

fulfill the needs of the residents of my district. Her dedication and intellect will be missed throughout the entire community.

Following her retirement, Mary plans on spending more time with her family. She has been married to her husband, Bill, who currently serves as the Chief Executive Officer for the Alcohol, Drug Addiction, and Mental Health Services Board of Cuyahoga County for 23 years. She is the proud parent of 4 children, 7 step children and 34 grandchildren.

Mr. Speaker and colleagues, please join me in recognizing the storied career of Mrs. Mary P. Denihan and congratulating her on her retirement.

IN RECOGNITION OF DR. ROBERT  
M. FRANKLIN

**HON. SANFORD D. BISHOP, JR.**

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 13, 2012*

Mr. BISHOP of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Dr. Robert M. Franklin, the tenth president of Morehouse College in Atlanta, Georgia, in honor of his retirement after 5 years as head of the school. He will be honored at a reception on Friday, November 9, 2012, in Atlanta.

A native of Chicago, Dr. Franklin is an alumnus of Morehouse College. He also received a Master of Divinity degree from Harvard Divinity School in 1978 and a Ph.D. from the University of Chicago Divinity School in 1985. In 1973, he received an English Speaking Union scholarship to attend the University of Durham in England. Dr. Franklin is also the recipient of honorary degrees from Bethune Cookman University, Bates College, and Swarthmore College.

Before he was the President of Morehouse College, Dr. Franklin served as the Presidential Distinguished Professor of Social Ethics at Candler School of Theology at Emory University in Atlanta, Georgia. He was also President of the Interdenominational Theological Center in Atlanta. In addition, he served as a program officer in the Human Rights and Social Justice Program at the Ford Foundation in New York.

Dr. Franklin is the author of three books: *Crisis in the Village: Restoring Hope in African American Communities* (2007), *Another Day's Journey: Black Churches Confronting the American Crisis* (1997), and *Liberating Visions: Human Fulfillment and Social Justice in African American Thought* (1989).

Mr. Speaker, Dr. Franklin has revolutionized Morehouse College in many ways during his five-year tenure as President. His vision for Morehouse College is that the institution will shape its students into Renaissance men who are well-educated and ethical leaders with a social conscience and committed to championing the causes of equality, justice and peace. During Dr. Franklin's tenure as President, Morehouse has continued to develop future leaders who are disciplined, altruistic, and wise.

Under Dr. Franklin's administration, Morehouse College has been recognized as the Nation's best liberal arts college by *Washington Monthly* and has been a recipient of more than \$60 million in federal grants as well as a number of gifts from prestigious organiza-

tions and donors. Dr. Franklin has been instrumental in the school's plan for the internationalization of its campus, with a special emphasis on curriculum and study abroad experiences. Moreover, significant updates and renovations have been made to Graves Hall, the oldest building on campus, as well as many other structures. In 2010, the Ray Charles Performing Arts Center was dedicated and this state of the art facility now serves as the practice and performance space for the College's world renowned Glee Club; the Morehouse Jazz Band; Morehouse College Jazz Ensemble; and "House of Funk" Marching Band.

One of the many things I admire most about Dr. Franklin is his unflinching dedication to Morehouse College. After graduating from the school in 1975, he came back years later to lead Morehouse in its mission to develop men with disciplined minds who will lead lives of leadership, service and self-realization. And he is still not gone for good! After a sabbatical as a Scholar in Residence at Stanford University's Martin Luther King, Jr. Institute, Dr. Franklin will return to Morehouse College as President Emeritus and Distinguished Professor, the college's highest honor.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in paying tribute to Dr. Robert M. Franklin for his 5 outstanding years as President of Morehouse College, my beloved Alma Mater. He has transformed the lives of countless young men and inspired them to become our future leaders.

HONORING COUNCIL MEMBER  
LARRY VAN NOSTRAN

**HON. LINDA T. SÁNCHEZ**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 13, 2012*

Ms. LINDA T. SÁNCHEZ of California. Mr. Speaker, it is with great sorrow that I announce the passing of Larry Van Nostran, who served the city of Lakewood for 37 years.

Larry was first elected to the Lakewood City Council in 1975. He is the longest serving council member in the city's history, and was serving his tenth term as a council member when he passed away Friday, November 9. During his 37 years on the council, he served as the Mayor of the city nine times.

Among Larry's most notable achievements was the founding of the Lakewood Youth Sports Hall of Fame in 1981 and its continued success for the past 30 years. The Hall of Fame has honored thousands of Lakewood youth during that time, and has helped promote a vigorous sports and recreational culture in the city. This strong tradition was nationally recognized by *Sports Illustrated* magazine, who named Lakewood "Sportstown USA" in 2004.

Larry was instrumental in helping create a high quality of life in Lakewood's neighborhoods and finding solutions to keep Lakewood's crime rate low. Larry began his service in Lakewood city government as a member of the Traffic and Safety Commission, and was a longtime member of the Public Safety Committee as a member of the city council. He firmly believed that there's not a more important value than keeping a community safe. He was a strong supporter of the Lakewood Award of Valor event, where public safety per-

sonnel, volunteers and residents are honored annually for their dedication, hard work and courage.

Larry was prominent in the development and expansion of senior services, which were scant before he was elected to the city council. Larry saw the initiation of Lakewood's DASH senior transit system and exercise and fitness programs at the city's two senior centers. He was also a champion of growing Lakewood's business and commercial base, which included modernizing the second largest shopping center in Los Angeles County, Lakewood Center Mall.

Larry was born in Seville, Ohio in 1933 and moved to Lakewood in 1958, just four years after the city was incorporated. He was active in Lakewood civic life for over 40 years, including membership in the Elks Club, Jaycees, Kiwanis Club, Lakewood Pan American Association, and Masonic Lodge & Scottish Rite.

As you are aware Mr. Speaker, many of our colleagues in city government have a fundamental impact on the lives of our constituents and they rarely get the recognition that they deserve. The city of Lakewood will miss Larry, and I stand with many in our community in sending my thoughts and prayers to his family. Thank you Mr. Speaker, I ask for a moment of silence for Larry Van Nostran, a true public servant, and I yield back the balance of my time.

IN HONOR OF ENDA KENNY, PRIME  
MINISTER OF THE REPUBLIC OF  
IRELAND

**HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 13, 2012*

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of Mr. Enda Kenny, the Prime Minister of the Republic of Ireland, on the occasion of the 2012 Mayo Society Banquet and Ball taking place on October 13, 2012.

Prime Minister Kenny was born in Islandeady, County Mayo on April 24, 1951 and obtained degrees from St. Patrick's College of Education and University College of Galway. Mr. Kenny boasts a long career in public service. Following a brief stint as a public school teacher, he began his public service career in 1975 when he was elected to the Dáil Éireann to fill his late father's seat.

Throughout his long career, Prime Minister Kenny served as the Minister of State for Education and Labour between 1986 and 1987. Additionally, between 1994 and 1977 he was the Minister of Tourism and Trade for Ireland. In 2002, he became the leader of his political party, the Fine Gael.

On March 9, 2011, Mr. Kenny was elected as the Prime Minister of the Republic of Ireland. He is married to Fionnuala O'Kelly, and has three children, Naoise, Ferdia and Aoibhinn. The Mayo Society Banquet and Ball will also honor Mr. James Boland as the 2012 Mayo Person of the Year.

Mr. Speaker and colleagues, please join me in honor of Prime Minister Enda Kenny and in recognition of his visit to Cleveland, Ohio on the occasion of the Mayo Society of Greater Cleveland's Banquet and Ball.