

Bobby is a noted author and was named one of Time magazine's "Heroes for the Planet" for his success in helping Riverkeeper lead the fight to restore the Hudson River. The group's achievement helped spawn over 190 Waterkeeper organizations across the globe. He is a graduate of Harvard University, studied at the London School of Economics, and received his law degree from the University of Virginia Law School. Following graduation he attended Pace University School of Law, where he was awarded a Master's Degree in Environmental Law.

Bobby has been instrumental in advancing numerous environmental causes. I wish him all the best as he continues his important work on behalf of our natural resources. He will continue to carry my own admiration, and that of all who have had the privilege to work with him.

HONORING REVEREND GERALD KISNER ON HIS 15TH ANNIVERSARY AS PASTOR OF THE TABERNACLE MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH

HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 2, 2010

Mr. HASTINGS of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Rev. Gerald Kisner on his 15th anniversary as pastor of the Tabernacle Missionary Baptist Church in West Palm Beach, Florida. He has had a very long and honored career. After receiving his Master's degree from Case Western Reserve University, he graduated from Harvard University School of Law, where he was awarded a Dwight D. Eisenhower Scholarship, and received his Master of Divinity degree from Howard University.

Before being called to the ministry, Rev. Kisner educated young people as a professor at Boston State College, Boston University and Palm Beach Atlantic College. He is currently an Adjunct Professor at Palm Beach Atlantic University's School of Ministry. He has demonstrated his love for his fellow man by serving as Assistant Director of Social Services in the Boston, Massachusetts Department of Public Welfare and, later, as the Assistant Director of Medical Care for that agency.

Rev. Kisner's love for the law led him to become a Prosecutor and Law Director for the city of East Cleveland, Ohio and an Associate and Partner in two Cleveland area law firms. In Washington, DC, he joined one of that city's prominent firms and eventually opened his own practice. While in Washington, Gerald Kisner served as Director of the Office of Private Sector Development, again demonstrating his love for humanity. Still in Washington, his legal experience served him well as Deputy General Counsel for the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

Moving to Atlanta, Georgia, Rev. Kisner became Executive Director of the English Avenue Community Development Corporation, continuing his service to government and people in need. Since November 1995, he has been pastor of the Tabernacle Missionary Baptist Church in West Palm Beach. Over the course of his career, he has received many prestigious awards, including the Bishop Wilfred Wood Award from Howard University, the Dr. Martin Luther King Service Award from the Urban League of Palm Beach County and a Spiritual Enlightenment Award. In 1999, he was inducted into the Board of Preachers of Martin Luther King International Chapel at Morehouse College.

Madam Speaker, Gerald Kisner is a remarkable human being and a person who sets a fine example for us all to follow. I am fortunate to count him as a friend and I am pleased to join his family, many friends and colleagues and all who love and respect him in honoring him today.

IN HONOR OF THE WAIT NO MORE
ADOPTION AND FOSTER CARE
PROGRAM

HON. DOUG LAMBORN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 2, 2010

Mr. LAMBORN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor "Wait No More", an adoption and foster care awareness program that is a part of Focus on the Family and displays exceptional service to our nation's children.

Focus on the Family has long believed that all children deserve to know the joys of a permanent, loving family. At its very core, Wait No More believes in the value of all human life, and this guiding principle led to the creation of the Wait No More program.

The goal of Wait No More is to raise awareness of, and recruit families for, waiting children in foster care. Its mission is straight forward—"Finding Families for Waiting Kids". While the need for orphan care and adoption exists all around the world, Wait No More focuses on the needs right here in our own communities.

Wait No More held its first recruitment event in November of 2008 in Colorado Springs, a

community within my district in Colorado. That one event has since blossomed into numerous other recruiting events around the country, drawing over 4,300 people from Los Angeles, California to Cincinnati, Ohio, to Fort Lauderdale, Florida.

To date, over 2,400 families have benefited from Wait No More through its services of adoptive and foster family recruitment, post-placement support, and local foster care agency engagement. Of those, more than 1,100 families have initiated the process of adoption from foster care.

Furthermore, based in no small part to the efforts of Wait No More, the number of children who are waiting for placement in Colorado has dropped from over 800 to less than 400.

By the end of today, 850 children will have entered the foster care system, many of whom have suffered from abuse or neglect. By week's end, 4,250 children will find themselves on the beginning of their journey through the foster care system. However, due to the extraordinary efforts of the dedicated individuals at Wait No More and Focus on the Family, new families across the country are now waiting with open arms to welcome these children home.

I consider it a great privilege to represent the district that is home to Wait No More. I rise today to show my gratitude to Wait No More for its efforts in bringing hope to children and families both in Colorado and across the nation.

IN RECOGNITION OF DOROTHY
ANITA NEWHOUSE SMITH

HON. MIKE ROGERS

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 2, 2010

Mr. ROGERS of Alabama. Madam Speaker, I would like to request the House's attention today to pay recognition to Dorothy Anita Newhouse Smith who will celebrate her 100th birthday on December 27th.

Ms. Smith was born in Cleveland, Ohio, to the late Grace and Boudin Newhouse, immigrants from Holland. In 1917, before World War I, her family bought a farm in Brecksville, Ohio and she spent her childhood raising vegetables for their truck farming operation and graduating as Salutatorian of her high school class. She began working at Union Carbide where she met her husband Charles Smith of Alabama.

Dot and Charles eloped on May 27, 1939. In 1942, they had their first child, Charlie, and in 1945, Cheryl. In 1946, they moved to Union Springs, Alabama. Dot devoted her life to her husband and children and served as a volunteer for PTA, Union Spring Elementary School room mother, Boy and Girl Scout leader, Sunday School teacher and Civil Air Patrol leader after the war ended.

Her husband died at the age of 74, and Ms. Smith eventually moved in with her daughter and son-in-law, Cheryl and Jim Cunningham, in Franklin, Alabama. She lived there until 2001 when she moved to Monarch Estates in Auburn.

Ms. Smith has lived through wars, the Great Depression and seen so many historic events as they have taken place. Her son, Charlie,

and grandson, Todd, passed away years ago. Her daughter Cheryl, her granddaughters, Leigh Reed and Heather Hodges and her six great-grandchildren, Casey and Tyler Ellison, Trey and Anne Carter Reed and Michael and Hunter Hodges, visit regularly and still enjoy her stories of growing up in Ohio and the family stories of relatives in Holland.

I wish Ms. Smith a very happy birthday and many more.

HONORING ASHBEL T. ("A.T.")
WALL, II

HON. PATRICK J. KENNEDY

OF RHODE ISLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 2, 2010

Mr. KENNEDY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Ashbel T. "A.T." Wall, II for his stewardship in Rhode Island's Jail Diversion and Trauma Recovery Program—Priority to Veterans. His contributions have been vital to the success of this program. His work with this important issue is simply unmatched.

Rhode Island's Jail Diversion and Trauma Recovery Program—Priority to Veterans addresses the needs of individuals with mental illness such as post traumatic stress disorder and trauma related disorders involved in the justice system. In recognition of the dramatically higher prevalence of trauma related disorders among veterans, this program prioritizes eligibility for veterans.

Director Wall was appointed director of the Rhode Island Department of Corrections in March 2000. Prior to his appointment he served in the capacity of Assistant Director of Administration since 1987. He was Interim Director from October 1999—February 2000. Director Wall is the first native Rhode Islander and first employee from within departmental ranks to lead the agency in 22 years.

As director, Wall oversees a comprehensive correctional agency encompassing every aspect of Rhode Island's adult correctional system: jails, prisons, probation, parole, transitional housing and home confinement. He is responsible for setting policy direction and supervising all operations for a department that manages about 3500 pretrial and sentenced inmates in eight institutions and 27,000 offenders on probation, parole and community confinement. The budget totals approximately \$160 million and its staff complement is 1,600.

In addition to his departmental duties, Director Wall serves on numerous state and national commissions on a wide range of topics including institutional security, prison overcrowding, racial disparity and probation and parole. He is a member of state's Information Resources Management Board, which sets policy for the state's management information systems development.

He has also served as an expert witness for the Federal District Court in the areas of correctional administration and inmate management (security issues, classification and gangs) for major litigation on conditions of confinement in Commonwealth of Puerto Rico's correctional institutions (1994–1999).

Director Wall has been instrumental in advancing Rhode Island's correctional institutions. I wish him all the best as he continues his important work on behalf our nation's heroes, our veterans. He will continue to carry

my own admiration, and that of all who have had the privilege to work with him.

RECOGNIZING THE CENTENNIAL
OF THE GENERAL VON STEUBEN
MONUMENT

HON. TIMOTHY H. BISHOP

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 2, 2010

Mr. BISHOP of New York. Madam Speaker, I rise to mark the one hundredth anniversary of the dedication of the monument to General von Steuben across the street from the White House—in Lafayette Park, Washington, DC.

The monument to General Frederick Wilhelm von Steuben was dedicated in a ceremony presided over by President William H. Taft on December 7, 1910. Taking its place among the statues of three other European-born Revolutionary War heroes, the Steuben monument serves as a reminder of the tactical foresight and invaluable contributions of General von Steuben to the United States military during the American Revolution.

General von Steuben arrived in the United States from Prussia during a period of great turmoil for our young country. Facing the superior forces of Great Britain, the American military lacked experience, tradition, and proper training. It was under these circumstances that General von Steuben wrote to General George Washington prior to his arrival in 1778, stating “The object of my greatest ambition is to render your country all the service in my power, and to deserve the title of a citizen of America by fighting for the cause of liberty.” General von Steuben is credited with almost singlehandedly transforming the Continental Army from a group of untrained militias into a professional army capable of defeating the strongest military in the world.

In addition to his battlefield heroics, General von Steuben’s enduring impact lives on through the U.S. Armed Forces’ continuing reference to his “Blue Book,” which outlines a training plan that has served as the standard bearer for strategic military preparation. General von Steuben’s contributions and accomplishments continue to serve as a source of great pride and inspiration for the millions of German-Americans living in the United States today.

The Steuben Society, founded in 1919 and named in honor of General von Steuben, serves to educate the public about matters of interest to American citizens of German heritage and their families, to encourage participation in civic affairs, and to perpetuate and enhance the understanding of contributions made by German Americans to our nation. I am proud that the national headquarters of the Steuben Society is located in Patchogue, New York, which is my district and home to 130,000 German-American constituents.

Madam Speaker, I am honored to recognize the centennial anniversary of the dedication of the General von Steuben monument in Lafayette Park, and I commend the Steuben Society for its active role in promoting the culture and contributions of German-American citizens across the United States.

HEALTHY, HUNGER-FREE KIDS
ACT OF 2010

SPEECH OF

HON. ELIJAH E. CUMMINGS

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 1, 2010

Mr. CUMMINGS. Madam Speaker, I rise today in support of S. 3307, the Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act of 2010. I applaud Chairman MILLER for his efforts on this legislation, and commend Speaker PELOSI and Leader HOYER for bringing this legislation to the floor. I also commend First Lady Michelle Obama for her leadership on this initiative.

The Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act of 2010 expands access to school meal programs to thousands of children across the country. In addition to reauthorizing all expiring authorities and programs in the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act and the Child Nutrition Act, it will also assist all 50 states in providing meals for at-risk youth after school.

This bill contains several innovations in food delivery and safety for young people at school. Importantly, S. 3307 will increase funding for school lunches, increase access to free school meals, improve school meal nutrition standards, expand food service for summer and outside-of-school programs, implement food safety requirements for food served on school campuses, help innovate the WIC program, introduce new nutrition and healthy living standards, and fund state and local initiatives to eliminate childhood hunger.

Each day, millions of our young people go hungry, or consume food that is detrimental to their bodies and their minds. For many children, the meals they receive at school may be the only balanced, nutritious meal they have all day. A healthy diet is absolutely essential to a healthy life. Through health care reform, we have already taken steps to cultivate a culture of preventive care; this is another part of our effort to ensure that our children can realize their full potential.

The First Lady’s Let’s Move initiative has also played an important role in spotlighting the steps that can improve our children’s health, including the vital role that exercise plays in a healthful lifestyle. It is now our job in Congress to continue to support the important work done through this campaign by supporting this legislation.

I am proud to support this legislation, because I know what a profound effect this will have on many children’s lives.

However, while I do strongly support the legislation that is in front of us today, I am concerned with cuts to the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program that are on the horizon. We are taking steps now that will make our young people happier, healthier, and more productive individuals, but we must not forget that the SNAP program benefits many of the same children—and their families—that we are trying to help today. For that reason, it must be our priority to fully fund the SNAP program in the coming years.

That said, I am eager to see S. 3307 passed, and I am confident that this is indeed landmark legislation that will ensure our children can be all that God meant them to be—and I urge its adoption.

HONORING THE NEW HOPE EAGLE
FIRE COMPANY

HON. PATRICK J. MURPHY

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 2, 2010

Mr. PATRICK J. MURPHY of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor members of the New Hope Eagle Volunteer Fire Company: President/Fire Fighter Jim Finn; Chief Craig Forbes; Deputy Chief Frank Cosner, Jr.; Fire Fighter Keith McMullen; Fire Marshal Daryl Jurbala; Company Secretary Linda Rowe, and Fire Fighter/Safety Officer Frank Cosner, Sr.

On September 31, 2010, a giant construction barge broke free of its anchoring mechanisms and began drifting down the Delaware River toward the New Hope-Lambertville Bridge. This barge was meant to be a work platform and was equipped with a lifter and small crane, which could have caused major damage to the New Hope-Lambertville Bridge. Without the crucial decisionmaking and help of the New Hope Fire Company and its volunteers, this could have ended in disaster. They displayed incredible skill and bravery in their actions and for that they are honored.

Madam Speaker, I am proud to recognize and honor the individuals for their bravery and quick thinking in a time of great distress. I am honored to serve as their Congressman.

CONGRATULATING RAYMOND T.
AND ROBERTA “BOBBY” WHITE

HON. THEODORE E. DEUTCH

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 2, 2010

Mr. DEUTCH. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Raymond T. and Roberta “Bobby” White. Members of the Jewish War Veterans Post 266 since November 1997, Ray and Bobby’s activism and efforts on behalf of south Florida’s Jewish War Veterans are unmatched. Drawing on their prior experiences with veterans organizations, they have proved to be great assets within Florida Post 266.

Ray and Bobby’s hard work on behalf of Post 266 was quickly noticed. Shortly after their arrival, Bobby was elevated to be commander of the Women’s Auxiliary for Post 266, as Ray was named Post commander. It was not long before Ray rose to be the commander of the Department in 2003, and he did not stop there.

While serving as the Department Commander of Florida, Ray was appointed by the National Commander to the position of chairman for the first Committee for Soviet Jewry. In this capacity, Ray organized a program of installing flag poles and flags from condo organizations, the first of which was installed for Temple Emeth on Atlantic Avenue, where services are conducted annually on Memorial Day for fallen comrades.

Together, Ray and Bobby spearheaded numerous other community projects. Not only did Ray champion continued funding for hospitals and veterans’ benefits, but Bobby instituted a program for hospitalized veterans of the West Palm Beach facility with monthly Bingo games. The vision and followthrough of Ray and

Bobby were also instrumental in the planning and constructing of the Governor Lawton Childs Veterans Memorial Park right in Delray Beach.

Under the leadership of this outstanding couple, their community flourished and the membership of Post 266 grew to be the largest post in the country. Undoubtedly, these two have worked immensely to further the program of the Jewish War Veterans both locally and nationally. Today, Ray and Bobby are still involved in the Post; after turning over the commander's role in January 2010, Ray now holds the position of quartermaster, and Bobby continues to assist the current commander of the Women's Auxiliary. Raymond and Roberta White deserve special plaudits for their commitment and dedication to their work, and our very best wishes for their continued service and happiness in good health together.

HONORING ETHEL KENNEDY

HON. PATRICK J. KENNEDY

OF RHODE ISLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 2, 2010

Mr. KENNEDY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Ethel Kennedy, my aunt, upon the occasion of the 2010 Robert F. Kennedy Human Rights Award ceremony. This ceremony highlighted the abuses in Mexico and honored local hero Abel Barrera Hernandez, founder and director of the Tlachinollan Center, for his courageous defense of the rights of rural and indigenous people living in Guerrero State in southern Mexico. Aunt Ethel's work with the Human Rights Award is truly remarkable.

Aunt Ethel has been instrumental in advancing human rights. I wish her all the best as she continues this important work. She will continue to carry my own admiration, and that of all who have had the privilege to work with her.

INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTION
HONORING THE OFFICE OF RESEARCH ON WOMEN'S HEALTH

HON. LOUISE McINTOSH SLAUGHTER

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 2, 2010

Ms. SLAUGHTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the 20th anniversary of the Office of Research on Women's Health. As the leading agency for women's health research in the United States, the Office has transformed biomedical research and improved the lives of women nationally and internationally.

The Office of Research on Women's Health was founded in response to congressional and scientific concerns over the systematic exclusion of women from clinical research trials funded by the National Institutes of Health (NIH). One clinical trial, the Physicians' Health Study, included 22,071 men—and no women. This clinical trial generated over 300 basic findings that are used today to guide all facets of medicine. Indeed, the common advice to take aspirin to prevent heart attacks is based largely on this clinical trial with no female par-

ticipants. By excluding women from clinical trials, biomedical research failed women.

Scientists and government officials alike recognized the troubling implications of providing medical care based on research that excluded more than half of the world's population. The Society for Women's Health Research was founded to galvanize support and improve scientific research.

My colleagues and I in the Congressional Caucus for Women's Issues challenged the exclusion of women from federally funded research.

In 1990 we introduced H.R. 5397, an omnibus Women's Health Equity Act, an unprecedented package of 22 separate bills designed to improve the status of women's health in the areas of research, services, and prevention. Among the provisions of this mammoth legislation were: the establishment and permanent authorization of the Office of Research on Women's Health; the statutory requirement that women and minorities must be included in NIH clinical studies, where appropriate; the establishment of research centers on osteoporosis, contraception, and infertility; and necessary funding increases for research into the diseases that claim unacceptable numbers of female lives, like breast, ovarian, and cervical cancers.

Our interest prompted federal action. The National Institutes of Health announced the creation of the Office of Research on Women's Health in 1990.

Many of the provisions of the Women's Health Equity Act were included in the National Institutes of Health Revitalization Act of 1993. Thankfully, President Clinton made the NIH bill, and especially its critical improvements of women's health research, one of his first legislative priorities. It was signed into law on June 10, 1993, in a White House ceremony befitting such historic legislation—establishing the Office of Research on Women's Health in statute.

Since its creation 20 years ago, the Office of Research on Women's Health has increased our understanding of sex differences, from single cells to biological systems. This new focus on sex differences has transformed epigenetics, endocrinology, immunology, and many other fields.

In 1999, the Office initiated the "Building Interdisciplinary Research Careers in Women's Health initiative" which supported the career development of approximately 400 early-stage research scientists. By helping these scientists to become independent researchers and obtain academic positions, the Office of Research on Women's Health built a sophisticated, active field of women's health research.

In 2002, the Office established the "Specialized Centers of Research on Sex and Gender Factors Affecting Women's Health" program to support interdisciplinary research in basic and clinical research. In 2009 alone, this program helped scientists to publish 116 journal articles, 176 abstracts, and 63 other publications.

Alongside of the ambitious research agenda of the Office of Research on Women's Health, the Office also educates physicians, providers, and patients about gender-based differences in health care. This education program helps to translate the research accomplishments into tangible improvements in care for women and girls nationwide.

The Office of Research on Women's Health continues to press for improvements for women's health care.

This fall, the Office launched its "Vision for 2020 in Women's Health Research", a far-sighted research strategy for the next 10 years. Their vision—which I share—calls upon our Nation to increase its commitment to evaluate sex differences in both basic science and clinical research.

We also must ensure that sex differences are acknowledged in the design and application of new technologies and medications. Furthermore, we need to build a talented, diverse, and active women's health research workforce.

We cannot abandon our commitment to women's health research.

Indeed, recent withdrawals of medications by the Food and Drug Administration remind us of the importance of evaluating medicines by sex. In 2001, the then U.S. General Accounting Office published an evaluation showing that eight of the ten medications recently withdrawn "posed greater health risks for women than for men".

The importance of the mission and accomplishments of the Office of Research on Women's Health cannot be overstated. Women and girls deserve health care that has been tailored to their needs, and that requires high-quality research sensitive to gender-based differences.

I thank the Office of Research on Women's Health for their achievements over the past 20 years. I know that the Office will use the next 20 years to support excellent science that will benefit women and men alike.

REMARKS ON ALAN GROSS

HON. ELIOT L. ENGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 2, 2010

Mr. ENGEL. Madam Speaker, tomorrow marks the one-year anniversary of the imprisonment of Alan Gross in Cuba. Today, I come to the House floor not in my role as Chairman of the Western Hemisphere Subcommittee nor as a Congressman interested in U.S. policy toward Cuba.

Instead, I come here as a father and a husband to urge the Cuban government to release Alan Gross on humanitarian grounds.

Alan's health continues to deteriorate. He has lost 90 pounds and has developed disc problems that have caused partial paralysis in his leg. This could become permanent if he does not have surgery. He also has developed severe pain in his hips.

Perhaps even more devastating than his own health is Alan's not being able to be with his daughter who was recently diagnosed with breast cancer. His daughter has had several surgeries and is now undergoing chemotherapy. As a father to a daughter around the same age, it absolutely breaks my heart that Alan cannot be by his daughter's side to give her the emotional support that she needs.

The United States and Cuba have had a difficult relationship for a long time. But, Alan Gross is not a politician. His work brought him to Cuba because of his passion for the country's Jewish community.

Earlier this year, I met with Judy Gross in the Capitol. She told me that Alan jumped at the chance to work in Cuba, because he loves the Cuban people and wanted them to be able

to communicate better with the rest of the world. She explained that he never would do anything to harm them.

Judy Gross tells me that Alan is a family man. He is a very devoted son who called his mother every morning. She is 88 years old and fears she may never see him again. She is emotionally distraught about Alan's situation, and this is translating into a decline in her physical health.

There are times that we come to the House floor to engage in impassioned policy debates. There are times when we argue amongst ourselves about the right direction for U.S.-Cuba relations. Now is not one of those times.

Madam Speaker, today, on the eve of the one-year anniversary of Alan Gross' imprisonment, I stand in this chamber to plea for Alan's release. Not just for Alan's sake, but for the sake of his wife, his mother and his two daughters, I urge the Cuban government to immediately release Alan Gross.

THE INTRODUCTION OF THE NATIVE HAWAIIAN MEDICAID COVERAGE ACT OF 2010

HON. MAZIE K. HIRONO

OF HAWAII

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 2, 2010

Ms. HIRONO. Madam Speaker, I rise today to introduce the Native Hawaiian Medicaid Coverage Act of 2010. This legislation is a companion to S. 52, which was introduced earlier this year by Senator DANIEL K. INOUE.

This legislation would allow for 100 percent coverage under the Federal Medicaid Assistance Percent (FMAP) formula for Native Hawaiians who are Medicaid eligible and access care from Federally Qualified Health Centers or through the Native Hawaiian Health Care System.

Native Hawaiians, like American Indians and Alaska Natives, are an indigenous, native people. Currently, states receive a 100 percent FMAP reimbursement for health care services provided through Indian Health Services facilities. The bill I am introducing today would bring parity in the treatment of our country's Native peoples.

Congress has previously recognized the unique and historical relationship between the United States and the indigenous people of Hawaii. I ask for my colleagues' continued support for the health and wellbeing of Native Hawaiians.

HONORING RORY KENNEDY

HON. PATRICK J. KENNEDY

OF RHODE ISLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 2, 2010

Mr. KENNEDY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Rory Kennedy, my cousin, for delivering the keynote address at the opening of the Robert F. Kennedy Community Schools Complex in Los Angeles, California on September 13, 2010. Named after U.S. Senator Robert F. Kennedy, Rory's father and

my uncle, the schools are devoted to social justice. Rory's work on behalf of the young people of Los Angeles is simply remarkable.

On September 13, the six pilot schools that make up the Robert F. Kennedy Community Schools Complex began instructing students in grades kindergarten through 12 on its campus located in the Pico-Union/Korea Town neighborhood of Los Angeles. The schools are located on the site of the former Ambassador Hotel and because of the historic nature of the site, there were legal challenges to converting the site to a school. Community members and organizations, including RFK-12, came together to advocate for a local school. In 2005, the Los Angeles Unified School District School Board and Superintendent Roy Romer appointed the Robert F. Kennedy Commission to provide recommendations on how to memorialize Senator Kennedy's life. The commission was chaired by former California Supreme Court Justice Cruz Reynoso, and included a number of civic leaders.

The Commission's major recommendation called for a social justice theme to permeate the curriculum, extending from kindergarten through high school that would reflect Senator Kennedy's commitment throughout his public life.

The schools activities include: the creation of a foundation guided by an Advisory Committee that will help to fund social-justice related activities and act as a resource for the schools on establishing relationships with community service groups outside the school locally and in the larger world, a speakers program, a fellows program that will bring emerging and established leaders to the school, and the creation of a public park recalling the inspirational speeches by the Senator and others.

The pilot schools are innovative small schools that have charter-like autonomy over their budget, curriculum and assessment, governance, schedule and staffing, but are part of the public school system.

Rory has been instrumental in the improvement of public education in Los Angeles. I wish her all the best as she continues her important work on behalf of young people. She will continue to carry my own admiration, and that of all who have had the privilege to work with her.

RECOGNIZING FOUND CARE HEALTH CENTER AS THE FIRST FEDERALLY QUALIFIED HEALTH CENTER LOOK-ALIKE IN THE STATE OF FLORIDA

HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 2, 2010

Mr. HASTINGS of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize FoundCare Health Center (FoundCare) in West Palm Beach, Florida, which recently received Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC) Look-Alike status. As you know, the FQHC Program is administered by the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) of the Department of Health and Human Services and des-

ignates health centers that provide essential primary and preventive health care services to low-income, medically underserved, and vulnerable populations that traditionally have limited access to affordable services and face the greatest barriers to care. FoundCare's mission to provide health care services to all people, regardless of their ability to pay, is to be lauded.

The designation of FoundCare Health Center as the first FQHC Look-Alike in the State of Florida is a true testament to health care reform and expanding access to affordable, quality health care for all. At a time when millions of Americans are unemployed and uninsured, FoundCare provides an invaluable service to the community and is a vital component in our nation's health care network. The sad reality is that more than a quarter million children and adults in Palm Beach County are uninsured. To make matters worse, 60 percent of the uninsured are eligible for some type of insurance program but are not enrolled. It is unconscionable that so many families and individuals continue to suffer when help is available to them.

FoundCare provides essential primary and preventive health care services to those who might otherwise forgo medical care for themselves and their children. To best meet the needs of its patients, it operates with expanded hours to accommodate families, provides multilingual services in English, Spanish, French and Creole, employs efficient electronic medical records systems of care, and will soon also provide dental and pharmacy services. Furthermore, FoundCare helps individuals navigate the application process for Medicare, Medicaid, Florida KidCare, and other programs, and, together with Project Access partners, makes sure that patients can also access the specialty care they need. When fully funded, FoundCare has the capacity for more than 10,000 unduplicated patients per year. This is truly remarkable.

I have had the privilege of being involved with this visionary project from the start and am continually amazed by the extraordinary dedication and compassion of the men and women who work at FoundCare. Since it opened its doors in January 2009, FoundCare has provided access to quality health care for over 2,400 new uninsured and underinsured Palm Beach County residents. Currently, 77 percent of FoundCare's patients, who range in age from infancy to 84 and are nearly two-thirds female, do not have health insurance. In addition, more than 70 percent of patients have incomes below the federal poverty level. They visited FoundCare an average of nearly three times per year for various health concerns, including hypertension, diabetes, infectious disease, asthma, obesity, and women's health.

Madam Speaker, FoundCare's commitment to improving community health is an inspiration to us all. There is no doubt in my mind that, at this rate, it will soon become a Federally Qualified Health Center. As we recognize FoundCare's tremendous success, I would like to take this opportunity to thank each and every member of the FoundCare team for all the hard work that they continue to do on behalf of their community and the health of our nation as a whole.

A TRIBUTE TO THE LIFE OF
ALBERT "AL" POMBO

HON. JIM COSTA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 2, 2010

Mr. COSTA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Albert "Al" Pombo who passed away on November 19, 2010. Al Pombo was an extraordinary man and a favorite of racing fans throughout California, but also a personal hero of mine. I ask that portions of an article published by The Fresno Bee be entered into the RECORD.

Al kissed bumpers and babies in a hard-charging auto racing career in the Central Valley that often angered competitors while captivating fans, young and old, died Friday at Veterans Hospital in Fresno. He was 85.

"He was just talented, very good—he was the best," another former Valley racer, Dan Green, said Saturday of Mr. Pombo, who launched his career at Merced Speedway in the jalopy class in 1948, went on to compete in dirt cars, hardtops, sprint cars and super modifieds and won more than 500 main events, seven NASCAR supermodified titles and numerous championships at short tracks throughout California before he retired in 1971.

He actually came out of retirement for one final race, driving Al Brazil's circle No. 3 sprint car at Clovis Speedway in 1976. "They broke the mold when they made him," Kings Speedway promoter Dave Swindell once said of Mr. Pombo, the state's top hardtop racer in the 1960s. Kenny Takeuchi, a former announcer at Kearney Bowl and other tracks across the state, once said: "He was dedicated to the sport. Whether it's God-given or not, he had real driving talent and competition never faded him. He was also good on dirt or pavement, and that's rare to find today." Mr. Pombo was particularly dedicated to the Valley. "He had the ability to go back East," Green said, "but he never did really care about going on to Indy and the big time. He was a local guy and very few people beat him."

Mr. Pombo fancied the tight, quarter-mile oval at the old Kearney Bowl, where his duels with Marshall Sargent riveted the Valley racing audience in the 1950s and '60s and helped pump racing blood back into the hearts of those still mourning the 1955 Indianapolis 500 loss of Fresno icon Billy Vukovich Sr.

It was at Kearney Bowl—once Fresno Airport Speedway, and then Italian Park Speedway—where Vukovich forged his career from 1936-47 behind the wheel of the little red "Old Ironsides" before crowds approaching 20,000 that routinely arrived for Sunday night midgets. It was primarily there and at Clovis Speedway that Mr. Pombo developed a Valley fan following arguably only exceeded by Vukovich in the region's history of auto racing.

Mr. Pombo's popularity hardly faded deep into his retirement as it was common to see him in recent years smooching babies and being swarmed by kids and adults at autograph sessions at Valley tracks. He couldn't be torn away from his passion, even though he used a wheelchair in his final months. He made his last appearance, signing his hats, T-shirts and pictures per usual, Oct. 22-23 at the Trophy Cup at Tulare's Thunderbowl

Raceway. Mr. Pombo was taken there by longtime friend Paul Reiter, his designated driver for years. And, to the end, Reiter witnessed many who bowed to the icon. "People from way back would tell their kids to shake this man's hands, the legend of all time," said Reiter, a former soda vendor at Kearney Bowl. "People would tell him, 'You're the greatest driver . . . you gave us so many nights of thrills . . . I met my wife at the track and watched your whole career.'

Most memorable were the duels with Sargent that found metal to metal and occasional fist to fist. So intense was their rivalry, bleacher brawling was common among fans fighting in defense of one or the other racers. And so prominent in Valley racing annals, a tribute is still paid in the form of the annual Pombo-Sargent Classic at Kings Speedway. "We were always the best friends in the world," once said Pombo, also namesake of the Al Pombo Classic that continues at Madera Speedway. "But when the green flag dropped, we'd come out fighting. Sometimes, we'd mix it up a bit, but we'd always end up in the bar partying."

Daughter of Al Pombo's son, Tony, she said her grandfather hadn't walked since falling and breaking his hip in late June. Since, he had remained at Fresno's Veterans Hospital. And it was there that Reiter would pick him up, drive him to tracks in Tulare, Chowchilla, Madera and Hanford, and return him the same night, as late as 2 a.m. "He loved kids, he loved people, he loved everybody," Reiter said. "You couldn't ask for a better guy. He was my hero."

Al was born in the Azores on June 3, 1925. He is preceded in death by his wife Pat, and children Diana, David, and Albert Jr. Al is survived by his children, Alisa and Larry McDonald, Patty Micheli, Debbie Pombo, Tony and Susan Pombo, Pat Ruch, and fifteen grandchildren and eleven great-grandchildren.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in remembering the life of this remarkable man, and one of my personal heroes, as we offer our condolences to his family and celebrate his memory and service to our community and California.

HONORING DR. NORMAN WALL

HON. ALAN GRAYSON

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 2, 2010

Mr. GRAYSON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to offer my congratulations on Dr. Norman Wall being honored for his many contributions to the foundation of the Sheba Medical Center in Tel Hashomer, Israel and his continued involvement in medical advancements both in the United States and in Israel.

He used his role as a medical officer in the U.S. Army during World War II to help establish what is now Israel's largest hospital and research center. Dr. Wall has not stopped giving back to the community both here and abroad. Since his move to Orlando in 1995, he has made a great impact on the Florida Hospital community.

I greatly appreciate his service in the U.S. Army and his many contributions in the field of medicine. Dr. Wall has a true grasp of the

concept of tikkun olam and I am inspired by his commitment to making the world a better place.

HONORING SUMMER KENNEDY

HON. PATRICK J. KENNEDY

OF RHODE ISLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 2, 2010

Mr. KENNEDY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Summer Kennedy, my cousin, for her stewardship in the opening of the Robert F. Kennedy Community Schools Complex in Los Angeles, California on September 13, 2010. Named after U.S. Senator Robert F. Kennedy, Summer's father and my uncle, the schools are devoted to social justice. Summer's work on behalf of the young people of Los Angeles is simply remarkable.

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Summer has been instrumental in the improvement of public education in Los Angeles. I wish her all the best as she continues her important work on behalf of young people. She will continue to carry my own admiration, and that of all who have had the privilege to work with her.

A TRIBUTE TO MARY SCARPA FOR
HER PUBLIC SERVICE TO
ADELANTO, CALIFORNIA

HON. JERRY LEWIS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 2, 2010

Mr. LEWIS of California. Madam Speaker, I would like to join today with my friend and colleague Congressman BUCK MCKEON in paying tribute to Mary Scarpa, the former mayor of Adelanto, California, who helped that small desert city grow and prosper over two decades of public service.

Mary Scarpa arrived in California's Mojave Desert in 1968 with her husband John, joining their lifelong friends from the U.S. Air Force, Patricia and Herbert Chamberlaine. They moved to Adelanto, a then tiny city in the shadow of George Air Force Base, where Herbert Chamberlaine was stationed.

Within two years, Mary Scarpa and Patricia Chamberlaine began their community involvement by helping organize the incorporation of the city of Adelanto. They founded the Adelanto Independent newspaper to watch over civic affairs. Mary Scarpa joined the city's planning commission in 1971, and was elected to the City Council in 1981. She served on the council for the next 16 years, including four years as Mayor. For many of those years, she was joined on the civic body by her friend Pat Chamberlaine.

The city of Adelanto had just 2,100 residents when Mary Scarpa was elected to the council. It had few amenities and almost no business base other than the Air Force Base. Today, the city has industrial parks, housing tracts and its own minor league baseball stadium—and a population approaching 30,000. Mary Scarpa is credited for much of the progress.

At 83, Mary Scarpa is still involved in community activities through her work with the Community Food Closet charitable pantry and through organizations like the Veterans of Foreign Wars and the Read Across America program in the local schools. She has attended nearly every game of the minor league High Desert Mavericks at the baseball stadium she helped bring to the city.

Madam Speaker, the city of Adelanto and the Adelanto Chamber of Commerce are honoring Mary Scarpa as one of the founders and civic leaders of the city. Please join Congressman MCKEON and me in congratulating Mary on her long years of public service, and wishing her well in her future endeavors.

HONORING THE CAREER OF
MARGIE FITES SEIGLE

HON. ADAM B. SCHIFF

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. SCHIFF. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Margie Fites Seigle and to celebrate her retirement after 17 years as the visionary President & CEO of the California Family Health Council (CFHC), headquartered in Los Angeles, California.

Margie Fites Seigle has long been a peerless advocate for the low-income and under-

served. A champion for women's and civil rights, Margie's career in social justice began after she accepted a job with Planned Parenthood, an organization dedicated to advocating for and ensuring access to important reproductive and sexual health care services. For the next 17 years, Margie served as Executive Director of two Planned Parenthood affiliates: Allentown, Pennsylvania and Orange/San Bernardino Counties, California, where she lead an expansion of services and geographic outreach.

But perhaps Margie's most pivotal role has been as the President & CEO of the California Family Health Council. CFHC works with over 70 delegate agencies that provide family planning services in more than 300 clinics throughout the state of California. More than one million Californians receive care in one of these clinics. CFHC also conducts contraceptive research; develops culturally and linguistically appropriate educational materials; facilitates conferences, seminars, and training workshops for clinical staff and community health workers; and champions reproductive health and justice issues through coalition building and policy advocacy.

Aside from her leadership roles, Margie has actively promoted increased access to health care services for California's women and men through strategic alliance building. Margie has served on the boards of the Coalition of Orange County Community Clinics; the Family Planning Councils of America; the Family Planning Providers Council; the Guttmacher Institute; and the National Family Planning & Reproductive Health Association.

Margie has worked hard to promote and preserve California's Medicaid waiver for family planning services, FamilyPACT, which provides health care to low-income women and men at no cost. Though the waiver provides cost-savings to the state of California, it is consistently under threat. The FamilyPACT program remains alive today as a direct result of the efforts of Margie and other coalition partners who fight to maintain it.

Madam Speaker, I want to recognize Margie Fites Seigle for all of the important work she has done to expand access to vital reproductive and sexual health care for millions of Americans, and for her many years of unwavering dedication to the low-income and underserved.

HONORING MAXWELL KENNEDY

HON. PATRICK J. KENNEDY

OF RHODE ISLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. KENNEDY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Maxwell Kennedy, my cousin, for his stewardship in the opening of the Robert F. Kennedy Community Schools Complex in Los Angeles, California on September 13, 2010. Named after U.S. Senator Robert F. Kennedy, Maxwell's father and my uncle, the schools are devoted to social justice. Maxwell's work on behalf of the young people of Los Angeles is simply remarkable.

On September 13, the six pilot schools that make up the Robert F. Kennedy Community Schools Complex began instructing students in grades kindergarten through 12th on its campus located in the Pico-Union/Korea Town

neighborhood of Los Angeles. The schools are located on the site of the former Ambassador Hotel and because of the historic nature of the site, there were legal challenges to converting the site to a school. Community members and organizations, including RFK-12, came together to advocate for a local school. In 2005, the Los Angeles Unified School District School Board and Superintendent Roy Romer appointed the Robert F. Kennedy Commission to provide recommendations on how to memorialize Senator Kennedy's life. The commission was chaired by former California Supreme Court Justice Cruz Reynoso, and included a number of civic leaders.

The Commission's major recommendation called for a social justice theme to permeate the curriculum, extending from kindergarten through high school that would reflect Senator Kennedy's commitment throughout his public life.

The schools activities include: the creation of a foundation guided by an Advisory Committee that will help to fund social-justice related activities and act as a resource for the schools on establishing relationships with community service groups outside the school locally and in the larger world, a speakers program, a fellows program that will bring emerging and established leaders to the school, and the creation of a public park recalling the inspirational speeches by the Senator and others.

The pilot schools are innovative small schools that have charter-like autonomy over their budget, curriculum and assessment, governance, schedule and staffing, but are part of the public school system.

Maxwell has been instrumental in the improvement of public education in Los Angeles. I wish him all the best as he continues his important work on behalf of young people. He will continue to carry my own admiration, and that of all who have had the privilege to work with him.

REPRESENTATIVE CAROLYN
CHEEKS KILPATRICK

HON. BARBARA LEE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 2, 2010

Ms. LEE of California. Madam Speaker, on behalf of the Congressional Black Caucus it is with great pleasure and pride that I rise today to extend my best wishes to Congresswoman CAROLYN KILPATRICK as she prepares to retire from the United States Congress after 14 years of service to the people of the 13th congressional district of Michigan and our nation.

Congresswoman Kilpatrick was an exemplary chair of the Congressional Black Caucus, who I served with as First Vice Chair during the 110th Congress. I have also had the pleasure of serving with Congresswoman KILPATRICK as a member of the House Appropriations Committee, where she has been a forceful advocate for her constituents and the state of Michigan. A brilliant and focused lawmaker, Congresswoman KILPATRICK is known for her inspirational leadership, her outstanding passion for public service, and her steadfast commitment to education and equality.

While serving on Capitol Hill, Congresswoman KILPATRICK has worked to level the

playing field for minority-owned media outlets and advertising firms that face discrimination from major advertisers. Spearheading a movement to foster greater equity, she hosted groundbreaking forums on diversity in advertising and was a leading force in the successful effort to secure a Presidential Executive Order compelling all federal agencies to increase their contractual opportunities with minority businesses.

Prior to coming to Washington, Congresswoman KILPATRICK was a devoted mentor and educator who taught Business Education in the Detroit Public School system. From there, she was elected to the Michigan State House, where she served for 18 years and made history as the first African American woman to serve on the Michigan House Appropriations Committee. A tremendous role model to her students, supporters, colleagues, constituents and fellow Michigan residents, Congresswoman KILPATRICK has consistently demonstrated a pioneering fearlessness throughout her career.

She established the Sojourner Truth Project to inspire young African American women to be leaders, and has developed many projects to underscore her deep commitment to secure future opportunities for our young people. And, as an international leader, Congresswoman KILPATRICK has led efforts to enhance trade, cultural and educational efforts between the American people and the people of Africa. She has led delegations abroad to solidify these ties, including leading the Congressional delegation to celebrate the 40th anniversary of the independence of Ghana. Congresswoman KILPATRICK has long been a strong voice for a rational United States foreign and military policy, and her unique insight will be missed by colleagues and friends throughout Washington, DC.

Congresswoman KILPATRICK is a superb legislator and public servant, who throughout her illustrious career has always given voice to the voiceless and demonstrated an unyielding commitment to improving the human condition. There is no doubt that Congresswoman KILPATRICK has made an indelible mark on the world, and that she will continue to contribute the strength of her spirit, compassion, and intellect as she moves forward to this next chapter.

On behalf of the Congressional Black Caucus, I honor and salute Congresswoman KILPATRICK for her legacy of service to the residents of Michigan's 13th congressional district, to the American people, and to our global family.

TRIBUTE TO DR. CARL WONG

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 2, 2010

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today with my colleague, Representative LYNN WOOLSEY, to honor Dr. Carl Wong, an outstanding educator for 38 years who is retiring as the Sonoma County Superintendent of Schools. Dr. Wong is a distinguished director whose work in this elected position provides countywide leadership, support, and fiscal oversight for the K-12 public school system, which is comprised of 40 school districts and 71,000 students.

A dedicated educator committed to the philosophy of public school education and to the welfare of students, Dr. Wong is a first generation Chinese-American from humble origins. Living in the federal housing projects in Valero, California where his father was employed at the Mare Island Naval Shipyard, Dr. Wong graduated from Napa High School and first pursued a career as a machinist at the Shipyard. Enrolling in night school through Napa Community College, Dr. Wong earned his degree and teaching credential at Chico State University. He began his career in education as a math and industrial arts teacher at Helix High School in San Diego County, later returning to school to become a counselor and administrator. As a full-time faculty member and administrator, Dr. Wong earned his Ph.D. in education from Northern Arizona University.

In 1997, Dr. Wong returned to his home in Northern California, becoming superintendent of Petaluma City Schools, the second largest school district in Sonoma County. In this post, Dr. Wong successfully pioneered a framework to build collaboration and understanding between the district's major divisions to better serve youth. First elected Sonoma County Superintendent of Schools in 2002 and re-elected in 2006, Dr. Wong is credited with working with the County Board of Education, district and school administrators, and faculty to restructure and better serve local districts, helping them align themselves toward more continuity while building consensus for a shared, countywide vision.

The recipient of many awards and recognitions, Carl Wong is a compassionate mentor, both to students and to colleagues. His background gives him a unique understanding of students who don't excel in traditional academic settings. He is a tireless advocate whose goal is to prepare all students to become productive citizens engaged in the democratic process. An active community speaker, Dr. Wong gives generously of his time and energies, serving on numerous boards and councils, including the Board of Supervisors' appointee to the Sonoma County Workforce Investment Board, the United Way of Wine Country Board, and the Santa Rosa Mayor's Gang Prevention Task Force.

Madam Speaker, Dr. Carl Wong is a very talented man, a man of remarkable commitment and it is therefore appropriate to honor him today and to wish him well in his next endeavor. Congratulations, Carl Wong—you will be missed!

CAMPUS SAVE ACT

HON. THOMAS S. P. PERRIELLO

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 2, 2010

Mr. PERRIELLO. Madam Speaker, I recently introduce the "Campus Sexual Violence Elimination Act" or "Campus SaVE Act". This bill will help better protect our Nation's college and university students from sexual assault and other forms of intimate partner violence.

Recent events on campuses across the Nation have come as a shocking wake-up call to many of us about the issue of dating violence. While not often thought of as a college problem, nearly a third, 29 percent, of college students reported physically assaulting a dating

partner in one study by the Family Research Laboratory at the University of New Hampshire.

Sexual assault is also more widespread than often believed. Between one-fifth and one-quarter of female undergraduates will be the victim of a completed or attempted rape, in nearly all cases by an acquaintance or intimate partner, according to the U.S. Department of Justice, DOJ, although fewer than five percent report to the authorities.

More than 13 percent of women also reported having been stalked in a single school year according to the DOJ.

The Campus SaVE Act would update 18-year-old provisions in the Jeanne Clery Disclosure of Campus Security Policy and Campus Crime Statistics Act, Clery Act. These longstanding provisions already require sexual assault awareness programming and victims' rights, but don't address the full range of intimate partner violence or incorporate the latest lessons learned about how to successfully prevent and respond to these challenges.

Our bill would amend the Clery Act so that it covers a more inclusive range of intimate partner violence including stalking, dating violence, sexual violence, or domestic violence. It would also expand the education programs institutions must offer to include primary prevention and bystander intervention. This will empower the students themselves to know how to intervene, and to do so safely, something the University of Virginia has led the way in discussing. Violence prevention experts believe that this type of bystander intervention is a critical piece of the solution because these incidents often aren't reported to campus or other officials, and fellow students are in many ways the true first responders.

It would also require a discussion of consent and information about the scope of intimate partner violence at each institution.

One reason these crimes aren't more widely discussed is that all too often their victims do not come forward to seek justice or even assistance. They feel they will not receive the support they need, or even worse that they will be revictimized by a process not set up to handle their report properly, according to the victim advocates I consulted with. Many end up transferring or leaving school altogether.

For these reasons, the Campus SaVE Act would also provide for a more robust framework of victims' rights in these cases designed to better guarantee a supportive structure. Victims would have a right to prompt proceedings conducted by officials trained in the issues of sex offenses and intimate partner violence.

The proceedings would also use the preponderance of the evidence standard, the standard used in any civil court proceeding across the United States, rather than a higher burden such as clear and convincing or even the beyond a reasonable doubt. This will guarantee the accused significant due process, while not making it more difficult than necessary for institutions to effectively respond to threats to campus safety.

Finally, the Campus SaVE Act provides for the U.S. Department of Education to collaborate with the U.S. Department of Justice, leveraging their experience from administering the Grants to Reduce Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, and Stalking on Campus program, to compile and disseminate best practices information. While ensuring campuses have the latitude to develop programs that work best for their own unique

communities, this will guarantee institutions have the tools they need to develop effective programs without significant experimentation or expense.

I would like to thank the team at Security On Campus, Inc., SOC, the national non-profit group founded by Jeanne Clery's parents, Connie and Howard, after her rape and murder on her Pennsylvania campus in 1986, for their support in developing this legislation and for their full endorsement. Liz Seccuro, herself a survivor of campus rape at the University of Virginia in 1984, has been especially inspiring in her support of our work and I want to commend her for her courage in coming forward publicly so that the current generation of students can receive the protection she was denied.

I would also like to thank Kristen Lombardi and Kristen Jones of the Center for Public Integrity. Their year-long expose "Sexual Assault On Campus—A Frustrating Search for Justice" ran earlier this year, along with companion segments on NPR, exposing many of the gaps the Campus SaVE Act will help to fill.

Madam Speaker, the scope of intimate partner violence significantly undermines the billions of taxpayer dollars we invest in higher education. The Campus SaVE Act will help protect this investment, but more importantly our most valuable asset—our children and our future. College campuses should be a safe and secure place of learning, not a place where anyone feels uncomfortable or unsafe.

HONORING AMBASSADOR JEAN
KENNEDY SMITH

HON. PATRICK J. KENNEDY

OF RHODE ISLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 2, 2010

Mr. KENNEDY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Ambassador Jean Kennedy Smith, my aunt, upon being chosen as a recipient of the Presidential Medal of Freedom to be presented by President Obama at a ceremony in early 2011. The Presidential Medal of Freedom is the country's highest civilian honor, presented to individuals who have made great contributions to U.S. security or world peace, or made other cultural or significant accomplishments. Aunt Jean's work with the arts and those with disabilities is simply unmatched.

In 1974, Aunt Jean founded VSA, a non-profit, international organization affiliated with the John F. Kennedy Center that promotes the artistic talents of children, youth and adults with disabilities. VSA also provides education opportunities for people with disabilities and increases access to the arts for all. With 52 international affiliates and a network of nationwide affiliates, VSA is changing perceptions about people with disabilities around the world. Each year, 7 million people of all ages and abilities participate in VSA programs, which cover all artistic genres.

For 46 years, Aunt Jean has been a member of the Board of Trustees of the Joseph P. Kennedy, Jr. Foundation, which provides grants to promote awareness and advocacy in the field of intellectual disabilities. Her book, *Chronicles of Courage: Very Special Artists*, written in collaboration with George Plimpton, was published by Random House in April 1993.

President Clinton named Aunt Jean U.S. Ambassador to Ireland, where she played a pivotal role in the peace process from 1993 to 1998. She is the youngest daughter of Joseph and Rose Kennedy, my grandparents, and is the Secretary of the Board of Trustees of the Kennedy Center.

I wish Aunt Jean all the best as she continues her important work on behalf of those with disabilities. She will continue to carry my own admiration, and that of all who have had the privilege to work with her.

HONORING DR. CARL WONG

HON. LYNN C. WOOLSEY

OF CALIFORNIA

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TRIBUTE TO CONGRESSMAN
STEPHEN SOLARZ

HON. MICHAEL E. McMAHON

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 2, 2010

Mr. McMAHON. Madam Speaker, today I rise to honor the memory of native Brooklynite, global connoisseur and dear friend, Congressman Stephen Solarz.

Congressman Solarz worked tirelessly on the House Foreign Affairs Committee as Chairman of the Subcommittee on Asia and the Pacific to address some of the most controversial topics and political figures of our time. Congressman Solarz combined American foreign policy with a Brooklyn twist, being both affable and austere when necessary. His work affected numerous corners of the world from North Korea to Israel to Turkey and beyond.

Furthermore, Congressman Solarz's legendary staff members, including Assemblyman Peter Abbate, have gone on to contribute greatly to New York City. I have had the pleasure of working with his colleagues and have seen the Congressman's great work live on through them.

Today, on the day of his funeral, my thoughts and prayers are with his family and his wife, Nina. It brings me great sadness to say goodbye to an American hero like Congressman Solarz. He will truly be missed across the globe.

ON WORLD DAY OF REMEMBRANCE FOR ROAD TRAFFIC VICTIMS

HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 2, 2010

Mr. HASTINGS of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise today in solemn observance of the World Day of Remembrance for Road Crash Victims and their Families, which was observed on Sunday, November 21, 2010. I offer my heartfelt condolences to all those who have lost loved ones to road crashes. This observance spans the globe, uniting every person regardless of age, class, gender, race, nationality, or geography, as road crashes can devastate any life at any time.

Indeed, road crashes profoundly alter the lives of millions of people. The leading cause of death throughout the world for people ages 5 to 29 is not disease or war but road crashes. A staggering 1.3 million people are killed in road crashes every year, and another 20 to 50 million are injured in traffic accidents. On

average, over 1,000 people under the age of 25 die every single day on the world's roads, and the annual monetary cost of motor vehicle crashes worldwide is currently estimated at \$518 billion.

These numbers are increasing dramatically and place particular strain on underdeveloped and developing nations, where crash rates are at their highest. In developing countries, road crashes have a dramatic impact on fragile economies, costing an estimated \$100 billion and often exceeding the total amount received by these countries in development assistance. Furthermore, road crashes affect first responder services, health care services, and health insurance services, as many victims require extensive, and expensive, critical care, as well as follow-up care and rehabilitation.

Road crashes are particularly devastating when examining the effect on young people. Globally, more than 40 percent of all road traffic deaths occur among individuals under 25 years old, and crashes are the leading cause of death for children and young adults aged 10–25 years old. Over the next decade, this is estimated to become the leading cause of death for children 5 and older worldwide. It is my fervent hope that our observance of the World Day of Remembrance will help to prevent the needless end of so many young lives in the future.

Unlike other epidemics and tragedies which modern science has not yet found ways to eradicate, the cure for road crashes is within our grasp, and the United States has taken a critical, active role domestically and internationally to address this problem. In November 2009, the Moscow Declaration, signed by 150 countries, encouraged the establishment of a Decade of Action for Road Safety from 2011 to 2020, and laid the foundation for United Nations General Assembly Resolution 64/255 adopted in March 2010. This U.N. resolution recognizes that the devastation caused by road crashes negatively impacts the social, economic, and health targets of the Millennium Development Goals. The United States now takes the lead in furthering the goals of this initiative and setting an example for the rest of the world by improving transportation management, infrastructure, vehicle safety, education, and post-crash care and rehabilitation here at home. It is of the utmost importance that we continue to support public policies designed to reduce key risk factors like speeding, drunk driving, distracted driving, and the failure of many Americans to use seat belts, child restraints, and other safety devices.

The Decade of Action for Road Safety has not been declared to merely raise awareness, but also to take action. We all use roads, cars, buses, and bicycles every day. It is easy to take our safety for granted. But too many tragedies remind us that road fatalities and injuries have an enormous impact on our lives. This resolution expresses the House of Representatives' support for the Decade of Action and encourages the federal government to support efforts to reduce road fatalities, preventing needless deaths and injuries both here at home and around the world.

Madam Speaker, as Americans travel the world more and more and as our global society grows ever more close-knit, the pressing importance of our observance of the World Day of Remembrance only grows as well.

HONORING TIMOTHY SHRIVER

HON. PATRICK J. KENNEDY

OF RHODE ISLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 2, 2010

Mr. KENNEDY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Timothy Shriver, my cousin, for his stewardship in leading the world's most formative human rights organization. Tim is the Chairman of the Board of Directors and the Chief Executive Officer of the Special Olympics. In this capacity, Tim serves 3.1 million Special Olympics athletes and their families in 175 countries. His work for those with disabilities is simply unmatched.

After taking the helm at Special Olympics in 1996, Cousin Tim launched the organization's most ambitious growth agenda, leading to the recruitment of more than 2 million new athletes around the world. He has worked with the leaders of China to initiate a thriving Special Olympics Program in their country, highlighted by their hosting the 2007 Special Olympics World Summer Games in Shanghai. He has also worked with world leaders such as Nelson Mandela, Bill Clinton, George Bush, Bertie Ahern, Rafiq Hariri, Thabo Weld, Julius Nyerere, Hosni Mubarak and Shimon Peres to advance the growth of the Special Olympics mission and vision while challenging nations to adopt more supportive and just policies. He has spearheaded programs in developing or war-torn countries such as Afghanistan, Bosnia, Herzegovina and Iraq.

Tim has also created exciting new Special Olympics initiatives in athlete leadership, cross-cultural research, health, education and family support. Among them, Special Olympics Healthy Athletes has become the world's largest public health screening and education program for people with intellectual disabilities, and Special Olympics Get Into It, together with Unified Sports, promotes inclusion and acceptance around the world.

In addition, he has worked to garner more legislative attention and government support for issues of concern to the Special Olympics community, testifying before the U.S. Congress on numerous occasions.

As part of his passion for promoting the gifts of the forgotten, Tim has harnessed the power of Hollywood to share the stories of inspiration and change, co-producing DreamWorks Studios' 1997 release, "Amistad," and Disney Studios' 2000 release, "The Loretta Claiborne Story." He is Executive Producer of "The Ringer," a Family Brothers' film, and also has produced or co-produced shows for ABC, TNT and NBC networks, and made broadcast appearances on "The Today Show," CNN, MTV and Nickelodeon's "World of Difference."

Before joining Special Olympics, Tim was and remains a leading educator focusing on the social and emotional factors in learning. He has worked in substance abuse prevention, violence, dropout prevention and teen pregnancy prevention. He created the New Haven Public Schools' Social Development Project, now considered the leading school-based prevention effort in the United States, and co-founded the Collaborative for Academic, Social and Emotional Learning (CASEL), the leading research organization in the United States in the field of social and emotional learning. Tim currently chairs CASEL.

Tim earned his undergraduate degree from Yale University, a Master's degree in Religion and Religious Education from Catholic University, and a Doctorate in Education from the University of Connecticut. He is the recipient of numerous honors, including honorary degrees from Loyola University, New England College and Albertus Magnus College; the Medal of the City of Athens, Greece; the Order de Manuel Amador Guerrero of the Republic of Panama; the 1995 Connecticut Citizen of the Year; the Surgeon General's Medallion; and the 2007 Lions Humanitarian Award. He has authored articles in many leading publications including "The New York Times," "The Washington Post" and "Commonweal."

Tim has helped transform Special Olympics into a movement that focuses on respect, acceptance and inclusion for individuals with intellectual disabilities in all corners of the globe. I wish Tim all the best as he continues his important work on behalf of those with disabilities. He will continue to carry my own admiration, and that of all who have had the privilege to work with him.

EXPRESSING OUR APPRECIATION
FOR THE DEDICATED STAFF OF
THE 8TH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

HON. JOHN S. TANNER

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 2, 2010

Mr. TANNER. Madam Speaker, I rise today on behalf of the citizens of Tennessee's 8th congressional district to express our great appreciation for the distinguished service of the 8th district staff.

As you and our colleagues know, it is simply not possible to fully perform our duties in this body without the help of dedicated staff members. They are called on to work long hours helping us communicate with our constituents and assisting families with personal matters before the federal government.

The team representing the 8th district has helped west and middle Tennesseans resolve an estimated 30,000 federal cases over the past 22 years and has talked with hundreds of thousands more about their views on issues pending before Congress.

There are few, if any, communities where our staff has not helped improve and enhance the quality of life. We have worked with state and local officials to secure funding for water and sewer systems; better school facilities; senior citizen services; assistance for farmers; recreation facilities; public hunting and fishing opportunities; rural health care; satellite Veterans Affairs centers so our rural veterans can see doctors closer to home; rural broadband upgrades; rural fire and police services; and highway, infrastructure and economic development projects to create thousands of jobs. The list could go on and on.

We are deeply proud of this record of constituent service, which is only possible because of the hard work and expert skill of dedicated staff members who have made sacrifices to address the needs and concerns of our neighbors. They are leaders in our communities who recognize public service is an opportunity to help people and see their jobs as a source of pride.

Three staff members working in our office now or who have recently retired from federal service—Judy Counce, Shirlene Mercer and Lou Anne White—started working for the 8th district when Betty Ann and I came to Congress, and we are fortunate that they remained with us.

Six others began their service to the 8th district before that, working alongside my predecessor, Congressman Ed Jones. This truly extraordinary team includes Kathy Becker, Margaret Black Matilla and Betty Hardin, all of whom still work in the 8th district offices today; and Joe Hill, Doug Thompson and Vickie Walling, all of whom recently retired from federal service.

Brad Thompson and Tom Turner are also longtime staff members who have given a great deal of time and energy to our district.

Others on the 8th district team for the 111th Congress include Mary Kate Allen, Mary Arnold, Elizabeth Brown, Christy Bugg, Carling Dinkier IV, Randy Ford, Jon Merlis, Beth Ann Saracco, Debbie Shires, Marilyn Simpson and George Tagg Jr.

Madam Speaker, I appreciate you and our colleagues joining me in a well-deserved expression of appreciation for the women and men who have served alongside Betty Ann and me over the past 22 years, whose selfless, tireless efforts on our behalf have led to meaningful contributions to the 8th district and our country.

COMMEMORATING TURKEY ON THEIR REPUBLIC DAY

HON. BILL DELAHUNT

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 2, 2010

Mr. DELAHUNT. Madam Speaker, I recently returned from the Franklin Center for Global Policy Exchange's 26th TransAtlantic Conference in Ankara and Istanbul, Turkey.

Joining me for this bipartisan conference were House colleagues JEAN SCHMIDT, FRANK LUCAS, JAMES SENSENBRENNER, and JIM MORAN.

This conference brought together Turkish and European Union government officials, members of the diplomatic community, scholars, and private sector leaders, to find ways to enhance understanding of the global challenges currently facing the U.S. and Turkey. We discussed how vital the bilateral relationship has been to both countries and how the alliance has served our national interest for over 60 years.

The key to our relationship is strengthening collaboration toward shared goals. Only with a renewed sense of trust and understanding will this partnership continue to thrive in the 21st century.

In honor of the deep friendship between the U.S. and Turkey, I come to the House Floor today to congratulate the Turkish people and their government on the 87th anniversary of the founding of their nation by Mustafa Kemal on October 29, 2010.

Mustafa Kemal, who was later given the name Ataturk, meaning "father of the Turks," rejected the crumbling structures and outdated modes of empire and embraced instead a platform of reform and modernization, a legacy that continues in Turkey to this day.

I am pleased to take this opportunity to highlight some of the incredible accomplishments of one of the world's most dynamic nations. Over the past 87 years, Turkey has joined the G20, NATO and the United Nations, becoming a leader on many diplomatic issues in the Middle East, Europe and around the world. She has led humanitarian missions in Afghanistan and Iraq, and taken the lead in the United Nations relating to Somali pirates and North Korea.

Turkey has followed President Ataturk's vision by partnering with the West, and also by building relationships with its neighbors to help stabilize the region.

I speak for the American people in extending our wishes for the continued strength and success of the Republic of Turkey.

HONORING THE LIFE OF FRANCES LOUISE LASTER HAYES

HON. STEVE COHEN

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 2, 2010

Mr. COHEN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Mrs. Frances Louise Laster Hayes, the owner of T.H. Hayes and Sons Funeral Home in Memphis, Tennessee. She was born to Robert Laster and Maude Blair Laster in Fort Smith, Arkansas on January 9, 1907. Due to her mother's death, Frances and her three siblings, Mary, Clifford and Walter were raised by her father and aunt, Callie.

Frances Laster attended Lemoyne Normal school, now Lemoyne College, in the 1920s. She studied commerce and earned a Bachelor's degree in business administration. After graduation, Frances took a position at her family's lucrative business in Spring Lake, New Jersey. She worked there 8 years before returning to Memphis, where she married Taylor Hayes of Hayes Funeral home, the oldest continuing African-American-owned business in Tennessee.

When Frances Hayes married into the Hayes family at age 23, she had no experience in the funeral home industry. She started as a secretary working side-by-side with her husband and brother-in-law, learning the business of mortuary science. Earning her funeral director's license, Mrs. Hayes became one of the first licensed black female directors. Mrs. Hayes took over the Hayes funeral home with the help of family members when her husband died in 1968.

Mrs. Hayes received several awards and mentions over her lifetime. In 2002, Mrs. Hayes was awarded the President Award of Excellence from the National Funeral Director and Mortician Association Inc. and was also an honorary member of Who's Who of Black Funeral Directors. In recognition of the 100th anniversary of T.H. Hayes and Sons Funeral Home, she was honored by Grace Magazine, the Commercial Appeal and the Tri-State Defender. She was prominent in social and civic realms and was a member of the Memphis Dinner Club, once described as one of the most exclusive black social clubs in America. She was also a member of the 2nd Congregational Church in Memphis, Tennessee.

At 103 years old, Frances Hayes was the epitome of a family matriarch. Her life experiences were widespread, including WWI and

WWII, Vietnam, The Gulf, The Great Depression, modernization of the auto, the assassinations of M.L. King, John F. Kennedy, and Robert Kennedy, the Civil Rights Act of 1964, the Birth of Blues with WC Handy. Just two years ago she said "I can't believe we have a Black president, and she's such a beautiful First Lady."

Frances Hayes passed away Sunday, November 21, 2010 at the age of 103 at Methodist University Hospital. Mrs. Hayes' legacy lives on through her nephew Powers Thornton, Jr., her brother-in-law's daughter, Tommye Kay Armstrong and her Godsons, Antonio Benson, Eddie Brooks, Elbert Webster and her dozens of nieces and nephews. We are honored for her dedication to Memphis, Tennessee and her contributions to the Memphis community. Hers was a life well lived.

HONORING TYLER WHITLEY FOR HIS 50 YEARS OF SERVICE AT THE RICHMOND TIMES-DISPATCH

HON. ERIC CANTOR

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 2, 2010

Mr. CANTOR. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Tyler Whitley for his 50 years of service at the Richmond Times-Dispatch and the Richmond News Leader.

After graduating from Hampden-Sydney College, Tyler Whitley began his career with the Richmond News Leader as an obituary writer and then served as business editor for about six years before becoming a political reporter in 1980. He continued covering Virginia politics for the Richmond Times-Dispatch when the papers merged in 1992. A constituent of Virginia's Seventh District and a veteran journalist, Tyler Whitley has covered nine governors, 14 national political conventions and four decades of the Virginia General Assembly.

Known as the sage of the Virginia press corps, Tyler Whitley is highly respected by his colleagues for his hard work and dedication to his craft. He is a familiar face at Virginia political events and a household name to his many readers through countless bylines. He is a fair and honest reporter who I've had the pleasure to work with since my days in the Virginia House of Delegates and continue to work with today.

It is often said that reporters write the first version of history. In that case, Tyler Whitley has written more history than most. Please join me in recognizing Tyler Whitley as he marks a significant milestone in his distinguished career after 50 years of service at Richmond's paper of record.

CLAIMS RESOLUTION ACT OF 2010

SPEECH OF

HON. DANNY K. DAVIS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 30, 2010

Mr. DAVIS of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of H.R. 4783, Claims Resolution Act, as amended by the Senate to resolve claims against the United States government

related to the Pigford class action lawsuit, and the Cobell class action lawsuit. The Claims Resolution Act included several provisions addressing a long-delayed justice for tens of thousands of African-Americans and hundreds of thousands of Native Americans.

In 1999, a federal judge approved a settlement agreement in a class action lawsuit (Pigford v. Glickman) filed by African-Americans farmers against the United States Department of Agriculture, USDA, for denying them federal loans, disaster assistance, and other services. Under this agreement, black farmers, who were eligible and filed a complaint against the USDA by July 1, 1997, were to receive compensation resulting from discrimination practices. However, tens of thousands of black farmers filed after the cutoff date because they reported not receiving or being notified of any information regarding a filing deadline. Therefore, they were not included in this class action to receive compensation. As a result, black farmers and the federal government have been fighting over this issue for years.

H.R. 4783 is a bill that contained a provision to provide some relief to those that were left out of the original class action. This legislative measure provides an estimated \$1.15 billion to resolve the longstanding Pigford case. In addition, other legislative language was included in H.R. 4783 to address an injustice against the Native Americans regarding a long-running class action lawsuit (Cobell v. Salazar).

The Cobell class action lawsuit alleged that the Interior Department mismanaged billions of dollars in grazing land, gas, oil and other royalties owed to hundreds of thousands of American Indians. H.R. 4783 resolves claims against the government regarding the government's management and accounting for over 500,000 individual Indians' trust accounts. This provision is estimated to cost \$3.412 billion.

H.R. 4783 is a bill that is long overdue to address past failures and misjudgments of the United States Department of Agriculture and Department of the Interior toward African-American farmers and Native Americans. Moving forward as a Nation, we hope that we can build on the existence of our past to learn from our failures and to move forward without any racial, gender, and religious malice.

REPRESENTATIVE JOHN LEWIS

HON. STENY H. HOYER

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 2, 2010

Mr. HOYER. Madam Speaker, Congressman JOHN LEWIS of Georgia is an icon of courage, dignity, and perseverance. He risked his life in the struggle for civil rights for all Americans, he stood with Dr. King as one of that movement's most eloquent and inspirational leaders, and he has held steadfast to the principle of equal justice in every part of his public life, from the Freedom Rides to his service in the House. I am proud to call him a dear friend—and I am proud that his leadership has recently been honored with two prestigious awards.

On November 17, President Obama announced Congressman LEWIS as one of the next recipients of the Presidential Medal of Freedom, America's highest civilian honor.

The award citation noted his courage on "Bloody Sunday" in Selma, Alabama, and his contributions to the passage of the landmark Voting Rights Act; it observed that "JOHN LEWIS is an American hero and a giant of the Civil Rights Movement." The medal will be presented early next year.

On the same day, Congressman LEWIS was also honored by the Lyndon Baines Johnson Foundation as the inaugural recipient of the LBJ Liberty and Justice for All Award. The award marks Congressman LEWIS's lifelong commitment to the founding principles that were the watchword of the Civil Rights Movement. It also recognizes the determined legislative leadership that enabled President Johnson to turn the movement's moral vision into political action. The LBJ Foundation honored Congressman LEWIS for "his dedication to the highest ethical standards and moral principles [which] has won him the admiration of many of his colleagues on both sides of the aisle in the United States Congress."

I am among those colleagues who have taken regular inspiration from the force of JOHN LEWIS's example. He has my sincere congratulations on these recent honors.

IN MEMORY OF ROBERT E.
OLIPHANT

HON. IKE SKELTON

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 2, 2010

Mr. SKELTON. Madam Speaker, it is with great sadness that I inform the House of the death of Robert E. Oliphant. Mr. Oliphant, who passed away at the age of 88, is survived by his wife Pearl; his two daughters Deborah and Patti; and his two grandchildren, Justin and Emily. The community of Odessa and the State of Missouri will sorely miss this remarkable man's leadership, generosity, and congenial disposition.

Born on June 22, 1922, in Cainsville, MO, he was raised by Glenn and Cordia Oliphant in Princeton, MO. After graduating high school in 1941, he attended Chillicothe Business College for a year before heeding the call to service and entering the United States Army. He began basic training in the spring of 1944 and was shipped off to Europe where he served with the 103rd Infantry Division. During the Battle of the Bulge in late 1944, he suffered injuries to his shoulder and arm and was awarded the Purple Heart.

After recovering from his injuries, Mr. Oliphant began working for Clarence H. Goppert at the People's Bank in Kansas City. In 1948, Mr. Goppert acquired the Bank of Odessa and Mr. Oliphant was named executive vice president of the bank. After being promoted to president in the early 1960s, he became chairman of the board of the Bank of Odessa and remained in that position for more than 40 years. Under his leadership, the Bank of Odessa provided invaluable assistance to area churches, civic groups, and volunteer organizations. This assistance and Mr. Oliphant's personal philanthropy allowed these organizations to thrive, prosper, and serve countless individuals.

Mr. Oliphant's leadership in the Odessa community goes far beyond his work at the Bank of Odessa. Selected in the first Hall of

Fame class of the Odessa R-7 Public School Foundation, he was also a founding member of the Odessa Rotary Club, a longtime member of the Odessa Lions Club, and a lifetime member of the Odessa Veterans of Foreign Wars Post. I have no doubt that he has touched the lives of every person in the Odessa community, and his legacy will remain for generations to come.

Madam Speaker, Mr. Oliphant has served our Nation well as a dedicated family man, a military veteran, and a community servant. I trust my fellow members of the House will join me in celebrating the life of an American treasure, Robert E. Oliphant.

IN HONOR OF MR. ARMSTER
HINTON

HON. SANFORD D. BISHOP, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 2, 2010

Mr. BISHOP of Georgia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to join my constituents in celebrating the 124th Anniversary of Greater Saint Mark AME Church in Columbus, Georgia. As part of this celebration, we honor the Church's oldest living member, Mr. Armster Hinton, who is 96 years old and has spent the majority of his life worshipping as a parishioner at Greater Saint Mark AME Church.

Born April 16, 1914 in Hurtsboro, Alabama, where his family owned a horse farm, Mr. Hinton is the son of the late Merion and Daisy Hinton. He was educated at William H. Spencer High School, and graduated from that institution in 1933.

Mr. Hinton sought higher education, and graduated from Albany State College with a degree in business. He went on to honorably serve his country during World War II. While a soldier in the U.S. Army, his company in the Army made dog tags for the troops. He also instructed his fellow soldiers in reading and writing, helping many of them to attain a fourth grade level education.

In 1934, Mr. Hinton was married to the love of his life, the late Mrs. Nell Blanchette Gibson Hinton. They were married for 71 wonderful years and were blessed with a beautiful daughter, Mrs. Beverly Gaynell Hinton Hogle. Mrs. Hogle is married to Mr. Kenneth Hogle, who Mr. Hinton considers a son. Mr. Hinton's family also includes his precocious grandson, Master Destin Hinton Hogle.

Along with his immediate family, Mr. Hinton's great love has impacted countless lives, namely those of his god-children: Mrs. Doris Burton Upshaw; Mrs. Frances Jones Walker; Mrs. Rose Marie Wilson Arnold; Rev. Paul Berry, III; Mrs. Jasper Dawkins, Jr.; and Mrs. Jasmine Dawkins Jones.

A master tailor, he is retired from Tillman's Men's Clothing in Columbus. In his retirement, he has utilized his many talents as an avid cook and a consummate gardener. Mr. Hinton also has been the recipient of numerous recognitions from Greater Saint Mark AME Church, where he has been a life-long member since childhood.

He is known throughout the community for his resplendent appearance. When asked about it, his favorite expression is, "I can't help that; I was born looking good." He attributes his longevity to a powerful faith in

God, along with "having a ball" with family and friends.

Madam Speaker, from his service in the U.S. Army to his life-long dedication to his community, our country, the State of Georgia, and the City of Columbus, Mr. Armster Hinton has led a life of purpose. He is a kind-hearted and compassionate man who upholds the true meaning of Christianity. Today I join Greater Saint Mark AME Church in honoring Mr. Hinton's longevity. May he continue to inspire generations to come.

HONORING CONGRESSMAN IKE
SKELTON

HON. MADELEINE Z. BORDALLO

OF GUAM

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 2, 2010

Ms. BORDALLO. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize my good friend, Chairman IKE SKELTON of Missouri, for his many contributions and service to our country, the people of Missouri, my home district of Guam, and the United States House of Representatives.

Chairman SKELTON has represented the fourth district of Missouri in this body for thirty-four years, and he has been a champion of our country's armed forces. It is safe to say that if it were not for Chairman SKELTON, professional education in our military would be inadequate. Further, he has always been a champion of inter-service cooperation in our military and has worked to ensure successful implementation of the Goldwater-Nichols Act. He has been a member of the House Armed Services Committee since 1981 and consistently been an advocate for our men and women in uniform. He consistently worked in a bi-partisan fashion to use the annual defense authorization bill to take care of the pressing needs of our servicemembers.

In addition, Chairman SKELTON has been a tremendous partner and advocate for the people of Guam. He has worked closely with me to ensure that the military build-up on Guam is done right and is a win-win for our military and local community. He supported me in efforts to ensure that we have a robust statutory framework that ensure proper implementation and oversight of this strategically important undertaking. Without his understanding of our strategic importance and for his love of the people of Guam this would not have been possible.

It has been one of the greatest pleasures of serving in Congress to work with a man of such intellect, honor and passion. On behalf of the people of Guam, I extend a heartfelt *Un dangkulo na Si Yu'os Ma'ase* for his personal friendship, support of the people of Guam, and service to our Nation.

CONSIDERATION OF RANGEL
CENSURE RESOLUTION

HON. CHARLES W. DENT

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 2, 2010

Mr. DENT. Madam Speaker, as a member of the Ethics Committee, I have carefully reviewed evidence in the matter of Congressman RANGEL and believe the Committee's recommendation for censure is appropriate. While the censuring of a Member of Congress is a rare and significant action, I am confident this is the proper penalty for the House to impose on Mr. RANGEL, given the accumulation and totality of his offenses.

On November 16, a bipartisan adjudicatory subcommittee on which I served found 11 of the 13 counts Mr. RANGEL faced were supported by clear and convincing evidence. I believe the most egregious of these offenses included violating the Ethics in Government Act by submitting numerous inaccurate financial disclosure statements and violating the Code of Ethics for Government Service by running a campaign office from a property leased as a rent-stabilized residential apartment.

I also believe it is appropriate for Mr. RANGEL to provide restitution for his failure to pay taxes. As long time member and former Chairman of the House's tax-writing committee, Mr. RANGEL's tax violations cannot be ignored.

Violations like those committed by Mr. RANGEL, individually and cumulatively, damage the public's trust in their elected officials and this institution. However, the House has the opportunity today to restore the American people's confidence in this body by illustrating that Members of Congress are accountable for their transgressions and will face appropriate penalties for their misconduct.

Madam Speaker, while this difficult occasion is by no means a pleasant duty for any of us, it is nonetheless a necessity. Therefore, we now must demonstrate our commitment to high ethical standards by voting to censure Congressman RANGEL.

TRIBUTE TO GENERAL CARROL H.
CHANDLER

HON. IKE SKELTON

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 2, 2010

Mr. SKELTON. Madam Speaker, let me take this means to recognize and pay tribute to General Carrol H. Chandler for over 36 years of service and dedication to the United States Air Force. He currently serves as the Vice Chief of Staff of the Air Force, and will retire from active duty on March 1, 2011. He will be sorely missed.

A native of Carthage, Missouri, General Chandler graduated from the United States Air Force Academy in 1974. Following graduation, he earned his wings after attending Undergraduate Pilot Training at Laughlin Air Force Base. General Chandler later earned a masters degree in management, attended the Executive Program for General Officers at the John F. Kennedy School of Government at Harvard, and the Navy Senior Leader Business Course at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

A command pilot with more than 3,900 flying hours in the F-15, F-16, and T-38, General Chandler has commanded a major command, a numbered air force, two fighter wings, a support group and a fighter squadron—a true testament to his exceptional Airmanship, leadership, and judgment. His staff assignments include tours at Headquarters Pacific Air Forces, the Pentagon, Headquarters U.S. Pacific Command, Headquarters U.S. Military Training Mission in Saudi Arabia and Headquarters Allied Air Forces Southern Europe.

Throughout his career, General Chandler received many well-deserved awards and decorations, and his commitment and dedication to the mission of the Air Force will be remembered for many years to come.

Madam Speaker, General Chandler has distinguished himself during his career with the United States Air Force. I trust my fellow Members of the House will join me in wishing the very best to the good General; his wife Eva-Marie; and their three children, Carl, Rose-Marie, and Thomas.