

Ribbon (w/silver and bronze star), Navy and Marine Corps Overseas Service Ribbon (w/bronze star), and the Marine Corps Drill Instructor Ribbon.

These recognitions are a true testament, among other things, of Major General Jackson's great dedication, leadership and commitment to our country.

I offer Major General Jackson my warmest congratulations and hope he enjoys a rich and rewarding retirement with his wife Susan and his two children, Brian and Blaine.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues please join me in recognizing the distinguished career of Major General Anthony L. Jackson.

IN RECOGNITION OF RICHARD
HAWTHORNE

HON. DENNIS A. CARDOZA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 1, 2011

Mr. CARDOZA. Mr. Speaker, it is with the greatest respect that I rise today to recognize my good friend, Richard Hawthorne, in the event of his retirement as Police Chief for the City of Atwater.

Richard was raised in the community of Atwater. He graduated from Atwater High School and received his Associates of Arts degree from Merced College. Richard earned his Bachelor of Arts degree from Fresno Pacific University. However disregarding his education achievements, he always says that his most important accomplishments are his marriage to his beautiful wife Debbie for 33 years and the welcoming of his two beautiful daughters into the world, Lyndsay and Amanda.

Richard began his law enforcement career in 1976 as Deputy Sheriff for Merced County. He remained with the Merced County Sheriff Department until 1979 when he was hired on as a Police Officer with the City of Atwater. He worked his way through the ranks until he was promoted to Chief of Police in 2003. He served selflessly until his retirement on October 1, 2011. Richard is a man that loved his job and the men and women that worked for him. A great example of his dedication to his officers is the reasoning behind his retirement. He is retiring early so that there is additional money in the budget to keep more patrol officers in their jobs during this difficult economic time. This is just one example how Richard is always putting others in front of him.

Richard takes an active role in his local community in addition to his commitments as Police Chief. Richard is also dedicated to future members of law enforcement, as he is also a part-time Criminal Justice Instructor at Merced College. He is a member and Past President of the Atwater Rotary Club, Board Member of the Atwater Police Activities League, Chairman of the Drug and Alcohol Committee of Merced County, President of ACAUSE (Atwater Community Advocates United for a Safe Environment), Member of the Atwater Police Officers Association, California Chiefs of Police Association, Merced Area Crime Stoppers, National Chief's Police Association and the Nationwide "Invest in Kids" Coalition.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in honoring my good friend, Mr. Richard Hawthorne, for his leadership, dedication, and

outstanding service to our community and the Atwater Police Department.

HONORING SEATTLE 826

HON. JIM McDERMOTT

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 1, 2011

Mr. McDERMOTT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Seattle 826, a recipient of the 2011 National Arts and Humanities Youth Program Award.

Seattle 826 is a nonprofit writing and tutoring center dedicated to helping youth improve their creative and expository writing skills and to helping teachers inspire their students to write. Through after-school and in-school programs, writing workshops, and field trips, Seattle 826 and 300 volunteers have reached over 2,000 students in the past year. The organization has even helped some students publish their writing, giving them invaluable experience and confidence for the future.

I am proud that Seattle 826 is located in my District, the Seventh Congressional District of Washington. Since Teri Hein first started the organization in 2004, its contribution to the community has been essential, and the benefit to youth has been tremendous.

The National Arts and Humanities Youth Program Award is the Nation's highest honor for out-of-school arts and humanities programs that celebrate the creativity of America's young people, particularly those from underserved communities. I am pleased that Seattle 826's work has been recognized by the President and First Lady with this prestigious award.

HONORING THE 75TH ANNIVERSARY OF VFW POST 1308 IN ALTON, ILLINOIS

HON. JERRY F. COSTELLO

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 1, 2011

Mr. COSTELLO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the 75th anniversary of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 1308 in Alton, Illinois.

VFW Post 1308 was founded during the Great Depression, at a time when our nation's economic situation only served to aggravate the needs of veterans, many of whom had served with honor during the First World War. Veterans who sustained injuries while on active duty were at a greater disadvantage as medical bills continued and their ability to find work was compromised.

From its founding, 75 years ago, Post 1308 has continually grown until it now lists 1,263 members, making it the largest VFW post in the State of Illinois. In addition to serving and advocating for our area's veterans, Post 1308 has also shown concern for the needs of their community, especially for its young people. Their democracy and patriot pens programs are examples of the educational programs Post 1308 conducts to foster patriotic and civic awareness among area students. They have also shown tremendous support to area organizations, ranging from Special Olympics to the March of Dimes.

Through the years, Post 1308 has developed a number of programs to meet the many and diverse needs of veterans. They visit veterans in hospitals and nursing homes, conduct annual clothing drives to benefit homeless veterans, provide financial assistance to veterans in times of economic hardship and provide no-cost military funeral rites (over 100 per year) for honorably discharged veterans.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating the members of VFW Post 1308, both past and present, on 75 years of serving veterans and the people of the Alton, Illinois, area and to wish them many continued years of service in the future.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE
HONORABLE JONATHAN BING

HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 1, 2011

Mrs. MALONEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to the Honorable Jonathan Bing, an outstanding public servant and my good friend. The Special Deputy Superintendent of the New York State Department of Financial Services and a revered and respected former Member of the New York State Assembly who represented Manhattan's East Side for nearly a decade, Mr. Bing is being honored this month at a special dinner hosted by Manhattan Community Board 6 and its officers and members.

Jonathan Bing was appointed to the executive branch of New York State government by Governor Andrew Cuomo earlier this year. The Governor's elevation of Mr. Bing is an apt reflection of Mr. Bing's distinguished record as a remarkably effective State legislator representing New York's 73rd Assembly District. As an elected official, Mr. Bing distinguished himself as a dynamic and forceful leader and advocate for New York City. A resident of Manhattan's East Side for over two decades, Mr. Bing has devoted himself in service to others throughout his career.

During his service in the New York State Assembly, Mr. Bing was a prolific and accomplished legislator, authoring and securing passage of 36 bills that were signed into law. Among his signal legislative achievements are: New York State's no-fault divorce law; a law extending the statute of limitations for workers' compensation claims made by 9/11 rescue and recovery workers, allowing countless American heroes to receive the benefits that they deserve; a law enhancing criminal and civil penalties against those who would falsify construction records or illegally assist people with government licensing examinations, a measure he introduced following the East Side crane collapse in 2008; and the 2010 adoption of the UPMIFA statute providing cultural and higher education institutions more flexibility in managing their endowments and assets.

Earlier this year, Mr. Bing accepted a gubernatorial appointment to serve as the Special Deputy Superintendent of the New York Department of Financial Services' Liquidation Bureau, serving as that agency's chief executive officer. In that capacity, he oversees the Bureau's effort to safeguard the interests of customers holding policies issued by insurance companies that became insolvent. Though his

agency receives no taxpayer funding, it employs 260 individuals as it fulfills its important mission.

A graduate of the University of Pennsylvania and the New York University School of Law, Mr. Bing served as a clerk to U.S. District Court Judge Bruce Van Sickle, and authored an award-winning legal article on protecting mentally retarded defendants from the death penalty. Prior to his election to office, he was an accomplished attorney in private practice in Manhattan. After the terrorist attacks of 9/11, he was named New York Coordinator of the Federal Emergency Management Agency/American Bar Association's Disaster Legal Services program, where he oversaw more than 250 attorneys providing free, comprehensive legal assistance to those affected by the attacks. Mr. Bing is a proud resident of Manhattan's Turtle Bay neighborhood where he lives with his wife, Meredith Ballew, an executive at the Vanderbilt YMCA in Turtle Bay, and their daughter, Charlotte.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my distinguished colleagues join me recognizing the enormous contributions to our civic and political life made by Jonathan Bing, an extraordinarily distinguished and effective public servant.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. BRUCE L. BRALEY

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 1, 2011

Mr. BRALEY of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I regret missing floor votes on Friday, October 14, 2011. Had I registered my vote, I would have voted:

(1) Yea on rollcall 794, On Agreeing to the Amendment to H.R. 2273—Waxman of California Amendment

(2) Yea on rollcall 795, On Agreeing to the Amendment to H.R. 2273—Markey of Massachusetts Amendment

(3) Yea on rollcall 796, On Agreeing to the Amendment to H.R. 2273—Markey of Massachusetts Amendment

(4) Yea on rollcall 797, On Agreeing to the Amendment to H.R. 2273—Rush of Illinois Amendment

(5) Yea on rollcall 798, On Agreeing to the Amendment to H.R. 2273—Jackson Lee of Texas Amendment

(6) Yea on rollcall 799, On Motion to Re-commit with Instructions, To amend subtitle D of the Solid Waste Disposal Act to facilitate recovery and beneficial use, and provide for the proper management and disposal, of materials generated by the combustion of coal and other fossil fuels

(7) Nay on rollcall 800, On Passage, To amend subtitle D of the Solid Waste Disposal Act to facilitate recovery and beneficial use, and provide for the proper management and disposal, of materials generated by the combustion of coal and other fossil fuels

CELEBRATING THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF EMPIRE COLLEGE

HON. LYNN C. WOOLSEY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 1, 2011

Ms. WOOLSEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the 50th anniversary of Empire College in Santa Rosa, California. Founded in 1961 to serve the secretarial and bookkeeping needs of the local business community, Empire College has grown into an important contributor to professional education in the North Bay, and an asset in Sonoma County's development into a prosperous and economically diverse region.

Empire College was founded first as a business school, training staff to meet ongoing shortages in skilled office professionals. Founder Henry Trione, the Santa Rosa businessman and philanthropist, envisioned a college providing practical learning for the greater benefit of the local community. Since then, Empire College has expanded into new areas as the needs of our region have diversified. It now has programs in accounting, information technology, tourism and hospitality, and office administration. It also offers the North Bay's first and only law program leading to a Juris Doctor, which is responsible for almost a quarter of the members of the Sonoma County Bar Association, as well as several judges in Sonoma and other northern California counties.

In both its Business and Law Schools, Empire College has made its reputation as a private institution uniquely committed to the public good. Empire College students support our community in public law clinics for elders, immigrants, and individual with disabilities. They put on events and fundraisers for local nonprofits, including the California Parenting Institute, Legal Aid of Sonoma County, and the Children's Village of Sonoma County. In countless ways, we have benefitted from the presence of Empire College not only as a center of learning and professional development, but as a model of engagement and community service.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you to join me in celebrating the 50th anniversary of Empire College. Henry Trione is to be commended for the impressive legacy he has bestowed upon our County, and which the College's long-time executives, Sherie and Roy Hurd, have nurtured over the years. We are privileged to be served by an institution that remains so dedicated to serving Sonoma County and its people.

HONORING THE LIFE AND SERVICE OF JOE CONNOLLY OF THE CITY OF ASHEVILLE

HON. HEATH SHULER

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 1, 2011

Mr. SHULER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Joe Connolly for his distinguished service to the Land-of-Sky Regional Council Area Agency on Aging and Western North Carolina.

Since 2008, Mr. Connolly had been a true fighter, undergoing three instances of brain tu-

mors in a span of three brief years. A husband, father of two, and grandfather of two, he passed away peacefully on May 31, 2011. He had served the aging community of Western North Carolina for the past nineteen years, as director of the Land-of-Sky Regional Council Area Agency on Aging since 2006 and prior to that as director of the WNC AIDS Project and the WNC Alzheimer's Association, and as a member on the boards of numerous community agencies. His service truly encompassed the spirit of giving, impacted many lives, and will not soon be forgotten.

Mr. Connolly was an inspiration to those around him, a man more concerned with providing care than receiving it. I urge my colleagues to join me today in honoring Mr. Joe Connolly for the remarkable commitment he made to the people of Western North Carolina.

HONORING COLONEL LEON M. TANNENBAUM, USAF (RET.) FOR HIS EXTRAORDINARY SERVICE DURING WORLD WAR II

HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 1, 2011

Ms. DELAURO. Mr. Speaker, I am honored to have this opportunity to rise on the floor of the United States House of Representatives to pay tribute to an outstanding veteran and Connecticut native, Colonel Leon M. Tannenbaum, USAF (Ret.), for his exemplary service as a fighter pilot in the United States Army Air Corps during World War II. Today, as he celebrates his 93rd birthday, I am proud to highlight one mission in particular which showcases the staggering courage and bravery Colonel Tannenbaum and his colleagues demonstrated during this tumultuous time in our nation's history.

Based at New Castle Army Air Base in Wilmington, Delaware, then 1st Lieutenant Leon Tannenbaum was a member of the 2nd Ferrying Group, Ferrying Division, Air Transport Command. A large part of their mission was the delivery of airplanes to the European Theatre. One of the most stirring performances of the 2nd Ferrying Group fliers occurred during the later part of July and first week of August, 1943. It was the unprecedented spanning of the treacherous North Atlantic route in the P-47, single-engine aircraft. While commonplace today, any trans-Atlantic flight in the World War II era was a heroic feat. In fact, as a comparison, today's routes between the United States and Europe can be made in mere hours, whereas this mission took twenty-one days to complete.

On July 23rd, 1943, ten P-47s left the Republic Factory in Farmingdale, New York and nine successfully reached their destination, Prestwick, Scotland. In addition to Colonel Tannenbaum, the pilots who undertook this mission included, Captain Barry M. Goldwater of Arizona; 1st Lieutenants Morgan C. Walker of Maryland, Gerald R. Keyser of Ohio, Charles E. Rigney of New Hampshire, Rowland B. Armacost, Bernard J. Jendrezewski, Junior F. Klein, Rozier C. Murphey; and 2nd Lieutenant Louis Brawer. Though 1st Lieutenant Armacost's plane crash landed in Greenland, the other nine miraculously overcame intense weather and maintenance factors to complete the mission.