

deeply honored to have been invited to welcome them back to Iowa at the end of their journey, and I am very much looking forward to the opportunity to hear about their experience seeing their memorial for the first time and to having the opportunity to personally thank these heroes.

Sadly, however, 17 of Iowa's heroes who were planning to travel with their fellow veterans to Washington, DC, passed away before they were able to embark on their trip. My wife Terry and I join all Iowans in mourning their loss and in extending our deepest sympathies to their families.

I am proud to have a piece of marble from the quarry that supplied the marble that built the World War II Memorial in my office. Like the memorial that it built, that piece of marble reminds me of the sacrifices of a generation of Americans. When our country was threatened, they rose to defend not just our nation, but the freedoms, democracy, and values that make our country the greatest nation on earth. They did so as one people and one country. Their sacrifices and determination in the face of great threats to our way of life are both humbling and inspiring.

The sheer magnitude of what the Greatest Generation accomplished, not just in war but in the peace that followed, continues to inspire us today. They did not seek to be tested both abroad by a war that fundamentally challenged our way of life and at home by the Great Depression and the rebuilding of our economy that followed. But, when called upon to do so, they defended and then rebuilt our nation to make it even stronger. Their patriotism, service, and great sacrifice not only defined their generation—they stand as a testament to the fortitude of our nation and the American people.

I am tremendously proud to provide an early welcome to the Eastern Iowa Honor Flight and Iowa's veterans of the Second World War to our nation's capital next week. On behalf of every Iowan I represent, I thank them for their service to our country.

THE LEGACY OF STEVE JOBS

HON. ZOE LOFGREN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 14, 2011

Ms. ZOE LOFGREN of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today on behalf of the Members of the California Congressional Delegation to honor the legacy of Steve Jobs, one of the world's greatest innovators and entrepreneurs and a committed family man. Steve unfortunately passed away last Wednesday, October 5, 2011, leaving behind his beloved wife, Laurene Powell Jobs, and four children. He embodied the American entrepreneurial spirit and was a true pioneer of California's technology sector, inspiring millions with creations at Apple that continue to sustain Silicon Valley today. His passion, ingenuity and hard work have changed the way we live and work forever.

Steve was a native of California and a product of its public education system. He hailed from San Francisco, and was adopted by Paul and Clara Jobs, who moved to Mountain View, California when he was a child. Steve attended Cupertino Junior High and Homestead

High School in Cupertino, California. After briefly spending time in college in Portland, he returned to his home state to pursue his interest in computers.

In 1976, Steve founded Apple Computer in Cupertino, with Steve Wozniak and Ronald Wayne. Almost 40 years later, Jobs has been listed as either primary inventor or co-inventor of more than 340 U.S. patents and patent applications for a wide range of technologies. His insatiable desire to innovate made Apple into one of the world's most profitable and recognizable brands.

His diagnosis of pancreatic cancer in 2004 shocked and saddened us all. However, as was often the case with Steve, he continued in sickness to lead by example. During the time between his diagnosis and death, Apple introduced the iPhone and the iPad, which have set new standards for mobile devices.

Jobs announced his resignation as Apple's CEO on August 24, 2011, and in a letter to Apple's Board of Directors, he said, "I believe Apple's brightest and most innovative days are ahead of it." We believe that the next great innovators are in California classrooms right now, learning about Steve Jobs and being inspired by his legacy.

The following are the names of the 53 Members of the California Congressional Delegation: MIKE THOMPSON, WALLY HERGER, DANIEL LUNGREN, TOM MCCLINTOCK, DORIS MATSUI, LYNN WOOLSEY, GEORGE MILLER, NANCY PELOSI, BARBARA LEE, JOHN GARAMENDI, JERRY MCNERNEY, JACKIE SPEIER, PETE STARK, ANNA G. ESHOO, MIKE HONDA, ZOE LOFGREN, SAM FARR, DENNIS CARDOZA, JEFF DENHAM, JIM COSTA, DEVIN NUNES, KEVIN MCCARTHY, LOIS CAPPS, ELTON GALLEGLY, HOWARD "BUCK" MCKEON, DAVID DREIER, BRAD SHERMAN, HOWARD BERMAN, ADAM SCHIFF, HENRY WAXMAN, XAVIER BECERRA, JUDY CHU, KAREN BASS, LUCILLE ROYBAL-ALLARD, MAXINE WATERS, JANICE HAHN, LAURA RICHARDSON, GRACE NAPOLITANO, LINDA SANCHEZ, EDWARD ROYCE, JERRY LEWIS, GARY MILLER, JOE BACA, KEN CALVERT, MARY BONO MACK, DANA ROHRBACHER, LORETTA SANCHEZ, JOHN CAMPBELL, DARRELL ISSA, BRIAN BILBRAY, BOB FILNER, DUNCAN HUNTER and SUSAN DAVIS.

BRONZE STAR MEDAL FOR PRIVATE FLOYD RAGSDALE

HON. ROBERT T. SCHILLING

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 14, 2011

Mr. SCHILLING. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a brave warfighter, Mr. Floyd D. Ragsdale. Mr. Ragsdale was born on September 9, 1925, in Waterloo, Iowa. He was drafted into the Army in December 1943 and went through basic training and advanced unit training at Camp Shelby, Mississippi. In October of 1944, Mr. Ragsdale was sent to Europe and assigned to the 424th Regiment of the 106th Infantry Division—a division that was known as the "Golden Lions." Mr. Ragsdale participated in combat operations in Northern France, the Rhineland Campaign, and the Ardennes.

For his bravery and diligence, Mr. Ragsdale received the National Service Defense Medal, the European Theater of Operations ribbon

with three bronze stars, the Combat Infantryman's Badge, the World War II Victory Medal, and the Good Conduct Medal.

Mr. Ragsdale has earned yet another medal. After 66 years it is my honor to present the Bronze Star for meritorious service in Belgium during World War II to Mr. Ragsdale. This is the fourth-highest combat award the U.S. Armed Forces has and is given to an individual for bravery, acts of merit, or meritorious service.

I am also privileged to see Mr. Ragsdale receive the Belgian Fourragere for his service during the Battle of the Bulge in defense of liberty. The Belgian Fourragere is a military award given by the Belgium government and is a braided cord. It is considered one of the top awards.

We are very lucky to have had dedicated warfighters like Mr. Ragsdale in our Army. Our country owes him and those like him a great debt of gratitude for the sacrifices he and others made for us.

PROTECT LIFE ACT

SPEECH OF

HON. EARL BLUMENAUER

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 13, 2011

Mr. BLUMENAUER. Madam Speaker, today I voted against the badly flawed H.R. 358, a Republican bill brought to the floor today that will have a profoundly negative impact on a woman's ability to make personal healthcare decisions. I am deeply troubled by any congressional action that restricts a woman's right to choose. I oppose this legislation and reiterate my support for a women's right to make her own decision about her healthcare decisions and obtain access to emergency care.

Instead of advancing policies to put Americans back to work, Republicans instead have decided to debate legislation restricting the health care choices available to women and their families. If enacted, H.R. 358 would limit the choices individuals and families have regarding their health insurance coverage, even forcing individuals to drop coverage they have already selected. It gives hospital workers the right to refuse treatment to women in need, even in the case of rape, incest or life-threatening complications. To force insurance companies and healthcare providers to deny a woman access to a legal procedure would be a very disturbing step backwards.

Already federal law prohibits federal funds from being used for abortions, except in cases of rape or incest, or when the life of the woman would be endangered. This legislation further restricts the ability of individuals and families to make personal decisions about their health care.

At a time when my colleagues are saying that they want to make government smaller, it is hypocritical and dangerous to pretend that a small government gets to make personal health care decisions for women and families. There is no room for government involvement in the personal and difficult decisions around women's reproductive choices. I strongly oppose this legislation.

IN TRIBUTE TO PEGGY JANE
SADLER

HON. ELTON GALLEGLY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 14, 2011

Mr. GALLEGLY. Mr. Speaker, I rise in tribute to my very good friend, Peggy Jane Sadler, who will be inducted into the Ventura County Republican Hall of Fame next week.

It is a well-deserved and long overdue honor.

I met Peggy more than 30 years ago when I first ran for City Council. She subsequently served on my mayoral committee and is among those who are largely responsible for my run for Congress.

But Peggy is more than a political confidant. She is a close personal friend to my wife, Janice, and me.

I am not alone in benefiting from Peggy's political passion. Peggy's handprints can be found on the success of a number of elected officials, both directly and indirectly. She served on the campaigns of Rep. Barry Goldwater, Jr., California Governors Pete Wilson and George Deukmejian, California Senator Lou Cusanovich, California Assemblyman Bob Cline, and Ventura County District Attorneys Michael Bradbury and Greg Totten.

She has been a member of Simi Valley Republican Women since 1964 and served as President in 1976, 1977 and 2009; served as president of Ventura County Republican Women, Federated, from 1979 to 1983; and is a past member of the Board of Directors, CFRW Southern Division; a past member of the California Federation of Republican Women Board; a voting member of the California Republican Party since 1977; an elected member of the Ventura County Republican Party from 1979–2011; Ventura County Co-Chairman for: Reagan for President 1980; a member of the Ventura County Steering Committee: Reagan/Bush 1984; Alternate Delegate for the 1984 GOP National Convention; City Co-Chairman for Bush/Quayle 1988; Delegate to the 1992 GOP National Convention; Alternate Delegate to the 1996 GOP National Convention; Alternate Delegate to the 2004 GOP National Convention; a member of the Bush Team—2000 and 2004; and a member of the Ventura County Lincoln Club Board of Directors.

That's enough to keep anyone busy. But Peggy's community involvement goes beyond politics. She believes politics is an avenue to make her community, state, and nation a better place to live, work, and raise a family—but it is not the only avenue.

Peggy's other activities include founding member and Past President of the Simi Valley Cultural Arts Center Foundation Board of Directors, docent for the Ronald Reagan Presidential Library since 1991, Past President of the Simi Valley High School Music Boosters, and past member of the School Attendance Review Board.

After 27 years, Peggy retired as administrative assistant at Simi Valley Presbyterian Church. A former music major at University of California, Santa Barbara, she is currently serving as Director of the Handbell Choir. She also was a member of the Los Robles Master Chorale for 28 years.

Peggy and her husband, David, have been married 54 years. They have two children and five grandchildren.

Mr. Speaker, as a previous inductee into the Ventura County Republican Hall of Fame, I welcome my friend. I know my colleagues join Janice and me in congratulating Peggy Jane Sadler for this recognition and in thanking her for decades of commitment to her community and nation.

HONORING MARIN COUNTY
SUPERVISOR HAL BROWN

HON. LYNN C. WOOLSEY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 14, 2011

Ms. WOOLSEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a colleague, Hal Brown, on the occasion of his retirement after 29 years of service to Marin County. Since he was first appointed to the Board of Supervisors to represent the Second District, Hal demonstrated a caring, thoughtful and committed approach to addressing the issues facing the residents of Marin.

Hal's priorities have been clear from the start. He focuses on families, education, environment, responsible government and economic vitality. His own vitality and dedication led him to serve on more than 25 boards and organizations, from the Marin Conservation League to the Rape Crisis Center, from the Golden Gate Bridge Highway and Transportation District to the Disabled Students Advisory Board.

This work has resulted in a long list of notable accomplishments—for example, preserving more than 1,500 acres of open space, founding FireSafe Marin, supporting the Marin Energy Authority and Safe Routes to Schools, and authoring Marin's Family Medical Leave law. I remain one of his most appreciative fans for his early and ongoing leadership on important women's issues.

After the New Year's Eve flood of 2005, Hal moved to make his district safer by establishing the first regional flood warning system in the Ross Valley. He continued to work for a watershed-wide approach that would combine flood control with environmental restoration and water quality.

Hal prided himself on his accessibility, and his door was always open to the many who appreciated working with a man of his integrity and drive. The fact that he continued to serve the last year despite battling serious illness speaks volumes about his commitment to his constituents. His thoughtful study of issues, while listening to all sides, has earned him the respect and admiration of colleagues throughout the North Bay.

A San Anselmo resident for almost 40 years, Hal coached various youth sports while raising his two sons, Mike and Chris.

Mr. Speaker, for nearly three decades, Hal Brown has served Marin County with enormous intelligence and dedication. Hal's hard work is one of the reasons that Marin remains such a beautiful, vibrant, well-governed community. It has been a privilege to work with him, and I ask you to join me in wishing him good health and a well-deserved retirement.

IN RECOGNITION OF FATHER
KENNETH R. MURPHY

HON. FRANK PALLONE, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 14, 2011

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Father Kenneth Murphy, an exceptional individual who continues to provide outstanding spiritual guidance for the members of the Middlesex County community. His exceptional service is highly deserving of this body's recognition.

Born in New York City, Father Murphy is a graduate of Saint Joseph's High School in Metuchen, New Jersey and is a proud alumnus of Newark College of Engineering. He earned a Bachelors of Science in Chemical Engineering from Newark College of Engineering. His educational foundation launched his tenure as a faculty member of the Union Catholic Regional High School in Scotch Plains, New Jersey. Father Murphy entered and completed his seminary formation in St. Cyril and Methodius Seminary in Orchard Lake, Michigan. He earned his Master of Divinity Degree in May 1986 and received his Master of Fine Arts in Theology from the University of Detroit the same year. On May 31, 1986, Father Murphy was ordained to the priesthood by Bishop Theodore E. McCarrick at St. Francis of Assisi Cathedral in Metuchen, New Jersey.

An outstanding spiritual leader and mentor, Father Murphy's various assignments have circulated him throughout central New Jersey. He has served in many positions throughout the 6th Congressional District, including Associate Pastor at Our Lady of Victories and Administrator and Pastor at St. Stanislaus. Father Murphy is currently Sayreville PBA Chaplain, Chaplain for Our Lady of Victories Columbiettes Council 2061 and Chaplain of Our Lady of Victories Assembly #0670 Fourth Degree Knights of Columbus. St. Peter's Parish in New Brunswick, New Jersey remains Father Murphy's home of worship.

Mr. Speaker, once again, please join me in thanking Father Kenneth Murphy for his continued spiritual guidance. His extraordinary leadership continues to guide Middlesex County community, my district, and the State of New Jersey.

RECOGNIZING THE NATIONAL
OPINION RESEARCH CENTER, AT
THE UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO
ON ITS 70TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. DANNY K. DAVIS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 14, 2011

Mr. DAVIS of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I wish to recognize the National Opinion Research Center on the occasion of its 70th anniversary. Known by its acronym, NORC, is one of the nation's oldest, not-for-profit, independent research organizations. It is headquartered in downtown Chicago with additional offices on the University of Chicago's campus and in the D.C. Metro area.

NORC is a national leader in social science research. Numerous data collection and analytical tools that now set the industry standard