

Thank you, Rev. George St. Angelo, for remaining steadfast in the fight for voter equality in this country. The people of Michigan, and all of those who you helped and fought for, will always remember your kindness, courage, and dedication to this just cause.

CELEBRATING THE GIRL SCOUTS
OF AMERICA 100TH YEAR ANNIVERSARY

HON. FRANK C. GUINTA

OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 19, 2012

Mr. GUINTA. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I congratulate the Girl Scouts of America on reaching your 100th Anniversary. This is truly a great organization that is dedicated to enriching the lives of girls across the globe. For over a century, the Girl Scouts have promoted strong and successful girls and helped them along the way to becoming proud and prominent women.

New Hampshire is proud to have the Girl Scouts of the Green and White Mountains teach our young ladies new and varied skills from archery and camping, to engineering and banking. With the well rounded merit badge system and great role models, many of these girls discover and explore techniques they would otherwise miss. Our communities have been immeasurably impacted by the good deeds the scouts do while earning badges and working toward the highest achievement of the Gold Award, and I commend them for their great success and the influence they have had on the public.

I congratulate the Girl Scouts of America for their continued dedication and leadership to the girls of our nation and the Granite State. I wish you all the best for continued success in the future.

CELEBRATING WOMEN'S HISTORY
MONTH

HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKY

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. VISCLOSKY. Mr. Speaker, it is with great admiration that I rise today to honor Women's History Month and its 2012 theme: Women's Education and Empowerment. Recently, President Barack Obama once again called upon Americans to observe Women's History Month and to celebrate the many contributions and accomplishments of American women throughout our nation's history. During this month, we are also reminded of the many struggles women have faced in search of equality.

The remarkable dedication and strength of influential women from not only the United States but from around the world has shaped today's current state of freedom and equality for every woman. They have played an irreplaceable role in changing our country for the better. In our nation's history, we have fine examples of courageous women who, in the face of tremendous opposition, have paved the way to success, freedom, and equality. We are reminded of women like Elizabeth Cady Stanton,

a leading figure in the Women's Rights Movement, Susan B. Anthony, the great leader who helped introduce women's suffrage in the United States, and Sojourner Truth, the women's rights activist and abolitionist who would not be silenced because of her race or gender. These exceptional women paved the way for great leaders such as Jeanette Rankin, the peaceful Montana native who would become the first woman to serve in the United States Congress, and Sandra Day O'Connor, the first female Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States.

These pioneering figures, as well as many other brave women throughout the United States and beyond, have brought to light the struggle for human rights. Throughout history in America, women have faced enormous obstacles with regard to educational opportunities. Although it was once an unimaginable statistic, in American colleges and universities today, women outnumber men in overall enrollment. Reflecting upon the 2012 Women's History Month theme, Women's Education and Empowerment, it is fitting that we pay tribute to all of the great leaders in the movement to ensure that the opportunity to learn is an opportunity for all. If these individuals had not stood up for what is right, many of the great advances brought about by women in the fields of medicine, business, law, and science, to name a few, would never have become realities. Today, thanks to the outstanding examples that have been set for them in the past, many proud women are empowered to continue their fight.

Mr. Speaker, I am honored to join in celebrating Women's History Month and to recognize the tremendous contributions women have made to improve the lives of generations to follow. In search of equality, these brave women have carried on to create an influential legacy unlike any other. I ask that you and my other distinguished colleagues join me in remembering the countless women that have persevered and those who continue to do so today. They are worthy of the highest praise. We will continue to move forward in our nation and our world due to their dreams of, and struggles for, equality and freedom for women everywhere.

HONORING MAXINE KORTUM
DURNEY

HON. LYNN C. WOOLSEY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 19, 2012

Ms. WOOLSEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Maxine Kortum Durney, who passed away on January 24, 2012, at her home in Petaluma, California. Durney was a lifelong naturalist, a leader in the Sonoma County conservation movement, and a tireless advocate for the unique natural environment that makes our region such a special place to live.

Durney was born in Santa Cruz in 1921 and raised in Petaluma, a community to which she returned regularly even after her family and career took her elsewhere across Northern California. After studying at Santa Rosa Junior College and UC Berkeley, Durney became a librarian at Petaluma Public Library. She later worked in libraries in Red Bluff, Fremont, and

Santa Rosa, where she developed her passion for local history, and public service, and the preservation of our natural heritage.

In 1972, Durney was recruited by her brother, Dr. Bill Kortum, into an active role in the campaign for California's Proposition 20. The successful Proposition led to the establishment of the California Coastal Commission and a landmark change in our approach to conservation and development in threatened public spaces. Durney's work was vital in the hard-fought victory, and in ushering in a new era for environmentalism in California.

Durney brought the same attention to her work locally, where she was instrumental in cleaning up creeks and watersheds, and in engaging the public to better appreciate and care for our shared resources. In her role on the board of the Southern Sonoma County Resource Conservation District, Durney also demonstrated a collaborative approach to environmental stewardship. She understood that everyone has a stake in sustainable water and land management, and she made a particular effort to share that message with Sonoma County youth.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you to join me in recognizing a woman who has made immense contributions to our environment. Maxine Kortum Durney's legacy lives on in the revitalized watersheds and wild California coastline that will be treasured by generations to come.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 50TH
WEDDING ANNIVERSARY OF
TOBY AND DIANNE MILLER

HON. MIKE ROGERS

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 19, 2012

Mr. ROGERS of Alabama. Mr. Speaker, I would like to pay tribute to a very special occasion today—the 50th wedding anniversary of Toby and Dianne Miller. This event will take place on March 13th.

Toby and Dianne were married in Buchanan, Georgia on March 13, 1962, and have three children, Hugh Dudley Miller, II, Alesia Miller Sherrow and Patrick Dean Miller. They have also been blessed with eight grandchildren.

Toby and Dianne first met on at Sunday afternoon at a local restaurant in Anniston, Alabama, The Goal Post. Toby attended school in Oxford and Dianne attended Anniston High.

In 1970, Toby and Dianne established Miller Funeral Home. In 1972, Congressman Bill Nichols selected Toby to be Oxford's Outstanding Young Man of the Year.

Toby also organized the Oxford Rescue Squad which operated out of the funeral home. It is the only independently owned and operated funeral home in Calhoun County. In 2010, Miller Funeral Home was awarded Calhoun County's Sustaining Business Award. Dianne Miller operated Miller Florist which was founded in 1983.

I salute this lovely couple on the 50th year of their life together and join their friends and family in honoring them on this special occasion.