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Mr. Speaker, I ask that you and my other distinguished colleagues join me in congratulating these dedicated and hardworking individuals who have committed themselves to making a significant contribution to the growth and development of the economy of the First Congressional District. I am very proud to represent them in Washington, D.C.

CELEBRATING THE RETIREMENT  
OF OFFICER REYNAUD "REY"  
WALLACE

**HON. JIM COSTA**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 25, 2011*

Mr. COSTA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mr. Reynaud "Rey" Wallace of Fresno, California, as he celebrates his retirement from the Fresno Police Department. For 30 years, Mr. Wallace has served the Fresno community proudly. Not only did he work to keep our neighborhoods safe, but he also served as a mentor, coach, father figure and friend to many people in our community.

Mr. Wallace was born on October 18, 1952, to Carl and Ernestine Wallace in Montgomery, Alabama. The eldest of six children, Mr. Wallace grew up immersed in sports and was an avid baseball, basketball and football player. Mr. Wallace graduated from John Muir High School in Pasadena, California, and eventually made his way to Fresno.

In 1981, Mr. Wallace joined the Fresno Police Department. During his time with the department, Mr. Wallace served as an innovator and educator. His inventive spirit led to the creation of the Fresno Police Activities League, better known as PAL, in 1992. Fresno PAL seeks to prevent juvenile crime and violence by establishing relationships between law enforcement personnel and Fresno youth. Mr. Wallace spent seven years in PAL where he coached teams and served as a consultant for the national PAL program. He oversaw programs in Oregon, Santa Barbara, Ojai, as well as others in the San Joaquin Valley. Many current police officers were in the PAL program while it was under Rey's purview.

Following his time in PAL, he became a member of Southwest Problem Oriented Policing, where he continued to use his leadership and collaboration skills to protect and improve the lives of those he served.

Mr. Wallace's unwavering commitment to the safety and well-being of our community has earned him recognition from his colleagues and community members. In 1985, he was named the Northwest District Officer of the Year, and in 2007, he was recognized as the Officer of the Year for the Southwest District. In addition, Mr. Wallace was awarded the Life Saving Medal of Valor, the Medal of Merit and the National Exchange Club's Book of Golden Deeds Award.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Mr. Reynaud "Rey" Wallace for his years of service to the Fresno Police Department and to the people of Fresno, California. I invite my colleagues to join me in recognizing Mr. Wallace's commitment, dedication, and success and wish him well as he embarks on new endeavors.

RECOGNIZING WASHINGTON'S SECOND ANNUAL 'PELTON OF AWESOME'

**HON. DAN BURTON**

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 25, 2011*

Mr. BURTON of Indiana. Mr. Speaker, as a co-chair of the Congressional Global Road

Safety Caucus I rise today to congratulate the men and women who took part in the recent World Bicycle Relief charity bike ride. The ride is the brainchild of DC resident Miriam Schwedt, who was inspired to take her love of bicycling and share it with the world. Miriam, upon learning to ride a bike—about a year and a half ago—felt like she had discovered a whole new world. She started biking everywhere—to work, to play, to run errands—not only was it fun, but she got to work faster and cheaper, and was able to explore places she'd never been before. Miriam realized that if biking had changed her life in these ways, what might bikes mean for people who face far bigger transportation challenges? That's when Miriam discovered a charity called World Bicycle Relief. World Bicycle Relief not only funds bicycles in communities around the world, but also fosters local expertise and supply chains for local assembly and repair of bikes, creating important related jobs and skills.

In conjunction with World Bicycle Relief, Miriam decided to join forces with her friend Katie Heller to start what would become an annual charity bike ride and fundraiser in Washington called 'The Peloton of Awesome'. For those of you that don't know, a 'peloton' is a group of bikers. Miriam and Katie enticed their friends to join the peloton because they wanted to bring the opportunities and fun of biking to communities where faster, easier transportation can create access to markets, schools, health care, and other opportunities. These women also took the initiative to partner with local businesses to help the cause. Bike and Roll donated bikes for the ride to enable people to participate who don't own a bike, and a local restaurant hosted a post-ride celebration with a percentage of the profits donated to World Bicycle Relief. In addition, they added a raffle for items donated by local cycling stores, including a brand-new bike. Through generous support, last year the team raised almost \$10,000, with all of the funds going to World Bicycle relief to purchase nearly an entire school's worth of bicycles in Zambia. More than 150 bicycle activists came together for the inaugural event. Given the success last year, the Peloton came together once again earlier this month. The second annual 'Peloton of Awesome' took place on Saturday, October 1st, and by all accounts it proved to be just as big a success, despite some inclement weather.

I helped form the Congressional Global Road Safety Caucus because I believe that safe and effective transportation is a key component of global economic development. World Bicycle Relief is just one of many organizations nationally and internationally who are helping to make the dream of safe roads and effective transportation for everyone possible. I ask all of my colleagues to join me in recognizing the work of Miriam Schwedt, Katie Heller, all the staff and volunteers of World Bicycle Relief for their hard work and I look forward to hearing about the future successes of the Peloton, as I am sure this ride won't be the last.

## HONORING BONI FINE

**HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKY**

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 25, 2011*

Mr. VISCLOSKY. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I stand before you today to commend Boni Fine for her service to the community. Boni will be recognized for her outstanding commitment to the residents of the First Congressional District by the Young Women's Christian Association (YWCA) of Northwest Indiana, at its annual Circle of Friends Event, held on October 19, 2011.

Throughout her accomplished career, Boni has held several prestigious positions, allowing her to demonstrate the skills and business acumen developed as she earned her Master of Business Administration degree from Pepperdine University. Her professional experience includes Director of Personnel for the Daily Telegraph in London; President and Publisher of the Post-Tribune in Merrillville, Indiana; and Vice President of Strategic Development/Advertising for the Sun-Times News Group in Chicago, Illinois. Moreover, her bachelor degree in social work from Syracuse University and her work as a child welfare case-worker established the foundation upon which Boni built her tireless enthusiasm for improving the quality of life for our area's youth.

Boni's resume highlights many of the organizations in which she participates and children in Northwest Indiana are most fortunate to have benefitted from her championing their cause. Not only has she previously chaired the Juvenile Diabetes Association's Walk to Cure, she was a founding member of the Children's Literacy Academy at Indiana University Northwest. Further, she has served on the Executive Board of the Boys and Girls Club of Northwest Indiana. Most recently, Boni served as the Interim Executive Director for the YWCA of Northwest Indiana, and it is for her work with this organization that she is being honored.

The YWCA of Northwest Indiana traces its roots to a branch office that had been located at 30 East 6th Avenue in Gary. Founded in 1921 with a strong commitment to serve, the organization has become a well-established institution serving the community for ninety years. Currently, the YWCA of Northwest Indiana is governed by an all-female Board of Directors committed to offering programs to young women that foster their talents and serving as professional role models whom these young women may emulate. Under Boni's leadership, this local YWCA has provided programs such as the Yes We Can, a youth program to promote academic achievement among at-risk children. Additionally, the YWCA of Northwest Indiana offers a mentoring program for teen girls in Gary in which students are paired with professional women in order to empower them and set them upon a path of success. Although this is only a brief overview of the extraordinary efforts undertaken by all individuals involved in the day-to-day operations of the YWCA of Northwest Indiana, it is important to note that they illustrate Boni's genuine devotion to its vision: to transform lives by mobilizing our diverse community to provide vibrant opportunities and experiences that strive to diminish racial and gender disparities in health, education, and wealth at

tainment, while preparing future generations to sustain these endeavors.

Mr. Speaker, at this time, I ask that you and my other distinguished colleagues join me in honoring Boni Fine for her exceptional community service. I know that Boni will continue to touch the lives of numerous people, and for her selfless, lifelong service, she is to be commended.

## HONORING JEFF DAVIS H.S. ON ITS 85TH ANNIVERSARY

**HON. GENE GREEN**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 25, 2011*

Mr. GENE GREEN of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Jeff Davis High School in Houston, Texas, for their 85 years of excellence and dedication to improving the education of young adults.

As a Jeff Davis High School graduate I am proud to say that since 1925, Jeff Davis has established a legacy of success in academics as well as in extracurricular programs by providing students with opportunities to ensure that they are equipped with the tools that are necessary to excel. Due to the hard work of the school's faculty and staff, Jefferson Davis has been able to significantly decrease its dropout rate and increase its programs to prepare students for college. In 2009 Jefferson Davis increased its number of students enrolled in dual credit courses in Houston area colleges by 450 percent. Since 1993 the school has sent approximately 100 juniors to participate in the Cornell Summer Program, where students are able to spend a summer at Cornell University to earn college credit while still in high school.

In just the last school year, Jeff Davis was recognized for the dedication to decreasing dropout rates and increasing the number of college-bound students. Jeff Davis has been nominated as a candidate to be featured on the U.S. Department of Education "Doing What Works" website based on its success with dropout prevention. One hundred fifty-two students were able to successfully earn college credit through dual enrollment at the University of Houston Downtown and Houston Community College and over 50 individuals were awarded in numerous UIL competitions in areas such as math, writing, and accounting. In 2009–2010, the graduation rate increased to 80 percent and there was an amazing 250 percent increase in student advanced placement passing scores. In 2008–2009, the school became TEA recognized for the first time in Davis history and received the Gold Performance Acknowledgement for comparable improvement in mathematics. In recognition of this outstanding work, Jeff Davis was recognized as one of the top ten most improved high schools in Harris County and its surrounding counties by Children At Risk.

In 1993, Project GRAD & Gear Up programs were founded by former Tenneco CEO James Ketelsen at Jeff Davis. This program provides scholarships to students as an incentive to complete high school and continue their education after graduation. Last year the program awarded 2.8 million dollars in scholarships to over 700 graduating seniors in HISD.

Jefferson Davis offers a wide range of extra-curricular activities, ensuring that students be-

come well rounded and are given a wide range of opportunities to prepare them for our ever-changing society. In 2010, Davis received international recognition in Robotics, as well as significant regional awards in dance, ROTC and Culinary Arts.

I congratulate the past and present administration, faculty, staff, and students of Jefferson Davis High School for all of their hard work and dedication to excellence.

## PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. STEVE KING**

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 25, 2011*

Mr. KING of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall No. 801, I was not present to vote because I was participating in a public meeting with the Army Corps of Engineers regarding the historic flooding that we have experienced along the Missouri River this year.

Had I been present, I would have voted "yes."

## RECOGNIZING DR. RUTH SIMMONS

**HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 25, 2011*

Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Dr. Ruth Simmons for her 11 years of extraordinary service as president of Brown University.

I am proud to say Dr. Simmons is a native of Texas. In 1995 she became president of Smith College, the largest women's college in the United States, where she launched a number of strategic initiatives to strengthen the college's academic programs and inaugurated the first engineering program at a U.S. women's college. Ruth J. Simmons was sworn in as the 18th president of Brown University on July 3, 2001. She has received numerous accolades throughout her career. In 2001, Time magazine named her America's best college president. In 2007, she was named one of U.S. News & World Report's top U.S. leaders and—for the second time.

As one of the Nation's premier scholars, Ruth Simmons has inspired and enlightened so many as an advocate for educational excellence. Throughout Ruth Simmons' tenure as the president of Brown University, she has shown an unwavering commitment to inspiring, educating, and ensuring that the future of young Americans is a bright one. It is educators such as Ruth Simmons that make an immense impact on our children; both teaching them the information to prosper and inspiring them to achieve. Brown University and our country have benefitted immensely from your service, and I hope you will continue to aspire to educate children who are in great need of strong leaders.

I wish to commend Dr. Ruth Simmons and thank her for her service to this great nation. As an academic leader, she has created positive pathways for the future of our students.