

organizations and service on the boards of many charitable organizations have made him such an incredible asset to Montgomery County, the State of Maryland and the nation as a whole. It is with great honor and privilege that I congratulate Mayor Jeffrey Slavin for his work as a public servant and philanthropist.

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**SUPPORT FOR STROKE SURVIVORS  
AND CAREGIVERS**

**HON. CAROLYN MCCARTHY**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, November 14, 2011*

Mrs. MCCARTHY of New York. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support for stroke survivors and caregivers. Although World Stroke Day has passed, support for stroke victims and caregivers must never end. As a long-time nurse, I have seen first-hand the effects of debilitating diseases. I understand the hard work and dedication of many of our caregivers in helping these victims get back to health.

Awareness is integral in reducing the occurrence of a stroke. According to the American Stroke Association, one in every six people worldwide is expected to die from a stroke. This disease is also the number three cause of death in United States. These numbers are alarming, and I believe Congress must do all that it can to raise awareness and provide policies to address the needs of stroke victims.

Last Congress, the Democratic House passed H.R. 1032, the Heart Disease Education, Analysis Research, and Treatment for Women Act, which would have required the Secretary of Health and Human Services to report on the quality of and access to care for women affected by a stroke. In this report, the HHS Secretary would have been required to include guidance on reducing these disparities in improving treatment for women suffering from a stroke. While this legislation did not become law, I hope Congress can continue in its efforts to reduce the occurrence of and effects of a stroke.

I ask my colleagues to join me in support of stroke survivors and their caregivers. Congress must continue to fight for research and quality healthcare, so that all Americans affected by a stroke can live healthy, productive lives.

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**OUR UNCONSCIONABLE NATIONAL  
DEBT**

**HON. MIKE COFFMAN**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, November 14, 2011*

Mr. COFFMAN of Colorado. Mr. Speaker, today our national debt is \$14,979,610,349,742.69.

On January 6, 2009, the start of the 111th Congress, the national debt was \$10,638,425,746,293.80.

This means the national debt has increased by \$4,341,184,603,448.89 since then. This debt and its interest payments we are passing to our children and all future Americans.

IN RECOGNITION OF MICHAEL  
MELLO AND HIS MANY YEARS  
OF SERVICE TO INSIGHT TECH-  
NOLOGY

**HON. FRANK C. GUINTA**

OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, November 14, 2011*

Mr. GUINTA. Mr. Speaker, Michael Mello is commended for his years of dedication in the pursuit of excellence, critical information and security that has enhanced our national defense. Michael Mello's combination of intelligence and dedication exemplifies the finest qualities of professionalism and leadership enabling him to make significant contributions over the many years to Insight Technology and the brave service men and women of the United States Military who have fought and served in the Wars in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Michael has been instrumental in keeping our soldiers out of harm's way by providing significant technical and security infrastructure, as well as important information vital for the development and production of mission-critical night vision and electro-optical systems. This work has enabled operational success while saving countless American lives.

America is grateful for Michael Mello's dedication and many years of outstanding service to his country.

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IN HONOR OF THE 75TH ANNIVER-  
SARY OF SOROPTIMIST INTER-  
NATIONAL OF MODESTO

**HON. DENNIS A. CARDOZA**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, November 14, 2011*

Mr. CARDOZA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to join the members of Soroptimist International of Modesto in celebration of the club's 75th Anniversary. It is my privilege to honor this organization that has for so many years remained committed to a world where women and girls together achieve their individual and collective potential, realize aspirations, and have an equal voice in creating strong, peaceful communities worldwide.

Soroptimist International of Modesto was chartered November 28, 1936 with 120 members. It has since grown to an organization of dedicated members committed to volunteer service. For seventy-five years, SI of Modesto has worked tirelessly to improve the lives and status of women and girls locally and around the world. Its members strive daily to uphold the organization's values of human rights for all, global peace and international goodwill, advancing women's potential, integrity and democratic decision making, and promoting volunteerism, diversity, and friendship. Through regular meetings featuring guest speakers and programs, the members are able to network, collaborate on ideas, and stay informed on the various issues affecting women throughout the world.

Among the organization's top priorities is a devotion to supporting service projects in our community, throughout the Nation, and worldwide in such areas as education, environment, health, human rights and status of women, international goodwill, and social and eco-

nomie development. Over the years, the club has worked collaboratively with other Soroptimist groups on various projects to serve the residents of our community. These projects include the Medical Outreach Mobile, the "Live Your Dream" event for young girls, the Soroptimist Community Christmas Tree, the Youth Literacy Program, Modesto Junior College's Soroptimist Youth Learning Center, and the Salvation Army homeless shelter medical assistance project.

The organization has also provided monetary support, service, and volunteer time to such community organizations as Memorial Hospital, the McHenry Mansion, Interfaith Ministries, Haven Women's Center, Girl Scouts of America, and Foothill Horizon Outdoor Education, and many other important programs. The club also strives to ensure that women have access to equal education by providing cash awards for scholarships and recognition programs; thus, taking important steps to assist women in their professional careers and personal lives.

It is truly an honor to have a local chapter located in California's 18th Congressional District, whose efforts have made a positive impact on the community and in the lives that its services have touched. Its members truly exemplify benevolence and set a high level of excellence for all to admire and follow. It is a pleasure to represent Soroptimist International of Modesto in Congress and to pay tribute to their seventy-five years of service and success.

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HONORING ALONZO JAMISON, JR.

**HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, November 14, 2011*

Mr. BURGESS. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to remember the life of a remarkable public servant, Alonzo Jamison, Jr. On October 29, 2011, Mr. Jamison passed away, leaving behind a memorable example to be followed. A long time resident of Denton County, Mr. Jamison was in the farming and cattle-raising business for twenty-five years, a faculty member of the University of North Texas and Texas Women's University, and was as a Member of the Texas State House of Representatives from 1955–1969.

Mr. Jamison proudly served his country during World War II as a First Lieutenant. He earned a bronze star while courageously serving in an anti-aircraft unit in Germany, France, Italy, and North Africa and would go onto to retire as a Colonel in the U.S. Army Reserve in 1974.

In 1954, Mr. Jamison was elected to represent Denton County in the Texas State Legislature, where he served seven consecutive terms. After retiring from this role he joined the faculty of Texas Women's University. As a government professor and chairman of his department, he would be an inspiration to all students seeking life as a public servant in government.

Mr. Speaker, it is with great honor that I rise to remember the life and legacy of Alonzo Jamison, Jr. My thoughts and prayers are with his friends and family. He was a great Texan, a devoted husband, and we are all thankful for his brave and dedicated community service.