

she was named one of Cleveland's "Most Interesting People."

Mr. Speaker and colleagues, please join me in honoring Judge Jean Murrell Capers.

**DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR.
MEMORIAL BREAKFAST**

HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKY

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 12, 2011

Mr. VISCLOSKY. Mr. Speaker, as we celebrate the birth of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and reflect on his life and work, we are reminded of the challenges that democracy poses to us and the delicate nature of liberty. Dr. King's life, and, unfortunately, his untimely death, reminds us that we must continually work to secure and protect our freedoms. Dr. King, in his courage to act, his willingness to meet challenges, and his ability to achieve, embodied all that is good and true in the battle for liberty.

The spirit of Dr. King lives on in the citizens of communities throughout our Nation. It lives on in the people whose actions reflect the spirit of resolve and achievement that will help move our country into the future. In particular, several distinguished individuals from Indiana's First Congressional District will be recognized during the 32nd Annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial Breakfast on Saturday, January 15, 2011, at the Genesis Convention Center in Gary, Indiana. The Gary Frontiers Service Club, which was founded in 1952, sponsors this annual breakfast.

This year, the Gary Frontiers Service Club will pay tribute to several local individuals who have for decades unselfishly contributed to improving the quality of life for the people of Gary. Those individuals who will be recognized as Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Marchers at this year's breakfast include: Karen Freeman-Wilson, the late Reverend Dr. Benjamin J. Holmes, Robert L. Nichols, Bishop Benjamin A. Sanders, William A. Shields, Ph.D., and Deputy Mayor Geraldine Tousant. Additionally, Martha Morgan Naylor will be honored with the prestigious Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Drum Major Award, an award given out annually to outstanding individuals of the Gary community. Ms. Johnnie Rogers will be recognized as the 2010 Frontier of the Year, which marks the first time a woman has been honored with this distinguished award.

Though very different in nature, the achievements of each of these individuals reflect many of the same attributes that Dr. King possessed, as well as the values he advocated. Like Dr. King, these individuals saw challenges and faced them with unwavering strength and determination. Each one of the honored guests' greatness has been found in their willingness to serve with "a heart full of grace and a soul generated by love." They set goals and work selflessly to make them a reality.

Mr. Speaker, I urge you and my other distinguished colleagues to join me in commending the Gary Frontiers Service Club officers: President Oliver J. Gilliam, First Vice President Sean Jones, Second Vice President James Piggee, Treasurer/Seventh District Director Floyd Donaldson, Recording Secretary Melvin Ward, Financial Secretary Sam Frazier, and

Corresponding Secretary Ferba Hines, as well as Breakfast Chairman Clorius L. Lay, Videographer Otho Lyles, Master of Ceremony Clause Dowers, the honorees, and all other members of the service club for their initiative, determination, and dedication to serving the people of Northwest Indiana.

CELEBRATING THE ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF MR. ALBERTO CARRILLO

HON. ZOE LOFGREN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 12, 2011

Ms. ZOE LOFGREN of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the career and accomplishments of Mr. Alberto Carrillo, Sr. a dedicated employee of the Office of Human Relations of Santa Clara County.

Prior to our election to the House of Representatives, I served 14 years on the Board of Supervisors for the County of Santa Clara and so I am well aware of the important work done by the County's Office of Human Relations. They work diligently with our extremely diverse community to build positive inter-group relations, to eliminate prejudice and discrimination and to foster the peaceful resolution of conflict.

Alberto has worked tirelessly advocating for civil and human rights in our community. Both with the County and in his capacity as a community activist and volunteer, he has worked toward building opportunities in housing, employment, education, business and government for Santa Clara County's diverse community.

His experiences outside of the County speak to his dedication. He began his career with the Mexican-American Chamber of Commerce, held leadership positions in the Mexican-American Political Association, and has served on many non-profit boards of directors and advisory boards.

The Congress wishes Mr. Carrillo the very best as he continues this new chapter in his life in retirement.

**IN HONOR OF SARAH BRACHMAN'S
ADVOCACY FOR DOWN SYNDROME**

HON. PETE SESSIONS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 12, 2011

Mr. SESSIONS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Sarah Brachman, the National Down Syndrome Society's 2011 Advocate of the Year.

Sarah Brachman has interned countless hours for my office as well as our colleague Congressman BEN CHANDLER. Some of her duties have included, but not limited to, the expansion of membership for the Congressional Down Syndrome Caucus while garnering support for legislation important to the caucus' initiatives. Sarah single-handedly recruited over 30 Members of Congress to join the caucus.

Sarah courageously speaks with individuals and groups about her daily life as an individual who lives with Down syndrome. As a direct re-

sult of Sarah's dedication and leadership, countless individuals have been educated on the concerns of the individuals with Down syndrome.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my esteemed colleagues to join me in congratulating Sarah Brachman for her devoted service as an advocate for Down syndrome.

HONORING JOSE F. ALIAGA

HON. MIKE ROGERS

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 12, 2011

Mr. ROGERS of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to honor Jose F. Aliaga for his outstanding work as a civil servant in his home country of Peru and the United States of America.

Jose Aliaga first arrived in the United States to pursue a college education at the University of Michigan, where he recently earned his diploma this past December. As a political science major, Mr. Aliaga learned about the democratic process in America and looked for ways to use this knowledge to strengthen the diplomatic and economic relationship between Peru and the United States. He worked to promote trade between America and Peru and led one of the first trade missions from the United States prior to the Free Trade Agreement.

In addition to his diplomatic work, Jose Aliaga has continued to further his role as a leader to children in Latin America. He founded the Aliaga Foundation to provide impoverished children in the jungle of Peru with books, pencils, food and medicine and continues to foster positive relations between the United States and Peru by promoting student exchanges between universities.

Today I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Jose F. Aliaga. I commend Mr. Aliaga on his dedication to strengthening ties between America and Peru. He is to be applauded for his continuous contribution to the lives of children in Latin America.

**IN RECOGNITION OF MR. KENNETH
PRINGLE**

HON. FRANK PALLONE, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 12, 2011

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mr. Kenneth Pringle, mayor of Belmar, New Jersey. Mr. Pringle will be retiring from his position as mayor after serving for 20 years. Surrounded by family, friends and colleagues, Mr. Pringle's efforts and dedication will be recognized at an awards dinner on January 22, 2011. This celebration is well-deserved in light of Mayor Pringle's 20 years of service as an admirable public servant to the constituents of Belmar.

Mayor Pringle has served as the mayor of Belmar from 1990 through 2010. The longest serving mayor of Belmar, Mr. Pringle is a staunch advocate for environmental issues and maintaining clean beaches. He has successfully sought the implementation of a smoke-free policy along the beaches in

Belmar. This policy acts as a model for various towns throughout New Jersey. During his tenure, Mr. Pringle has also supported the implementation of “green” and “sustainable” living throughout Belmar. He has also advocated against offshore drilling, hosting numerous events and press conferences in Belmar relating to this topic. Mayor Pringle’s outstanding contributions to the borough of Belmar continue to resonate and positively affect the lives of the residents.

Mr. Pringle has served on various committees, enhancing his experience and ability to assist constituents. Mr. Pringle served as chairman of the Belmar Charter Study Commission from 1989 through 1990, past chairman of the Belmar Housing Authority and a member of the Belmar Planning Board and counsel to the Red Bank Planning Board. He is also a member of the Board of Trustees of the Monmouth Ocean Development Council and has served on the Board of Directors of New Jersey Transit Corporation. Mr. Pringle is a founder of the Belmar Improvement Fund. He was also instrumental in the forming of the Belmar Arts Council. Mr. Pringle’s unending advocacy and hard work have undoubtedly helped countless people throughout Belmar.

Mr. Pringle is a graduate of Mount Saint Mary’s College in Emmitsburg, Maryland and Georgetown University Law Center, where he was the criminal procedure project editor of the Georgetown Law Journal. From 1982 through 1983, Mr. Pringle served as law clerk to the Honorable Clement Haynsworth, Jr. of the fourth circuit. He also worked as an associate at the Washington, DC law firms of Hogan & Hartson and Ross, Dixon & Masback but soon returned to Belmar, New Jersey in 1987 to open a solo law practice. Mr. Pringle is currently the managing partner of Pringle Quinn Anzano, P.C., a 25 person law firm with offices in Belmar, Morristown and Trenton, New Jersey.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in recognizing Mayor Kenneth Pringle’s 20 years of service to the borough of Belmar. Mr. Pringle’s achievements make him a deserving recipient of this body’s recognition.

HONORING JONATHAN D. OLSEN

HON. DUNCAN HUNTER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 12, 2011

Mr. HUNTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Jonathan D. Olsen for his involvement in the San Diego community. Jonathan is a lifelong resident of Santee, California, having graduated from Santana High School and finalizing his bachelor of arts degree in 2011.

Jonathan has served as the president of the Santee Chamber of Commerce, is leading a successful organization and serves the community with distinction. He is a thriving businessman in Santee, having worked in the Santee community management and operating several business endeavors. He has great abilities in working and managing his family’s doughnut shops and other businesses.

Jonathan also has been active in the development of the special edition of the Echo, the Santee Street Fair, Business Expos, the Santee Car Show, and the Santee Chamber of

Commerce Awards Night. Under his leadership, several successful community events were organized. These include the Miss Santee-Teen Pageant, Sunrise Santee Morning mixers and programs, business-after-five monthly business networking meetings, Santee Day at the County Fair, Fall Frenzy-City Wide Sale and Craft Fair, SCORE Counseling-SBA counseling, installation and retreat planning and numerous ribbon cutting and grand opening ceremonies. Jonathan is also involved in speaking to high school and college students concerning their goals and aspirations.

Mr. Speaker, it is a great honor to stand in recognition of Jonathan Olsen for his tireless work as a member of the San Diego community. Such an extraordinary level of dedication serves as an example to others and showcases the goodness that community service, charity and strong local leadership could have on impacting the lives of others. I ask that my colleagues join me in paying tribute to Jonathan and wishing him continued success in the future.

HONORING STEPHANIE AUER

HON. STEVE STIVERS

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 12, 2011

Mr. STIVERS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today on behalf of the people of Ohio’s 15th Congressional District and the citizens of Columbus, Ohio, to honor the life and memory of Stephanie Auer. Stephanie will always be remembered for her willingness and commitment to serve others. Her positive outlook and sunny disposition brought great joy to those who knew her, and the many contributions she made as a volunteer to a number of worthy causes improved the lives of people both here and around the world.

Born and raised in Cleveland, Ohio, Stephanie graduated from Manicatt High School and attended The Ohio State University. Upon graduation, she was employed in the insurance industry as an underwriter and worked at Wells Fargo Insurance Services. Along the way, Stephanie touched the lives of many of us, and I am fortunate to be among those to call her friend.

Stephanie made her family and friends a priority in her life and was always there for others. She led by example and inspired others to step up to the plate. Whether it was teaching young girls, volunteering at a local clinic or sharing the Gospel in Cambodia, she demonstrated her faith and values through her actions and in the way she lived her life.

Stephanie touched the lives of so many people and she will be missed by all those who knew her. Her devotion to her family, friends and church will be long remembered.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ADRIAN SMITH

OF NEBRASKA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 12, 2011

Mr. SMITH of Nebraska. Mr. Speaker, on January 6 and 7, 2011, I was out of town due

to a family situation. Unfortunately, I was not present for rollcall votes 8, 9, 10, and 11.

Had I been present, I would have voted “yea” on all four.

HONORING JONATHAN SANFORD

HON. BARNEY FRANK

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 12, 2011

Mr. FRANK of Massachusetts. Mr. Speaker, today I want to honor the career of Jonathan Sanford, an international trade and finance specialist in the Foreign Affairs, Defense and Trade Division of the Congressional Research Service. Mr. Sanford is retiring after 39 years of federal service, including the last 38 years as a CRS expert where he became a serious student of the Congress and demonstrated a capacity for integrating substantive knowledge on a wide range of issues with a practical understanding about how to move things forward.

Mr. Sanford’s combination of personal skills, high professional capacity, mastery of a very complex set of international financial issues, and his sophisticated understanding of the political process made him ideally suited for his work teaching, informing, and advising policy makers and their staffs—and he did this throughout his career with unflagging enthusiasm and without any trace or pitch, of course, of partisanship.

Over a span of almost four decades, Mr. Sanford has helped keep Members of Congress and their staff well informed through his prolific written work—which was consistently thoughtful, responsible, and balanced in its analysis—and by his readiness to engage in active policy discussions that were so evidently shaped by a creative mind and a vast institutional memory.

His expertise on international financial issues include exchange rate systems, bilateral and multilateral debt relief efforts, reconstruction of the Iraqi economy, a thorough understanding of the international financial and multilateral development institutions, as well as the central role of Congress in the formulation of U.S. policy at these institutions, and countless others.

To many of his colleagues and the people with whom he’s worked most closely over the years, Mr. Sanford is nearly an institution himself within this venerable institution of Congress, and that seems appropriate to me because of the passion with which he was dedicated to the role and responsibilities of this legislative branch, and to its people, and its purpose, and to everyone we all work here together to serve.

I want to take this moment to congratulate and to thank Mr. Sanford not only for his many contributions to the Congress for so many years but also for his legacy of service to public policy and to the public good. His many decades of close support to the Congress, his work ethic, his standards and his character all come together to me in a way that I think best exemplifies the meaning of public service.