

performers Chris Montez, Fabian, Johnny Tillotson and Kathy Young.

Since 1984, Nyla has served as the President of the Hollywood Arts Council, creating several programs such as the Children's Festival of the Arts and the Charlie Awards Luncheon, which is held annually. Through her unparalleled leadership, the Council has brought the arts to more than 15,000 elementary school children, and over 70,000 people who have attended the Children's Festival, which is also an annual event.

Nyla has served on numerous boards including the Greater Griffith Park Neighborhood Council, the Hollywood Chamber of Commerce, and now serves on the board of the Los Feliz Improvement Association. She has received many well-deserved honors, including the Buddy Collette Award, the Award of Excellence by the Women's Club of Hollywood, and the Hollywood Star Award, which she received with her husband.

I ask all Members to join me today in honoring an outstanding woman of California's 28th Congressional District, Nyla Arslanian, for her exceptional service to the community.

HONORING THE LIFE OF R.D.
"DAN" MUSSER

HON. DAN BENISHEK

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 17, 2013

Mr. BENISHEK. Mr. Speaker, I would like to honor the life of R.D. "Dan" Musser, owner of the Grand Hotel on Mackinac Island, who passed on at the age of 80 on April 13, 2013.

Born in Circleville, Ohio in 1932, Mr. Musser graduated from Dartmouth College and served in the U.S. Army during the Korean War. After returning in 1951, Mr. Musser went to work at the Grand Hotel on Mackinac Island, Michigan, which was owned by his family. In order not to show favoritism, his uncle W. Stewart Woodfill, who was the hotel's owner, had Mr. Musser work twice the number of hours other employees did while learning about the operations of the hotel.

Mr. Musser became the manager of the hotel in 1960, when he doubled the number of rooms in the establishment and extended the hours of the hotel during the summer season. Mr. and Mrs. Musser purchased the hotel from W. Stewart Woodfill in 1979.

During the Musser's ownership of the hotel, Mr. Musser worked to run the large hotel with an impeccable attention to detail and a level of personal service found in much smaller establishments. Mr. Musser often wrote over 50 handwritten notes to employees of the Grand Hotel a day regarding items needing attention. During his tenure as owner, the Grand Hotel became a National Historical Landmark in 1989.

In addition to his work at the Grand Hotel, Mr. Musser served as Chairman of the Michigan Travel Commission, Chairman of the Mackinac Island Public Works Commission, and was remembered as a civic pillar. When not working to improve the Grand Hotel and Mackinac Island, Mr. and Mrs. Musser also enjoyed raising show dogs, his Scottish terrier, Sadie earned the prestigious "Best in Show" at the 2010 American Kennel Club Dog Show.

Survived by his wife, three children, and seven grandchildren, Musser's great legacy in-

cludes building the Grand Hotel into what it is today and working to share Northern Michigan hospitality and beautiful summers with all citizens. On behalf of all residents of the First Congressional District of Michigan, I wish to express my condolences to the Musser family and salute R.D. Musser's contribution to our state and country.

THE TAIWAN RELATIONS ACT

HON. JOHN J. DUNCAN, JR.

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 17, 2013

Mr. DUNCAN of Tennessee. Mr. Speaker, the Taiwan Relations Act, signed into law more than 34 years ago on April 10, 1979 by President Jimmy Carter, officially recognizes the unique relationship between Taiwan and the United States.

Taiwan acknowledges and represents the many liberties and freedoms the United States holds dear, and is a dependable ally and friend in the Western Pacific.

Our countries share a strategic partnership. The United States should continue to support the ideals of Democracy and strengthen our relationship with Taiwan, a reliable partner in a very strategic part of the world.

HONORING THE COLLEGE OF CENTRAL FLORIDA'S MEN'S BASKETBALL TEAM FOR WINNING THE NJCAA NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

HON. RICHARD B. NUGENT

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 17, 2013

Mr. NUGENT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor College of Central Florida men's basketball team for their heroic win in the NJCAA National Championship.

On March 23, 2013, the College of Central Florida Patriots faced Northwest Florida State in the NJCAA national championship game. Early on, the Patriots built a 15-point lead and managed to fend off a late charge by their opponents to bring back the school's first ever national championship in men's basketball.

During the game, Eugene McCrory scored 23 points and earned the Most Valuable Player award. Rasham Suarez also earned all-tournament honors for the school and Central Florida Coach Tim Ryan won the award for the tournament's best coach.

The win makes the Patriots the third team from Florida to win the national championship and it is the first such win for a Florida team in almost twenty years.

This historic win is a testament to what can be accomplished when sound leadership and hard work combine to pursue a specific goal. The win is a true credit to Coach Ryan and the entire CF community who rallied around these young men and helped them through till the final whistle.

The team has made our community very proud and I know that it is a sign of more good things to come in the years ahead.

A TRIBUTE TO HEIDI SHINK

HON. ADAM B. SCHIFF

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 17, 2013

Mr. SCHIFF. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of Women's History Month. Each year, we pay special tribute to the contributions and sacrifices made by our nation's women. It is an honor to pay homage to outstanding women who are making a difference in my Congressional District.

I would like to recognize an exceptional woman, Heidi Shink of West Hollywood, California, who for many years has been an avid community leader and political activist.

Heidi is an Advocacy Board Member for the National Council of Jewish Women, Vice President of Communications for the Stonewall Democratic Club, a Commissioner for Human Services in the City of West Hollywood, a liaison to West Hollywood's Women's Advisory Board, and Board Member of Liberty Hill's Community Funding Board, Victory Fund's Campaign Board, Democrats For Israel, and the Los Angeles Gay and Lesbian Chamber of Commerce. In 2013, Heidi ran as a candidate and was elected to the California Democratic Party's State Central Committee.

Heidi Shink has had a dynamic and multi-dimensional professional career. After graduating from New York University, she landed a record deal with her band, Ceremony. She performed for audiences worldwide, as a co-lead singer, along with Chaz Bono. After working with the band for a decade, she became a Senior Producer at the E! Entertainment Network. Heidi has also co-authored a health book titled 3 Minutes to a Pain-Free Life (Simon & Schuster, 2006) and a wine guide titled Wineology (Globe Pequot Press, 2012). Heidi is a writer for the Huffington Post Gay Voices and hosts "The Shink Tank: Politics for the People" on CBS radio and LATALKLIVE.

I ask all Members to join me in honoring a truly remarkable woman of California's 28th Congressional District, Heidi Shink.

JANEICE LONGORIA—A SPECIAL ADVOCATE FOR OUR PORTS

HON. TED POE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 17, 2013

Mr. POE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to recognize the newest Chairman of the Port of Houston Commission, the first woman ever appointed to the position, Janeice Longoria. In my role as the Co-Founder and Co-Chair of the Congressional PORTS Caucus, I have enjoyed working with the Port of Houston and was delighted to learn of Janeice's appointment back in January. Since she first joined the Port Commission in 2002, Janeice has been an effective advocate for the port. She has also been a strong voice for businesses along the ship channel and within port-related industries.

Just a few weeks ago, Chairman Longoria joined me and several Texas-based companies at a roundtable event that I hosted at the Port of Houston to help raise awareness about the need for Custom and Border Protection

agents to share certain identifying information regarding potential counterfeit goods with intellectual property rights-holders. The roundtable focused on economic impact that counterfeit goods have on the national and local economies, on U.S. jobs and on American ingenuity. Chairman Longoria's recognized the role that ports play in helping to limit counterfeit goods from entering the U.S. marketplace.

Chairman Longoria's Texas ties run deep and so does her Longhorn pride. An honors graduate of the University of Texas for both her undergraduate and law degrees, she is also a former Vice Chairman of the University of Texas System Board of Regents and a Founder of both the Center for Women in Law and the Kay Bailey Hutchison Center for the Study of Latin American Law at the University of Texas School of Law. She is also on the Board of Directors of the University of Texas Law School Foundation.

In the Houston area, Chairman Longoria's contributions exceed far beyond the Port. She currently serves on the Board of Directors for the Texas Medical Center, MD Anderson Visitors Center, the Greater Houston Partnership, Center Point Energy, and the Galveston Bay Area Foundation. Her service to many great causes throughout the state earned her the Sandra Day O'Connor Award for Board Excellence in 2008.

Needless to say, her resume is impressive and her commitment to public service is admirable. I appreciate her dedication to the State of Texas and to the City of Houston and look forward to working with her to raise awareness of the importance of the Port of Houston to the entire nation. And that's just the way it is.

A PROCLAMATION DECLARING
THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 17-23,
2013 AS CHILDHOOD CANCER
AWARENESS WEEK

HON. ALAN S. LOWENTHAL

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 17, 2013

Mr. LOWENTHAL. Mr. Speaker, I submit the following proclamation.

Whereas, the American Cancer Fund for Children and Kids Cancer Connection report cancer is the leading cause of death by disease among children in the United States. This tragic disease is detected in nearly 15,000 of our nation's young people each and every year; and

Whereas, founded nearly twenty years ago by Steven Firestein, a member of the philanthropic Max Factor family, the American Cancer Fund for Children, Inc. and sister organization, Kids Cancer Connection, Inc. are dedicated to helping these children and their families; and

Whereas, the American Cancer Fund for Children and Kids Cancer Connection provide a variety of vital patient psychosocial services to children undergoing cancer treatment at the Los Angeles County-USC Medical Center, Mattel Children's Hospital at Ronald Reagan-UCLA Medical Center, Miller Children's Hospital-Long Beach, as well as participating hospitals throughout the country, thereby enhancing the quality of life for these children and their families; and

Whereas, through its uniquely sensitive and comforting Magical Caps for Kids program, the

American Cancer Fund for Children and Kids Cancer Connection distributes thousands of beautifully hand made caps and decorated baseball caps to children who want to protect their heads following the trauma of chemotherapy, surgery and/or radiation treatments; and

Whereas, the American Cancer Fund for Children and Kids Cancer Connection also sponsor nationwide Courageous Kid recognition award ceremonies and hospital celebrations in honor of a child's determination and bravery to fight the battle against childhood cancer.

Now therefore, U.S. Representative ALAN LOWENTHAL declares the week of February 17-23, 2013 as Childhood Cancer Awareness Week.

IN RECOGNITION OF ST. JAMES
CHRISTIAN METHODIST EPIS-
COPAL CHURCH'S 155TH ANNI-
VERSARY

HON. SANFORD D. BISHOP, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 17, 2013

Mr. BISHOP of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, it is my honor and pleasure to extend my sincere congratulations to the congregation of St. James Christian Methodist Episcopal Church in Columbus, Georgia as the church's membership and leadership celebrates 155 years. The congregation of St. James CME Church will celebrate this significant anniversary with a series of events including Revival and a musical extravaganza and culminating in a morning Worship Service and afternoon Anniversary Celebration on Sunday, April 21, 2013 in Columbus, Georgia.

This upcoming anniversary celebration will enable church members, local religious leaders, elected officials and other individuals throughout the Columbus, Georgia metropolitan area to pay tribute to the members of St. James CME Church who have positively contributed to the spiritual maturation and personal development of those in the Columbus, Georgia metropolitan area and beyond.

St. James CME Church traces its historical roots back to the 1800s when a group of dedicated Christian pioneers in Chattahoochee County, Georgia built with bushes and sticks a scant structure on land donated by white landowners. This structure was replaced by a log cabin built with wood also donated by the landowners. When the land was returned to the owners, the small congregation moved several times, ultimately settling on the present site where the first brick structure was built.

In 1858, St. James CME Church was organized as a Negro congregation of the Methodist Episcopal Church South. It became St. James Colored Methodist Episcopal Church in 1870 in Jackson, Tennessee before the name "Colored" was changed to "Christian" at the 1954 General Conference. St. James received a donation of property in Chattahoochee County and remained there until 1918 before moving to Muscogee County, where it has had several locations. The first cornerstone at the present location, 380 Dawson Drive, later renamed Northstar Drive, was laid in 1936 with the Reverend I.D. Mitchell as Pastor and the Reverend S.A. Thomas as Presiding Elder.

St. James Christian Methodist Episcopal Church, "God's Glowing Star on Northstar," has been under the pastorate of the Reverend Leon C. Moore, Jr. since July 2012. The story of St. James, which began during a dark and divided time in our nation's history, is a truly inspiring one of the dedication and perseverance of a faithful congregation of people who put all their love and trust in the Lord.

Mr. Speaker, today I ask my colleagues to join me in paying tribute to the St. James Christian Methodist Episcopal Church in Columbus, Georgia for their long history of coming together through the good and difficult times to praise and worship our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

A TRIBUTE TO GAIL SCHAPER-
GORDON

HON. ADAM B. SCHIFF

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 17, 2013

Mr. SCHIFF. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of Women's History Month. Each year, we pay special tribute to the contributions and sacrifices made by our nation's women. It is an honor to pay homage to outstanding women who are making a difference in my Congressional District.

I would like to recognize Dr. Gail Schaper-Gordon, of Pasadena, California, whose work in her private practice and in her community focuses on building leadership skills, teamwork and motivating people to reach their full potential.

Dr. Schaper-Gordon received her B.S. in Sociology from UC Irvine and her Ph.D. in Clinical Psychology from the California School of Professional Psychology. She is the CEO Group Chair of Vistage International, which provides executive coaching and group facilitation of peer advisory groups for business owners, President of Win-Win Workplace Solutions, an executive and management consulting company, and is a Business Psychologist.

A consummate volunteer, some of Gail's past volunteer activities include membership in Zonta International and the National Women's Political Caucus, and serving on the boards of the Valley Industry and Commerce Association (VICA), where she chaired various committees, and the Pasadena-Foothill Valley YWCA. Gail is a Leadership San Fernando Valley Graduate, and is a past Board Member of Leadership Pasadena. Dr. Schaper-Gordon has been involved in many professional organizations, such as the National Register of Health Service Providers, the California Psychological Association, where she served as Past Chair of the Statewide Governmental Affairs Committee, and the San Fernando Valley Psychological Association, where she served as Chapter President. Current volunteer activities include serving as Program Chair for the Kiwanis Club of Pasadena, and as a Board Member of the Pasadena Chamber of Commerce. In addition, Gail provides free services to local non-profit organizations each year.

Gail's passion for educating and motivating people is evident in the many workshops and presentations she's given, such as Working with Difficult People in Public Settings at the Valley Alliance of Neighborhood Councils, Motivating Employees at the VICA Business