

best wishes to him as he receives this well-earned honor.

IN HONOR AND RECOGNITION OF  
MALAK JADALLAH

**HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, December 13, 2012*

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor and recognition of Malak Jadallah, whose exemplary work as a Member of my Congressional Staff in the role of Immigration Liaison brought clarity, resolution and hope to complex immigration issues for thousands of constituents and their families throughout the 10th Congressional District and beyond.

Since 1996, Ms. Jadallah worked as a tireless advocate on behalf of those seeking immigration assistance, including those walking that complex path to legal residency and citizenship. Ms. Jadallah pierced through red tape and a cultural climate that rained paranoia and discrimination by providing a steady light of resources and guidance for numerous individuals seeking U.S. citizenship.

Throughout her 16-year tenure, Ms. Jadallah created strong bonds with key individuals locally, nationally and internationally. Her dedication to her work, her easygoing nature, and above all her unyielding belief in, and true compassion for the people she advocated for, made her so effective, her expertise was sought by the most powerful immigration attorneys and the most influential national and international leaders. From foreign ambassadors to directors of humanitarian agencies, Ms. Jadallah's vital connections strengthened my work and supported successful resolutions for thousands of immigration cases.

Ms. Jaddallah's efforts also supported my legislative work. Her work spanned volumes of cases that ranged in complexity and scope, from helping constituents obtain travel or work visas to critical cases in which her collaboration with global rights leaders and organizations enabled innocent victims of war safe passage to America for emergency medical treatment, to cases in which she worked to prevent the deportation and separation of a Cleveland mother from her children. With every case, Ms. Jadallah's determination and expertise changed many lives forever.

Mr. Speaker and colleagues, please join me in honor and recognition of Congressional Staff Member Malak Jadallah, who leaves a legacy of fierce determination, unwavering advocacy, compassion and justice. Her work will continue to have a profound effect on the lives of the men, women and children here in Cleveland, across the country and around the world as she continues to advance in her field. I remain forever grateful for her friendship and for her unyielding commitment and work that led numerous individuals and their families along pathways to a better life.

NORTH KOREA MISSILE LAUNCH  
CLEAR THREAT TO NATIONAL  
SECURITY

**HON. TOM REED**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, December 13, 2012*

Mr. REED. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to express my grave concern over the three-stage missile launch yesterday by North Korea. While described by Pyongyang as a simple weather satellite, the launch clearly violates United Nations Security Council Resolutions that ban the use of nuclear and missile-related technologies. The launch comes just days before the South Korean presidential election is held, timing I am sure is not a coincidence.

Pyongyang's dismissal of international pressures, as well as its continued work on missile-related technologies, pose a direct security threat to the United States and our allies, particularly South Korea. Yesterday's launch puts North Korea one step closer to obtaining a weaponized missile. As there are over 28,000 American troops currently serving on the Korean Peninsula, yesterday's actions are unacceptable and now more than ever, the United States needs to stand strong in solidarity with our South Korean counterparts.

The United States, South Korea, and other countries have been trying to engage the North Korean regime diplomatically for many years to end its program to develop nuclear weapons and delivery devices that could threaten Northeast Asia and the Western Pacific.

Despite offers of many positive incentives in the form of humanitarian aid to North Korea, Pyongyang has persisted in its belligerence. North Korea has stubbornly refused to adhere to peaceful international protocols that would boost stability and economic prosperity. This will be the second time this year it has violated its agreements.

Political stability and security of the Korean Peninsula are vital to U.S. interests and to our allies. Beyond South Korea, nations including Japan and the Philippines could be threatened by the existence of North Korean nuclear missiles. Further North Korean provocations could easily and seriously disrupt the Trans-Pacific trade relations that have developed over the past six decades.

It is the obligation of Congress to speak out when U.S. security and our economic interests are under threat. This is a clear sign that the Administration's previous policies of diplomacy, as well as the retaliatory steps taken after the failed April 13, 2012 launch, are not deterring Kim Jong-un. A stronger response is necessary.

I was pleased to see the United Nations Security Council swiftly condemn the attacks yesterday and I urge my colleagues to join me in condemning the Pyongyang regime's belligerent behavior as a threat to regional and global security. I call upon the Administration and the National Security Council to work with our counterparts in the United Nations to take appropriate steps to ensure that these actions are followed with clear consequences.

HONORING DAVID J. SCHMIDLING

**HON. SAM GRAVES**

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, December 13, 2012*

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize David J. Schmidling. David is a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 216, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

David has been very active with his troop, participating in many Scout activities. Over the many years David has been involved with Scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community. Most notably, David has earned the rank of Brave in the Tribe of Mic-O-Say and has led his troop in many capacities, including Webmaster, Librarian, Chaplain's Aide and National Youth Leadership Training staff member. "Swift Spirit," as he is also known by, has earned 33 merit badges, his favorite of which is aviation. David has also contributed to his community through his Eagle Scout project. David remodeled and restored a playground area at Seven Dolers Catholic Church in Easton, Missouri, constructing a playground set and cleaning up the playground area. David hopes to continue pursuing his passion for hockey into high school, juniors, and college with the hope of becoming a corporate pilot.

Mr. Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending David J. Schmidling for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

RECOGNIZING THE SERVICE OF  
MARTHA INGLE

**HON. JEFF MILLER**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, December 13, 2012*

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Ms. Martha Ingle upon her retirement after 36 years of faithful and dedicated service to the citizens of Walton County, Florida.

Ms. Ingle began her career in public service with the Walton County Clerk of Court, where she served for a combined 21 years as Deputy Clerk and later Chief Deputy Clerk. After leaving the Clerk's office, Martha continued her career as a dedicated public servant, working for four years as Budget Officer for the Walton County Board of Commissioners. Ultimately, Ms. Ingle was elected to serve as Walton County Clerk of Court. As Clerk of Court, she served in myriad roles, including Chief Financial Officer for the Court, Ex-Officio Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners, Accountant and Auditor, Recorder, and Custodian of county funds.

A shining example of commitment to public service, Ms. Ingle received numerous accolades during her tenure, including ten consecutive annual Certificates of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting; and during fiscal year 2011, under her leadership, Ms.