

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

IN HONOR OF THE NATIVE DAUGHTERS OF THE GOLDEN WEST SANTA CRUZ PARLOR NO. 26

HON. SAM FARR

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 7, 2013

Mr. FARR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 125th Anniversary of the Native Daughters of the Golden West Santa Cruz Parlor No. 26 (NDGW).

For 125 years, Santa Cruz Parlor No. 26 has participated in the projects of the NDGW, some of which involve Civic Participation, California History and Landmarks including CA Lighthouses, Children's Foundation, Education and Scholarships, Mission Restoration, Pioneer Roster, Veterans Welfare, and the Native Daughters' Home.

In the early years, Santa Cruz Parlor No. 26 raised money for a "closed horse-drawn Carriage," as the county had no ambulance. By 1907 Santa Cruz Parlor was able to present an ambulance to Mayor Palmer and the members of the City Council. In 1939, a Wishing Well provided by the Santa Cruz Parlor and the Native Sons Parlor of Santa Cruz was dedicated with the funds going to help the NDGW Children's Foundation. These are only a few of the projects from the early years of the Parlor.

As time went on the activities and reputation of the Parlor attracted a number of eminent local women. Among these were Truella Lund, who was the first Santa Cruz female police officer, and Margaret Koch. Her articles helped in the restoration and preservation of local historical buildings, including an adobe building which is part of the Santa Cruz Mission State Historic Park. Hulda Hoover McLean, niece of President Herbert Hoover and a respected local politician in her own right, joined Santa Cruz Parlor in 1950 and was an active member for many years.

Santa Cruz Parlor No. 26 continues its mission through various community projects. Each year they contribute to the Walnut Avenue Women's Center in Santa Cruz and the Valley Christmas Project in Ben Lomond. Santa Cruz Parlor packs over 300 gift bags every year for the Veterans at the Palo Alto Hospital and the Veterans Center in Capitola. In addition to these contributions, Santa Cruz gives generous college scholarships to high school students throughout Santa Cruz County.

In addition to its own projects, Santa Cruz Parlor also joins its District Parlors located in San Juan Bautista, Salinas and Monterey for a yearly benefit for the Native Daughters Home, and a Mission Restoration lunch fund raiser. Last year's funds provided assistance for the restoration of some of the historic statues located in the chapel of Mission Santa Cruz. In the past, funds from our Mission Restoration lunches have helped the nearby missions of San Miguel, Carmel, San Antonio, and San Juan Bautista.

Mr. Speaker, I know my fellow members of the House will join me in congratulating the

Native Daughters of the Golden West Santa Cruz Parlor No. 26 on their 125th anniversary. We thank them for the many activities that improve the community and promote our heritage, and wish them many more years of service.

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PANDEMIC AND ALL-HAZARDS
PREPAREDNESS REAUTHORIZATION ACT OF 2013

SPEECH OF

HON. JACK KINGSTON

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 4, 2013

Mr. KINGSTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of the Pandemic Reauthorization bill to acknowledge the importance of PHAPA and the pandemic and medical countermeasure community; however, I do so with reservations. While H.R. 307 does not allocate funds, this bill does reauthorize the Special Reserve Fund for five years. The multiyear fund gives industry a degree of certainty when embarking on long term, multi-million dollar investments to create treatments that do not have a private market to reply upon. This is an important goal. However, our federal budget is bloated with forty-two cents out of every dollar borrowed and the refunding of the Special Reserve Fund comes at a particularly difficult time. A better structure for this funding mechanism must be developed. Nonetheless, I support the work PHAPA supports and will continue to discuss fiscally-sound funding solutions for the Special Reserve Fund during the FY2014 Labor, Health and Human Services subcommittee on Appropriations hearings and meetings.

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TRIBUTE TO ANNA DEVRIES

HON. TOM LATHAM

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 7, 2013

Mr. LATHAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the achievements of Anna DeVries of Des Moines for receiving a coveted Fulbright award to study and conduct research abroad this academic year.

The Fulbright Program is sponsored by the United States Department of State, Bureau of Education and Cultural Affairs. This program is known as America's flagship international exchange program. First established by Congress in 1946, the Fulbright Program has served the purpose of building mutual understanding between American citizens and the rest of the world. Appropriations from the United States Congress, participating foreign governments, and private sector contributions fund the Fulbright Program. The program has exchanged over a quarter of a million people in more than 155 countries, since its inception.

Anna's host country for the 2012–2013 academic year is Indonesia.

To receive a Fulbright award is truly a great honor. Recipients of this award must demonstrate significant leadership potential in their chosen field and are selected on the basis of their academic or professional achievement. The experiences provided by this program ensure that tomorrow's leaders are both knowledgeable about the world and well-rounded.

Mr. Speaker, it is a profound honor to represent future leaders like Anna from the great state of Iowa in the United States Congress. I know my colleagues in the House will join me in congratulating her for receiving this prestigious award. I wish her the best of luck in her studies and future career.

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IN MEMORY OF THEODORE "TED"
TALBERT AND HIS LIFELONG
COMMITMENT TO JOURNALISM
IN THE GREATER DETROIT REGION

HON. GARY C. PETERS

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 7, 2013

Mr. PETERS of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and work of Theodore Talbert, a renowned journalist, historian and proud Detroiter. Known to the Greater Detroit community simply as Ted, his documentaries brought history to life and inspired future journalists and leaders alike.

Born and raised in Detroit, Ted displayed early signs of excellence, graduating from Northern High School in 1961 as his class valedictorian. Ted attended Mount San Antonio College in California and it was early in the 1970s when he began to fully explore his passion for journalism, creating the first of his documentaries.

Over the proceeding decades of his journalism career, Ted worked for several of the local television stations in Southeast Michigan, although most of his time was with local NBC affiliate WDIV. Throughout the course of his career, Ted produced more than twenty documentaries that highlighted every aspect of the community that he loved so dearly. In his films, he showcased the unique heritage of Detroit, from his documentaries on Joe Louis and the Tuskegee Airmen to his story on the African American officers of the Detroit Police Department in the 1800s. Many in the Southeast Michigan community credit Ted with providing a unique perspective on the social, economic and political issues that have shaped our region, offering insights that inspired the community into action.

In addition to his work as a journalist, Ted dedicated his time to guiding, shaping and molding the next generation of young journalists. Ted lectured at a number of colleges including the University of Missouri, as well as Wayne State University and Wayne County

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Community College, both of which are in Detroit. Through his lectures, he shared his passion and his experiences, in the hope of inspiring future generations to explore their history and to better understand the world in which they live.

In recognition of his outstanding journalistic work, Ted was presented with a number of awards over his life. These awards include four Emmys for his documentaries and a Meritorious Achievement Award from the Tuskegee Airmen. Additionally, Ted was presented an Achievement of Merit Award from the Ohio State University. And in acknowledgement of the depth of his impact on the community, Ted was inducted into the Michigan Journalism Hall of Fame in 2000. However, no award is greater than the testimonials provided by countless leaders, community members and organizations across Greater Detroit, who agree that our region is stronger because of Ted's work.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me today in celebrating the life of Ted Talbert, who had an undeniable impact on all of us in Southeast Michigan. Through his documentaries, we have been able to better understand the history of our community and how we can work together to build a bright and prosperous future for our region. His straightforward, yet complex, perspective and passion for his community, which he never hesitated to share, will be missed by all of us who grew up watching his films and news stories. I know Ted's life will be an inspiration to young journalists for many years to come and I hope his sister, Edna Bell, and his daughter, Jamile Skinner, know that all of us in the Greater Detroit region share in their loss.

TRIBUTE TO KATHERINE
ALBRECHT

HON. TOM LATHAM

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 7, 2013

Mr. LATHAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the achievements of Katherine Albrecht of Johnston for receiving a coveted Fulbright award to study and conduct research abroad this academic year.

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Mr. Speaker, it is a profound honor to represent future leaders like Katherine from the great state of Iowa in the United States Congress. I know my colleagues in the House will join me in congratulating her for receiving this prestigious award. I wish her the best of luck in her studies and future career.

IN RECOGNITION OF DR. LEWIS
DRUFFNER, THE JOSEPH
SAPORITO LIFETIME OF SERVICE
AWARD WINNER

HON. MATT CARTWRIGHT

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 7, 2013

Mr. CARTWRIGHT. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize Dr. Lewis Druffner and congratulate him on earning the Joseph Saporito Lifetime of Service Award Winner.

For his volunteer work and for decades of work as a legendary family physician in Avoca, Dr. Lewis Druffner is the Sunday Dispatch Joseph A. Saporito Lifetime of Service Award selection for 2012.

Dr. Druffner grew up in Avoca, graduated from Scranton Prep in 1951, The University of Scranton in 1955 and Jefferson Medical College in Philadelphia. He was the primary physician for three ships while serving with the U.S. Navy.

After his Navy hitch, he took over his father's family medical practice in Avoca, where Druffner is a legendry name in family medicine as Dr. Lewis Druffner and his father birthed generations of families in Avoca and surrounding towns. In a way, Dr. Druffner is different than past Saporito recipients in that he is being honored not just for volunteer work, but for his career as a family doctor which was, like his father's, as much about service to the community as it was work.

Dr. Druffner recently signed on to become a volunteer at the Care and Concern Health Clinic where he continues his lifetime work of helping patients as they recover from various ailments.

Dr. Druffner and his wife, Catherine, have six children: Elizabeth, of Avoca; Kathleen and Carl, both of Harrisburg; Michael, of Dayton, Ohio; Tommy, of Michigan; and Edward, of Downingtown. They also have five grandchildren.

TRIBUTE TO CHRISTOPHER
NEUBERT

HON. TOM LATHAM

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 7, 2013

Mr. LATHAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the achievements of Christopher Neubert of Des Moines for receiving a coveted Fulbright award to study and conduct research abroad this academic year.

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standing between American citizens and the rest of the world. Appropriations from the United States Congress, participating foreign governments, and private sector contributions fund the Fulbright Program. The program has exchanged over a quarter of a million people in more than 155 countries, since its inception. Christopher's host country for the 2012–2013 academic year is China.

To receive a Fulbright award is truly a great honor. Recipients of this award must demonstrate significant leadership potential in their chosen field and are selected on the basis of their academic or professional achievement. The experiences provided by this program ensure that tomorrow's leaders are both knowledgeable about the world and well-rounded.

Mr. Speaker, it is a profound honor to represent future leaders like Christopher from the great state of Iowa in the United States Congress. I know my colleagues in the House will join me in congratulating him for receiving this prestigious award. I wish him the best of luck in his studies and future career.

IN HONOR OF GRACE NAFTALY'S
100TH BIRTHDAY

HON. GARY C. PETERS

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 7, 2013

Mr. PETERS of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor longtime Detroit-area resident and community advocate Grace Naftaly on the occasion of her 100th birthday. The Naftaly family is well known in the Detroit-area, and I've had the privilege of working with Grace's son Jerry, who served as the mayor of Oak Park for many years. Throughout her lifetime, Grace demonstrated a selfless dedication to the welfare of others, the community, and her family.

Grace was born on March 25, 1913 and arrived in the United States with her parents Mary and Emil Kahan through the Ellis Island and Statue of Liberty port. Grace and her husband Bill Naftaly were blessed with three children, Robert, Janice and Jerry, as well as six grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Even at the young age of 100, Grace is still an avid Detroit Red Wings, Tigers and Pistons fan. She also loves puzzle books and novels.

As I close, I would like to wish Grace health and happiness for many years to come. I can say with confidence that because of her selfless attitude and dedication to the community, the Detroit-area is a better place.

TRIBUTE TO GRAYSON THOMAS
HARVEY

HON. TOM LATHAM

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 7, 2013

Mr. LATHAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Grayson T. Harvey of Crescent, IA for achieving the rank of an Eagle Scout.

The Eagle Scout rank is the highest advancement rank in scouting. Only about five percent of Boy Scouts earn the Eagle Scout Award. The award is a performance-based

achievement with high standards that have been well-maintained over the past century.

To earn the Eagle Scout rank, a Boy Scout is obligated to pass specific tests that are organized by requirements and merit badges, as well as completing an Eagle Project to benefit the community. For his project, Grayson constructed an outdoor classroom for Crescent Elementary School. The work ethic Grayson has shown in his Eagle Project and every other project leading up to his Eagle Scout rank speaks volumes of his commitment to serving a cause greater than himself and assisting his community.

Mr. Speaker, the example set by this young man and his supportive family demonstrates the rewards of hard work, dedication and perseverance. I am honored to represent Grayson and his family in the United States Congress. I know that all of my colleagues in the House will join me in congratulating him on obtaining the Eagle Scout ranking, and I wish him continued success in his future education and career.

DONNA BYRNE

HON. MICHAEL G. FITZPATRICK

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 7, 2013

Mr. FITZPATRICK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to proudly recognize the recipient of the Bucks County 2013 Women's History Month Award. Donna Byrne, a long-time resident of Bucks County Pennsylvania, exemplifies compassion and leadership to help women experiencing domestic violence.

Nearly 30 years ago, Donna Byrne discovered her deep commitment to empower women while volunteering at a battered women's shelter. There, she found her passion. The life-changing experience eventually led her to work for 'A Woman's Place'.

For 12 years, Donna Byrne pioneered the domestic violence prevention movement. Having established successful prevention awareness programs and community outreach efforts in local schools, she successfully garnered community support for women's issues.

Mr. Speaker, we honor Donna Byrne today because of her selfless courage and lifelong passion to help the lives of women in need. Although not often recognized for their contribution to the community, women like Donna Byrne are true heroines who make our community a stronger and safer place. As a committed advocate for women in Bucks County, Donna Byrne stands out as a clear choice to receive this award.

TRIBUTE TO DANIELLE
HAINDFIELD

HON. TOM LATHAM

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 7, 2013

Mr. LATHAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate and recognize Danielle Haindfield for being named a 2013 Forty Under 40 honoree by the award-winning central Iowa publication, Business Record.

Since 2000, Business Record has undertaken an exhaustive annual review to identify

a standout group of young leaders in the Greater Des Moines area who are making an impact in their communities and their careers. Each year, forty up-and-coming community and business leaders under 40 years of age are selected for this prestigious distinction, which is based on a combined criteria of community involvement and success in their chosen career field. The 2013 class of Forty Under 40 honorees join an impressive roster of 560 business leaders and growing.

Danielle Haindfield is a shareholder attorney with Ahlers and Cooney, P.C. in Des Moines practicing primarily in education and construction law. Danielle is a proud Drake University alumnus where she graduated Magna Cum Laude with her B.A. and ultimately received her Juris Doctor degree with high honors. Through Ahlers and Cooney, Danielle participates in community outreach programs for Children and Families of Iowa, United Way of Central Iowa, Youth Emergency Services and Shelter, and staffing of Iowa Legal Aid intake program. Outside of work, Mrs. Haindfield is active in the Jordan Creek Elementary Parent Faculty Club and was selected to serve on the National School Boards Association Council of School Attorneys. Mrs. Haindfield is married to her husband Matthew, and together they have two daughters, Taylor and Brooke. In all facets of her life, Danielle is an example of hard work and service that our state can be proud of.

Mr. Speaker, it is a profound honor to represent leaders like Danielle in the United States Congress and it is with great pride that I recognize and applaud Mrs. Haindfield for utilizing her talents to better both her community and the great state of Iowa. I invite my colleagues in the House to join me in congratulating Danielle on receiving this esteemed designation, thanking those at Business Record for their great work, and wishing each member of the 2013 Forty Under 40 class continued success.

HONORING THE SERVICE OF COLONEL
RODNEY WILLIAMS OF THE
MICHIGAN AIR NATIONAL GUARD
ON THE OCCASION OF HIS RE-
TIREMENT

HON. GARY C. PETERS

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 7, 2013

Mr. PETERS of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to salute Colonel Rodney Williams of the Michigan Air National Guard as he retires after twenty-eight years of service to our Nation in the Armed Forces.

Colonel Williams' service began in 1984 when he joined the Army Reserve and later, in 1988, the Michigan Army National Guard. Over the next decade he would go on to obtain a Juris Doctorate from Cooley Law School and would hold the positions of Assistant Staff Judge Advocate for the 177th Military Police Brigade and aide-be-camp to Michigan's Adjutant General, Major General Gordon Stump. In 1994, Colonel Williams transferred to the Michigan Air National Guard and was assigned to the 127th Wing as Deputy Staff Judge Advocate at Selfridge Air National Guard Base. While serving the 127th, Colonel Williams was committed to developing the unit's joint operational capabilities and was

recognized by the North American Aerospace Defense Command for his work.

While posted at Selfridge, Colonel Williams was assigned as Director of the 127th Wing Mission Support Group where he continued his focus on developing his unit's readiness and coordination. Under his leadership, the 127th Mission Support Group achieved a ninety-four percent readiness rating while it was supporting missions for the Air Mobility Command's KC-135 operation mission and its F-16 flying mission. As part of his responsibilities, Colonel Williams oversaw support for more than 400 Airmen of his support group that were deployed in Operation Iraqi Freedom, Operation Enduring Freedom, Air Expeditionary Forces and Operation Noble Eagle. In 2008, Colonel Williams' Mission Support Group received a ninety-eight percent rating from a Unit Compliance Inspection.

In 2010, Colonel Williams was chosen to serve as Director of the Michigan National Guard Human Resource Office, HRO, overseeing over twenty-two hundred full time employees. While in this capacity, he led efforts to streamline and increase efficiency within HRO, which created savings for taxpayers. Colonel Williams also fostered increased collaboration between first responders and the Michigan National Guard in disaster planning which earned the State outstanding evaluations for its Vigilant Guard Exercise.

Throughout his career, Colonel Williams has focused not only on professional excellence, but on supporting efforts that have helped his countrymen as well. In 2005, while with the 127th Wing, Colonel Williams coordinated Michigan's assistance for two-hundred and fifty victims of Hurricane Katrina. Additionally, he has worked with the Detroit based Veterans Task Force on veterans employment issues. He has received numerous medals including the Meritorious Service Medal, the National Defense Service Medal and the Air Force Outstanding Unit Award.

Mr. Speaker, Colonel Rodney Williams' twenty-eight years of dedicated service to our men and women of the Armed Forces and to our Country are a testament to his character and I know that his leadership will be missed by the personnel with whom he served.

TRIBUTE TO SHANE GREENLEAF

HON. TOM LATHAM

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 7, 2013

Mr. LATHAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate and recognize Shane Greenleaf for being named a 2013 Forty Under 40 honoree by the award-winning central Iowa publication, Business Record.

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Shane Greenleaf is an Iowa native who grew up in Sioux City and is a University of Northern Iowa alumnus. At UNI, Shane met his wife Jennifer, and together they have two children, Maya and Braxten. Today, Shane is the Vice President of Commercial Banking at First American Bank where he manages a \$50 million loan portfolio. Shane's efforts in the last year have earned him and his organization numerous top lending awards. Outside of work, Shane is actively involved in leadership roles with Candeo and Big Brothers Big Sisters of Central Iowa. In both facets of his life, Mr. Greenleaf is an example of hard work and service that our state can be proud of.

Mr. Speaker, it is a profound honor to represent leaders like Shane in the United States Congress and it is with great pride that I recognize and applaud Mr. Greenleaf for utilizing his talents to better both his community and the great state of Iowa. I invite my colleagues in the House to join me in congratulating Shane on receiving this esteemed designation, thanking those at Business Record for their great work, and wishing each member of the 2013 Forty Under 40 class continued success.

IN RECOGNITION OF CHARLES A.
ADONIZIO AS THE GREATER
PITTSSTON PERSON OF THE YEAR

HON. MATT CARTWRIGHT

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 7, 2013

Mr. CARTWRIGHT. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the life and contributions of Mr. Charles A. Adonizio III who I congratulate on being recently named the Greater Pittston Person of the Year by the Pittston Dispatch.

Mr. Adonizio is the immediate past president of the Greater Pittston Chamber of Commerce. He was selected for Person of the Year for his work in bringing the Hometown Heroes Memorial from idea to reality on the lawn of the chamber. The memorial honors the soldiers and police officers who lost their lives in the line of duty, and another who was severely wounded, from the Greater Pittston area in the past decade.

Adonizio's roots in the Greater Pittston area run deep. He was born in Pittston, graduated from Pittston Area High School, and eventually took over the area family insurance company, Atlas Insurance Group in 1982, from his father, who founded it in 1938. He later added a separate company, Atlas Realty Inc., in 1988, and the two companies are headquartered in the Keystone section of Plains Township.

He married the former Karen Delaney of Hughestown and they have two children. Kristie Adonizio, 22, is student at Champlain College in Burlington, Vt., and Chad Adonizio, 21, a student at Drexel University in Philadelphia.

In 2004, both of Adonizio's businesses received the Small Business of the Year award from the Greater Pittston Chamber of Commerce. He is president of the Greater Wilkes-Barre Association of Realtors, past director and president of the Greater Pittston YMCA and a founding director of Landmark Community Bank.

Please join me in congratulating Mr. Charles Adonizio III on his life and contributions and

on being named the Greater Pittston Person of the Year by the Pittston Dispatch.

TRIBUTE TO MANNING DING

HON. TOM LATHAM

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 7, 2013

Mr. LATHAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the achievements of Manning Ding of Johnston for receiving a coveted Fulbright award to study and conduct research abroad this academic year.

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To receive a Fulbright award is truly a great honor. Recipients of this award must demonstrate significant leadership potential in their chosen field and are selected on the basis of their academic or professional achievement. The experiences provided by this program ensure that tomorrow's leaders are both knowledgeable about the world and well-rounded.

Mr. Speaker, it is a profound honor to represent future leaders like Manning from the great state of Iowa in the United States Congress. I know my colleagues in the House will join me in congratulating her for receiving this prestigious award. I wish her the best of luck in her studies and future career.

RECOGNIZING THE ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF ELIZABETH "LIZ" JACKSON ON THE OCCASION OF HER NINETY-FIFTH BIRTHDAY

HON. GARY C. PETERS

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 7, 2013

Mr. PETERS of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Ms. Elizabeth Jackson and her lifelong commitment to pursuit of social justice, as she and many in the Greater Detroit area celebrate her ninety-fifth birthday. Known to many in the community simply as Liz, she is a proud Detroit resident that has spent decades serving her friends and neighbors.

Liz began her long career almost seventy years ago when she joined the Ford Motor Company at its River Rouge Aluminum Foundry. And like so many who share a passion for building a fairer and more just world, she became involved in her chapter of the United Auto Workers (UAW), Local 600. From the beginning of her involvement in the UAW, Liz was steadfast in her commitment to her brothers and sisters in labor. Over the first twenty

years of her career, her peers elected her to a number of positions on the local board. In recognition of her leadership and dedication, Liz was among the first women appointed to the International UAW in 1966, where she worked with many UAW locals of Ford Motor Company employees. At the International UAW, Liz was an active member of the team making important decisions the national negotiations of fair contracts for Ford workers.

As was the case in her professional work, Liz mirrored those same principles and actions in her volunteer work. In her role as a community activist, Liz has utilized the oration, organizing and analytical thinking skills that she honed in her work with the UAW to serve and support many organizations that share her vision of a world where opportunity is equally accessible to all. Her civic activism includes a period as Vice President of the Michigan Black Caucus and she has been an active member of the Michigan Democratic Party and the Detroit Branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People. In further service to her community, Liz was appointed to the Detroit Fire Commission.

Even after retiring from Ford in 1983, Liz continues to remain active in the fight to build a better future for Detroit and the nation. Just last year, Liz attended the 2012 Democratic National Convention as part of the Michigan delegation and cast her vote for re-nominating President Barak Obama. She describes her time at DNC as a moment in her life that she will always remember. Whether it was an issue to her colleagues at Ford Motor and the UAW or a matter of importance to her neighbors and friends in Detroit and beyond, Liz has displayed an unwavering zeal for making the American ideal of having a fair shot at success available to all. This has earned the recognition and respect of her neighbors and community leaders that often turn to Liz for advice on issues facing Greater Detroit residents.

Mr. Speaker, Liz Jackson's ninety-fifth birthday is yet another impressive milestone in the life of a woman that has been a trailblazer for women in organized labor and public service. Her dedication to the Greater Detroit region and her brothers and sisters in organized labor have undoubtedly been an inspiration for many that have sought to serve their communities. Liz has made such a profound impact on the community she calls home and I wish her continued success in all of her future endeavors.

UNIVERSITY OF NEW MEXICO UNDERGRADUATE MOCK TRIAL TEAM CONGRATULATORY LETTER

HON. BEN RAY LUJÁN

OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 7, 2013

Mr. BEN RAY LUJÁN of New Mexico. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the University of New Mexico Undergraduate Mock Trial Teams.

After competing in Houston and Colorado Springs last year, the University of New Mexico Mock Trial Teams competed in a Regional Tournament in Dallas this February. At the Regional Tournament, the Mock Trial Team

competed with fifteen other schools and performed exceptionally well.

I am very proud of both teams from UNM for their remarkable work at the Regional Tournament in Dallas. The University of New Mexico Mock Trial team is unique in that the

student group is self-coached. These students exemplify true dedication and hard work, and the high scores they received at the Regional Tournament in Dallas is an inspirational achievement. I am impressed by their accomplishments and believe they are deserving of

the praise of their friends, family, and this Congress.

I congratulate these students on their hard work and diligence in competition this past season, and further commend them on their success at the Regional Tournament.