

RECOGNIZING NATIONAL SENIOR  
HEALTH AND FITNESS DAY

**HON. LORETTA SANCHEZ**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 25, 2011*

Ms. LORETTA SANCHEZ of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of National Senior Health and Fitness Day, the nation's largest annual health promotion event for older Americans.

The contributions and sacrifices made by the senior citizen community are invaluable. Some have proudly served our country overseas and abroad. Others, through their ingenuity and innovations, have paved the way for the United States' leadership in technology. They are the very foundation of this country's evolution.

By the year 2030, approximately one in five U.S. residents will be a member of the senior citizen community and we must ensure that our seniors will have access to resources that will aide them in living strong and healthy lives.

Today, I'm proud to partner with the H. Louis Lake Senior Center, Acacia Adult Day Services and Community SeniorServ to host the National Senior Health and Fitness Day in my district.

In celebration of this important day, seniors in my district will have access to free fitness classes, healthy foods cooking demonstrations and brain stimulating exercises.

In honor of National Senior Health and Fitness Day, I encourage all our seniors to join in on the exciting activities taking place throughout our respective communities and to stay active physically, mentally and spiritually.

HAL DAVID'S 90TH BIRTHDAY

**HON. NANCY PELOSI**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 25, 2011*

Ms. PELOSI. Mr. Speaker, I rise to celebrate the 90th birthday of a great songwriter, lyricist, advocate, and leading voice of America's artistic community: Hal David.

The child of immigrants blessed with an extraordinary talent, Hal David has lived—and continues to live—the American dream. He used his musical gifts in service of our country as part of the U.S. Army Entertainment Section on the Pacific front during World War II. He returned home to write songs for the nation's top performers; produce Grammy-winning Broadway masterpieces and Oscar-winning lyrics; and partner with great composers to create soundtracks for stage and screen, and popular hits that remain classics to this day.

For his achievements, his success, his creativity, and his contributions to our history and society, Hal David was inducted into the Songwriters Hall of Fame and the Nashville Songwriters Hall of Fame.

On behalf of his colleagues—whether leaders in the field, famous faces, or those struggling to earn their place in the pantheon of great artists—Hal David has advocated for the rights of all performers and writers in the halls of Congress and in our nation's public discourse.

As President of the American Society of Composers, Authors and Publishers, he focused on key legislative issues facing music creators, led the charge against source licensing efforts, and oversaw the organization's increased presence in the field of country music. As Chairman and CEO of the Songwriters Hall of Fame, he invested in new technologies and an expanded digital presence for the institution, and strengthened the Grammy Museum in Los Angeles.

Hal David has spent his career enriching our music, our culture, our society, and our nation. His story is a tribute to his desire to do what he loved, his willingness to work hard, his ability to succeed and thrive across generations, and his creativity. I join my colleagues in the House of Representatives, and fans of music across the country, in wishing Hal David a happy and healthy 90th birthday.

RECOGNIZING THE 175TH ANNIVERSARY OF  
ATHERTON COMMUNITY  
SCHOOLS

**HON. DALE E. KILDEE**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 25, 2011*

Mr. KILDEE. Mr. Speaker, Atherton Community Schools will celebrate the 175th anniversary of the school district's start on May 29th in Burton, MI. An All School Class Reunion is planned to celebrate the occasion.

The Atherton Settlement was founded by three brothers: Perus, Shubael and Adonijah. The settlement grew to 30 farming families and the Settlement school was founded in 1836. The first teacher was Adonijah's daughter, Betsey Atherton. She held the teacher's position in the single-room schoolhouse for 20 years. The Atherton Agricultural School, as it was known at the time, remained a 1 room schoolhouse for over 100 years. In 1940, an 8-room schoolhouse was built to accommodate the growing community. In 1946, the Atherton School District combined with the Howe and Casper districts. Until 1954 classes were only offered through the eighth grade. If a student wanted to continue their education beyond that grade level, they had to transfer to Bendle, Flint Central or Davison High Schools. In 1954, Atherton Schools graduated its first high school class of about 18 students.

Currently, the Atherton School District holds classes in the Vern Van Y Elementary School, Atherton Middle School and Atherton High School. Graduates have gone on to fill roles in the spectrum of society including doctors and judges.

Mr. Speaker, I ask the House of Representatives to join me in congratulating the alumni, educators, students, staff, parents and supporters for their commitment to education and community. I commend them for 175 years of continuous education, and I wish them the best in the coming years.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. BRUCE L. BRALEY**

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 25, 2011*

Mr. BRALEY of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I regret missing floor votes on Tuesday, May 24,

2011. Had I registered my vote, I would have voted:

1. "Nay" on rollcall 333, On Ordering the Previous Question on the Rule—Consideration of H.R. 1216 to amend the Public Health Service Act to convert funding for graduate medical education in teaching health centers from direct appropriations to an authorization of appropriations; consideration of H.R. 1540, the National Defense Authorization Act, FY 2012; and waiving clause 6(a) of rule XIII.

2. "Nay" on rollcall 334, On Agreeing to the Resolution (H. Res. 269)—Consideration of H.R. 1216 to amend the Public Health Service Act to convert funding for graduate medical education in teaching health centers from direct appropriations to an authorization of appropriations; consideration of H.R. 1540, the National Defense Authorization Act, FY 2012; and waiving clause 6(a) of rule XIII.

3. "Nay" on rollcall 335, On Motion that the Committee Rise—To amend the Public Health Service Act to convert funding for graduate medical education in qualified teaching health centers from direct appropriations to an authorization of appropriations.

4. "Yea" on rollcall 336, On Agreeing to the Amendment—Tonko of New York Amendment No. 2.

5. "Yea" on rollcall 337, On Agreeing to the Amendment—Cardoza of California Amendment No. 9.

HONORING CLAUDETTE VIOLETTE

**HON. MICHAEL H. MICHAUD**

OF MAINE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 25, 2011*

Mr. MICHAUD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Claudette Violette of Lewiston, ME, on her graduation after having earned her GED.

This achievement is a great personal accomplishment for Claudette. She has faced many obstacles in her life, but her work ethic and tenacity allowed her to persevere, raise her family and volunteer thousands of hours for the Lewiston/Auburn community.

She has truly found her voice with her volunteer work. Claudette volunteers for the Good Shepherd Food Bank, Red Cross Blood Drives and Salvation Army fundraising. She delivers promotional posters for L/A Arts and the Public Theatre, and assembles a multi-thousand piece mailing in hours. Claudette also helps organize a monthly French luncheon for the Franco-American Heritage Center, making 300 plus calls each month to invite attendees.

Claudette is an inspiration to both me and my staff. Her commitment and dedication to completing her high school education speaks to the strength of her character. I am so proud of Claudette's achievement and her personal growth over the 10 years that I have known her. Claudette is a well-known and well-loved member of the community, and I know she will continue to play an active role in the lives of Lewiston/Auburn residents, my staff and myself.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in congratulating Claudette on her outstanding personal achievement.

THE CHASE FOR THE  
CHAMPIONSHIP

**HON. HOWARD COBLE**

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 25, 2011*

Mr. COBLE. Mr. Speaker, inspiration can come in many forms for athletes and teams when they are seeking fame, glory, records and titles. It is rare, however, when a team dedicates its quest for a championship to a teammate who didn't see a single minute of action.

The lacrosse team from Northwest Guilford High School, located in the Sixth District of North Carolina, dedicated its season and its title hopes to a teammate who was tragically killed last fall. On October 29, 2010, Chase Bunting died following a skateboarding accident. Northwest Guilford dubbed its quest for a state title the "Chase for the Championship" in honor of Chase Bunting.

With an ending only Hollywood could have imagined, the Vikings of Northwest Guilford completed their mission for Chase with a 13-9 win over East Chapel Hill High School to capture the 2011 North Carolina High School Athletic Association lacrosse championship.

On May 14, 2011, at the WakeMed Soccer Park in Cary, Northwest Guilford started out strong with a 7-0 lead after the first period of play. The Vikings never let East Chapel Hill within 4 goals to capture their first lacrosse championship. The team knew all along it was playing for more than just themselves. "The death of Chase changed our season in a big way," sophomore starter Robert Lincks told *The Northwest Observer*. "It brought our team a lot closer together and motivated us even more to win it for him."

The players of the championship team are Captain and tournament MVP Jay Goldsmith, Dre Baskerville, Conner Dillion, Ethan Tingle, Jacob Marrapese, Brian Ha, Braden Payne, Nolan Carper, Travis Price, Robert Lincks, Trenton Ankenbruck, Diego Rengel-Parrish, Kyle Dorr, Reid Baxter, Chase Bunting, Conner Burkett, John Pappas, Jon Duncan, Hector De Jesus, Tammer Aboughalyoun, Adam Griffin, Zach Leicht, Cole Anderson, Cole Abourjilie, Parker Scaggs, Brandon Safrit, Will Ross, Payne Dunlap, Grant Simpkins, Brandon Sumner, Nick Nawrocki, Thomas Harris, Zach Sprague, Parker Leonard, Dallas Joyce, and Seth Hendrix.

The Vikings were led by Head Coach Mark Goldsmith. Coach Goldsmith actually captured his second North Carolina high school lacrosse championship. In 2000, he was the head coach when Southeast Guilford captured the state title. With the death of Chase Bunting prior to the start of the season, Coach Goldsmith told the *Raleigh News & Observer* that his current team had a special mission because of Chase's death. "That brought us together," he told the newspaper, "with one goal in mind. We dedicated the season to Chase. The kids worked so hard for everything we got. I'm just glad we're able to bring home the hardware."

We are sure that Coach Goldsmith would agree that he was ably assisted by Assistant Coach Vern Schmidt, Second Assistant Coach Robbie Innella and managers Tara Murphy, Morgan Eddins, Chamberlain Staub, and Mia Furfaro. In addition, those aiding the title hunt

were members of the Northwest Vikings Lacrosse Booster Club, including President Darrel Pappas, Vice President Karen Abourjilie, Trish Hendrix, Robin Lincks, Neil Dorr, Robin Bunting, Marc Dillon, Tim Ankenbruck, Stacy Leicht, Kristin Sprague, and Todd Sprague.

The Vikings finished their magical season with a record of 20-2 and the satisfaction of knowing that they completed their mission. On behalf of the citizens of the Sixth District of North Carolina, we congratulate the Northwest Guilford lacrosse team for winning the 2011 state title, but more importantly, for completing the "Chase for the Championship." We know that Chase Bunting is smiling approvingly.

HONORING DONALD G. LEY SR.,  
VETERAN AND WOODBURY  
HEIGHTS FIRE MARSHAL

**HON. ROBERT E. ANDREWS**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 25, 2011*

Mr. ANDREWS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Donald G. Ley Sr. for his five decades of service with the Woodbury Heights Fire Department. Currently serving as Fire Marshal and Safety Officer for the borough of Woodbury Heights, Mr. Ley is an inspirational example of American courage and heroism.

Some aspire to retire young from their profession, but not Mr. Ley. At seventy-nine, Mr. Ley is still a firefighter. You will find him at the Woodbury firehouse any time throughout the day. A graduate of Drexel University, Mr. Ley found his calling in serving his community and country. As an Army veteran of the Korean War, Mr. Ley returned to the United States a decorated veteran and continued his tireless public service.

In the Woodbury Heights Fire Department, Mr. Ley fought for the donation of an ambulance to begin emergency life support service in the 1960s. He has held several positions within the company, including assistant chief, deputy chief, safety officer, fire marshal and secretary for relief associations. His public service record includes time as a disaster volunteer with the Red Cross and Mayor of Woodbury Heights.

Over the years, Mr. Ley has been given several awards to recognize his consistent contributions to our community. The awards include the Jaycees Distinguished Service Award, the Certificate of Special Congressional Recognition and Distinguished Citizen Award, the Exceptional Duty Award in Gloucester County Fire Chiefs Association, the *Unsung Hero Award*—Russell Berrie Foundation and the Lifetime of Service Presidential Award.

It takes tremendous valor to run into a burning building while everyone else is running out. As he begins his fifty-second year at Woodbury Heights Fire Department, let us take a moment to honor the dedication, professionalism and bravery Don demonstrates every day. The core values we aspire to teach our children are all exemplified by his courage and selflessness.

HONORING COLBY HARRISON  
SCROGGINS

**HON. SAM GRAVES**

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 25, 2011*

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Colby Harrison Scroggins. Colby is a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 87, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Colby has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Colby has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community. Most notably, Colby has contributed to his community through his Eagle Scout project. Colby refinished the floor of the Firemen's Memorial in Cameron, Missouri, and also constructed two 8' x 10' planters on either side of the memorial.

Mr. Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Colby Harrison Scroggins for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

LESTER B. LAVE

**HON. MICHAEL F. DOYLE**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 25, 2011*

Mr. DOYLE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the life of Carnegie Mellon University professor Lester B. Lave, who passed away on May 9th at the age of 71.

Dr. Lave spent most of his career at CMU, where he distinguished himself as one of the world's most influential contributors to economics and environmental science. In addition to his title as University Professor, the highest distinction a faculty member can achieve at Carnegie Mellon, Dr. Lave served as the Harry B. and James H. Higgins Professor of Economics at the Tepper School of Business, director of the Green Design Initiative, and co-director of the Carnegie Mellon Electricity Industry Center.

In a career that spanned more than 40 years, Dr. Lave tackled some of the most important questions relating to health, safety, energy, and the environment. By applying principles from economics and risk analysis, he performed ground-breaking research on a wide range of topics including global warming, automobile and transportation safety, dam safety, and the environmental effects of fuel additives.

Dr. Lave first gained attention from scholars and policy-makers in the 1970's when he and Eugene Seskin published research showing that air pollution was linked to increased death rates in American cities. Lave and Seskin's work was highly controversial. But it was supported by further research, and we now know that approximately 1 percent of all deaths in the United States stem from small-particle air pollution. This research later served as a basis for EPA clean air regulations.