

1st Responder Awareness and Operations, ECI Fools, American Heart Association CPR and AED, Chairman of Membership of IFCA, Adhoc with ceremonies at Emergency Conferences, Portland's Representative for DPC, District 6 Co-Chair for Fire Task Force Element and Jay County's Representative to Region 6 Fire Training Council.

He was also the Captain of the Jay County Sheriff Reserves, a member of Emergency Response Team, the Portland Rotary Club, the Portland Morning Optimists and the American Red Cross.

In the midst of such tragedy, let us pray for God's comfort for the Aker family and cling to the words of the Good Book which says that "in all things God works for the good." I offer this comfort and my deepest condolences to Chief Aker's wife Brooke; parents, Mike and Linda Aker; Grandmothers, Maxine Aker and Rosie Hutchens; two brothers, Brad and Chad Aker; sister, Lori Ferguson; and his nine nieces and two nephews.

#### LINDSEY BUXMAN TRIBUTE

### HON. SCOTT R. TIPTON

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 5, 2011*

Mr. TIPTON. Mr. Speaker, it is an honor for me to rise and pay tribute to a young lady who has exhibited a desire to improve her community and empower the arts for future generations. Lindsey Buxman, of Pueblo, Colorado was one of 100 young people in the United States to be honored by the Prudential Spirit of Community Program for community service.

Lindsey Buxman, a student at Pueblo Centennial High School and an avid dancer, took it upon herself to create a fundraiser to restore the stage at Memorial Hall Theater. Lindsey brought her plan before Pueblo City Hall, and found that the whole theater was in danger of being torn down if enough money could not be raised for a complete renovation. This is when Lindsey decided that she was going to take action to make sure the total restoration of the Memorial Hall Theater would become a ballot initiative. Lindsey, with the help of fellow students and dancers, gave speeches and obtained signatures to ensure that an initiative to restore the theater made it on the ballot.

Lindsey Buxman has fully given herself to her community and her love of the arts, and in doing so she has shown exceptional leadership qualities.

Mr. Speaker, I applaud the efforts of young Lindsey Buxman to enhance her community, and I encourage all of America's youth to follow her lead and get involved in their communities.

#### HONORING BARBARA ANN KAZEN

### HON. HENRY CUELLAR

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 5, 2011*

Mr. CUELLAR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the contributions of the late Barbara Ann Kazen, former President of the Bethany House in Laredo, Inc., a settlement house for the homeless and indigent in Laredo, Texas.

Mrs. Kazen served the community by dedicating herself to charitable, cultural and civic organizations.

Mrs. Kazen was born on January 3, 1941 in Abilene, Texas to Virginia Lee Lively and James Lee Sanders, a humble family of ranchers. She lived much of her life in Albany and Texarkana, Texas. She passed away surrounded by her close family and friends on March 15, 2011 after a courageous fight with cancer. She graduated from Texas High School in 1959 and continued her education at Texas Christian University and the University of Texas at Austin as a Latin and Ancient History major. She continued to pursue her interests in communication by attending Laredo Junior College to study journalism, languages, and Food and Beverage Management. At UT Austin, Mrs. Kazen met her husband, U.S. District Judge George B. Kazen. She is survived by her husband, children and grandchildren.

Mrs. Kazen's career is both a multifaceted and praiseworthy one. Her professional career includes working as a hostess and producer of the shows High Noon, Profile, and Consumer Report. She also served as director of catering and sales at both La Posada Motor Hotel and the Laredo Country Club. Most importantly, Mrs. Kazen's devotion to community, church and charitable work is truly commendable. She led Bethany House of Laredo, Inc. as president from 1996 until 2011; and also served as vice-president of the American Cancer Society. Moreover, she contributed to cultural and civic organizations such as the Laredo Civic Ballet Association, the Laredo Little Theatre, and Ruthe B. Cowl Rehabilitation Center by serving on the Board of Directors at each of these institutions. She was also an active member of the Society of Martha Washington, a debutante presentation in Laredo, serving as publicity chair, historian, and second vice-president. She further illustrated her commitment to charitable work as a founding Charter Member of the Laredo Homeless Coalition and her dedication to the Blessed Sacrament Parish.

Mrs. Kazen was recognized by many organizations for her many contributions to the community. These recognitions include the American Cancer Society's "Award for Outstanding Service" in 1971, the Laredo March of Dimes "Lady of the Year" in 1978, and the Laredo Seven Flags Rotary Club's, "Paul Harris Fellow" in 2000. Her commitment to the city of Laredo was invaluable.

Mr. Speaker, I am honored to have had this time to recognize the late Barbara Ann Kazen. She proved herself to be indispensable for her dedication to charitable work and the betterment of the state of Texas and Laredo. Her example is an inspiration for us all.

#### CONGRATULATING HIGH SCHOOL ARTISTS FROM THE 11TH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT OF NEW JERSEY

### HON. RODNEY P. FRELINGHUYSEN

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 5, 2011*

Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN. Mr. Speaker, once again, I come to the floor to recognize the great success of strong local schools working with dedicated parents and teachers. I rise

today to congratulate and honor a number of outstanding high school artists from the 11th Congressional District of New Jersey. Each of these talented students participated in the 2011 Congressional Arts Competition, "An Artistic Discovery."

Their works of art are exceptional.

Seventy-six young men and women participated. That is a wonderful response, and I would very much like to build on that participation for future competitions.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to congratulate the three winners of our art competition. First place was awarded to Andrea Ibarra from Ridge High School for her work, "Max." Second place was awarded to Grace Cheung from Ridge High School for her work, "Journey Through Equus." Third place was awarded to Rachel Fico from Madison High School for her work, "Within Reach."

Honorable Mentions were awarded to: Alexi Corham from Montville Township High School for her work, "Alter Ego;" Jacob DeBoer from Pequannock High School for his work, "Venison Stew;" Kasia Kalemba from Boonton High School for her work, "Gone But Still Here;" Lillian Thomann from James Caldwell High School for her work "The Metro."

Mr. Speaker, I would like to recognize each artist for their participation by indicating their high school, their name and the title of their contest entries for the official RECORD.

Boonton High School: Kasia Kalemba, "Gone But Still Here;" Zenab Khan, "The Dreams Within A Dream;" Samantha Kutnik, "Packanack Lake, NJ;" Rosalita Smith, "America Works."

Bridgewater-Raritan High School: Nicole Thomas, "Bella."

Chatham High School: Zakary Blake, "Weight;" Antonia Chan, "Carnival of Hearts;" Brittany Leonard, "Nirvana."

Dover High School: Christian Aroca, "My Culture;" Gissell Gonzalez, "My Heritage;" Angela Perkins, "Celebration;" Ying Jing Zheng, "Pride Before Destruction."

Hopatcong High School: Jara Werner, "The Faces of Money."

James Caldwell High School: Angela Filan, "The Rebel Within;" Lillian Thomann, "The Metro."

Livingston High School: Christina Furman, "Never Forget;" Joanne Horng, "And then they invented satellites;" Kiley Mannion, "Freedom;" Danielle Stecki, "Faded Glory."

Madison High School: Amanda Evans, "Zen;" Rachel Fico, "Within Reach;" Amy Lando, "Buddy;" Vendela Larsson, "Chloe."

Millburn High School: Monica Carty, "Up Close Gallery;" Annie Dolan, "Edith & John;" Emily Draper, "Tidal;" Chanthia Ma, "Winter Solstice."

Montville Township High School: Dillon Chen, "42nd Street;" Alexi Corham, "Alter Ego;" Victoria Eng, "Indonesian Still Life;" Minjoo Kim, "Abandoned Sisters."

Morris Catholic High School: Gianna Riccardi, "Alice;" Jana Marie Cariddi, "I'm Alive;" Carissa Kelly, "Joe Ufer Goes to Say Anything;" Alexander Kuchta, "Safe Sex;" Ciara Mesevage, "Stressed."

Mount Olive High School: Sarak Berek, "Untitled;" Felix Izquierdo, "Japanese Dream;" Dia Saito, "Skyliner;" Lauren Wisnewski, "Subconscious."

Oak Knoll School of the Holy Child: Maclain Riccardi, "Oak Leaves;" Tian Mauer, "Room With A View;" Abigail Rollenhagen, "Sunken Ship."