

toward a nation that achieves fundamental fairness and equality for all by advocating for equal rights and benefits in the workplace, ensuring families are treated equally under the law and increasing public support among all Americans through advocacy, education and outreach programs. HRC has more than one million members and is supported by even more people throughout the country.

On August 25, 2012, HRC will be hosting the "Making Equality Count" 2012 Human Rights Campaign Cleveland Gala. The event will be held at Cleveland State University's Wolstein Center and will feature HRC President, Chad Griffin; Lana Parilla; and University Hospitals receipt of the Corporate Equality Award.

Mr. Speaker and colleagues, please join me in recognizing the decades of work that the Human Rights Campaign has done on behalf of equality for our country's LGBT community.

CONGRATULATORY REMARKS FOR  
OBTAINING THE RANK OF EAGLE  
SCOUT—CALEB DOWDY

**HON. SANDY ADAMS**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 10, 2012*

Mrs. ADAMS. Mr. Speaker, I would like to congratulate Caleb Dowdy for achieving the rank of Eagle Scout.

Throughout the history of the Boy Scouts of America, the rank of Eagle Scout has only been attained through dedication to concepts such as honor, duty, country and charity. By applying these concepts to daily life, Caleb has proven his true and complete understanding of their meanings, and thereby deserves this honor.

I offer my congratulations on a job well done and best wishes for the future.

HONORING GEORGE LANGSTAFF

**HON. JIM COOPER**

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 10, 2012*

Mr. COOPER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to George Langstaff, a man whose dedication to mentoring economically disadvantaged students in Middle Tennessee has resulted in more than 340 students obtaining a post-high school education.

After a very successful career in the footwear industry, Mr. Langstaff recognized the need to help at-risk young adults obtain a college education. In 1995, he partnered with a Nashville nonprofit to found The Sponsors Scholarship Program. To date, the program that Mr. Langstaff established has raised more than \$2.2 million dedicated to scholarships for financially disadvantaged young people.

For more than 15 years, The Sponsors Scholarship Program and its hundreds of volunteers have provided college counseling, mentoring and college scholarships to capable high school students in Middle Tennessee.

Today, I join the citizens of my district in honoring George Langstaff for his tireless commitment to ensuring that financially challenged young people from Middle Tennessee

have the opportunity obtain a complete education.

We need more citizens like George Langstaff. His Volunteer spirit makes all Tennesseans proud, and a generation of young people successful.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

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

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 10, 2012*

Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, Tuesday, July 31, 2012 was the date of the primary election in Georgia, and I regret that I was absent from votes on that day. However, I would like to make clear my position on the bills that received recorded votes:

(1) S. 679—Presidential Appointment Efficiency and Streamlining Act of 2011—I would have voted "aye."

(2) H.R. 828—Federal Employee Tax Accountability Act of 2011, as amended—I would have voted "nay" on this bill that singles out middle class federal workers.

(3) H.R. 3803—District of Columbia Pain-Capable Unborn Child Protection Act—I would have voted "nay," against this misguided bill that continues the majority's disrespect for the District of Columbia and all American women. I am pleased that this bill failed to pass the House.

IN RECOGNITION OF DR. JOANN  
BOUGHMAN'S BECOMING SENIOR  
VICE CHANCELLOR FOR ACADEMIC  
AFFAIRS AT THE UNIVERSITY  
SYSTEM OF MARYLAND

**HON. CHRIS VAN HOLLEN**

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 10, 2012*

Mr. VAN HOLLEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise to congratulate Dr. Joann Boughman, who will become Senior Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs at the University System of Maryland this month. Dr. Boughman is a geneticist with more than 30 years of teaching and administrative experience in higher education. The University System is fortunate to have her join its leadership team.

For the past 11 years, Dr. Boughman has done outstanding work as Executive Vice President of the American Society of Human Genetics ("ASHG"), which is located in my congressional district. In that capacity, she has been instrumental in ensuring that scientists are engaged in public policy. She has served on federal advisory committees on the regulation of genetic tests and has testified before government panels. She has been a tireless advocate for the need to protect the American people against genetic discrimination and was a leading champion of the Genetic Information Nondiscrimination Act. Under her leadership, ASHG partnered with the National Human Genome Research Institute at the National Institutes of Health in pioneering a Congressional fellowship to bring young geneticists to Capitol Hill.

Dr. Boughman has a long record of service at the University of Maryland. Before joining

ASHG, she was Vice President for Academic Affairs and Dean of the Graduate School at the University of Maryland in Baltimore. Prior to holding those positions, she had served as Assistant Professor of epidemiology and preventive medicine and Director of the School of Medicine's graduate program in human genetics.

Mr. Speaker, I commend the University System of Maryland on its appointment of Dr. Boughman and look forward to working with her in the years ahead.

IN HONOR OF SOUTH JERSEY  
PARALYMPIANS

**HON. ROBERT E. ANDREWS**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 10, 2012*

Mr. ANDREWS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor our South Jersey Paralympian, April Holmes, who traveled to the London 2012 Paralympics to compete in track and field.

April represents the United States on the world stage, serving as a role model for citizens across South Jersey and the entire nation. Her success, derived from her hard work and dedication, and exemplified through her competitive spirit, is something to which every American can aspire. In the same way that our national ethos rewards fortitude and persistence, April earned the opportunity to compete on the Paralympic stage through tireless training and sacrifice.

Since the beginning of her career in 2002, April has succeeded on the world stage, setting and breaking her own world records. Through fierce competition amongst the greatest athletes in the world, she continually pushes the limits of human achievement. The bonds of friendship gained through equally world-class sportsmanship enrich her and our nation.

Mr. Speaker, the dedication of this South Jersey Paralympian and her teammates should not go unrecognized. I join all of South Jersey in expressing our pride in April's efforts.

CONGRATULATORY REMARKS FOR  
OBTAINING THE RANK OF EAGLE  
SCOUT—MITCHELL KOEBKE

**HON. SANDY ADAMS**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 10, 2012*

Mrs. ADAMS. Mr. Speaker, I would like to congratulate Mitchell Koebke for achieving the rank of Eagle Scout.

Throughout the history of the Boy Scouts of America, the rank of Eagle Scout has only been attained through dedication to concepts such as honor, duty, country and charity. By applying these concepts to daily life, Mitchell has proven his true and complete understanding of their meanings, and thereby deserves this honor.

I offer my congratulations on a job well done and best wishes for the future.