

an educator at Rochester Institute of Technology (RIT)—personally for this prestigious recognition when they came to Washington, DC last month to accept the award.

Today, on the floor of the U.S. House of Representatives, I congratulate Professor Todd Pagano of the Rochester Institute of Technology's National Technical Institute for winning the highly celebrated 2012 U.S. Professor of the Year Award. I ask my colleagues to join me in celebration of this momentous honor.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. CHARLES F. BASS

OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 5, 2012

Mr. BASS of New Hampshire. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall Nos. 614, 615, 617, 618, and 619, had I been present, I would have voted "yea."

WAYNE ROBERTS

HON. WILLIAM L. OWENS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 5, 2012

Mr. OWENS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize one of my constituents, Wayne Roberts, for his 50 years of service in Upper Jay, NY.

In his various capacities with the Upper Jay Volunteer Fire Department, Mr. Roberts served his community with dedication and tireless effort. Last year when the Town of Jay was severely affected by Hurricane Irene, Mr. Roberts spent countless hours toward the relief and recovery effort. Currently, as the Fire Department's Commissioner, he serves Upper Jay and remains integral in the rebuilding effort from Hurricane Irene.

Again, I congratulate Mr. Roberts on his 50 years of service. I cannot thank him enough for his commitment to his community and wish him all the best in the years to come.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JEFF FORTENBERRY

OF NEBRASKA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 5, 2012

Mr. FORTENBERRY. Mr. Speaker, on Tuesday, December 4, 2012, I was inadvertently detained and thus missed rollcall votes Nos. 614, 615, and 616. Had I been present, I would have voted "aye" on all rollcall Nos. 614 and 615 and "nay" on rollcall No. 616.

RECOGNITION OF TAIWAN'S SUPPORT FOR HURRICANE SANDY VICTIMS

HON. ALBIO SIRE

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 5, 2012

Mr. SIRE. Mr. Speaker, Hurricane Sandy was an unprecedented storm that left a dev-

astating impact on our communities in New Jersey—damaging homes, businesses, and leaving millions without power. Hudson, Essex, Middlesex, and Union counties, were hit particularly hard by Sandy. We have been fortunate to have a large team of federal, state, and local responders to assist in recovery efforts.

Beyond, the recovery and assistance efforts led by federal, state, and local responders, fellow American citizens from all over the country donated their time and money to aid Sandy victims. In addition, international aid also poured into our communities. Worthy of particular mention is the assistance provided by the government of The Republic of China (Taiwan).

On November 16, Taiwan announced that it had decided to donate \$1.3 million in relief and reconstruction aid to the United States. One million dollars will be given to United Way International and Habitat for Humanity International, charities based in Washington, D.C. These two organizations are addressing near term and long term recovery needs of communities most affected by Sandy. The rest of the funds will be distributed to the states of New Jersey and New York. A special ceremony marking the transfer of the funds to those organizations will be held in Washington, D.C. on December 6.

We are grateful to the people of Taiwan and the ROC government for extending a helping hand during this difficult time. The people of Taiwan and their government have always been charitable and generous during our times of need. Taiwan gave generously in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina in 2005 and it was a major international donor to the Twin Towers Fund, as well as the Pentagon Memorial Fund. Taiwan was also a heavy contributor to humanitarian aid in Iraq and Afghanistan.

On behalf of my constituents and fellow Americans, I say "thank you" to our friends in Taiwan.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. KATHLEEN C. HOCHUL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 5, 2012

Ms. HOCHUL. Mr. Speaker, I was detained and missed rollcall vote No. 610, H.R. 915. Had I been present, I would have voted "aye" on rollcall vote No. 610.

TRIBUTE TO: MRS. PETRA "PAT" PENA

HON. CHARLES A. GONZALEZ

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 5, 2012

Mr. GONZALEZ. Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Mrs. Petra "Pat" Pena who is retiring after a 34 year career with the United States Marshals Service.

Throughout her tenure with the Marshals Service, Mrs. Pena worked as a member of the finance department. As a result of her exceptional work, she received the distinguished honor of serving as Administrative Officer Mentor for Guam. Throughout her tenure with

the Marshals Service, she displayed leadership, professionalism and dedication.

She ends her career as a public servant, while continuing the chapter of her personal life as a loving wife, mother and grandmother. She has been married to her husband Daniel for 31 years, and they have three children and two grandchildren. Please join me in recognizing her career of distinguished service and contribution to our great country.

HONORING LAWRENCE THOMAS GUYOT, JR.

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 5, 2012

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Mr. Lawrence Thomas Guyot who stood as one of the ideal example of a politically-engaged activist with a relentless desire to change history. Mr. Guyot's noble contributions to the Civil Rights movement gained him notoriety as one of the great champions for justice and equality in this country.

Born July 17, 1939 in Pass Christian, Mississippi, Mr. Lawrence Thomas Guyot Jr. earned his high school diploma in 1957 from Randolph High School where he was a member of the debate and basketball teams. He later attended Tougaloo College, where he earned his Bachelor of Science degree in Biology and Philosophy in 1964.

Mr. Guyot's interest in social justice issues developed while he was a student at Tougaloo College which, at that time, stood for many as a safe haven during the Civil Rights movement. Mr. Guyot, along with several other students took an active role in combating the mistreatment and exclusion of African Americans who were pursuing their right to vote; demonstrating their adamant objection to these social ills.

Mr. Guyot became an original member of the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee (SNCC) where he served as a field secretary working on voter education and registration throughout Mississippi. Mr. Guyot was repeatedly challenged, jailed and often beaten as he helped lead fellow members of the SNCC and student volunteers from around the nation in organizing African Americans to vote. His works impacted many of the state's counties where no African Americans were ever registered.

Through the difficult times and constant opposition, Mr. Guyot courageously continued his work in civil rights. In 1964, Mr. Guyot served as director of the 1964 Freedom Summer Project which brought thousands of young people to the state to register African Americans to vote in opposition to the state's traditional habits of excluding most African Americans from voting through acts of violence and intimidation by authorities. In the same year, Mr. Guyot further pushed the campaign for greater African American participation in politics by serving as chairman of the integrated Mississippi Freedom Democratic Party. It lost its challenge to the established Mississippi party at the Democratic National Convention in 1964, but its efforts were seen as paving the way for the landmark passage of the Voting Rights Act of 1965. Later that year, Guyot was

elected as delegate to the 1964 Democratic National Convention (DNC) in Atlantic City, New Jersey which he was unable to attend due to having been jailed following a meeting held to register a group of African American voters. However, the Mississippi Freedom Democratic Party's actions and involvement at the convention would charter in the desegregation of future conventions and an expansion on the inclusion of minorities within the Democratic Party.

After serving as a delegate of Mississippi's first integrated delegation to the Democratic National Convention in 1968, Guyot graduated from Rutgers Law School in Newark, New Jersey, served as an Advisory Neighborhood Commissions' (ANC) Commissioner in Washington, District of Columbia, and continued his efforts as a Civil Rights activist working tirelessly to educate numerous young people about the importance of voting and voting rights up until his death on November 23, 2012.

Mr. Guyot was a soldier of the people and a mentor of the youth. He spent a lifetime vigorously fighting to increase access to the voting booth and the rights of all to have their voice heard in the electoral process.

Mr. speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in paying tribute to the outstanding life time achievements and legacy of Mr. Lawrence Thomas Guyot, Jr. His dedication and unwavering service to the underserved, underprivileged and the youths of tomorrow is laudable and more than worthy of our recognition.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO COLONEL
(RETIRED) HERBERT A. COLEY
FOR EXCEPTIONAL SERVICE TO
THE UNITED STATES ARMY AND
TO OUR NATION

HON. JOHN R. CARTER

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 5, 2012

Mr. CARTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to Colonel (Retired) Herbert A. Coley, a member of the Senior Executive Service, for his exceptional dedication to duty and service to the United States Army and to the United States of America. On December 31st, Colonel (Retired) Herbert Coley will be leaving Federal Service after a total of 39 years of selfless and dedicated service to our Nation as an Army Officer and as a government civilian. His distinguished career is culminating as the Chief of Staff of the Army Medical Command where he ensured that Army Medicine met the needs of our Soldiers, their Families, and others entrusted to the Army's care.

The son of an Army Medic and an Army Nurse and a native of San Antonio, Texas, Colonel (Retired) Coley had more than 28 assignments over his 39 years of government service. He entered active duty in 1970 commissioned as a Second Lieutenant in the Army Medical Service Corps after graduating from Trinity University. He served 28 years as an Army Officer as an aero medical evacuation pilot, healthcare administrator and commander. His active duty Army assignments included: Air Ambulance Section Leader at Fort Stewart, Georgia and Camp Mosier, Korea; Operations Officer and Platoon Leader for the 507th Medical Company (Air Ambulance);

Commander, Headquarters and Support Company, 25th Medical Battalion, 25th Infantry Division; Commander, 507th Medical Company (Air Ambulance); Commander, 41st Combat Support Hospital; Chief of Manpower Programming and Analysis, Office of The Army Surgeon General; and, Director, Program Analysis and Evaluation, Army Medical Command. While on active duty he received a Master of Health Administration from Baylor Staff College and was a fellow at the RAND Arroyo Center. Herbert Coley returned to government service shortly after retiring from the military and provided another 11 years of service. He had served as the Chief of Manpower Division, Army Medical Command and in 2009 he entered the Senior Executive Service as the Chief of Staff, Army Medical Command.

Colonel (Retired) Herbert A. Coley has devoted his life to the Army and our Nation's men and women in uniform. As the Chief of Staff of the U.S. Army Medical Command his skilled leadership was essential to improving the care of our Wounded Warriors and the readiness of our Army. He led this global organization with unwavering energy and compassion that endeared him to all, inspired trust and improved millions of lives. Herb Coley is one of the main reasons that Army Medicine is a preeminent system for health care in America.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of a grateful nation, I join my colleagues today in recognizing and commending Mr. Herbert Coley for a lifetime of service to his country. We wish Herb and his wife Stephanie all the best as they continue their journey in retirement.

HONORING COUNCILMEMBER
NANCY PYLE UPON HER RETIREMENT
FROM THE SAN JOSE CITY
COUNCIL

HON. ZOE LOFGREN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 5, 2012

Ms. LOFGREN of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise with my colleagues, Congresswoman ANNA ESHOO and Congressman MIKE HONDA, to acknowledge and honor Councilmember Nancy Pyle upon her retirement from the San Jose City Council.

Nancy has been the San Jose City Councilmember for District 10 since 2005, representing approximately 100,000 residents from Almaden and Blossom Valley. She graduated from LeMoyné College in Syracuse, New York, where she majored in French. She received her Masters Degree in Educational Administration from the U.S. International University in San Diego. In 1960, Nancy moved to San Jose with her family where she served as a teacher, Community Relations Manager, and Legislative Analyst for San Jose Unified School District. Nancy is a former San Jose/ Evergreen Community College Board Trustee.

On the City Council, Nancy worked hard to maintain our streets and parks, keep our neighborhoods safe, invest resources in youth and senior programs, and make city government more accountable. When the City's general fund deficit threatened to eliminate the Domestic Violence Prevention Program, Nancy pledged \$20,000 from her office budget

to help temporarily fund the City's Domestic Violence Prevention Coordinator position. When San Jose Family Camp was struggling to meet the cost-recovery requirements set by the City Council, she sought the help of Congresswoman ESHOO, Congressman HONDA, and myself. At her request, we sent a letter to the National Forest Service for a special five-year permit for San Jose's Family Camp at Yosemite. In November 2010, in order to increase public safety, Nancy proposed that San Jose adopt a Social Host Ordinance to hold adults accountable for underage drinking on private property. After advocating for nearly a year and a half, the City Council passed the ordinance last spring.

In 2010, Nancy worked with the San Jose Redevelopment Agency to open the first Whole Foods in San Jose. The opening brought new life and energy to the area and paved the way for many other businesses to successfully open their doors in the same shopping center. Nancy was honored this spring to accept the City's largest gift to date, \$4.2 million dollars privately donated to help fund a City partnership with the San Jose Unified School District for two more turf fields at Allen at Steinbeck School.

Councilmember Nancy Pyle is retiring and we wish her all the best in the years to come. We commend Nancy for her valuable service. The community is very fortunate to have benefited from her advocacy, passion, and commitment. She has left her mark in San Jose and we know she will continue to play a positive role in our community during her retirement.

REMARKS CELEBRATING THE 85TH
BIRTHDAY OF HIS MAJESTY
KING BHUMIBOL ADULYADEJ

HON. EDWARD R. ROYCE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 5, 2012

Mr. ROYCE. Mr. Speaker, on December 5th His Majesty King Bhumibol Adulyadej of Thailand celebrated his 85th birthday. I would like to take this opportunity to express my well wishes and best regards to him and to the people of Thailand.

Throughout his 66-year reign, King Bhumibol—currently the world's longest reigning monarch—has been a strong proponent for Thailand's development. Since the 1950s, he has initiated more than 4,000 development projects throughout Thailand, ranging from public health, agriculture productivity, environment, flood and drought, education and job creation.

These activities have helped raise the standard of living of Thais, particularly those in rural and difficult-to-reach areas.

King Bhumibol's hard work and contributions have earned him admiration worldwide. In 2006, the United Nations Development Programme awarded King Bhumibol its first-ever Human Development Lifetime Achievement Award.

Born in Cambridge, Massachusetts on December 5th, 1927, King Bhumibol has played an important role in promoting Thai-U.S. friendship, including his two state visits to the United States in 1960 and 1967.

As we celebrate King Bhumibol's birthday, it is an opportunity to look forward to next year's