

IN RECOGNITION OF MR. S.  
THOMAS GAGLIANO

**HON. FRANK PALLONE, JR.**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, December 8, 2011*

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Mr. Thomas Gagliano, founder of the Jersey Shore Partnership. On December 14, 2011, members of this organization will gather to celebrate Mr. Gagliano's 80th birthday. Throughout his professional career, Tom Gagliano has demonstrated outstanding dedication to his community and trade. His services are truly worthy of this body's recognition.

Tom Gagliano is founder and former President of the Jersey Shore Partnership, Inc., a nonprofit coastal advocacy organization, active in Monmouth, Ocean, Atlantic and Cape May Counties. Jersey Shore Partnership has been instrumental on a national, state and local level for funding beach replenishment projects along the 127 miles of the New Jersey coastline. Mr. Gagliano's leadership has remained a catalyst in the organization's ability to maintain an active role in initiatives unique and important to the Jersey Shore community. Mr. Gagliano is also the Chairman of the Jersey Shore Partnership Foundation and remains a key figure in the organization's success. The Foundation was instrumental in creating the \$25 million per year "Shore Protection Fund", allowing the federal government to proceed with multiple beach replenishment projects throughout the state. Mr. Gagliano and the Jersey Shore Partnership remain an integral part to maintaining the health and beauty of New Jersey's shore region.

Mr. Gagliano is a lifelong resident of Jersey Shore, currently residing in Red Bank, New Jersey. He is a proud alumni of Brown University and earned his law degree from Georgetown University. Mr. Gagliano has also admirably served in the United States Navy from 1954 to 1956. He is a member of the New Jersey Bar and served as senior partner of his own law firm, located in West Long Branch, New Jersey until 1989. Mr. Gagliano was elected to the Oceanport Council in 1967. He also served as Monmouth County Surrogate from 1971 through 1976. Mr. Gagliano was first elected to the New Jersey Senate in 1977 and was re-elected three times, serving as Minority Leader and Ranking Member of the Transportation and Communications Committee. Governor Tom Kean appointed him Executive Director of New Jersey's NJTRANSIT Agency. In 1990, Mr. Gagliano was appointed by President George H.W. Bush to serve as commuter rail representative to the Commission on Railroad Retirement Reform, which he humbly accepted. In 2001, Mr. Gagliano ac-

cepted a position as Senior Vice President of Corporate Affairs at EPS corporate headquarters, the position he currently holds to this day.

Mr. Speaker, once again, please join me in congratulating Mr. Thomas Gagliano as members of the Jersey Shore Partnership gather to celebrate his 80th birthday. His outstanding service as an elected official and founder of the organization exemplifies his whole-hearted dedication and commitment to serving the resident of the Jersey Shore and New Jersey.

H. RES. 364, NAMING HVC-215 THE  
GABRIEL ZIMMERMAN ROOM

**HON. JARED POLIS**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, December 8, 2011*

Mr. POLIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in strong support of H. Res. 364, a bill designating room HVC-215 of the Capitol Visitor Center as the "Gabriel Zimmerman Room."

Almost one year ago, a gunman ruthlessly opened fire on a crowd attending one of Congresswoman GABRIELLE GIFFORDS' "Congresswoman on the Corner" events at a local supermarket. That day is one of this body's greatest tragedies, and we will forever remember the 13 wounded, including Congresswoman GIFFORDS and the 6 individuals that lost their lives.

Today, we have the opportunity to remember one of those individuals who was taken from us, Gabriel Zimmerman, the Director of Community Outreach for Congresswoman GIFFORDS. Gabriel's position was to enable the Congresswoman to interact closely with constituents, organizations and citizens throughout southern Arizona. Indeed, he had devoted his life to public service.

By dedicating HVC-215 as the "Gabriel Zimmerman Room," we are not only commemorating the first congressional staffer in history to be killed in the performance of his official duties, but we also are memorializing the value of civic participation which Gabriel Zimmerman exemplified in his life.

Gabriel, at the age of thirty was engaged to be married. He was known to be a kind, hard-working person respected throughout Congresswoman GIFFORDS' Eighth Congressional District.

He graduated from the University of California at Santa Cruz in 2002 with a degree in sociology and then went on to graduate from Arizona State University in 2006 with a Masters in social work. Gabriel continued his passion for civic service as a social worker assisting troubled youth prior to joining Congresswoman GIFFORDS' staff.

None of us in this body will forget Gabriel and all those who were brutally and senselessly murdered that day.

The naming of a room in the Capitol Visitor Center will forever memorialize this young man whose commitment to public service and idealism we should all hope to emulate each and every day. We must continue to fulfill our promise of improving and supporting our communities and our country, as Gabriel so honestly believed we, the Congress, should.

IN RECOGNITION OF U.S. MARSHAL  
PETER J. ELLIOTT ON THE OC-  
CASION OF RECEIVING THE 2011  
OHIO STATE BAR FOUNDATION'S  
OUTSTANDING PROGRAM AWARD

**HON. MARCIA L. FUDGE**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, December 8, 2011*

Ms. FUDGE. Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the citizens of the Eleventh Congressional District of Ohio, I rise today to recognize U.S. Marshal Peter J. Elliott of the Northern District of Ohio, on receiving the Ohio State Bar Foundation's Outstanding Program Award on behalf of the Fugitive Safe Surrender Program. The Award is given annually to an organization and its leadership for programs that promote access to, and generate improvements in, the Ohio criminal justice system.

I am pleased to recognize Marshal Elliott's tireless efforts and commend him on the success of the Fugitive Safe Surrender Program, which he created after Cleveland police officer Wayne Leon, a family friend, was killed by an individual being served an arrest warrant.

Since 2005, Fugitive Safe Surrender has brought thousands of fugitives in over 25 cities across the nation to surrender. The idea of having fugitives surrender in a safe haven, such as a church, has been one key to the program's success.

In 2010, between September 22nd and 25th, Fugitive Safe Surrender brought in a national record of 7,431 fugitives at Mount Zion Church in Oakwood Village, Ohio. The Fugitive Safe Surrender program was authorized by Congress in July 2006 and signed into law in 2007, after being introduced by the late Congresswoman Stephanie Tubbs-Jones and former Senator Mike DeWine. It is believed to be the first program of its kind in the nation. I am very proud that this program was created in the Northern District of Ohio by my friend, U.S. Marshal Peter Elliott, and congratulate him on receiving the well-deserved Ohio State Bar Foundation's Outstanding Program Award in recognition of the Fugitive Safe Surrender Program.