

Commissioner Shupe has given her time and dedication to Fairfield County by attending workshops and seminars. These events have given her the knowledge and expertise to better understand the needs of the residents of Fairfield County. Judy has also been a member of the County Commissioners Association of Ohio which has strengthened her ability to effectively and successfully serve all of Fairfield County.

Commissioner Shupe serves on various committees including the Workforce Investment Area; Resource Conservation and Development; Prevention Works for a Drug Free Fairfield County; OSU Extension Advisory Committee; Geographic Information System Committee; Revolving Loan Funding Committee; Tax Incentive Review Council; and the Multi-County Juvenile Detention Center Board of Trustees and Board of Directors.

Thus, today I ask my colleagues to join me and the constituents of Ohio's Seventh Congressional District to recognize the service and dedication of Commissioner Judy Shupe.

HONORING THE LIFE OF ESTHER
JACHIMOWICZ

HON. ZOE LOFGREN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 13, 2012

Ms. ZOE LOFGREN of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the inspiring life of Esther Jachimowicz, who passed away in her San Francisco home on November 5, 2012.

Born as Esther Bendzinski in Poland on October 11, 1925, she was the last remaining Holocaust survivor in her family. The tale of her life—as she would recount to her family and friends—is one of tremendous loss, struggle, and incredible perseverance. Esther and her family were among those forced to live in the Lodz Ghetto by Nazi troops in German-Occupied Poland. In recounting her story to the San Francisco Chronicle, she told of how life for the Jews trapped in the infamous ghetto was a daily struggle to survive starvation, beatings, and shootings.

Esther and her family were among the thousands who were sent from the Lodz Ghetto to Auschwitz. There, she and her father were selected by the Nazis to be kept as slave labor—never to see her mother and younger sister again. From Auschwitz, her father was taken to Dachau, and Esther and another sister were sent to another concentration camp called Stutof. There she experienced unspeakable horrors, including the death of her sister.

After being liberated, Esther searched for her family in the immediate aftermath of the war. Hearing that her father survived Dachau, she went to a hospital where he was being treated. It was there in that hospital where she also met her future husband, Nathan Jachimowicz, a few beds down from her father. The two had similar tales of survival, both being trapped in the Lodz Ghetto, both were taken to Auschwitz. Out of their combined families, only Nathan, Esther and her father had survived.

Years later, during an interview, Esther would say she was lucky to find Nathan, to whom she would be married for fifty-eight years. Soon after they were wed, and along

with Esther's father, they left Europe to start a new life in America. By 1962 they had settled in San Francisco and opened Emerald Cleaners and Tailoring shop on Noriega Street, near 25th Avenue. With hard work and an unyielding belief "that every day is a new day," they pursued the American Dream of a better life for themselves and their children.

Mr. Speaker, the number of Holocaust survivors is rapidly dwindling, and we must not let their tales be forgotten, we must record their history for future generations to learn from. As it was said in the Hebrew Bible's Book of Joel: "Tell your children about it, and let your children tell theirs, and their children the next generation." That is why I wanted to share Esther Jachimowicz's inspiring story.

More than just the story of an individual, her story is that of a kind of person who lived through one of the darkest, most brutal chapters in the Twentieth Century, and held firm to the belief of a future without hate. Her family—and indeed our country—will forever remember and cherish that spirit of perseverance, survival, and hope in a better future. I join with our community in mourning her passing. While I know Esther's family feels her loss, I hope they can draw comfort through the pride they must feel in the heritage and legacy they inherit from this incredible woman.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE NEW
BEDFORD WHALING MUSEUM
AND THE WILLIAM M. WOOD
FOUNDATION

HON. WILLIAM R. KEATING

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 13, 2012

Mr. KEATING. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the New Bedford Whaling Museum and the William M. Wood Foundation for their collaboration in celebrating the history of Cape Verdean and Azorean culture in Southeastern Massachusetts.

Our nations' histories are forever interwoven, as the ancestors of today's Azorean—and Cape Verdean-American families remain an integral part of Massachusetts' economic prosperity. Many of these immigrants were first drawn to New England's ports on whaling and fishing vessels in the early nineteenth century, often finding work in the region's nearby cranberry bogs. Cape Cod and Southeastern Massachusetts are home to the fastest growing Cape Verdean and Azorean communities in the United States.

Today, it is estimated that over 40% of the southeastern Massachusetts population are of Portuguese descent. The strong influence that the Cape Verdean and Azorean cultures have had on our local community cannot be understated, and it is essential that we honor and celebrate this important part of Southeastern Massachusetts culture.

In keeping with this spirit the William M. Wood Foundation has generously approved a \$300,000 grant to support the initiatives at the New Bedford Whaling Museum geared toward preserving the history of Azorean and Cape Verdean communities in Southeastern Massachusetts. Among other things, this grant will support a major traveling exhibit detailing the lives of Azorean and Cape Verdean whalers that will make an appearance at various coast-

al communities throughout New England. Additional community events will be supported by this funding, including an international symposium on the history of Azorean and Cape Verdean immigration in Massachusetts that will be held at the Museum.

In order to ensure that Cape Verdean and Azorean culture is not only preserved but celebrated in Southeastern Massachusetts, I have worked closely with many local and international officials, including Cape Verdean President Jorge Carlos Fonseca, Cape Verdean Prime Minister Jose Maria Neves, and President of the Regional Government of the Azores Vasco Cordeiro. It gives me great pride to work with these individuals and to see such strong support for honoring Azorean and Cape Verdean culture in Southeastern Massachusetts. The funding given by the William M. Wood Foundation will establish a strong base as we move forward, and we envision many more opportunities for collaboration in the future.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in recognizing the New Bedford Whaling Museum and the William M. Wood Foundation as they join together to celebrate the history of Azorean and Cape Verdean culture in Southeastern Massachusetts. I thank my colleagues for joining me in recognition of these organizations for celebrating such an important aspect of Massachusetts history.

IN HONOR OF NANCY MARIANNA
EMMONS

HON. SAM FARR

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 13, 2012

Mr. FARR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and celebrate the 100th birthday of Nancy Marianna Emmons.

Nancy Marianna Pierson was born January 5, 1913 to Grace Monkhouse Pierson and Temple Guy Pierson in the small southern Indiana town of Spencer, near Bloomington, Indiana. Her paternal grandmother, Cassandra Conant Pierson, had been a schoolteacher in Kentucky before marrying Joseph Liston Pierson, a private in the Union Army during the Civil War. Her maternal grandmother was a member of the Tyson family in Maryland, descendants of Elisha Tyson (1750–1824), a wealthy merchant and early abolitionist.

After attending the University of Indiana in the early 1930s, she decided to move to Chicago with her best friend to find work—a time she always referred to as "her salad days." Nancy had a good job with N.W. Ayre, an advertising agency, but after a time the glamour of California lured her West. She had some relatives in the Bay Area and chose to move to San Francisco. After being there a few weeks she wandered into an ad agency looking for a job, and was immediately offered a job as "Miss Oakland" on a float inaugurating the opening of the Bay Bridge in November 1936.

It was around this time that Nancy noticed a handsome blond man who walked down the hill past her apartment everyday to his car. She "accidentally" happened to be out on the street one morning, and of course charmed him. He was Donn Emmons, a shy young architect, who was working for William Wilson

Wurster, already a well-known Bay Area architecture firm.

Nancy married Donn in 1942, after he joined the Navy as a Lieutenant. Through her husband Donn, Nancy met my parents Fred and Janet Farr. She was present at my birth at the Children's Hospital in San Francisco on July 4, 1941. The Emmons and Farr families have been close ever since.

After the war years, the family settled in Mill Valley, California, and had three children, Zette (b. 1946), Janet (Luli, b. 1949), named after my mom Janet Farr, and Andrew Pierson Emmons (b. 1953). My mother Janet named her second daughter after her friend Nancy.

Though the Emmons separated in 1955 and were later divorced, Nancy maintained a close friendship with the Farr family.

Nancy outlived Janet, Fred and Donn and saw me, young "Sammy", get elected to Congress in 1993.

In her professional life, Nancy became very active in the local artistic community of Mill Valley, California, and was a member of the Ann O'Hanlon's "Sight and Insight" gallery. She made large sculptural collages using found objects and natural materials, which were abundant in her large garden. She also maintained a large circle of friends in the greater Bay Area, especially in San Francisco. She has outlived all of her own generation of friends, and has a special place in the lives of the children and grandchildren of that artistic and architectural community that sprang up in the Bay Area after World War II.

Mr. Speaker, I know the whole House joins me in wishing Nancy a happy, healthy and joyful year as she celebrates her 100th birthday!

HONORING LANCE CORPORAL
SCOTT SMOLIK

HON. DANIEL LIPINSKI

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 13, 2012

Mr. LIPINSKI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to welcome home an exemplary young Marine from Illinois' 3rd District, Lance Corporal (LCpl) Scott Smolik. Having recently returned safely from his first tour in Afghanistan, it is a privilege to recognize LCpl Smolik's commitment to serving our nation.

LCpl Smolik was originally stationed with the 1st Battalion/7th Marines at Twentynine Palms Base in California. During Operation Enduring Freedom, LCpl Smolik served with the 1/7 in Southern Afghanistan, contributing to counter-insurgency efforts and support for local Afghan National Security Forces operations. While stationed in the volatile Helmand Province in the cities of Sangin and Musa Qala, his duties switched from mortarman to machine gunner atop Armored Mine-Resistant Ambush Protected (MRAP) vehicles, a role requiring particular fortitude and bravery.

LCpl Smolik will be welcomed by his mother, Sharon, and his younger sister and brother, Katie and Jimmy. They will be celebrating his safe arrival this Saturday, December 15, at St. Linus Catholic Church in Oak Lawn, IL.

I am proud to honor, commend, and thank LCpl Smolik for his service, and wish him the best in the future.

RECOGNIZING THE CAREER OF DR. CHARLES B. REED AFTER 14 YEARS OF SERVICE TO THE CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY

HON. GEORGE MILLER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 13, 2012

Mr. GEORGE MILLER of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today with other members of the California Delegation; Rep. LYNN WOOLSEY, Rep. KEN CALVERT, Rep. SUSAN DAVIS, Rep. HOWARD MCKEON, Rep. ZOE LOFGREN, Rep. JERRY LEWIS, Rep. NANCY PELOSI, Rep. MIKE HONDA, Rep. JERRY MCNERNEY, Rep. ANNA ESHOO, Rep. KAREN BASS, Rep. JUDY CHU, Rep. GRACE NAPOLITANO, Rep. PETE STARK, Rep. JOHN GARAMENDI, Rep. BRAD SHERMAN, Rep. MIKE THOMPSON, Rep. BARBARA LEE, Rep. LINDA SÁNCHEZ, Rep. LOIS CAPPS, Rep. JIM COSTA, Rep. MAXINE WATERS, Rep. JANICE HAHN, Rep. HENRY WAXMAN, Rep. HOWARD BERMAN, Rep. LUCILLE ROYBAL-ALLARD, Rep. ADAM SCHIFF, Rep. LORETTA SANCHEZ, Rep. XAVIER BECERRA, Rep. DORIS MATSUI, Rep. LAURA RICHARDSON, Rep. JOE BACA, Rep. JACKIE SPEIER, Rep. SAM FARR to thank Chancellor Charles B. Reed for his service to the California State University (CSU) system, California, and the country. Dr. Reed has served as the head of the California State University system for the past 14 years, and will be stepping down in the coming weeks. During his tenure, Dr. Reed demonstrated an unwavering commitment to serving the needs of all students and significantly improving access to underrepresented students.

Including his 13 years as the chancellor of the Florida State University system, Chancellor Reed spent more than a quarter-century as the leader of the country's largest higher educational systems. He earned national and international recognition as an innovator, problem-solver and strategic thinker and as one of the country's premier experts on P-16 collaboration, institutional aid, and outreach to underserved students. More than 1.5 million students have earned degrees that bear his signature.

During his time at CSU, Dr. Reed championed a number of efforts to promote access to postsecondary education for all qualified students, regardless of family background. Chancellor Reed reached beyond the walls of CSU to ensure that disadvantaged and first generation students and their families were prepared for, and had the tools to succeed in, postsecondary education. To do so, he created the "How to Get to College" poster—printed in eight different languages which describes the steps that middle and high school students and their families need to take to prepare and apply for college and financial aid. Additionally, Dr. Reed was the driving force behind efforts to enroll minority students in postsecondary education. Every February, CSU leaders visit more than 100 African-American churches in California, and the CSU system partners with the Parent Institute for Quality Education to help Latino families prepare for college success. Today, 52 percent of students at CSU are minority. CSU, under the Chancellor's direction, has become a leader in helping veterans, service members, and their families by working with California's military

base commanders and taking significant steps to make its campuses veteran friendly.

Chancellor Reed is a champion for a number of higher education issues critical not only to CSU and California, but to the country as a whole. As Chancellor, he fought for increases to the Pell Grant program, and fought to prevent eligibility changes that could have reduced aid to the neediest students. Today, CSU graduates over 35,000 Pell recipients each year. Further, Dr. Reed was a leader in designing and implementing the Voluntary System of Accountability, a program created by public colleges and universities to provide families with accessible, transparent, and comparable information about institutions of higher education. The Chancellor has also been supportive in sparking innovative approaches to teacher preparation, including using evaluation for continuous program improvement. And, Dr. Reed was a driving force behind a new California law that established a transfer Associate of Arts degree, and simplifying the process for community college students to transfer to CSU.

We again thank Dr. Reed for his service. He is an ardent supporter of CSU and a champion for affordable, high quality higher education in California and throughout the country. We hope Dr. Reed will continue to advise and engage policymakers on these issues, especially as Congress prepares for the next reauthorization of the Higher Education Act.

MIKE THOMPSON, JERRY MCNERNEY, KAREN BASS, JUDY CHU, FORTNEY PETE STARK, BRAD SHERMAN, LYNN C. WOOLSEY, ANNA G. ESHOO, ZOE LOFGREN, GRACE F. NAPOLITANO, JOHN GARAMENDI, MICHAEL M. HONDA, BARBARA LEE, LOIS CAPPS, MAXINE WATERS, HENRY A. WAXMAN, LUCILLE ROYBAL-ALLARD, SUSAN A. DAVIS, LINDA T. SÁNCHEZ, JIM COSTA, JANICE HAHN, HOWARD L. BERMAN, ADAM B. SCHIFF, LORETTA SANCHEZ, HOWARD P. "BUCK" MCKEON, XAVIER BECERRA, JACKIE SPEIER, LAURA RICHARDSON, SAM FARR, DORIS O. MATSUI, KEN CALVERT, JOE BACA, JERRY LEWIS, NANCY PELOSI.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE REVEREND JOHN NEWLAND MAFFITT

HON. MIKE MCINTYRE

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 13, 2012

Mr. MCINTYRE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Reverend John Newland Maffitt, who was appointed Chaplain of the U.S. House of Representatives on December 6, 1941, and sworn in on December 13, 1941.

John Newland Maffitt was born in Dublin, Ireland, on December 28, 1795. His parents belonged to the established church, but Maffitt embraced the Wesleyan doctrines in 1813 and grew determined to become a minister. Upon meeting opposition at home, Maffitt immigrated to the United States in 1819, and in 1822 entered the New England conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church. He preached in various cities in the eastern United States before establishing "Western Methodist" in Nashville, Tennessee in 1833, in conjunction with Reverend Lewis Garrett. This church was subsequently transformed into the "Christian Advocate," and adopted as the central organ