NASCAR Cup series championships, 84 Cup victories, the 1989 Daytona 500, and five-time winner of The Coca-Cola 600. Darrell had 271 top-five finishes and 390 top-tens, not to mention 13 Grand National Series wins. He's been the American Driver of the Year three times, the Auto Racing Digest Driver of the Year twice, and once NASCAR's Driver of the Decade.

We've seen him race the track, we now seen him announce the sport he loves, and we look forward to watching him be enshrined into the NASCAR Hall of Fame. Mister Speaker, I rise today to honor Darrell Waltrip on this great success and ask my colleagues to join me in one hearty "Boogity, Boogity, Boogity". Way to go, D.W. It's another checkered flag for you.

RECOGNIZING THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE FOUNDING OF THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF CONVENIENCE STORES

HON. DORIS O. MATSUI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 23, 2011

Ms. MATSUI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the founding of the National Association of Convenience Stores (NACS).

Originally founded in 1961, today NACS represents more than 3,700 companies that do business in more than 50 countries worldwide.

The convenience retailing industry in America generates $575 billion dollars in sales annually, in its more than 146,000-plus stores across the country, and employs 1.73 million Americans. The industry is growing steadily as well—sales are more than 13 times higher than what they were three decades ago. Cumulatively, the U.S. convenience store industry alone serves 160 million customers per day.

It is convenience stores that keep America's motors running. Convenience stores sell 80 percent of all fuel sales in the country, and 80 percent of convenience stores sell gasoline.

While NACS boasts the membership of 49 of the top 50 convenience store companies, the majority of its membership consists of small, independent operators that own 10 stores or less. More than half of convenience stores are owned by single-store operators. NACS helps member retailers to grow their businesses, from research and marketing to human resources and management.

NACS also helps to advocate for those issues that are vital to these small business owners. From motor fuel policy, to prevention of tobacco sales to minors, to the provision of health care for its 1.73 million employees, NACS is an industry leader in making sure their voices are heard.

Convenience stores provide a speed of transaction that is unparalleled, and the large number of locations limits travel time for consumers. Additionally, they are often the only source of food or fuel for families outside of normal business hours. The extended hours and flexibility of convenience stores mean that they play a vital role in the communities they serve and customers are able to quickly pick up what they want, when they need it.

Mr. Speaker, in recognizing the many contributions the National Association of Convenience Stores has made to our Nation and to our history, I join my colleagues in celebrating the 50th anniversary of its founding.

HONORING CHARLES KRUG WINERY OF ST. HELENA, CALIFORNIA

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 23, 2011

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Charles Krug Winery, Napa Valley's oldest and most historic winemaking establishment, and among the region's most highly acclaimed and admired firms. Charles Krug will be celebrating its 150th anniversary this year and in so doing will salute the century and a half of rich traditions and extraordinary wines cultivated under the esteemed brand.

In its long, storied history, Charles Krug has played host to and benefitted greatly from the hard work and immense accomplishments of some of the most famous and brilliant Wine Country luminaries. Among them were founder Charles Krug himself, Robert Mondavi, proprietor Peter Mondavi, Sr., and the current winemakers, brothers Peter, Jr., and Marc Mondavi. Today, the winery produces a line of super-premium and reserve wines, all made with estate-grown, sustainably farmed fruit from each of Napa Valley's esteemed sub-appellations: St. Helena, Cameros, Howell Mountain and Yountville.

Charles Krug was the first outfit in the Napa Valley to implement a handful of revolutionary techniques and technologies including the use of the cider press in 1858, the differentiation of product labels by vintage and varietal, the use of glass-lined tanks and the use of French oak barrels in 1963. The winery's estate vineyards have also been the sites of some historic innovations in the field of viticulture. Krug was the first vintner to purchase and develop vineyard land in the Howell Mountain area of Napa Valley. Peter Mondavi, Sr., avoided a costly replanting of the winery's vineyards when he bucked industry and rejected recommendations to plant the AXR1 rootstock, which was later found to be vulnerable to industry-ravaging phylloxera damage. More impressive still, he was among the first vintners to develop vineyards in and around Carneros, demonstrating that Chardonnay, Pinot Noir and Merlot wines made from the grapes of this sub-appellation could reach high standards of quality.

Though Charles Krug Winery emerged as an early leader in the Napa Valley wine community, the company's commitment to serving the greater needs of the industry has always been a constant. Krug founded the St. Helena Viticultural Society in 1875, and assisted shortly thereafter with the establishment of the Napa and Sonoma Wine Company, a collaborative effort between producers to improve the quality of wine shipped to the East Coast. Today, after a century and a half's worth of work, the Charles Krug brand retains its place as one of the premier winemaking establishments in the Napa Valley region with a portfolio of wines that compete with the highest ranks of the national and international arenas.

Therefore, Mr. Speaker, it is appropriate at this time for us to congratulate and applaud the proprietors and staff of Charles Krug Winery for their outstanding and ongoing work, embodying and representing some of the best that Napa Valley and California have to offer. We wish them all much success in the future.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE DAVID WEBSTER GREENER WAY TO WORK DAY

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 23, 2011

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize September 23, 2011, as the Cleveland Metropolitan Bar Association's (CMBA) 3rd Annual "David Webster Greener Way to Work Day," and to remember David Webster, legal scholar, litigator, entrepreneur, and environmentalist, who died at age 46 from cancer on March 13, 2009, but whose achievements were many in his short life.

David Webster overcame alcoholism at a young age and went on to sponsor others in recovery. He accomplished much and saw life as an adventure. At Case Western Reserve School of Law, he graduated magna cum laude and was an editor of Law Review, where he met his wife Beth.

Upon graduation from law school, David became a commercial lawyer with broad experience in matters involving banking, commodity trading, securities, technology, real estate, intellectual property, and his passion, environmental law. Merging his knowledge of commodity trading and environmental law, he founded INHALE, which later became the Clean Air Conservancy, an organization which worked within the manufacturing economy and the commodities market to reduce air pollution by acquiring and retiring pollution allowances. Outside Magazine dubbed the Clean Air Conservancy one of the 10 best small environmental non-profits.

David Webster was an aggressive litigator who took on music giant Sony and won a judgment of more than $5 million for the late Cleveland music producer Steve Popovich over credit for Meatloaf's hottest album, "Bat out of Hell." He was a founding partner of the law firm Webster & Dubyak and was also actively involved in the Cuyahoga County Bar Association, the Federal Bar Association, and the American Bar Association. He was a driving force behind the merger of the Cuyahoga County and the Cleveland Bar Associations and was the President-elect of the merged CMBA at the time of his passing.

Mr. Speaker and colleagues, today, we observe the 3rd Annual David Webster Greener Way to Work Day. The CMBA encourages us to find a greener way to travel to and from work, whether through public transportation, biking, walking or carpooling. The CMBA will honor David's memory with a noon luncheon at the CMBA offices with a special tribute presentation. Please join me in honoring the memory of David Webster by joining with the CMBA in taking action to protect our environment.

RECOGNIZING THE ACHIEVEMENTS OF ALBERT E. TREXLER

HON. JIM GERLACH

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 23, 2011

Mr. GERLACH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Albert E. Trexler of the Pennsylvania Institute of Certified Public Accountants for his 42 years of service to that organization, including his 35 years as secretary, executive director, and CEO.

Under Albert's leadership, PICPA membership has grown by 184% and its membership base expanded to include future CPAs through accounting affiliate and student membership categories. He also provided more local networking and leadership opportunities as the PICPA grew from nine to eleven chapters.

Additionally, Albert has championed advocacy efforts to include a full-time presence in Harrisburg to support implementation of CPA law changes. Included in this effort was mandatory continuing professional education to bring the Commonwealth in compliance with substantial equivalency and permit interstate mobility for PICPA members.

Further, Albert Trexler has supported industry-specific conferences and robust professional education course offerings and delivery methods to respond to the growing demands for specialized knowledge, changing membership demographics, and technical advancements.

Mr. Speaker, in light of his years of service to PICPA and a litany of outstanding accomplishments, I ask that my colleagues join me today in recognizing Albert E. Trexler on the occasion of his retirement as executive director and CEO and also on the conference upon him with the lifetime designation of PICPA Executive Director Emeritus.

TRANSPARENCY IN REGULATORY ANALYSIS OF IMPACTS ON THE NATION ACT OF 2011

SPEECH OF

HON. BARBARA LEE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 22, 2011

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 2401) to require analyses of the cumulative and incremental impacts of certain rules and actions of the Environmental Protection Agency, and for other purposes:

Ms. LEE of California. Mr. Chair, I am proud to serve as a Representative of California's Ninth Congressional District, which has long been at the forefront of the environmental movement, including working on the critical issue of climate change, as well as fighting for renewable energy, green jobs, and environmental justice.

That is why I am speaking today against the TRAIN Act—it undermines the Clean Air Act's ability to crack down on air pollution, threatening the quality of life for our children, our families and our communities, including my constituents in the East Bay, many of whom already suffer unjustly from poor air quality.

The Clean Air Act is one of the most successful public health programs in American history—with a return of more than $30 in benefits for every dollar invested in pollution reductions over the life of this law.

The TRAIN Act is a direct attack on the Clean Air Act and its regulations. This bill blocks EPA's ability to move forward with two long overdue Clean Air Act rules—the Mercury and Air Toxics Standard and the Cross-State Air Pollution Rule—which will reduce harmful air pollution that threatens public health, especially the health of the most vulnerable populations, including children and seniors.

The Republicans' attack on the Clean Air Act and its work to dismantle the EPA will not only result in job loss but will result in poorer public health across this Nation.

Rather than the Republicans taking action to create jobs, this bill cuts funding to create green jobs.

We should move President Obama's American Jobs Act now to begin to give Americans what they want: a job.

I urge a no vote on this measure and urge the Republicans to stop playing political games and couching deregulation as job creation. Wall Street got deregulated and the result was a financial crisis. The American people do not need an environmental and public health crisis, the American people need jobs.

HONORING SCHOOLCRAFT COLLEGE

HON. THADDEUS G. McCOTTER

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 23, 2011

Mr. McCOTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Schoolcraft College in my hometown of Livonia, Michigan as it celebrates 50 years of serving the residents of southeastern Michigan.

In October of 1961, voters approved the formation of Northwest Wayne Community College. On February 6, 1963 the college was renamed Schoolcraft College in honor of Henry Rowe Schoolcraft, an American geographer, geologist, and ethnologist, noted for his early studies of Native American cultures, as well as for his 1832 discovery of the source of the Mississippi River.

An essential part of our community, Schoolcraft College continues to provide outstanding and affordable educational opportunities to a district reaching into three counties, sixteen municipalities and six school districts. While best known for its Culinary Arts, Nursing and Public Safety programs, Schoolcraft serves students by providing general education and transfer credits at reasonable cost.

Having served as a member of the Schoolcraft College Board of Trustees, I am impressed by the college's intelligent investment in expanding and upgrading the school's infrastructure. This has provided tremendous opportunities to educate and re-train the workforce in Southeast Michigan. In 2003, the ribbon cutting ceremony opened the VistaTech Center. A state of the art facility, it is home to Schoolcraft College's award winning culinary arts program and business development center. The Culinary Arts Department boasts four Certified Master Chefs and seven Executive Chefs. This gives Schoolcraft College a higher Certified-Master-Chef-per-student ratio than any other culinary school in the country. The VistaTech Center also is home to the American Harvest Restaurant, a student operated restaurant, where students provide exceptional gourmet cuisine and service to the local public.

In 2008, Schoolcraft hosted the grand opening for the new Biomedical Technology Center, BTC. This cutting edge building is home to several science and technology-focused programs and its growing nursing program. This building supports the mission to train our youth in promising future careers in the high tech and biomedical fields. The Biomedical Technology Center hosts truly top-notch labs: Imaging and Analysis Lab, Anatomy and Physiology Lab, Biomedical Engineering Technology Lab, Cellular and Molecular Biology Lab.

From an initial enrollment of 2,425, attendance has now grown to more than 36,000 students each year, each of whom can choose from 70 academic majors. Schoolcraft's Continuing Education and Professional Development Courses reach an additional 16,000 annually through credential programs, professional development, personal enrichment, and courses designed to further personal interests.

Mr. Speaker, Schoolcraft College has served, trained, educated and advanced the interests of our region for 50 years. As a former Schoolcraft College trustee, I ask that we congratulate them on their devoted service as an exemplary and vibrant campus, finding innovative ways to inspire students of all ages to achieve more than they ever thought possible.

MOURNING THE PASSING AND HONORING THE LIFE OF HARRY ''BUS'' YOURELL

HON. DANIEL LIPINSKI

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 23, 2011

Mr. LIPINSKI. Mr. Speaker, I rise to mourn the passing, and to celebrate the life of Harry "Bus" Yourell. Mr. Yourell was a man who loved his family, his community, and his country, and had a general love of life.

Mr. Yourell's public service began on December 7, 1941, the day Pearl Harbor was attacked and the day he signed up for the Marine Corps. A proud Marine, he was awarded a Bronze Star for saving an injured friend and he earned three Purple Hearts for his own injuries. Having fought bravely at Guadalcanal, Bougainville, Guam, and Iwo Jima, Mr. Yourell exemplifies the "Greatest Generation."

Mr. Yourell continued his service in 1959 when he was elected Trustee in the Village of Oak Lawn. In 1966, he became a Representative in the Illinois House and went on to serve nine terms. He also served as Worth Township Democratic committeeman, Cook County Recorder of Deeds, and Commissioner for the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District. He retired in 2006 having won 40 elections without ever losing one. An Oak Lawn street and a Water Reclamation District aeration station bear his name, and he is remembered fondly by tens of thousands of residents of Oak Lawn, Worth Township, and Cook County.

Even as a senior citizen, Mr. Yourell still exhibited a youthful love for life. He bungee