

In addition to recognizing the work of Dr. Dupree in her medical practice, Philadelphia Magazine has awarded The Healing Consciousness Foundation with a \$2,500 charitable donation.

Founded by Dr. Dupree in 2006, The Healing Consciousness Foundation works to improve the quality of life of breast cancer patients through a holistic approach which includes exercise programs, counseling and education services and diet coaching.

The Be Well Philly Hero Challenge award marks the latest in a long line of achievements presented to Dr. DuPree throughout her career.

Many of our families, my own included, have been affected by breast cancer, and it is thanks to the dedication of men and women like Dr. Beth DuPree that treatments are constantly evolving and improving as we work towards a cure.

Congratulations again to Dr. DuPree and I wish her the best of luck going forward.

#### TRIBUTE TO JASPER E. PEYTON

### HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 27, 2012*

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to and honor the Reverend Jasper E. Peyton, a man dedicated to serving God, his family, and the community.

Reverend Jasper E. Peyton, native of Richmond, Virginia is a graduate of the Armstrong High School in Richmond, Virginia. He entered the military service while a student at Virginia Union University and while serving in the Philippine Islands, he attended the University of Philippines in Manila and majored in Business Administration. After being discharged from the military he enrolled in City College of New York and graduated in 1952. His education also includes labor studies at Wagner College, Staten Island, New York; and courses at the School of Journalism at Rutgers University and at New York Theological Seminary. Reverend Peyton served as an adjunct professor in the Black Studies Department at Fordham University, Manhattan Campus. In February of 2007 Reverend Peyton was presented the degree of Doctor of Humane Letters from the Eastern Theological Seminary.

Reverend Jasper Peyton joined the International Ladies Garment Workers Union in 1950 and served in several capacities including: organizer, shop steward, editor of the local newspaper, local education director, assistant national education and political director, art class instructor, a founder of the Fulton Art Fair in Brooklyn, New York and ILGWU training institute coordinator. During his labor career, Reverend Peyton participated in international labor conferences in Ethiopia, Kenya, Nigeria and Ghana, Africa. He was listed in Who's Who in American Labor. Reverend Peyton is the former President of the Congress of Christian Education of the New York State Progressive National Baptist Convention, and served as Chaplain in the New York State Supreme Court Officers Association, ILA-AFL-CIO.

Reverend Peyton's many commitments at Bethany Baptist Church have included former President of the Senior Choir, President of the

Presidents Council, President of the Virginia Club, Chairman of the Board of Deacons. He is presently the Adult Sunday School instructor. Dr. Peyton served as Interim Pastor at Bethany Baptist Church until January 2008 and as Assistant to the Pastor under Dr. David A. Hampton, the tenth pastor called to the historic Bethany Baptist Church of Brooklyn until his departure in December of 2011.

Rev. Peyton is the father of one daughter, Rose LaVerne Abernathy, grandfather of six and great-grandfather of twenty.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to recognize the Reverend Jasper E. Peyton for his tremendous contributions to his congregants and the community.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in paying tribute to the Reverend Jasper E. Peyton.

#### CONGRATULATING DENNIS GEHRINGER

### HON. MIKE ROGERS

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 27, 2012*

Mr. ROGERS of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, I rise to congratulate Mr. Dennis Gehringer on his retirement from First National Bank of Howell after a distinguished 44 year career.

Mr. Gehringer's career is truly an American success story. He progressed from errand boy to teller to collector before becoming a Loan Officer and ultimately a Commercial Loan Officer in 1984. In addition to his job duty progression, Mr. Gehringer was also promoted in rank within the bank from an assistant cashier to assistant vice-president then to vice-president and retires as a Senior Vice President, a rank he has held since 1989, among the highest ranking officers in the bank hierarchy aside from the Chief Executive.

Although Mr. Gehringer gained significant professional accomplishments during his tenure, when asked, he said that he was most proud of the people that he and First National have helped over the years. From helping people start a business or just helping get a customer through a rough patch, Mr. Gehringer demonstrated the real value of a community banker with his ability to build relationships.

Mr. Gehringer has given back to the community where he has lived his entire life. He is the past President of the Livingston County Coin Club; an active participant with the Howell Chamber of Commerce; a Livingston County United Way Volunteer, and active in his church, St. Joseph's, as a Men's Club member and former Endowment Fund Chair. Mr. Gehringer also served on the Salvation Army board and as a Scout Master. Mr. Gehringer's community involvement was specifically recognized and celebrated on two different occasions. In 2001, he received the Charles W. Itsell Volunteer of the Year Award from the Livingston County United Way. Then, in 2003, the Howell Chamber of Commerce presented Mr. Gehringer with its Citizen of the Year Award.

Mr. Gehringer and his wife Laurie, who met at First National, have two children and one grandchild. Mr. Gehringer says he is most looking forward to spending more time with family, playing more golf, and continuing to

enjoy the people and places of Livingston County.

I ask that the House of Representatives join me in thanking Mr. Gehringer for his exemplary service to his community and congratulating Mr. Gehringer on his retirement and we wish him the best of luck in his future endeavors.

#### IN RECOGNITION OF JOYCE C. ROSE

### HON. JOHN L. MICA

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 27, 2012*

Mr. MICA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the dedication of Joyce Rose, who is retiring after 25 years of service to the United States Congress. Joyce has worked for the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure since 2001, and has served as the staff director of the Subcommittee on Railroads, Pipelines and Hazardous Materials since 2008.

Prior to her service with the U.S. House of Representatives, Joyce worked for 13 years on the U.S. Senate's Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation. Joyce began her career on Capitol Hill as a staff assistant, and through her energy, inquiring mind, and hard work, rose to positions of greater responsibility.

She has worked for a total of 11 different committee and subcommittee chairmen and ranking members, and has given each her total loyalty and professional expertise. For her entire 25-year career, Joyce has worked on transportation policy and funding issues. Over the years, she has become a true subject matter expert, particularly in the areas of rail and transit policy.

Joyce has worked for me directly since I became the ranking member of the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure in January 2007 and, subsequently, became Chairman last year. She was instrumental in helping me and my constituents in Central Florida get a new, 61-mile commuter rail system called Sun Rail approved and under construction.

She has advised me on legislation ranging from the 9/11 Implementation Act in 2007, to the 2008 Passenger Rail Investment and Improvement Act, to this year's MAP-21 surface transportation bill. I will miss her can-do attitude and deep knowledge of rail and transit issues.

Joyce was born on December 22, 1960 to Mary Jo and Joseph Comer in Leonardtown, Maryland. Her parents instilled a love of God and country, and strong commitment to public service—though Joyce's original plan was to teach music, and in fact, her college degree is in music education. I'm told that Joyce "keeps her hand in" music by volunteering to direct her church choir.

Joyce has been married for 29 years to Dale Rose, a mechanical engineer, and they have two children, Brian and Beau. Beau has Autism, and their experience as the parents of a disabled child has given Joyce and Dale the gift of advocating for those who can't speak for themselves.

Joyce is leaving us to take on a new position as President and CFO of Operation Life-saver, Inc., a national, non-profit safety education group whose goal is to eliminate deaths

and injuries at railroad crossings and along railroad rights of way.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you and all of our colleagues to join in thanking Joyce Rose for her years of service to the U.S. Congress and our Nation. We wish her well in her new career at Operation Lifesaver.

ROCKET ATTACKS ON ISRAEL  
FROM GAZA

**HON. MAZIE K. HIRONO**

OF HAWAII

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 27, 2012*

Ms. HIRONO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in strong solidarity with the people of Israel and in support of its right, as any sovereign nation, to defend its citizens against rocket attacks from Hamas, a terrorist organization dedicated to Israel's destruction. The rocket attacks launched from the Hamas-controlled Gaza strip earlier this month against civilian targets in Israel, including Tel Aviv and Jerusalem, continued a reign of terror that includes over 800 rocket attacks this year alone.

Several years ago, I traveled to Israel. It was clear that the constant threat of violence was a harsh reality of everyday life. Israel's efforts to eliminate this threat to her people, stop these attacks by Hamas, and destroy stockpiles of missiles must be viewed in this context. We grieve for the innocent civilians—Israeli and Palestinian alike—who have lost their lives in this tragedy. We appeal to Hamas to honor the ceasefire it agreed to on November 21, 2012; adhere to its terms; and stop storing and using its weapons among a civilian population, putting their lives in grave danger.

We also appeal for peace, and we hope those countries in the region that can help end the conflict will continue to work with us to do so. Our goal is a world where a Palestinian state and a Jewish state of Israel live side by side in peace and security. It can only happen when the Palestinian people enforce a peace that stops attacks on Israel, keeps their commitments, and acknowledges Israel's right to exist.

America stands firmly behind our friend and ally Israel; Hamas must permanently end its aerial assault against Israeli civilians and its allies must cease supplying these weapons of terror.

IN HONOR OF THE CITY OF IRVING  
ON ITS RECEIPT OF THE MALCOLM  
BALDRIGE NATIONAL  
QUALITY AWARD

**HON. KENNY MARCHANT**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 27, 2012*

Mr. MARCHANT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the City of Irving, Texas, for being named a recipient of the 2012 Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award—the nation's highest Presidential honor for performance excellence.

Irving, Texas, is the first city in Texas to ever receive the Baldrige Award, and is only the second municipal recipient in the distin-

guished program's 25-year history. Applicants were evaluated by an independent board of examiners in seven areas defined by the Baldrige Criteria for Performance Excellence: leadership; strategic planning; customer focus; measurement, analysis and knowledge management; workforce focus; operations focus; and results. The evaluation process for each of the recipients included hundreds of hours of process review and an on-site visit by a team of examiners.

I commend the City of Irving, Texas, for adopting private sector programs to make government more efficient and for striving towards performance excellence through innovation, continuous improvement, and visionary leadership. The City of Irving is a Lone Star model of fiscal achievement, values its resident feedback, focuses on strategic planning and process efficiency, and prioritizes public safety initiatives.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my respected colleagues to join me in recognizing the City of Irving, Texas, for being awarded the Malcolm Baldrige Award National Quality Award.

IN MEMORY OF OFFICERS KEVIN  
BOWDEN AND ADRIAN MORRIS

**HON. STENY H. HOYER**

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 27, 2012*

Mr. HOYER. Mr. Speaker, since August of this year, the people of Prince George's County, Maryland, have lost two of their finest. Tragically, in separate incidents, two Prince George's County police officers were killed in car crashes. Both men served with distinction and were dedicated to keeping our communities safe.

On August 20, while he and his partner were in a high-speed pursuit of a suspect in an attempted car theft, Officer Adrian Morris's police cruiser veered off of the Capital Beltway near Laurel, Maryland. Adrian was killed in the line of duty, and his partner, Mike Risher, severely injured. An immigrant originally from Kingston, Jamaica, Adrian wanted to be a police officer since a young age. While attending Eleanor Roosevelt High School in Greenbelt, he participated in the Prince George's County Police "Explorers" program, which helps young people learn about and prepare for careers in law enforcement. Adrian achieved his dream by joining the Prince George's County Police Department's Sixth District in 2010. When he was killed this past August, Adrian was only 23 years old. His mother, Sherrin Crosdale, and a younger brother survive him.

In a second, tragic setback to the men and women of the Prince George's County Police Department, on October 18 an accident took another officer's life. Off-duty Officer Kevin Donnell Bowden was headed home in his police cruiser after a shift when he was killed in a crash in Clinton, Maryland. Kevin had been with the force for six years, serving at the Oxon Hill station. His colleagues remembered him as a steady officer with a sense of humor who loved his job. Kevin grew up in the area and graduated from Surratsville High School. He loved football and was an avid fan of the Dallas Cowboys. Kevin, who was 28 years old, was also a devoted father of sons DeAndre and Joshua and daughter Mahogany.

The loss of these two outstanding officers was a terrible blow to the Prince George's County Police Department and to all who call the County home. Adrian Morris and Kevin Bowden represent the finest tradition of service to our communities, and they will be sorely missed. I join in mourning their passing and in comforting their families and communities during this difficult time, and I am confident that their memories will inspire young people to follow in their footsteps in service to county, state, and country.

CONGRATULATING JINSA ON ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL GENERALS AND ADMIRALS TRIP TO ISRAEL

**HON. ERIC CANTOR**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 27, 2012*

Mr. CANTOR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize The Jewish Institute for National Security Affairs and their continued excellence in providing American military leaders with an unparalleled look at the challenges facing Israel, our closest ally in the Middle East. JINSA's annual Generals and Admirals Trip to Israel offers recently retired American generals and admirals the opportunity to consult with Israel's senior political and military leadership on the persistent threats Israel faces across its borders and the shared threats our countries face in the region.

America has a long standing commitment to the U.S.-Israel strategic relationship, a unique bond forged by shared interests and shared democratic values. No country in the tumultuous region stands aligned with our ideals more than Israel. Amid a rising tide of radicalism and violent extremism in the region it is imperative that the United States stand by her ally and ensure that Israel can maintain its Qualitative Military Edge so that threats to Israeli and American security will be answered with strength and resolve. America's military and intelligence cooperation has proven successful and our joint missile defense efforts such as Iron Dome, David's Sling, and Arrow have saved lives from the rockets launched into Israel from the Gaza Strip. These collaborations have also prevented weapon smuggling in the Sinai Peninsula and have effectively protected Israel against terrorism.

Unfortunately, as Iran expands its influence in the region, the threat of terrorism and conflict grows. Iran's radical mullahs call for death and destruction of Israel, America, and all that we stand for. Iran also continues their longstanding efforts to acquire nuclear weapons and today they are closer than ever to a nuclear bomb. The sanctions we have implemented have impacted Iran's economy, but Iran's leaders remain undeterred from their pursuit of their dangerous goal and continue to support various terrorist factions such as Hamas, Hezbollah, and the Taliban. Iran's leaders are also strategic patrons of Syrian Dictator Bashar Assad, a brutal despot and sponsor of terrorism whose violent suppression of his own citizens has fueled sectarian conflict and extremism in violence in Syria. The United States must act as a global leader in order to thwart Iran's nuclear capabilities, combat their terrorist proxies, and ensure that the security of the United States, Israel, and our Arab allies is assured.