

Luther King Day peace walk and commemoration, ceremonies at the VFW, activities sponsored by your schools and your strong and vibrant religious institutions, and the effort many years ago to cleanup the Rouge River, which I actually got into. I am pleased at what a leader your community has become in the Veterans History Project interviewing over 200 veterans and placing their histories at the Library of Congress. And, congratulations to Dr. Wanda Cook-Robinson, the Superintendent of Southfield Schools, who was recently named the 2013 Superintendent of the Year by the Michigan Association of School Administrators.

I was proud to fight for the federal dollars needed to create the Center for Innovative Materials Research. This partnership between Lawrence Technological University, TARDEC and the Army Research Lab, was established for the research, development and testing of carbon-fiber composite materials for defense applications.

Mayor Lawrence, former mayor and current City Councilman Don Fracassi, along with all of the dedicated City Council members and other local elected officials continue to move the City of Southfield forward, and I look forward to following their success in the years to come.

As I close, I can say with confidence that the City of Southfield and its residents are in good hands with Congressman GARY PETERS. My office will, of course, stay in close touch on issues that impact Oakland County and southeast Michigan as we all work together to revitalize our Michigan economy.

HONORING THE LIFE AND SERVICE  
OF WALTER NEWMAN

**HON. NANCY PELOSI**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, December 11, 2012*

Ms. PELOSI. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay final tribute to a prominent San Francisco businessman, philanthropist, and civic leader: Walter Newman. San Francisco has been blessed by Walter's life, vision, leadership, and generosity. His legacy will leave an everlasting impact on our city.

Walter Newman was a third generation Californian, a dedicated patriot, and a proud American. He served our country as an Army infantry captain during World War II. He earned a Purple Heart for wounds sustained while leading his troops into Normandy. He earned the gratitude and accolades of the people of France, the recipient of that country's highest civilian honor, the Chevalier of the National Order of the Legion of Honor.

Mr. Newman continued his service in our beloved hometown of San Francisco. As head of the Planning Commission and the Redevelopment Commission, he helped lead the effort to develop major civic projects ranging from the Transamerica Pyramid to Mission Bay. As president of the San Francisco Fine Arts Museum, he was instrumental in bringing King Tut artifacts to San Francisco as one of our first great art exhibitions.

He played a vital role in the establishment of University High School in San Francisco. He was a member of the Board of Governors of the University of California, San Francisco; a member of the UCSF Conflict of Interest

Committee; and a member of the board of the San Francisco General Hospital Foundation.

In a true reflection of his dedication to his fellow veterans, he served on the Board of Directors of NCIRE—The Veterans Health Research Institute, a national leader in advancing veterans' health research based in San Francisco. He helped establish a veterans' resource center at the City College of San Francisco. It is a testament to Mr. Newman's long-standing dedication to San Francisco and our veterans that UCSF will soon have a 42,000-square-foot Veterans Affairs Medical Center in Mission Bay.

Walter will be remembered for his positive attitude and compassion, for his unyielding commitment to the education of our children and the health of our people, for his unending devotion to the well-being of our veterans.

He will be remembered for his exemplary will and exceptional values—for the way he inspired others to action, even in moments of his own grief. Indeed, when his son Bob tragically passed away from a malignant brain tumor, Walter responded in characteristic fashion. At a time when so many others would, understandably, turn inward with grief, he honored his son's memory by co-founding and becoming President of the National Brain Tumor Foundation—an organization that assists thousands of people suffering from brain cancer.

A cherished civic leader. A proud San Franciscan. A champion for our city, our state, and our country. This is how we will all remember Walter Newman.

Yet, as devoted as he was to civic and cultural causes in San Francisco, he was above all devoted to his beloved wife Ellen, his sons Walter Jr. and John, and brother-in-law Jerry. I hope it is a comfort to his family and loved ones that so many join them in mourning his passing.

HONORING COLONEL PAUL W.  
BRICKER

**HON. CHRISTOPHER P. GIBSON**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, December 11, 2012*

Mr. GIBSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today on behalf of the people in New York's 20th District to express our sincere appreciation for the selfless service, dedication, and sacrifice to the United States by Colonel Paul W. Bricker who retired this year after 25 years of service. As a tribute, I wish to enter the poem written by the Poet, Albert Carey Caswell, entitled "Brick by Brick."

BRICK, BY BRICK

Brick!  
Brick, by Brick!  
Are but built, all of those men of honor who  
our Nation now so picks! To so lead our  
magnificent men and women off to war!  
Whose fine hearts, all in the midst of such  
hell so ever soar!  
Who all so valiantly, all so charge off so  
forth!  
Brick, by Brick!  
Whose hearts are Air Borne!  
Who lead with such honor and such speed!  
Who take off and hover over danger, with  
hearts so very warm indeed!  
Who crank and bank, who we all so  
thank. . . who our Lord so adores!  
Who cry when their Brothers and Sisters In  
Arms so die!

Who in times of war will leave all that they  
so love with tears in eyes!

But, for The Greater Good they do not so ask  
why!

Who on the ground and in the air their fine  
hearts to new height's so fly!

Brick, by Brick. . . as their fine hearts are  
so molded to so pick!

To make those tough choices, to send mag-  
nificent heroes off to die!

Built on courage and such faith!

Whose brilliant hearts shall not so wave!

With words like Honor, Duty, and Country  
their foundations are all so made!

Brick, by Brick!

Showing us all how men and leaders of honor  
so behave!

Who each day walk by the grave!

All so to lead!

All so our nation can so succeed!

Can so live all in such peace!

As we so thank all of them and all of these!

Who Brick by Brick, but build the very bed-  
rock of our peace!

Who are Army Strong, whose lives are like a  
song!

Air Borne, Colonel Bricker. . . in hearts we  
carry you now so very warm!

Hoo. . . oh!

—By Albert Carey Caswell

TO RECOGNIZE THE 2012  
LIFECIRCLE ALLIANCE KUDOS  
FOR CAREGIVERS HONOREES

**HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, December 11, 2012*

Mr. CONNOLLY of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the winners of the 2012 LifeCircle Alliances Kudos for Community Caregivers Awards. LifeCircle Alliances, a non-profit organization based in Fairfax County, Virginia, is a leader in promoting and enabling independent living for older adults with developmental, intellectual, or physical disabilities, including our Wounded Warriors.

LifeCircle Alliances has formed public-private partnerships to create innovative long-term care solutions, enhance existing programs, and address workforce, mobility and transportation issues. The goal of these efforts is independence for life; ensuring that our older adults and adults with disabilities are able to live independently and with dignity in their communities of choice.

The LifeCircle Alliances Kudos for Community Caregivers Award celebration recognizes the efforts of six outstanding caregivers, who tirelessly provide dedicated care, day in and day out. The recipients of the 2012 Kudos Awards are:

Stephanie Mensh—Stephanie Mensh has been a caregiver for Mr. Paul Berger for 25 years. Additionally, she has volunteered her time supporting stroke and TBI survivors and their families. She also provides support and advice to other caregivers by hosting a support group as well as providing individual support by phone, email, and in person.

Liza Ruiz—The loving mother of two daughters, Mrs. Ruiz has been caring almost daily for her 65 year old daughter, Cynthia, who was brain injured at birth and her husband who has been diagnosed with dementia. For many years, she did this while working as a full-time employee of the federal government. Mrs. Ruiz was instrumental in helping to establish the Northern Virginia Training Center, which opened in 1973.