

ultimate sacrifice defending his country. I wish to extend my condolences to Petty Officer Beauchamp's parents, Jack and Diana, and his sister Cheyenne and brothers Christopher, Brian and Timothy, and hope that they continue to find solace in his lasting impact on this grateful nation, his fellow soldiers, and our community.

HONORING SONIA GUTIERREZ ON  
40 YEARS OF SERVICE TO THE  
CARLOS ROSARIO INTERNATIONAL  
PUBLIC CHARTER  
SCHOOL

**HON. ED PASTOR**

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 11, 2012*

Mr. PASTOR of Arizona. Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing the many achievements of Ms. Sonia Gutierrez who is celebrating 40 years of service as President and Founder of the Carlos Rosario International Public Charter School in Washington, DC.

Since 1972, Ms. Gutierrez has dedicated her life to educating and empowering diverse immigrant communities in our nation's capital. In her capacity as Director of the Program of English Instruction for Latin Americans (PEILA), Ms. Gutierrez transformed the small, under-funded English as a Second Language (ESL) program into a comprehensive adult education program, known today as the Carlos Rosario International Public Charter School.

At the school, Ms. Gutierrez has led a highly qualified, diverse, and dedicated team of faculty and staff to improve the lives of over 60,000 adult immigrants. Ms. Gutierrez's passion and tenacity are evident in her unwavering dedication to these individuals, giving them a chance to transform their lives.

Ms. Gutierrez's service has not only impacted the students at Carlos Rosario, but the DC public at-large. Her ongoing leadership and inspired vision provide opportunities for the DC immigrant population to become invested, productive citizens and members of American society who give back to family and community.

Ms. Gutierrez has received recognition from the District of Columbia, the DC Board of Education, national and local Latino organizations, and from organizations in the African-American and the Asian communities. In 2001 she was one of the first four inductees to the Hall of Fame of the National Charter Schools. She holds a Bachelor's degree in Business Administration and a Master's degree in Adult Education specializing in Supervision and Administration of Adult Education Programs. Ms. Gutierrez established the Council of Latino Agencies in 1977 and together with Jose Gutierrez and other community leaders was instrumental in creating the mayor's Office of Latino Affairs.

Ms. Gutierrez continues to make transformative contributions to immigrant and non-immigrant communities alike in DC and nationwide. She is presently focused on ensuring the growth and long term sustainability of the Carlos Rosario School's award-winning model. In 2013, a new workforce development satellite site, located in northeast DC, will be dedicated to Ms. Gutierrez—the Sonia Gutierrez Campus.

Mr. Speaker, in light of all Ms. Sonia Gutierrez has done for the community of Washington, DC, it is only fitting that she be honored for her many years of dedication. Her tireless passion as a principal, counselor, advocate, and organizer has contributed immensely to the betterment of the immigrant community and our community as a whole. I ask that you join me in recognizing Ms. Gutierrez and her continued service.

MOON MAN NEIL ARMSTRONG

**HON. TED POE**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 11, 2012*

Mr. POE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, years ago, a view of Earth from 238,900 miles away seemed impossible until Neil Armstrong became the first human to reach the unreachable. On July 20, 1969, Armstrong landed Apollo 11 running on fumes and set foot on the moon, where he left a foot imprint of a little less than an inch deep. "Houston, Tranquility Base here. The Eagle has landed," were the words he radioed in the moment he achieved a national goal and changed the course of space exploration.

In the 2 hours and 19 minutes of the moonwalk, Armstrong became one of the most significant American heroes. His out-of-this-world accomplishment drew the attention of our ambitious nation and people worldwide. Six hundred million viewers watched and listened to his historical landing that day. As he said, "That's one small step for man, one giant leap for mankind." I watched live Armstrong's first steps on the moon on an old black and white T.V. in Texas.

Armstrong was described as a man who "cherished his privacy and always appreciated the expressions of good will from people around the world and all walks of life." Two weeks ago, we lost this man who, in turn, made a national dream come true and inspired people around the world and all walks of life.

He was born August 5, 1939 in Wapakoneta, Ohio. When he was 6, he climbed into a plane for his first ride. His talent was born at a young age when he began crafting model airplanes and had impressively collected enough books for a well-stocked aviation library. His above-average intellect was noticeable in his performance in his high school math and science classes. After his graduation, he attended Purdue University but only stayed two years to go on and fly combat missions in the Korean War as a Navy Pilot. Eight years later, he went back to the university and graduated with a degree in aeronautical engineering. Then, he joined the National Advisory Committee on Aeronautics, later becoming NASA, where he started his path to his historical leap into space. Armstrong made a name for himself during his seven years at a NACA high speed flight station at Edwards Airforce Base in California. His immeasurable accomplishments were rewarded in September of 1962, when NASA chose him to be an astronaut. Little did they know, they also selected the man who would later become the first human to set foot on the moon.

Armstrong thought of himself as a "nerdy" engineer. His family thought of him as a "lov-

ing husband, father, grandfather, brother and friend." His colleagues thought of him as a "daring, yet humble person" and the world thinks of him as one of the greatest heroes of all time.

He left his mark in space and on earth. Whether or not "someone goes up there and cleans up his footprints" like he had hoped, he'll never be forgotten.

And that's just the way it is.

HONORING THE 11TH ANNIVERSARY  
OF SEPTEMBER 11, 2001

**HON. DAN BENISHEK**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 11, 2012*

Mr. BENISHEK. Mr. Speaker, I wish to recognize the 11th anniversary of the September 11 attacks to commemorate those who perished as well as the first responders, volunteers and bystanders who acted so valiantly on that day we will never forget.

Eleven years later, the events of that tragic day are still vivid. It was a day marked by fire and ash. By dust and smoke. By tears and sorrow. But it was also a day that showed the world what type of people call America home.

While we witnessed the great evil which man is capable of producing, we also saw the great heroism and good nature of America's citizens. It showed the selflessness of our first responders who rushed into burning buildings to save the lives of people they never even met, or the countless people, including residents of Northern Michigan, who stood in long lines to give their own blood or donate their time or materials to rescue workers and the recovery effort.

There were certainly countless other acts of heroism and bravery on that day that the world will never know. Terrorists may have been able to knock down our biggest buildings, but they have never been able to diminish the kindness and generosity that the American people and millions of our neighbors around the globe have in our hearts. On that sad day, residents from all corners of our country reaffirmed what it means to be an American united with our neighbors across this vast land. It is my hope that all Americans can continue to represent the spirit of those who perished through our actions and conduct towards one another.

On behalf of the citizens of Michigan's First Congressional District, I wish to recognize the extraordinary actions of ordinary Americans on that fateful day and express my condolences for those who were lost on September 11, as well as those who lost their lives in the military conflicts that stemmed from this attack. Their heroism and sacrifices will never be forgotten.

LIEUTENANT GENERAL ROBERT  
ARTER

**HON. SAM GRAVES**

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 11, 2012*

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I rise today to recognize the outstanding service of Lieutenant