

sense of humor, and his continual love for others. An avid sports fan, Butch enjoyed watching NASCAR races, and cheering for his favorite teams, The San Francisco Giants and The San Jose Sharks.

Butch was born in San Francisco, California in 1961, and met his future wife, Kelly, when they were only ten and eleven years old. In 1985, Butch joined the Santa Cruz Police Department, where he displayed an unwavering commitment to protect and defend the citizens of the City of Santa Cruz. In 1989, Butch earned a Medal of Valor in for his heroic actions following the earthquake. Additionally, Butch earned numerous state and federal law enforcement awards throughout his career.

Butch lost his life in a senseless act of violence, but his legacy will never be forgotten within our community, and throughout the extended law enforcement family. My thoughts are with Sergeant Baker's family, including his wife, Kelly, his daughters, Jillian and Ashley, and his son, Adam.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the memory of Sergeant Loran Lee "Butch" Baker, and to promise that his life and his legacy will never be forgotten.

CELEBRATING SLEEP AWARENESS WEEK

HON. MICHAEL M. HONDA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 13, 2013

Mr. HONDA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today on behalf of the millions of Americans affected by sleep disorders and insufficient sleep and in observance of National Sleep Awareness Week, which occurred last week from March 3rd through 10th.

Sleep disorders affect every age group from infants to the elderly and are often an indicator of, or a precursor to other major diseases and disorders, in addition to being a public health and safety issue. According to the Institute of Medicine's report entitled "Sleep Disorder and Sleep Deprivation: An Unmet Public Health Problem" (2006), 50–70 million Americans chronically suffer from sleep or circadian disorders, while 15% of the population suffers from sleep-disordered breathing, including obstructive sleep apnea. Chronic sleep disorders include insomnia, REM sleep behavior disorder, narcolepsy and other forms of hypersomnia, and circadian disruptions. These disorders negatively affect sleep duration, increasing risk of obesity, diabetes, hypertension, cardiovascular disease, stroke, depression, and substance abuse.

Sleep disorders and sleep deprivation cost \$150 billion annually in lost productivity and \$48 billion in medical costs related to motor vehicle accidents involving drowsy drivers. Sleep apnea results in excessive daytime somnolence, poor performance, increased frequency of road traffic accidents, and arterial hypertension. Prior to diagnosis, patients with sleep apnea often incur higher costs in their overall health care. If left untreated, obstructive sleep apnea has significant negative impacts on health, including early mortality. Furthermore, as our troops return home from Afghanistan and Iraq, there will be great need for continuing research concerning the link between sleep apnea and Post Traumatic Stress

Disorder. A study including 725 active-duty members of the U.S. Armed Forces found that 85% of them had a sleep disorder. The most common was obstructive sleep apnea (51%), followed by insomnia (25%). Through increased federal commitment we can provide the best care to improve the health of those brave Americans who have served in uniform.

New treatment options, enhanced patient care, and future cures will increase the quality of life and productivity of the workforce. Research funding can also spur local economies through discovery of new technologies that can lead to the creation of new jobs. Federal investment in sleep research at the National Institutes of Health National Center on Sleep Disorders Research, are vital to supporting discoveries in the area of sleep disorders and job creation.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in supporting sustained and meaningful improvements in the health and healthcare of the millions of Americans whose health is compromised because of sleep disorders. By increasing awareness of the need for increased research funding, we will be able to continue to examine the links between sleep and health in an effort to improve the health of the population and lower overall healthcare costs.

HONORING THE EXEMPLARY LIFE AND CAREER OF SHERIFF MICHAEL McDONALD

HON. TIM RYAN

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 13, 2013

Mr. RYAN of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to remember and honor the exemplary life and service of Stark County Sheriff Michael McDonald who sadly passed away on February 22nd, 2013. Sheriff McDonald joined the police force at the young age of 18 and over time proved himself to be an effective and talented officer. He served the county in many capacities over his long and illustrious career, including sheriff, chief deputy and jail administrator. The selfless nature that dedicated public servants like Sheriff McDonald embody is what makes our country great.

Sheriff McDonald was a man who gave himself to his community and the people of Stark County, making the lives of those living in the community safer. His legacy will continue to be felt every day as the people and the department that he cared so deeply about continues to protect and serve.

I would like to extend my deepest and heartfelt sympathies to Sheriff McDonald's family: his wife Judy, his son Bradley; his daughter and son-in-law, Kelly and Gabe Moser; his sisters and brother-in-law, Joanne and James Caplea, Laura McDonald and Mary Lou McDonald; sister-in-law, Kelly McDonald; his father and mother-in-law, Paul and Norma Zwick; his in-laws, Rick and Linda Heithoff, Rose Elmerick and John and Sandy Swigert; and his beloved nieces and nephews. I would also like to extend my sympathies to the Sheriff's second family, the men and women of the Stark County Sheriff's Department. Rest assured that his 32 years of devotion to the people of Stark Count will never be forgotten.

HONORING DAVID WENDEL'S 25 YEARS OF SERVICE AS A DEACON TO THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

HON. DENNIS A. ROSS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 13, 2013

Mr. ROSS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the 25 years of service that David Wendel has given to the Catholic Church as a Deacon.

He started as an altar boy at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Lakeland for Father Bryan Walsh. He continued to serve at St. Joseph's and then also started serving at St. John Neumann Catholic Church in Lakeland in the mid-1980s.

Mr. Wendel became one of the first 500 volunteers to join what is now known as AmeriCorps and assist our country.

His commitment to service led him to believe that if you see a problem, you must get involved in fixing it. He encouraged many members of his family to get involved in their communities. Every Saturday he took his nephew, Brian, to visit the elderly and handicapped which helped create a foundation for service in Brian's life.

Mr. Wendel now serves at a church in Georgia.

I want to thank him for his 25 years of service to our community and country.

TRIBUTE TO ANGELA HILBERT

HON. TOM LATHAM

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 13, 2013

Mr. LATHAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate and recognize Angela Hilbert 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.

Angela Hilbert is the Sales and Marketing Director for Deerfield Retirement Community. An Iowa native and graduate of the University of Northern Iowa, Angela always knew she wanted her work to include assisting and influencing those around her. This passion has led Angela to extensive involvement with non-profits in Iowa over the last decade, including the YMCA of Greater Des Moines, the Des Moines Community Playhouse, the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation, and the Easter Seals of Iowa, just to name a few. Angela married her high school sweetheart Rob, and together they live in Urbandale with their daughters, Samantha and Emerson. Indicative of her character, Angela is honored to be among the 2013 Class of Forty Under 40 and

hopes it will serve as another platform to contribute to those around her. In all facets of her life, Angela 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 Angela in the United States Congress and it is with great pride that I recognize and applaud Mrs. Hilbert 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 Angela 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.

RECOGNIZING MARCH AS SOCIAL WORK MONTH

HON. DAVID SCOTT

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 13, 2013

Mr. DAVID SCOTT of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to call your attention to an entire profession of people dedicated to serving the most vulnerable among us. I am referring, of course, to social workers. Social workers have touched the lives of millions of individuals and families in need of emotional, psychological, economic and physical support. They have integrated themselves within our nation's social safety net in order to help meet the basic needs of all people.

These hardworking advocates do not simply provide individuals with the resources they need to resolve their life challenges; they also cultivate a sense of self-reliance to encourage individuals to create their own solutions. Social workers help connect service providers to those in need to weave an ever-growing social safety net, and I commend them for their dedication.

March was officially recognized as National Professional Social Work Month in 1984. Since then social workers around the country, in my community and in yours, have worked to spread awareness of this critical profession. They have reached out not only to service providers and those in need, but also to students and others with the potential to join this noble profession.

To those of you who have joined this hardworking, empathetic and resourceful group of people, I thank you for all the time and energy you have invested in helping others in your community. I hope that you will continue to do so, with the knowledge that your efforts have been recognized and appreciated.

RECOGNIZING ST. FRANCIS MEDICAL CENTER'S VOLUNTEERS

HON. RODNEY ALEXANDER

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 13, 2013

Mr. ALEXANDER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the St. Francis's volunteers who have dedicated their time in service and assistance to the patients of the medical center. These men and women have devoted countless hours to help those during times of need and have made a tremendous impact on the Monroe community.

Specifically, I would like to recognize 10 volunteers for contributing over 25 years of service, some of whom have reached the 30 year milestone: Barbara Roberts (25 years), Mabel Sims (25 years), Mary Hart (28 years), Pat Ham (29 years), Lucille Calk (30 years), Sandra Franklin (30 years), Syble Leigh (30 years), Carolyn Roberts (30 years), Patsy Welch (30 years), and last but not least, Angie Bruscato (38 years).

I would also like to congratulate Ruth Beavers and Talma Turrentine for giving more than 10,000 service hours to St. Francis.

This group is certainly an inspiration to us all as they bring the gift of comfort and hope to countless patients and their families. Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in applauding each volunteer, past and present, for their admirable service and leadership.

HARRISBURG HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL TEAM

HON. JOHN SHIMKUS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 13, 2013

Mr. SHIMKUS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge the outstanding victory of the Harrisburg High School Bulldogs at State Champions.

The Bulldog won the Class 2A State Championship in a 50–44 victory. I would like to congratulate Coach Randy Smithpeters, Assistant Coaches Brandon Henshaw, Richard Dwyer, Dr. Robert Hodson and Eric Griffin who have work hard to help the Harrisburg Bulldogs achieve this victory.

Members of the state championship team include: Logan Hartley, Caleb Bartok, Tyler Smithpeters, Justin Younger, Capel Henshaw, Ryne Roper, Jarren Goldman, Bahari Amaya, Anfernee Houston, Snejolfur Bjornsson, Eli Taborn–Scott, Gabe Oglesby, Jake Simerly, Carson Batts and Dakota Upchurch.

I look forward to the continued success of the Harrisburg High School Bulldogs. I extend my best wishes for another outstanding season next year.

CONGRATULATING BRURIA FINKEL

HON. JULIA BROWNLEY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 13, 2013

Ms. BROWNLEY of California. Mr. Speaker, today, I pay tribute to Bruria Finkel, an award winning painter, sculptor, and installation artist.

Bruria has participated in over sixty art shows in the United States and Europe.

Bruria was a pioneer of the Los Angeles feminist art movement and helped found the Los Angeles Council of Women Artists (LACWA) to protest gender discrimination at LACMA in 1968.

Bruria served as a founding member and Chair of the Santa Monica Arts Commission from 1982 until 1996. She founded the Arts Foundation in the 1980s, presided as Chair of the City's Rent Control Board from 1995 to 2002, and sat on many civic committees over the years.

Bruria has richly contributed to shaping art in Southern California, and has been a long-

time leader in making California's coast a vibrant community for artists as well as the arts.

Mr. Speaker, Bruria's artistic contributions to Southern California have been an inspiration to many. She personifies how artists can shape life in a community. I am proud to have such an accomplished artist in Southern California.

IN HONOR OF COLONEL MERLE PETERSON, US ARMY (RET) AND CAPTAIN DONALD PETERSON, US NAVY (RET) REGARDING THEIR DEDICATION TO OUR SERVICE ACADEMIES AND OUR NATION

HON. TIMOTHY J. WALZ

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 13, 2013

Mr. WALZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to Colonel Merle Peterson, US Army (Ret) and Captain Donald Peterson, US Navy (Ret) for their extraordinary dedication to duty and service to our Nation. These gentlemen served long honorable careers in the United States Military. Upon retirement, both continued to dedicate their lives to ensuring our nation's premier Service Academies attendees included the most talented nominees from the First Congressional District of Minnesota.

Colonel Peterson joined the US Army as an enlisted Soldier in 1948 and served in the Korean War. When he returned home in 1951, Colonel Peterson joined the Army Reserves, serving with the 419th and 407th Civil Affairs Companies from 1956 until 1969. Colonel Peterson attended Winona State University becoming a schoolteacher. Between St. Charles High School and Rochester Kellogg Middle School, Colonel Peterson taught for 31–years.

In 1971, the United States Military Academy selected Colonel Peterson as Academy Liaison Officer for Minnesota's First Congressional District. For over 41 years, Colonel Peterson worked with five Members of Congress of the First Congressional District; assisting over 100 candidates to attend West Point.

Captain Peterson joined the US Naval Air Reserve in 1953 as an enlisted servicemember. He served in that capacity until 1956 when drafted and inducted into the US Army where he spent the next four years. In 1959, Captain Peterson rejoined the Naval Air Reserve and had over 39 years of total military service until his retirement in 1992.

Captain Peterson attended the University of Minnesota Institute of Technology where he attained a degree in mechanical engineering. He purchased his own business, Mississippi Welder Supply Company currently located in three states with ten different branches.

In 1984, the United States Naval Academy selected Captain Peterson to be a Blue & Gold Officer. He has represented the Naval Academy in Southeastern Minnesota for 29 years. Captain Peterson interviewed countless candidates over the years helping many highly qualified Midshipmen enter the Naval Academy.

Mr. Speaker, I seek to recognize the dedication and selfless service both Colonel and Captain Peterson provided the United States Military, the United States Service Academies,