

organizations: the Peninsula Italian-American Social Club (PIASC) and the Italian-American Women's Guild (IAWG). As one of the founding members of IAWG, she started and still chairs Mani di Angeli, or Hands of Angels. Mani di Angeli helps fellow IAWF members in time of crisis by taking them to hospital or doctor visits, cooking meals or simply making cookies.

Mani di Angeli does hands-on work and makes the recipients feel like they have been touched by an angel. Under Lubiana's guidance, the committee members have donated clothing, food and toiletries to Samaritan House and Saint Francis Center, organized a knitting group and delivered thousands of items to nursing homes, hospitals and chemo infusion centers. They have sent care packages to soldiers in Iraq and donated cell phones and chargers to a domestic violence shelter. They have conducted fundraisers for Cooley's Anemia and the Alzheimer Aid Society and food and toy drives for charitable groups and food banks. They have sewed hundreds of surgical dolls and wheelchair backpacks for children in local hospitals.

As is apparent from the diversity of projects Lubiana initiated, she is incredibly creative and resourceful and cares deeply about the good of our community. She also has extraordinarily good taste as one can see from her work decorating PIASC's beautiful hall.

Mr. Speaker, it is right to honor Lubiana Bangneschi Cernobori on Columbus Day for her invaluable service to the Italian American community and our community at large.

HONORING GEORGIA PIEDMONT
TECHNICAL COLLEGE

HON. HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 23, 2012

Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I submit the following proclamation.

Whereas, Fifty years ago, DeKalb County, Georgia was blessed with an educational institution that continues today to uplift and assist citizens in gaining knowledge to enhance their lives and the lives of others by investing in dreams; and

Whereas, In 1961, DeKalb Area Vocational School—now Georgia Piedmont Technical College was founded to promote a student-centered environment for lifelong learning and development, encompassing academic and technical education for employment in a global community here in DeKalb County, Georgia to service the citizens of DeKalb County and nearby communities; and

Whereas, Georgia Piedmont Technical College has grown from one campus to nine campuses in DeKalb, Newton, Rockdale and Morgan counties; and

Whereas, Georgia Piedmont Technical College continues to be a resource for citizens in DeKalb County and throughout the state of Georgia by providing excellent community service, educational opportunities and stellar leadership; and

Whereas, the U.S. Representative of the Fourth District of Georgia is officially honoring, recognizing and congratulating Georgia Piedmont Technical College on its 50th anniversary as an anchor in our District;

Now therefore, I, HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, Jr. do hereby proclaim April 14, 2012 as Georgia Piedmont Technical College Day in the 4th Congressional District of Georgia.

Proclaimed, this 14th day of April, 2012.

HONORING U.S. ARMY SPECIALIST-
4 HENRY L. WOODS

HON. JEFF DENHAM

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 23, 2012

Mr. DENHAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Veterans of Foreign Wars Chowchilla Post 9896 Life Member U.S. Army Specialist-4 Henry L. Woods. Specialist Woods served the United States of America honorably with the 20th Combat Engineers and 101st Airborne in the Vietnam war siege of Phu Nhon.

Specialist Woods was born in Elgin, Oklahoma, in 1944. His family subsequently moved to California and settled in the Plainsburg area, later settling in Dos Palos. Specialist Woods graduated from Dos Palos High School in 1963. He worked in the maintenance department of Chowchilla High School and in agriculture until he enlisted in the U.S. Army in 1969.

Specialist Woods, or "Woody" as he was called by his fellow soldiers, completed basic training at Fort Ord, where he qualified as a sharpshooter with the M-14 rifle. He was assigned to duty with the 984th Military Police Company at Fort Carson, Colorado. He was later transferred to Fort Lewis, Washington, for pre-deployment training for service in Vietnam. In December 1969, he arrived in Saigon and joined the 1st Cavalry in the Central Highlands and assigned to Company D of the 20th Combat Engineers near Qui Nhon. The unit provided security called QL 14-South that saw heavy enemy action and was often referred to as "Massacre Highway." During this assignment, the unit was part of a major assault at LZ Black Hawk in the Central Highlands in which Specialist Woods was injured in hand-to-hand combat. He was treated for facial and head injuries before returning to duty.

In early 1971, while serving temporary duty with the 101st Airborne, Specialist Woods was a door gunner on a helicopter gunship. During this time, North Vietnamese Army Troops began targeting the U.S. Army base at Phu Nhon, commonly known as "LZ Lonely." On March 15, 1971, a North Vietnamese force attacked the base, quickly overrunning South Vietnamese soldiers. Specialist Woods served as part of a reinforcement group to repel the attack. During the battle, he acted as a door gunner on a gunship, delivering M-60 machinegun fire to enemy forces. While making a pass over enemy positions, the co-pilot and second door gunner were killed. Back on the ground, Specialist Woods joined ground troops in delivering upon the enemy, twice transporting wounded soldiers to medical help under heavy fire. During the fight, Specialist Woods sustained a gunshot wound to his head and was med-evaced to an aid station.

During treatment for his second wound, Specialist Woods exhibited symptoms that later would be attributed to exposure to herbicide Agent Orange. He struggles with the symptoms of Agent Orange exposure to this day. After recuperating from his wounds, he

was sent to Fort Ord where he completed active service before being discharged.

For his service in the U.S. Army, Specialist Woods received the National Defense Service Medal, Good Conduct Medal, Vietnam Service Medal with Bronze Star, Vietnam Campaign Medal with Device, two Purple Hearts, Combat Infantryman's Badge, Army Aircrew Badge, and Sharpshooter Badge with Auto Rifle BAR, and the Sharpshooter Pistol Badge. On Veteran's Day 2003, he was honored in a special ceremony by Congressman George Radanovich in which he received the medals for his service.

Specialist Woods returned to the Chowchilla area where he worked in agriculture for several years. He attended Merced College on the G.I. Bill where he earned an Associate of Arts and an Associate of Science Degree in Plant Science and Mechanized Agriculture. Specialist Woods has four children: Debbie, Chuck, Erin, and Matt. He is the proud grandfather of seven. He now resides near Helena, Montana.

Specialist Woods is a Life Member of Chowchilla VFW Post 9896, the American Legion, the Military Order of the Purple Heart, and the Disabled American Veterans. He attends St. John's Lutheran Church in Helena.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in honoring Specialist Henry L. Woods for his honorable service to our great country, and wishing him the best of luck and health in his future endeavors.

HONORING EILEEN SAMUEL

HON. HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 23, 2012

Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I present the following U.S. Citizen of Distinction.

Whereas, our lives have been touched by the life of this one woman . . . who has given of herself to her community and family; and

Whereas, Mrs. Eileen Samuel's spirit is present in Birmingham, Alabama for all to see, being a nurse, neighbor and friend; and

Whereas, this giant of a woman was born in Birmingham, Alabama to Mr. Dewey and Mrs. Dellie Barnes on February 6, 1943, she has been on the move ever since as a woman of God; and

Whereas, this remarkable woman gave of herself, her time, her talent and her life; she never asked for fame or fortune just fairness for the people, she was our quiet storm, a spark that starts a flame; and

Whereas, Mrs. Eileen Samuel led by doing behind the scenes, she encouraged all those around her who wanted to make a difference, be it her children, her elected officials, her neighbors and her church members at Oak Street Baptist Church; she was a virtuous woman, a woman of great integrity who remained true to the uplifting of her community which in turn uplifted my community in Georgia through her daughter DeKalb County Commissioner Sharon Barnes Sutton; and

Whereas, the U.S. Representative of the Fourth District of Georgia has set aside this day to bestow a Congressional Recognition on Mrs. Eileen Samuel for her leadership, friendship and service to all of the citizens throughout the Nation; a citizen of great worth and so noted distinction;