

close and dear friend ever since. He served as co-manager of my successful campaign for San Mateo County Supervisor in 1980 and has played a significant role in legislative victories at all levels of government.

Charlie has worked in the California Attorney General's office for 38 years in numerous high-level positions, and holds the distinction of being the second-youngest person to be appointed as Deputy Attorney General IV. He investigated the Los Angeles Unified School District when it built a high school on a toxic waste site. He successfully shut down a statewide development scam where local government bonds were being used to finance private developers that preyed on seniors and other people on fixed incomes. Mr. Getz won an Attorney General Award for Excellence, among other honors, for his work on litigation surrounding the infestation of Mediterranean fruit flies (Medfly). A University of California-Berkeley study later concluded that his work on the Medfly saved the state's economy \$5 billion per year. During that time, Charlie never lost a single case or motion.

Charlie is an avid model railroader. He is a member of the board of directors of the National Model Railroad Association, has given talks around the world about this popular hobby, and has written for *Narrow Gauge* and *Shortline Gazette* magazine for over 30 years. He is an acknowledged expert on the assassination of President Kennedy, has lectured on this subject on numerous occasions and has a library of volumes on JFK that is extraordinary. He is a highly-talented poet and not so gifted comedian. Charlie could have earned a lot more money over his lifetime if he had gone into writing comedy for late night television. Instead, he dedicated his life to statewide public service. Charlie is also passionate about the public's interest at the local level. Despite a demanding daytime schedule at the California Department of Justice, Charlie served for many years on the planning commissions of two communities in which he lived: South San Francisco and San Carlos. Unbeknownst to most of us, his votes and vision shaped the character of these two cities for many decades.

Charlie Getz is a graduate of the University of California at Los Angeles with a bachelor's degree in history and the University of Southern California School of Law.

In short, Charlie Getz is a Renaissance man in our modern era. He is fortunate to be blessed with a wonderful wife, Margaret, who is also brilliant, a computer specialist, teacher, and a professional chef. Margaret will have her hands full ensuring that Charlie stays on track during retirement. I wish both Charlie and Margaret the very best in the next chapter of their lives.

Mr. Speaker, I ask this body to join me in celebrating the extraordinary career of a dedicated public servant, a wise citizen, and an uncommon friend, Charlie Getz.

HONORING RABBI STEVEN
CHESTER

HON. BARBARA LEE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 3, 2011

Ms. LEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the extraordinary career and long-time spiritual

guidance of Rabbi Steven Chester as he retires from over 22 years at the helm of East Bay's oldest Synagogue, Temple Sinai, located in the City of Oakland. Under Rabbi Chester's excellent leadership, Temple Sinai has become even more effective in the promotion of worship, education, service and volunteerism within its large congregation, and throughout our community.

Additionally, with the completion of the new Rabbi Steven and Leona Chester Campus, the Rabbi's work and his family's many contributions have formed a tangible legacy within Temple Sinai. Consistent with his many years of service, Rabbi Chester's namesake is a place of gathering and good works that will serve both the modern and traditional needs of his beloved congregation.

Rabbi Steven Chester's multi-faceted career began long before his tenure at Temple Sinai. After receiving his bachelor's degree in History from the University of California, Los Angeles, he earned a B.H.L. from Hebrew Union College in Los Angeles and an M.H.L. from Hebrew Union College in Cincinnati, Ohio. He spent a seventh year of rabbinical studies in Israel, and was ordained in 1971. By the time of his ordination, Rabbi Chester was already a vocal advocate for many social issues, including supporting civil rights and ending the war in Vietnam. This early penchant for activism and the promotion of peace and human dignity would play a role in Rabbi Chester's spiritual teachings and community service throughout the span of his career.

Spending five years of his rabbinate at Temple Beth Israel in Jackson, Michigan, Rabbi Chester utilized proximity to the state's main prison to provide weekly counseling and spiritual services to its prisoners as the facility's Jewish chaplain. From 1976 to 1989, Rabbi Chester served Temple Israel, located in Stockton, California, where he was also an adjunct professor in the Religious Studies department at the University of the Pacific.

Over two decades ago, he left Stockton to become Rabbi at Temple Sinai. Founded in 1875, the Synagogue is a historic landmark that continues to serve the largest Jewish community in the East Bay and has deep roots in the Oakland community. During Rabbi Chester's tenure, he added a pre-school, introduced adult education programs and supported the congregation's return to more traditional practices, including the re-introduction of Hebrew into the service. He also continued the congregation's history of advocating for social justice by championing local affordable housing and health care for the underserved, supporting women's reproductive rights and protesting the genocide in Darfur.

Whether participating in the Hurricane Katrina prayer service at the Oakland Arena, taking a bold public stance on global conflicts, or sponsoring a school for the poor and orphaned in Siem Reap, Cambodia—Rabbi Chester has inspired many through his insight and actions. In fact, among his many accolades, Rabbi Chester was voted the 2006 Reader's Choice for "Minister/Rabbi/Imam with the Biggest Heart" in the East Bay Express.

On behalf of the residents of California's 9th Congressional District, Rabbi Steven Chester, I salute you. I thank you and your wife, Leona, for your countless contributions to the well-being of our East Bay community. Your work promoting the values and traditions of Judaism has served our many Jewish community mem-

bers and enriched the amazing diversity we enjoy in Oakland. I congratulate you on your many achievements, and I wish you and your loved ones all the best in this next chapter of life.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE CHI
STATE ORGANIZATION OF THE
DELTA KAPPA GAMMA SOCIETY
INTERNATIONAL

HON. DORIS O. MATSUI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 3, 2011

Ms. MATSUI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the Chi State Organization of the Delta Kappa Gamma Society International as they join together to celebrate their 75th year in California. It is a great pleasure to recognize the Chi State Organization of the Delta Kappa Gamma International Society's dedication to promoting the professional and personal growth of women educators, and excellence in education. Over 6,000 California members will celebrate this historic milestone at their annual convention this year, themed "Soar on Wings of Transformation." I ask all of my colleagues to join me in honoring their leadership in our community, our state, and throughout the country.

Delta Kappa Gamma Society International was founded in 1929 and the Chi State Organization was established in 1936. The seven purposes of the organization are: to bring women educators of the world together; to honor women who are committed to distinctive service in the field of education; to advance the professional interest of women in education; to initiate, endorse and support legislation and public policy that is in the interests of education and of women educators; to endow scholarships to aid outstanding women educators; to stimulate the personal and professional growth of members; and to inform the members of current economic, social, political and educational issues so that they may participate effectively in our society.

Over the last 75 years, the Chi State Organization has funded and participated in a number of literacy projects throughout California, given scholarships to members and grants to non-members to pursue continuing education, and volunteered in classrooms and communities.

Mr. Speaker, I am honored to pay tribute to the Chi State Organization of Delta Kappa Gamma Society International on their 75th anniversary, and their outstanding commitment to California's teachers and students, while promoting excellence in education.

KAYLA KOVAL

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 3, 2011

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Kayla Koval for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. Kayla Koval is a 7th grader at Drake Middle School and received this award because her determination

and hard work have allowed her to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Kayla Koval is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Kayla Koval for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. I have no doubt she will exhibit the same dedication and character in all her future accomplishments.

CONGRATULATING "TEAM WILSON" OF THE CIVIL AIR PATROL'S ORLANDO, FLORIDA CADET SQUADRON

HON. DANIEL WEBSTER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 3, 2011

Mr. WEBSTER. Mr. Speaker, I congratulate "Team Wilson" of the Civil Air Patrol's Orlando, Florida Cadet Squadron for recently earning the Commander in Chief's trophy at the Air Force Association's 2011 CyberPatriot National Championship.

It was almost a year ago that "Team Wilson" began to lay the foundation for the success that I am pleased to recognize. In an era when our national security increasingly relies upon protecting vital networks, these young men are committed to acquiring the skills necessary to defend against a cyber threat. Over four hundred and fifty teams competed in the CyberPatriot III tournament for the opportunity to demonstrate their ability to patch and secure computer systems at the National Championship held this past February. I am pleased to acknowledge the achievement of "Team Wilson," who held themselves to the highest standard of performance throughout several rounds of competition and brought home the Commander in Chief's trophy for First Place in the All Service Division.

The members, coaches, parents and mentors of "Team Wilson" from the Orlando Civil Air Patrol have certainly earned our recognition. I thank coaches Nina Harding and 1stLt. Mark Strobidge for their steady guidance and dedication to the team's success. I also would like to acknowledge the contributions of Mr. Gary Palmer, whose mentorship and expertise provided "Team Wilson" with the tools to match their determination. However, much of the credit for this outstanding victory belongs with team members C/TSgt. Michael Hudson, C/MSgt. Evan Hamrick, C/SrA. Reid Ferguson, and C/SMSgt. Matt Allen. Team Captains C/SSgt. Isaac Harding and C/2ndLt. Shawn Wilson also deserve special recognition.

Meeting the new global challenges of the 21st century is fast hinging upon the capability to protect our critical telecommunications and network infrastructure. I am encouraged when I learn that so many young people are participating in competitions like CyberPatriot III to prepare themselves to serve our Nation on the front lines of the cyber security effort.

In conclusion, I wish all the best to the members of "Team Wilson" as they apply their technological competency and commendable work ethic to future pursuits.

HONORING REV. ROBERT A. WILD, S.J.

HON. GWEN MOORE

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 3, 2011

Ms. MOORE. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor Rev. Robert A. Wild, S.J., President of Marquette University in Milwaukee, whose leadership has resulted in groundbreaking new educational and research facilities, innovative academic programs, increased donor support, and strong relationships with students, faculty, staff, alumni, and the community.

Rev. Robert A. Wild, S.J., began his duties as president of Marquette University in Milwaukee on June 17, 1996, and will retire on July 31, 2011. During his tenure, Father Wild has built upon the university's core strengths of an academically rigorous, values-centered curriculum; solid, practical preparation of students for work in a world of increasing complexity and diversity; and formation of individuals as ethical and informed leaders in their religious, cultural, professional, and civic communities. Father Wild has also promoted the Catholic, Jesuit identity of Marquette by inspiring its mission of the search for truth, the discovery and sharing of knowledge, the fostering of personal and professional excellence, the promotion of a life of faith, and the development of leadership expressed in service to others, all for the greater glory of God and the common benefit of the human community.

Father Wild has committed Marquette to making a higher education accessible to all students, regardless of financial means, such that more than 20 percent of the student body is now comprised of first-generation students. He has been a tireless supporter of student financial aid and academic support, including the Educational Opportunity Program, which enables low-income and first-generation students to enter and succeed in higher education via four Federal TRIO Programs.

Father Wild has inspired the formation of diverse leaders at an institution that was the first Catholic university in the world to admit women to be educated alongside men in its regular undergraduate programs in 1909. Marquette now receives more than 20,000 undergraduate applications each year to continue to provide a transformative experience for our nation's young men and women.

Numerous faculty and staff have provided their time and talent to serving the city of Milwaukee under Father Wild's leadership including three dental clinics operated by the School of Dentistry that provide oral health care particularly to underserved residents. Father Wild's leadership of the Near West Side of Milwaukee recognizes that the university's success and that of the community are one and that it is important to invest Marquette's work, wisdom and wealth in neighborhood goals. His community involvement has spurred neighborhood investment by numerous others, making a more vibrant and safer community the lasting result. Father Wild has also been a champion for the Milwaukee community through the Milwaukee Water Council, where he serves on the board, and service to the Greater Milwaukee Committee and the Metropolitan Milwaukee Association of Commerce.

Under Father Wild's leadership, Marquette became the first university in the country to

partner with the Boys & Girls Clubs of America for full-tuition scholarships; offered the first on-line master's degree program in Wisconsin; established its first endowed deanship; and received its first eight-figure contribution from an individual. He led Marquette's entry into the BIG EAST Conference in 2005, where intercollegiate athletes vie with the most competitive teams in the country. In the 15 years of Father Wild's tenure, Marquette completed the most successful comprehensive campaign in its history, raising a total of nearly \$800 million. More than 36,000 individuals have received a Marquette degree during Father Wild's tenure, individuals rooted in the university's pillars of excellence, faith, leadership and service.

I extend my thanks to Father Wild upon his retirement from Marquette University for his unparalleled leadership in transforming not only the university and its students, but Milwaukee and Wisconsin in so many ways that will have lasting impact for decades to come.

IN HONOR OF THE VIETNAMESE COMMUNITY OF CLEVELAND AND THE 36TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE FALL OF SAIGON

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 3, 2011

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in remembrance and recognition of the 36th Anniversary of the Fall of Saigon. This historical date commemorates the end of the Vietnam War, and represents the beginning of a new life for tens of thousands of Vietnamese people, as they began their hopeful journey to America.

On April 30, 1975, the ancient city of Saigon fell to the conquest of communist troops. This action solidified the communist takeover of South Vietnam. Thirty-six years later, I rise to honor the memory and sacrifice of the hundreds of thousands of South Vietnamese soldiers, American soldiers and civilians who made the ultimate sacrifice in the name of liberty.

Despite the violent takeover and the rule of repression that followed, the culture, spirit and hope reflected by the Vietnamese people remained steadfast. After the fall of Saigon, thousands of Vietnamese, determined to rebuild their lives, began a treacherous exodus out of Vietnam. Their daring escape was on foot, through thick jungles and over jagged mountains. They escaped by boat, through snake-infested rivers and across turbulent seas. They became refugees in many nations, including America, with nothing more than the clothes on their backs and the hope for freedom in their hearts.

Mr. Speaker and Colleagues, please join me in honoring and remembering the hundreds of thousands of men and women who struggle for peace and freedom, then and now. We also honor agencies and churches such as The Vietnamese Community of Greater Cleveland and St. Helena Catholic Church, which offer havens of support, services and hope to immigrants from all over the world. The Vietnamese culture, through the care and commitment of its people, has flourished in Cleveland