

# EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

## RECOGNIZING HIGH SCHOOL RADIO DAY

**HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKY**

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, April 26, 2013*

Mr. VISCLOSKY. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride and sincerity that I rise in recognition of High School Radio Day 2013. This year marks the second annual High School Radio Day, a day to observe the uniqueness of each high school radio station and the impact each has on the community, the State, and the Nation at large. Indiana is the birthplace of high school radio. The first station in the United States, WNAS, signed on in May, 1949 in New Albany, Indiana. In the following decades, the students working for high school radio stations in northwest Indiana have exhibited outstanding ingenuity, intellect, and leadership as the stations have grown and thrived.

In 1954, high school radio arrived in northwest Indiana with the formation of WGVE-FM 88.7 radio in Gary. First housed in Lew Wallace High School, the station relocated to its current home of the Gary Area Career Center in 1969. WGVE-FM 88.7 began operating at less than 50 watts, but the station has evolved to become the home of a wide array of community news, educational programming, public service announcements, and music. The station keeps local residents connected to their government by broadcasting meetings of the Gary School Board and Gary Common Council.

For over 35 years, WDSO-FM 88.3, Chesterton High School's commercial-free, educational station has broadcast valuable programming to listeners throughout northwest Indiana. It took nearly two years of planning and careful work with the Federal Communications Commission to take the station on-air, with broadcasts beginning in 1976. Since that time, the station broadcasts local, State, and national news coverage, as well as sports coverage and live broadcasts from town meetings, the Duneland School Board, and the Community Bulletin Board. WDSO-FM 88.3 was also one of the first radio stations to use fiber optic cable to transport a radio signal over a mile and a half from the studio to the transmitter.

It is with great credit not only to the dedicated and passionate students who operate these stations but the administrators that ensure their continued success that high school radio stations still leave their indelible mark on the people of northwest Indiana. Specifically, Eric Johnson, Clarence Stevens, Sarita Stevens, Lakisha Walls, and Lionel Chambers, at WGVE-FM 88.7, as well as Michele Stipanovich and Matthew Waters at WDSO-FM 88.3, have done outstanding work to grow their respective stations. These individuals deserve recognition for their committed, energetic approach to the development of bright

young students eager to learn the ways of broadcast journalism.

Mr. Speaker, at this time, I ask that you and my distinguished colleagues join me in recognizing these two exemplary student organizations, as well as each of the 43 high school radio stations from 19 States participating in High School Radio Day 2013. Their efforts have molded and continue to mold generations of rising journalists, performing a vital public service for all Americans.

## HONORING THE STATE OF QATAR AND HIS HIGHNESS SHEIKH, HAMAD BIN KHALIFAH AL-THANI

**HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, April 26, 2013*

Mrs. CAROLYN B. MALONEY of New York. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to welcome His Highness Sheikh, Hamad Bin Khalifah Al-Thani, the Amir of Qatar, on his visit to the United States and express my deep appreciation for the strong and growing friendship between our two countries. I also would like to recognize the State of Qatar for their promotion of democracy and higher education.

Qatar is a critical ally and is host to our troops at Al Udeid (OODADE), the largest U.S. military air base on foreign soil, in Doha which continues to be invaluable to our efforts in the region. Qatar is also particularly important because of its efforts to promote democracy and the right to vote around the world. I know this because I traveled to Qatar in 1999 to celebrate its first democratic elections—the first in which a Gulf Cooperation Council state allowed women to vote and run for office. It was a momentous occasion. Allowing women to vote and giving them the opportunity to run for office was a major step forward in the democratic transformation of Qatar. Today they continue to boldly support democratic ideals by making great strides in education.

Now, with the help of the leadership of Her Highness Sheikha Mozah Bint Nasser Al-Missned, women have the ability to earn a college degree in Qatar's Education City. This visionary woman is the moving force behind showing people everywhere how important and powerful the voices of women can be not just in Qatar, but around the world. This has not only been important for the rights of women, but it has helped the country further develop its educational offerings. Today, Education City houses branch campuses from some of the world's most prestigious institutions of higher learning, including Cornell University's Weill Medical College, Georgetown University's School of Foreign Service, Northwestern University, Texas A&M University, and Virginia Commonwealth University. This unprecedented support for education in the region has helped women in their fight for equal-

ity and has made Qatar a beacon of higher education in the region and around the world.

## RESPONSIBLE HELIUM ADMINISTRATION AND STEWARDSHIP ACT

SPEECH OF

**HON. MICHAEL M. HONDA**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, April 25, 2013*

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 527) to amend the Helium Act to complete the privatization of the Federal helium reserve in a competitive market fashion that ensures stability in the helium markets while protecting the interests of American taxpayers, and for other purposes:

Mr. HONDA. Mr. Chair, I regret that I am unable to be in Washington, DC, today to cast a vote in support of H.R. 527, The Responsible Helium Administration and Stewardship Act. This bipartisan, commonsense plan will prevent a global helium shortage, protect jobs and the economy, and ensure a fairer return for taxpayers while we take the time to determine a long-term strategy to deal with our nation's helium needs.

Representing Silicon Valley, I know firsthand how dependent high-tech manufacturing and scientific research labs are on helium. Helium is needed by hospitals for life-saving medical diagnostic tools like magnetic resonance imaging, and it is critical to our national defense.

Unfortunately, the frenzy to slash the government that accompanied the Gingrich Republican revolution in 1996 led to legislation to sell and privatize the Federal Helium Reserve and caused the situation we face today—in October, the Reserve will no longer be able to sell the remaining 11 billion cubic feet of helium, which will create an immediate worldwide helium shortage and cut the domestic supply by nearly half.

H.R. 527 will prevent this shortage and promote market-based reforms by implementing a three-phase system for operating the Federal Helium Reserve until the Reserve is emptied of helium. In addition, it will ensure that taxpayers get a fair return for this resource. While this bill is not the long-term strategy on helium that we need, it does prevent a short-term crisis and allow time for a transition to a new paradigm.

Numerous industry groups and companies based in my Silicon Valley district have expressed their support for the bill, and I join them in expressing my support for H.R. 527. I would also like to express my support for the Collins/Scott Amendment, the Holt Amendment, and the Thornberry Amendment, and my opposition to the Dent/Higgins/Esty Amendment.

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HONORING IRENE GARAS

**HON. JOSEPH CROWLEY**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, April 26, 2013*

Mr. CROWLEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of Irene Garas and in recognition of her centennial birthday on April 29, 2013.

Irene Garas is a truly remarkable woman. As a Holocaust survivor, she has been a courageous example of perseverance and tenacity. During World War II, Irene, her daughter, Kathy, and her sister, Margaret, all avoided capture when the Nazis occupied Hungary. Irene escaped the deportation of virtually all Jewish residents in her community by hiding in an armoire in her apartment complex, ultimately obtaining forged papers identifying her with an alternate surname. She secured papers not only for herself, but also for Kathy and Margaret, helping them to avoid capture as well. Irene's first husband, Louis, was also incredibly daring, escaping from a labor camp to avoid deportation to another camp outside of Hungary in 1945.

After World War II, Irene's brother, who already lived in the United States, obtained visas that allowed a number of family members and friends to immigrate. Irene and seven other family members and friends left for America on the SS Washington from England, and arrived in New York City in March 1948. Before World War II, Irene was a well-respected corsetiere in her Hungarian hometown. When she arrived in the United States, she used her business skills and leadership abilities to open her own store in New York City—helping her to live the American dream.

Irene is cherished by her two children, Kathy and Andrew, her grandchildren—Gary, Michael, Julie, Lisa and Ira—and her five great-grandchildren: Chase, Alexa, Cydney, Zoe and Owen.

Like so many immigrants throughout our history, Irene fled from incredible danger and hardship to seek out liberties that many of us take for granted: the freedom to be herself and the ability to shape her own future. She is a role model for her community, and as a fellow New Yorker, it is an honor to acknowledge her during this momentous milestone in her life.

Mr. Speaker, I join with her family, friends, and neighbors in celebrating Irene Garas for her bravery, accomplishments and contributions to our community. I wish her many more joyous years.

98TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE  
ARMENIAN GENOCIDE**HON. SANDER M. LEVIN**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, April 26, 2013*

Mr. LEVIN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the 98th anniversary of the Armenian Genocide.

For far too long, too many have failed to properly acknowledge this tragedy, let alone commemorate it and honor the lives of its victims. Indeed, despite reams of historical evidence, the actions of the Ottoman Empire 98 years ago have often been labeled something other than what they actually were: genocide.

In 1915, the government of the Ottoman Empire started a vicious and systematic campaign of genocide against the Armenian people. What began with the killing of 300 Armenian leaders ultimately resulted in the deaths of one and a half million people and the forced exile of another 500,000.

The chilling scale of this tragedy demands that we continue to commemorate the Armenian Genocide, and remember those who were lost. Throughout my time in Congress, I have cosponsored House resolutions that have affirmed the U.S. record regarding the true nature of this ethnic extermination, and honored its victims and survivors.

We must do all we can to ensure that the historical record contains the absolute truth—a commitment that will help fight against a sense of impunity. Through recognition and remembrance of the Armenian Genocide, we raise awareness of “man’s inhumanity to man,” helping to stop similar tragedies from happening in the future.

I respectfully request that all my colleagues join me today in honoring the victims and survivors of the Armenian Genocide.

AWARDING CONGRESSIONAL GOLD  
MEDAL TO ADDIE MAE COLLINS,  
DENISE MCNAIR, CAROLE ROBERTSON,  
AND SYNTHIA WESLEY

SPEECH OF

**HON. AL GREEN**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 24, 2013*

Mr. AL GREEN of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I stand in solidarity with my colleagues in the commemoration of the 50th anniversary of the bombing of the Sixteenth Street Baptist Church in Birmingham, Alabama. On that Sunday morning of September 15, 1963, twenty-two people were wounded and four young African American girls, Addie Mae Collins, Cynthia Wesley, Carole Robertson, as well as Denise McNair lost their lives in an act of racial hatred.

The Sixteenth Street Baptist Church was a prime target because of its landmark status in the Civil Rights Movement, having hosted civil rights leaders, including Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. However, these individuals, who sought to strike fear in the hearts of those fighting for civil and human rights, undoubtedly failed. The bombing of these innocent individuals seeking to find solace in their spiritual faith redoubled the ardor of those fighting against racial prejudice and for equality.

Having been born into segregation, I know the sting of invidious discrimination. Nevertheless, it is heartening to see that all these years later we have made much positive progress toward equality as evidenced by the election of President Barack Obama and my own election to Congress. Notwithstanding the many strides toward freedom, the righteous struggle against hatred in all its forms continues. Let us today reaffirm our abiding commitment for human and civil rights for all.

In closing, Mr. Speaker, I wholeheartedly endorse and support H.R. 360, which posthumously awards a Congressional Gold Medal to Addie Mae Collins, Denise McNair, Carole Robertson, and Cynthia Wesley, in recognition of the 50th commemoration of the bombing of the Sixteenth Street Baptist Church.

IN RECOGNITION OF ISRAEL'S 65TH  
INDEPENDENCE DAY**HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, April 26, 2013*

Mrs. CAROLYN B. MALONEY of New York. Mr. Speaker, I rise to celebrate Israel's 65th Independence Day. Sixty-five years ago, the day before the expiration of the British Mandate, Prime Minister David Ben-Gurion declared the establishment of Israel as the national home for the Jewish people. The celebrations taking place today in New York and across the country commemorate that inaugural event and underscore the special bond between the United States and Israel.

On November 29, 1947, the United Nations issued resolution 181, which approved the Special Committee on Palestine's partition plan establishing a Jewish state. On May 14, 1948 (the 5th of Iyar, 5708 according to the Jewish calendar), the day before the British mandate expired, David Ben-Gurion read the Declaration of the Establishment of the State of Israel in the main hall of what was then the Tel Aviv Museum. President Harry S. Truman waited only minutes to issue the United States' formal recognition of the Jewish State.

Today, Israel remains a beacon of hope and democracy in the Middle East. Throughout its history, Israel has been a safe haven for Jews across the world who have faced persecution and repression. Nonetheless, Israelis have yet to know one day without war. Constantly under attack, Israel has rightfully defended its citizens while also searching for a true partner in peace. Americans strongly identify with Israel's historic struggle for independence and continued hope for a peaceful future. With shared values and shared ideals, Israel is the United States' closest ally in the Middle East. I remain hopeful for a long-term peace agreement so that Israel and its neighbors can finally know peace.

Israel draws its strength from the diversity and tenacity of its people. Israel has demonstrated that a small country with few natural resources, surrounded by hostile nations that deny its right to exist, can still thrive, thanks to its smart investments, an entrepreneurial culture, and a people determined to succeed.

Today, Israel is a center of scientific, medical and technological innovation, and a leader in agriculture, water purification, alternative energy and public health. Israel has more high tech start ups and a larger venture capital industry per capita than any other country in the world. In 2010, Israel became a member of the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD), marking it as one of the world's most highly developed economies.

Adversity has challenged Israel to innovate in ways that have improved lives across the globe. Lacking potable water, Israel has invested in desalination plants that have significantly reduced its need to pump water from the Sea of Galilee. Lacking arable land, it developed drip irrigation systems that are now being implemented in other desert countries. Lacking energy, it has pioneered advances in solar and wind energy. Lacking security, it has built some of the most effective security products and strategies.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in celebrating the 65th Israeli Independence Day. Today we rejoice in Israel's virtues, embrace its people, and renew our nation's commitment to standing alongside Israel in defense of its right to safety and prosperity. Am Yisrael Chai—the people of Israel live!

RECOGNIZING THE 300TH ANNIVERSARY OF POMFRET, CONNECTICUT

**HON. JOE COURTNEY**

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, April 26, 2013*

Mr. COURTNEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 300th anniversary of the Town of Pomfret, Connecticut, located in the 2nd Congressional District. The citizens of this community will celebrate the anniversary with festivities on May 22, 2013.

Rich with history and tradition, the Town of Pomfret has retained much of its old-time charm and beauty for which many of the New England communities are so famous. It is nestled in the rolling hills of northeastern Connecticut and is one of the diminishing number of communities in our part of the country which still maintains a rustic and gentle way of life so characteristic of America a generation or two ago.

The Town of Pomfret was settled by pioneer colonists and incorporated in the year 1713. Because of its beautiful location and its rural atmosphere, it has been for many years a summer resort for city dwellers. It still boasts active farms, with apple and peach orchards and dairy farms in its 38 square miles. The town has overwhelmingly approved the preservation of over 1200 acres of open space in the course of the last decade.

The 300th Anniversary of the town will actually be observed over the full year of 2013 and many events have been planned by committee working diligently over the past few years. Festivities began with a Coast Guard Dixieland Jazz Band Concert, a Commemorative Quilt has been made by residents, displayed at various locations, and will be presented to the town, Pomfret was Grand Marshall in the area's Holiday Parade, there have been ice-skating parties, walking events, artwork displayed, and a special Tercentennial Ball has been planned.

Historical phases of the event include a self-guided historical tour map showcasing many historic homes and public buildings, a program of Characters from Colonial Connecticut, a talk by State Archaeologist Nick Bellantoni about aboriginal inhabitants, CT Women's Suffrage Program, an historical talk on General Israel Putnam—a Revolutionary War hero—and a commemorative postmark.

As the Representative of Putnam in the U.S. House, I want to pay a well-deserved tribute to those early settlers of Pomfret who helped build our country through their hard work, struggles, and sacrifices. The record of their achievements lives to this day in the hearts and memories of their descendants who can take pride in the legacy handed down to them, a legacy of patriotism and devotion to our nation. Mr. Speaker, I salute the citizens of Pomfret on this festive occasion. All of us in eastern Connecticut take great pride in this

community. I am confident that Pomfret's 300th anniversary will be a great and successful event, and I hope that the next 300 years in the history of this community will be as happy and prosperous for its people as it has been in the past.

RECOGNIZING THE HONORABLE RICHARD OTTINGER

**HON. NITA M. LOWEY**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, April 26, 2013*

Mrs. LOWEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Honorable Richard Ottinger, Esq. for his lifetime of public service. His indefatigable dedication to his community and his students is an inspiration to us all.

As a Member of Congress for 16 years, Mr. Ottinger proudly represented the people of New York's 25th, 24th, and 20th districts. As one of the earliest environmentalists in Congress in 1965, Mr. Ottinger authored a substantial number of energy and environmental laws. He served as chairman of the House Energy and Commerce Energy Conservation and Power Subcommittee, where he was instrumental in adopting critical energy and environmental legislation. Notably, Mr. Ottinger was the chief sponsor of the Public Utility Regulatory Policy Act of 1978 and the Conservation Service Reform Act of 1984.

Prior to his service in Congress, Mr. Ottinger served in the United States Air Force for two years. He was discharged as a Captain in 1957 and was admitted to the New York bar, where he practiced international and corporate law. He then became one of the founders and second staff member of the Peace Corps, where he served as director of programs for the west coast of South America from 1961 to 1964.

Upon retiring from Congress in 1984, Mr. Ottinger joined Pace Law School as a Professor in the Environmental Law Program. As co-director of the Center for Environmental Legal Studies, he founded the Pace Energy Project in 1987, later renamed the Pace Energy and Climate Center. The Center, which raises \$900,000 per year, advocates for utility investment in conservation and renewable energy resources. In December 1994, Mr. Ottinger was appointed Dean of the Law School, where he served until 1999. Mr. Ottinger currently serves as Dean Emeritus of the Law School.

Throughout his illustrious career, Mr. Ottinger has been honored with a number of awards, including the 2009 EPA Environmental Quality Award. Pace Law School will also be honoring Mr. Ottinger with the dedication of the Richard L. Ottinger Hall on April 30.

I urge my colleagues to join me in honoring the Honorable Richard Ottinger's tremendous accomplishments.

CONGRATULATING THOMAS BARNES

**HON. BRUCE L. BRALEY**

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, April 26, 2013*

Mr. BRALEY of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Thomas Barnes on re-

ceiving the Champions of Courage recognition from the White House. This program recognizes individuals who do extraordinary things to empower and inspire members of their communities. Thomas has empowered many of Iowa's needy children through his service.

Thomas has chaired the Marion-East Cedar Rapids Rotary Club's "Shoes for Kids" program since 2003. This program started in two local school districts, but was quickly expanded as the need grew. Through this program, Thomas and his fellow Rotarians have raised over \$50,000 to provide over 3,500 Iowa children with shoes.

Thomas has also used this program to support children affected by natural disasters. In May 2008, an E-5 tornado devastated the town of Parkersburg, Iowa. Weeks later, Cedar Rapids was inundated by floodwaters. Thomas made an appeal to Rotarians nationwide to assist these children that had lost everything. Recently, Thomas sent eighty pairs of shoes with a fellow Rotarian participating in a polio immunization campaign in Nigeria to donate to a local orphanage.

Thomas Barnes has positively impacted the lives of thousands of children and I'm honored to represent him in Congress. I congratulate him receiving this special acknowledgment from the White House. I wish Thomas and the rest of the Rotary Club well in the future of their Shoes for Kids program.

147TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE FOUNDING OF THE ASPCA

**HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, April 26, 2013*

Mrs. CAROLYN B. MALONEY of New York. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (ASPCA). The ASPCA, headquartered in my congressional district on the East side of Manhattan, was founded 147 years ago this month. The oldest animal welfare organization in the United States, the ASPCA is the leading voice for the prevention of cruelty to animals in New York City and nationwide.

This past year, the ASPCA answered the call to help families and animals affected by Hurricane Sandy in my district and all across New York City. When families were displaced by the hurricane, the ASPCA set up a temporary boarding facility where pets remained safe and properly cared for while families worked to rebuild or find permanent housing. In the aftermath of the storm, the ASPCA was in Sandy-affected areas to rescue and reunite animals with their families, distribute critical supplies, and provide veterinary care for impacted animals. More than 300 animals were rescued by ASPCA responders after Sandy, and through a pet supply distribution network and mobile wellness clinics, the ASPCA assisted tens of thousands of animals in storm-affected areas of New York City and Long Island.

I am proud to congratulate the ASPCA and its over 2.5 million supporters nationwide on the organization's 147th anniversary. They continue to be the voice of those unable to speak for themselves.

AWARDING CONGRESSIONAL GOLD MEDAL TO ADDIE MAE COLLINS, DENISE McNAIR, CAROLE ROBERTSON, AND CYNTHIA WESLEY

SPEECH OF

**HON. KEITH J. ROTHFUS**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 24, 2013*

Mr. ROTHFUS. Mr. Speaker, I want to commend my colleagues from Alabama, Ms. SEWELL and Mr. BACHUS for their work on H.R. 360. I was pleased to support awarding the Congressional Gold Medal to Addie Mae Collins, Denise McNair, Carole Robertson, and Cynthia Wesley in commemoration of the 1963 bombing of the Sixteenth Street Baptist Church. Bestowing this honor is a fitting tribute to these young girls who are martyrs in the cause for freedom and justice. May we never forget the sacrifice of these young girls and their families and the impact it had on the United States civil rights movement.

HONORING THE BRADFORD COUNTY HUMANE SOCIETY AND THE AMERICAN SOCIETY FOR THE PREVENTION OF CRUELTY TO ANIMALS

**HON. TOM MARINO**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, April 26, 2013*

Mr. MARINO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Bradford County Humane Society of Ulster, Pennsylvania, and the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (ASPCA), for their efforts to save the lives of shelter animals in my district.

The Bradford County Humane Society provides care to homeless and abused pets, and investigates reports of animal cruelty in the community. When staff at the Humane Society realized their shelter in Ulster needed a new animal transport vehicle to carry out their life-saving work more efficiently, the organization turned to the ASPCA for assistance.

The ASPCA is a key player in animal welfare philanthropy, and has provided funds for animal welfare programs in every state. Over the past five years, the ASPCA has distributed nearly \$55 million in grants to shelters and rescues across the country.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to announce that the Bradford County Humane Society of Ulster, Pennsylvania is the recipient of the ASPCA's 5,000th grant since 2008.

An award of \$31,500 will allow the Bradford County Humane Society to acquire a new animal transport van, which the organization will use to investigate animal cruelty cases and ferry shelter animals to a local veterinary clinic for spay and neuter surgeries. The new vehicle will reduce transportation costs and stress on animals during transit.

On behalf of the citizens and animals of Pennsylvania, I'm proud to congratulate the both the Bradford County Humane Society and the ASPCA for their continued commitment to protecting animals.

RECOGNIZING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE ORADELL PUBLIC LIBRARY

**HON. SCOTT GARRETT**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, April 26, 2013*

Mr. GARRETT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the Oradell Public Library. On February 7th, 1913, a small group of community leaders met in Oradell to discuss the creation of a public library. A little over two months later, these individuals successfully opened the public library on April 19, 1913.

The library was originally managed by its Board of Trustees and the president of the board, William Zabriskie, who served in that position for 25 years. The board dedicated their time and efforts to ensure the library continued to grow and serve the community. The examples of generosity that contributed to the development and evolution of the library are numerous, but some instances demand specific mention.

The first librarian, Marie A. Skinner, worked on a volunteer basis for the first three months and thereafter received a mere ten dollars per month for her hard work. A local carpenter volunteered his time and materials to build the library's first shelves. World renowned painter Charles Livingston Bull, an Oradell resident and an original board member, donated multiple works of art which reside in the library to this day. After ten years of occupying a room behind the local post office, the library moved to its own building provided by the Bellis-Blauvelt family. Residents later donated books to increase the library's collection.

A hundred years after its founding, the Oradell Public Library remains an exemplary model of what is possible when people come together for the betterment of their community. I congratulate the Oradell Public Library on this important and impressive milestone. It is an honor to represent the people of Oradell and to commend the hard work and personal sacrifice of so many that established the Oradell Public Library.

RECOGNIZING THE 98TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE ARMENIAN GENOCIDE

**HON. DANIEL LIPINSKI**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, April 26, 2013*

Mr. LIPINSKI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 98th anniversary of the Armenian Genocide.

In the wake of World War I, the Ottoman Empire launched a campaign of terror against their own Armenian citizens. From 1915 to 1923, forced deportations displaced 2 million Armenians. Unarmed men were separated from their families and were either forced into concentration camps or taken away to be executed. Innocent women and children were systematically stripped of their possessions and driven into what is now the Syrian Desert. During these "Death Marches" they were subjected to starvation, sickness, and abuse amid brutal conditions. In the end, nearly 1.5 million

Armenians had lost their lives in what became the first genocide of the 20th century.

Although these atrocities occurred almost a century ago, it is imperative to remember the suffering that was endured as a result of unrestrained human malice. To acknowledge this truth is necessary, not just out of respect for our fellow citizens of Armenian descent, but also in hope that we can prevent such heinous crimes from occurring in the future.

Today, I call on my colleagues to join me in somber remembrance of the 1.5 million Armenians who perished during this dark period of history, and to honor the strength and resolve of the Armenian community still working to overcome this tragedy.

HONORING JUDITH L. FITZGERALD, J.D.

**HON. C.A. DUTCH RUPPERSBERGER**

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, April 26, 2013*

Mr. RUPPERSBERGER. Mr. Speaker, I rise before you today to recognize Ms. Judith L. Fitzgerald, who will be honored with the "2013 Dream Keeper Award" for her many contributions to the education of youth in Maryland over the past three decades.

A Baltimore native, Ms. Fitzgerald is a graduate of Western High School and Lincoln University. She earned her law degree from Boston College and practiced both privately and for various government agencies. She began her teaching career as an adjunct professor at the University Of Maryland College Park and Baltimore City Community College.

Ms. Fitzgerald was a distinguished lecturer at Bowie State University, serving as a pre-law advisor, faculty advisor to two clubs and as program director for a consortium of Historically Black Colleges and University's with National Intelligence Studies Programs. During her tenure at Bowie State, Ms. Fitzgerald was the recipient of numerous honors and awards including the "Outstanding Service & Appreciation" Award and the "2012 Bowie Girls Rock Award" for her tremendous work as a mentor and faculty member.

Ms. Fitzgerald is currently a contributing faculty member at Walden University, where she teaches in the PhD and Masters Programs for the School of Public Policy and Administration. In addition to her teaching responsibilities, she is the lead faculty for other courses and serves on several dissertation committees.

When she is not teaching, Ms. Fitzgerald serves as the Vice President and Executive Director for ReInvent Inc., a music and arts after-school and summer school program for at-risk youth. She has also volunteered as a mediator for the Maryland Commission for Human Relations and Community Mediation Maryland. She has served on advisory boards too many to name and is a member of All Saints Church in Baltimore.

Mr. Speaker, the "Dream Keeper Award" was established to recognize the contributions of educators in the State of New Jersey. This is the first time the award will be presented to a resident of another state. This fact reflects Ms. Fitzgerald's personal commitment to each student she encounters. She truly leads by example, providing guidance and mentoring to those aspiring to enter the legal profession

and other careers. I ask that you join with me today to honor Ms. Judith L. Fitzgerald. It is with great admiration and appreciation that I congratulate her on this well-deserved honor and wish her many more years of success.

HONORING FLOYD VANDERHOEF

**HON. BILLY LONG**

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, April 26, 2013*

Mr. LONG. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Floyd VanDerhoef for his service to our nation and his honorary membership into the 12th Armored Division Memorial Museum's Board of Directors.

Floyd served as a first lieutenant and captain in A Company, 56th Armored Infantry Battalion. Floyd's battalion was one of the first units in Patton's First Army to cross over the Rhine into Germany, where it helped liberate between 40,000–50,000 prisoners held en route to the Dachau concentration camp.

Following his service, Floyd remained close with the veterans who served alongside him, and he was instrumental in establishing the 12th Armored Division Memorial Museum in Abilene, Texas. He donated his own memorabilia and even paid for gold stars on the museum's floor to honor his fallen comrades.

It is important for all of us to take a moment and say thank you to our veterans like Floyd VanDerhoef who sacrificed for our country and our freedom. From the time of our nation's founding to today, these brave men and women have earned the enduring gratitude of our nation, and we honor their selfless service.

I am honored to recognize Floyd VanDerhoef for his service to our nation and for his commitment to honor his fellow veterans.

REMEMBERING THE ARMENIAN GENOCIDE

**HON. GUS M. BILIRAKIS**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, April 26, 2013*

Mr. BILIRAKIS. Mr. Speaker, with Orthodox Christians across the world observing Holy Week next week, it is only fitting that today we remember a time in history that tested the will and character of the Armenian people.

Like the earliest Christians, the Armenians proved themselves not only survivors of persecution, but also masters of their destinies.

I have been a strong supporter of Armenia and of the Armenia Genocide resolution, which recognizes the massacre of 1.5 million innocent Armenian men, women and children at the hands of the Ottoman Empire as genocide.

These atrocities should not be ignored whether they took place in the early 20th century by the Ottomans, the mid-20th century by the Third Reich, or now with the ongoing violence in the Nuba Mountains and Burma.

Genocide is a scourge on the human race and must be acknowledged as such.

As we continue to seek the truth, a final acknowledgement of the horrific events that took place so long ago, I will always stand in solidarity with the Armenian people.

IN RECOGNITION OF TEMPLE BETH AHM'S 50TH ANNIVERSARY

**HON. FRANK PALLONE, JR.**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, April 26, 2013*

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Temple Beth Ahm as members gather to celebrate its 50th anniversary. Since its humble beginnings, the congregation has grown structurally and in membership, while continuing to provide outstanding spiritual guidance to the community.

Temple Beth Ahm traces its roots back to a community committed to its Jewish values. They established the Strathmore-at-Matawan Jewish Center as an organization for meetings, worship, education and activities. These events were held at various locations throughout the town, including members' homes, schools and fire houses. The organization affiliated with United Synagogue of America in 1963 and continued to grow in membership. In 1968 it completed the construction of its synagogue and changed its name to Temple Beth Ahm, the House of the People, as individuals from surrounding communities began to join.

Temple Beth Ahm continued to grow as it established a Hebrew School, preschool and theater group and its social groups expanded activities held at the temple. Over the years, other congregations merged with Temple Beth Ahm—The United Hebrew Congregation of Keyport in 1974 and Temple Ohav Shalom of Sayreville in 2002. Each of the mergers brought not only additional membership, but also Judaica and other objects and assets that enhanced the synagogue. It expanded its construction, adding classrooms and a permanent sanctuary in 1983 and later expanding its library and building a chapel.

Throughout its 50 year history, Temple Beth Ahm has also expanded its vision. In 1973 it elected its first female president and followed Rabbinical Assembly procedure to open roles of ritual aspects to women. In 2011 it hired its first female Rabbi, Lisa Malik.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in congratulating Temple Beth Ahm on its 50th Anniversary. Its service to the community is truly deserving of this body's recognition.

HONORING THE REVEREND MONSIGNOR FRANCIS MANIOLA ON HIS 100TH BIRTHDAY AND THE 75TH ANNIVERSARY OF HIS ORDINATION

**HON. DANIEL LIPINSKI**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, April 26, 2013*

Mr. LIPINSKI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Reverend Monsignor Francis Maniola on his 100th birthday and the 75th anniversary of his Ordination to the Priesthood. I am happy to have joined him in celebrating these milestones at St. Symphorosa, the Catholic parish on the Southwest Side of Chicago that he has served for 45 years.

Monsignor Maniola was originally appointed Pastor of St. Symphorosa Parish in 1968. Responding to changes in Catholic parishes that were mandated by the bishops of the Second

Vatican Council, Father Maniola sought to increase Parish involvement both spiritually and socially. He led the establishment of new groups and liturgical ministries at St. Symphorosa such as the popular Super Club, a senior citizens group with weekly events and activities, as well as support groups like the Widow and Widowers Club. I fondly remember Monsignor Maniola as the Pastor of the parish throughout my eight years at St. Symphorosa School.

Although he retired in 1981 with the title "Pastor Emeritus," his leadership and commitment to the Parish have continued to be felt in the community.

At 100 years of age, Monsignor Maniola is in good health and high spirits. As an avid baseball fan, he enjoys watching Cubs and White Sox games. He also enjoys solving crossword and Sudoku puzzles. He remains deeply spiritual, and maintains an active role in the Parish.

Today I express my admiration of Monsignor Maniola's devotion to St. Symphorosa, and honor his lifetime of achievements. I ask my colleagues to join me in wishing Monsignor Maniola well as he celebrates his 100th birthday and the 75th anniversary of his Ordination, and to thank him for his service.

LOWER BUCKS COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

**HON. MICHAEL G. FITZPATRICK**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, April 26, 2013*

Mr. FITZPATRICK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Lower Bucks County Chamber of Commerce for 50 years of outstanding service to the business community in Pennsylvania's 8th District.

The Lower Bucks County Chamber of Commerce was founded in the hopes to advance the values of free enterprise, and since 1963 has dedicated itself to enhancing and promoting business in the Lower Bucks County region. Incorporating more than 1000 member companies, today the LBCCC has earned the accreditation by the U.S. Chamber of Commerce.

As a lifelong resident of Bucks County, I greatly admire the work being done by the Lower Bucks County Chamber of Commerce. Their commitment to representing small, medium and large businesses and firms is commendable, and I am honored to represent the chamber in Washington, along with several member businesses that have maintained membership for all 50 years, Begley, Carlin & Mandio, LLP, Bucks County Courier Times, Bucks County Technical High School, Burton & Browse LLP, The Dow Chemical Company, Farruggio's Bristol & Philadelphia, Auto Express, First Federal of Bucks County, First National Bank and Trust, Company of Newtown, General Machine Products Company, Inc., Hellyer Performing Arts Center, Inc., Intercounty Media Group, Hal Lefcourt, APR, Lucisano Brothers, Inc., PECO, Pennsbury School District, United States Steel Corporation, United Way of Bucks County, and WBCB Radio Station (1490 AM).

I am pleased to congratulate the Lower Bucks County Chamber of Commerce and recognize those member companies who have

been with the Chamber for 50 plus years. I thank them for their commitment to the chamber and the business community, and wish them success in the future.

#### TRANE'S 100 YEAR ANNIVERSARY

### HON. RON KIND

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, April 26, 2013*

Mr. KIND. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to celebrate the 100 year anniversary of Trane, a company based in my home city of La Crosse in western Wisconsin. La Crosse's third largest employer, Trane provides high-quality, energy-efficient heating, ventilating, and air conditioning (HVAC) systems and building management systems throughout the United States and the world. I would like to congratulate all of Trane's workers, including the members of the International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers District 66 and my very own brother, Tim, who has been a loyal employee for many years. These dedicated workers partner with the management team to produce excellent products for a great price.

I'm very proud of the extraordinary contributions that Trane has made to our nation's technological advancements of the 20th and 21st centuries and for their contribution to job growth in Wisconsin. James Trane and his son Reuben started the company in 1913. Reuben's invention of the convector radiator in 1925, which replaced the heavy and bulky cast-iron radiators of the time, launched the company into worldwide prominence and firmly established its reputation as an innovator. Trane has upheld its reputation ever since.

Trane's innovations have been used during noteworthy moments in our nation's history. Their parts have been used to create products for the Armed Forces, such as the Trane Aircraft Intercooler during World War II, and they have even ventured into outer space when their heat exchanger design was used on the lunar rover of the Apollo 15 mission. Furthermore, Trane launched the world's most effective whole-house air filtration system that has helped families breathe easier in their homes.

It is with great pride that I rise today to congratulate Trane Co. on a century's worth of exceptional service and premium quality. Trane wouldn't be the success that it is if it wasn't for their hard work and dedication. Trane is truly deserving of recognition for their remarkable contributions to innovation and to the La Crosse community, and I am confident that they will carry on their work into the future.

#### HONORING FOUR MILE LUTHERAN CHURCH OF MABANK, TEXAS

### HON. JEB HENSARLING

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, April 26, 2013*

Mr. HENSARLING. Mr. Speaker, today I recognize the 165th Anniversary of the Four Mile Lutheran Church of Mabank, Texas.

On May 5, 2013, Four Mile Lutheran Church will celebrate 165 years of Lutheranism. Four

Mile Lutheran Church is the oldest Norwegian church in Texas, having held continual services from 1848–2013. For 165 years, evangelism, missionary service, youth development, Sunday school, Bible study, fellowship, and worship have been celebrated by the congregation.

As Thomas Jefferson said, "It is in our lives and not our words that our religion must be read." It is an honor to represent the parishioners of Four Mile Lutheran Church whose lives exude service and faith.

#### IN HONOR OF DR. GARY B. GRIGGS

### HON. SAM FARR

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, April 26, 2013*

Mr. FARR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Dr. Gary B. Griggs, who is celebrating 45 years of expanding and sharing our understanding of the coastal and marine environment as a Distinguished Professor of Earth Sciences at the University of California Santa Cruz.

Dr. Gary B. Griggs is the Director of the University of California Santa Cruz Institute of Marine Sciences. A leader in the field of marine and coastal geology, his research is focused on the coastal zone and ranges from coastal evolution and development, through shoreline processes, coastal hazards and coastal engineering, and sea level rise. He is a talented interpreter of complicated coastal science and has a long track record of effectively translating his findings for policymakers. He has also been a champion of raising public awareness about these important issues across the Monterey Bay region and beyond. He has authored numerous academic and popular articles and books, including *Living with the Changing California Coast* and *Then & Now: Santa Cruz Coast*.

Griggs joined the UCSC faculty in 1968. He has been Director of the Institute of Marine Sciences and Long Marine Laboratory since 1991. The Long Marine Lab is known throughout the marine research community for innovative marine mammal research in areas of nearshore invertebrate marine biology, ecology, and issues surrounding ocean health.

As Director, he spearheaded the development of the Seymour Marine Discovery Center at Long Marine Laboratory, an educational center organized around the understanding of marine science. For the last 13 years, the Seymour Center has offered innovative educational programs for community members of all ages including school, youth and college programs, teacher workshops, and an extensive range of visitor and member programs.

In 2001, he led the launch of the Center for Ocean Health, a premier research facility for coastal conservation, policy, and research. The Center for Ocean Health has brought together some of the world's leading coastal and marine scientists, government and non-government coastal conservation and policy experts, and public education leaders. Their projects and partnerships are addressing a wide range of issues including complex coastal water science and policy issues, troubled sea otter populations in Alaska and California, and the socio-economic impacts of storms and sea level rise on coastal communities.

In 2009, the California Coastal Commission named Gary Griggs as a California Coastal Heroes. He was recognized for his efforts to promote popular understanding of the California coast and for his leadership in the development of a major marine research and education center at Long Marine Laboratory. In 2010, Professor Griggs was elected as a Fellow of the California Academy of Sciences, an international center for scientific education and research at the forefront of efforts to understand and protect the diversity of Earth's living things.

Dr. Griggs has actively sought to break down silos between the academia and government. He has actively supported collaboration between marine scientists and decision-makers. The UC Santa Cruz marine campus at the edge of Monterey Bay physically embodies this collaborative approach and shares space with the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's Southwest Fisheries Science Center as well as with the State of California's Oiled Wildlife Veterinary Care and Research Center.

Recently, his research projects have focused on documenting and understanding coastal erosion processes including temporal and spatial variations in rates of retreat; evaluating the effectiveness of coastal protection structures and the impacts of coastal engineering projects (seawalls, jetties, breakwaters) on coastal processes and beaches; evaluating beach processes and quantifying littoral cell budgets and human impacts on these budgets; impacts of extreme events such as El Ninos on coastlines; the impacts of sea level rise on California's beaches and coastline; and coastal policies to reduce the impacts of hazards and sea level rise.

Mr. Speaker, I once again want to thank Dr. Griggs for his leadership on ocean and coastal science and policy and recognize him for serving as an inspirational and accomplished leader for my community.

#### SAFEGUARDS ACT REINTRODUCED

### HON. C.W. BILL YOUNG

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, April 26, 2013*

Mr. YOUNG of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to reintroduce the SAFEGUARDS Act, legislation I have introduced for the past three Congressional sessions that is intended to address some of the issues surrounding the 2010 Deepwater Horizon disaster and the subsequent federal response effort. Saturday marked the three-year anniversary of this catastrophic oil spill and the people of the Gulf are still waiting for the Congress to address the breakdowns in safety, oversight and response that were exposed during the spill. I have emphasized repeatedly that we owe it to those who perished in the explosion, as well those whose lives and businesses were impacted in the months that followed, to address the deficiencies in current federal policy.

I am thankful that last year the Congress was able to pass the RESTORE Act that directs a large portion of the fines resulting from the Deepwater Horizon spill to the restoration of the Gulf region. While we do not know the full amount that will be available in this fund, I am certain that it will have a positive impact

on future restoration, revitalization and research efforts in the Gulf, including in my state of Florida.

However, I remain greatly concerned with continuing our work to ensure an oil spill of this magnitude is prevented from ever happening again. Fortunately, the beautiful beaches in my district were spared a direct oil impact during the spill but make no mistake, our cities and local industries were impacted, including tourism and our fisheries, causing great hardship for many in my area. My constituents fear the impact that a future spill could have on their homes, businesses and our local environment.

While federal agencies have worked through the regulatory process to address some of deficiencies highlighted by the spill, most notably the Department of Interior's replacement of the Minerals Management Service with the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management, Regulation, and Enforcement, Congress has still not enacted comprehensive legislation. The members of the National Commission on the BP Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill and Offshore Drilling (Oil Spill Commission), which issued their final report in January 2011, recently gave Congress a D-plus for failing to implement the recommendations made in the report.

Multiple retrospective reviews of the oil spill and the response efforts have provided us with valuable information about what should be included in comprehensive legislation. This includes the report by the Oil Spill Commission, the Joint Investigation of Bureau of Ocean Energy Management, Regulation, and Enforcement and U.S. Coast Guard, and the BP Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill: Incident Specific Preparedness Review.

As I stated last Congress, I was not surprised that many of the changes I recommended in the SAFEGUARDS Act were included in the Oil Spill Commission report, as my measure was developed following a series of meetings and regular phone calls with the on-the-ground incident commanders, local research teams and community emergency response personnel. It is my hope that the Congress will act on the solutions put forth in this measure and include it in a wider legislative response to ensure that we impose rigorous safety standards on any off-shore platforms, while also establishing a fully thought out plan to respond to future disasters.

We must stop waiting and act to address the systematic breakdowns that led to the BP Deepwater Horizon catastrophe. The SAFEGUARDS Act presents common sense solutions to help prevent a disaster of this magnitude from ever happening again, and improves the federal response in the event it ever does. Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to support this measure. We owe it to the American people and the entire Gulf Coast to pass oil spill response legislation during this session.

HONORING BISHOP KING JAMES UNDERWOOD

**HON. RODNEY DAVIS**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, April 26, 2013*

Mr. RODNEY DAVIS of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of Bishop King James

Underwood who is a pastor at New Free Will Baptist Church in Champaign, Illinois. Born in Mississippi, Bishop Underwood came to Champaign as a child. He has a Doctorate of Ministry and Doctorate of Divinity. He has been heavily involved in the local community groups, including helping to form the Free Will Baptist District as well as leading the Ministerial Alliance of Champaign-Urbana and Vicinity, the local NAACP, N.C.N.W. and the Champaign County Urban League. Today, Bishop Underwood will be celebrating his 75th Birthday with friends and family.

I am proud to honor Bishop King James Underwood today and would like to wish him a very happy birthday and thank him for his service and dedication to the entire community.

TRIBUTE ON THE OCCASION OF CANIFF STREET IN HAMTRAMCK, MICHIGAN BEING RENAMED IN HONOR OF REVEREND DOCTOR JOSEPH R. JORDAN

**HON. GARY C. PETERS**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, April 26, 2013*

Mr. PETERS of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize my friend, Reverend Doctor Joseph R. Jordan, Pastor of Corinthian Baptist Church in Hamtramck, Michigan. On Sunday, April 28, 2013, Rev. Dr. Jordan is being recognized by the City of Hamtramck as it renames a portion of Caniff Street, one of its major thoroughfares, to honor his decades of service to the community.

Rev. Dr. Jordan began his journey on the ecclesiastical path nearly forty years ago, when he left his lucrative career as an electrician to answer the call of service to God. Before joining the congregation of Corinthian, he served as Assistant Pastor at Calvary Baptist Church in Detroit for six years. Since his ascension to the Pastorate of Corinthian, Rev. Dr. Jordan has held steadfast to his belief that the focus of his position is to help others. Through his dedication and passion to the teachings of his faith, Rev. Dr. Jordan has not only been a shepherd to his congregation, but a local community leader to the Detroit and Hamtramck communities as well.

As the spiritual leader to his church, Rev. Dr. Jordan has focused his congregation on not only learning the lessons of their faith, but also taking action on those lessons to help the surrounding communities. Under his direction, members of Corinthian have instituted a bi-annual drive to procure and distribute clothing and household necessities to families in need, established a scholarship fund and organized a local neighborhood carnival where church members distribute school supplies to students. In further efforts to make his church a sanctuary to the community, Rev. Dr. Jordan has also opened Corinthian to the neighborhood's local chapter Alcoholics Anonymous, providing attendees a safe and welcoming space to meet.

As a community leader, Rev. Dr. Jordan has extended his work beyond his role as the Pastor of Corinthian. Rev. Dr. Jordan ardently believes that all people should be treated equally and with respect. This is a belief he has fought for in his endeavor to expand access to

quality healthcare as a trustee for the Henry Ford Health System. Additionally, Rev. Dr. Jordan has been a strong advocate for victims of housing discrimination, an endeavor he has been working on for decades.

Mr. Speaker, for the last four decades Rev. Dr. Joseph R. Jordan has been a strong spiritual leader to his congregation and a passionate advocate for so many marginalized people in the Southeast Michigan community. His work has not only strengthened the vitality of the Greater Detroit region, but also communities across our Nation. I have been fortunate to have his advice and counsel and I join with his friends, family and the congregation of Corinthian Baptist Church to celebrate his impact on our region as a portion of Caniff Street in Hamtramck is renamed in his honor.

DEATH OF EDWARD JAGNANDAN

**HON. G.K. BUTTERFIELD**

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, April 26, 2013*

Mr. BUTTERFIELD. Mr. Speaker, today it is with profound grief that I rise to commemorate the life of Edward R. Jagnandan, a great leader, public servant and personal friend who will be greatly missed in his community of Wilson, North Carolina, and throughout our great state.

A righteous advocate of low-income families, senior citizens and the disabled, Mr. Jagnandan served dutifully as Wilson Housing Authority's chief executive director for 6 years. During the course of his illustrious tenure, I had the unique opportunity to watch Mr. Jagnandan successfully embark on building a brighter future for Wilson residents who rely on subsidized housing.

Mr. Jagnandan's indelible contributions to Wilson include securing a competitive federal stimulus grant that awarded more than \$7 million to build a new, energy-efficient 68-unit apartment complex serving low-income residents. While championing the value of homeownership, Mr. Jagnandan spearheaded programs that would make owning a home affordable to even those with modest means.

Though not a native of Wilson, his contributions to our community make Mr. Jagnandan a son of Wilson. As a member of the Wilson Rotary Club, Mr. Jagnandan regularly supported civic volunteer and fundraising initiatives and served as president of the Wilson chapter of the International Rotary Club.

Ed Jagnandan was born in Guyana to Wilfred Jagnandan whose job as a Presbyterian Missionary brought his wife Helen and their children to the United States. After arriving as a teenager, Ed earned his Bachelor and Master of Business Administration degrees from Mississippi State University.

Mr. Speaker, as a devoted husband, father, brother, friend and public servant Ed Jagnandan's untimely passing will surely be felt by all of those whose lives he touched. He will forever be missed but never forgotten in the city of Wilson and across North Carolina.

THE PRESERVING ACCESS TO  
MANUFACTURED HOUSING ACT

**HON. STEPHEN LEE FINCHER**

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, April 26, 2013*

Mr. FINCHER. Mr. Speaker, in the aftermath of the recent housing crisis, the manufactured housing industry is facing significant challenges: an 80 percent decline in new home production, the closure of more than 160 plants, and the loss of more than 200,000 jobs. That's why I am introducing the Preserving Access to Manufactured Housing Act with my colleague Congressman BENNIE THOMPSON. This legislation would provide clarity and certainty to consumers and preserve the manufactured housing industry without deterioration of important consumer protections.

Earlier this year, the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (CFPB) issued guidelines as required under the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act (Dodd-Frank) that expand the range of loan products that can be considered high-cost mortgages under the Home Ownership and Equity Protection Act (HOEPA) without recognizing the uniqueness of manufactured home loans compared to the rest of the housing industry. The new HOEPA guidelines are effective January 2014 and would include many manufactured home mortgages.

Simply put the cost of originating and servicing a \$250,000 loan and a \$25,000 loan are the same in terms of real dollars, but the cost as a percentage of each loan's size is significantly different. This difference causes the smaller-sized manufactured home loan to potentially exceed the new HOEPA thresholds set by Dodd-Frank and be categorized as a high-cost mortgage and stigmatized as predatory, even though there is nothing predatory about the features of the loan. The liabilities associated with making and obtaining a HOEPA high-cost mortgage will likely prevent lenders from offering loans to low and moderate-income homebuyers, denying families access to necessary credit for new and existing manufactured homes. In addition, millions of families could see the equity they have built up in their manufactured homes wiped out because lenders would not want to provide the financing needed for resale.

The Preserving Access to Manufactured Housing Act would adjust the new HOEPA thresholds so fewer small balance manufactured home loans are classified as high-cost, while maintaining the consumer protections from predatory lending practices in Dodd-Frank. This legislation not only protects consumers, but preserves a viable secondary market for manufactured home loans.

This bipartisan legislation would also clarify that manufactured home retailers and salespersons would not be considered loan originators unless they receive compensation from a lender, mortgage broker, or loan originator. The new CFPB definition of a loan originator, also effective in January 2014, is based on traditional mortgage market roles that differ from than the business model of the manufactured housing industry. Without this clarification, housing finance options may be eliminated for families seeking to purchase affordable manufactured homes.

We must make sure that we don't restrict housing options. The Preserving Access to

Manufactured Housing Act protects the availability of financing for manufactured homes that many families across the country rely on for affordable housing.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE TECH-  
KNOW COMMANDOS OF WORCES-  
TER, MASSACHUSETTS

**HON. JAMES P. MCGOVERN**

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, April 26, 2013*

Mr. MCGOVERN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to ask my colleagues in the House of Representatives to join me in congratulating the Worcester Technical High School Robotics and Automation Technology Team, known as the Tech-Know Commandos, for winning the 2013 VEX Robotics World Championships trophy.

Team members Jason McKinney, Natalie Correa, Jake Richard, Greg Carlson, and Kahlan Cardin, worked tirelessly to develop the award-winning robot that competed against 420 teams from 23 countries. Prior to the world championship competition, the five students participated in—and won—a number of local and regional competitions. With the guidance of their coach and teacher Michael Meagher, the team continuously reevaluated the effectiveness of their robot and worked to perfect it.

As we continue emphasizing the need for high-quality and robust science, technology, engineering, and math education, the Worcester Tech robotics team should be recognized for their achievement in the STEM curriculum. Their experiences and successes will most certainly encourage other students to pursue opportunities in these fields.

Mr. Speaker, I'm so proud to represent Worcester, Massachusetts, a community that continues to explore robotics innovation. Please join me, the Worcester Technical High School, and the greater Worcester community in congratulating the Tech-Know Commandos for their excellence in STEM education and for their recent victory at the VEX Robotics World Championships.

DAN STOWERS HONORED FOR HIS  
WORK WITH HABITAT FOR HU-  
MANITY

**HON. C.W. BILL YOUNG**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, April 26, 2013*

Mr. YOUNG of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor my constituent, Dan Stowers, who received the Clive Rainey Lifetime Achievement Award from Habitat for Humanity International. This prestigious national award was presented to Dan in recognition of his more than 20 years of volunteer service for Habitat for Humanity. For the benefit of my colleagues, I am including an announcement from Habitat for Humanity detailing Dan's accomplishments.

Dan began his service to Habitat in Ohio in 1991, after retiring from the Ohio Department of Natural Resources where he designed bridges, roads, marinas and infrastructure for

state parks. His previous experience and love for home improvement were the perfect fit for Habitat, making Dan an invaluable volunteer from the very start. When Dan and his wife Carolyn moved to Pinellas County, Dan continued his work with Habitat Pinellas.

Habitat Pinellas quickly realized that Dan was a devoted volunteer who worked tirelessly to assist in building housing both in Pinellas County and through Habitat's international missions. In recognition of his commitment and skills, Habitat Pinellas asked Dan to become their lead architect 12 years ago and every year he designs and helps build an average of 25 homes in our community. Each Habitat home is unique and Ron Spoor, the chief operating officer for Habitat Pinellas, credits Dan's ability to modify house layouts to meet each family's needs. At the same time, they meet the highest standards for energy use and water efficiency to lower the cost of homeownership, which is vital in helping Habitat meet its mission of providing affordable housing to local families.

The value of his contribution is immeasurable and can be seen in every house Habitat builds from Dan's designs, often with his assistance. Spoor estimates that Dan is the largest individual donor to Habitat Pinellas, generously giving his time, talents and resources over the past 20 years. His efforts, along with all those who give their time and energy to assist Habitat Pinellas, have helped build more than 250 houses in Pinellas County.

Mr. Speaker, Dan Stowers has been a devoted and passionate volunteer for Habitat for Humanity for the past 20 years, never seeking recognition for the huge impact he has had on families in Pinellas County, the United States, and the international community. I would ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Dan on receiving the Clive Rainey Award as he continues to build upon his commitment to Habitat for Humanity in the coming years.

PINELLAS COUNTY MAN RECEIVES CLIVE  
RAINEY AWARD FROM HABITAT FOR HUMAN-  
ITY INTERNATIONAL

(Habitat for Humanity)

The prestigious "Clive Rainey Lifetime Achievement Award" was presented to Pinellas County resident Dan Stowers by Habitat for Humanity International at its biennial national affiliate conference in Atlanta on March 12th.

Stowers was recognized for more than 20 years of volunteer service to Habitat for Humanity affiliates in Florida and Ohio, Habitat Global Village builds, and Jimmy and Rosalynn Carter Work Projects around the world. At the Habitat for Humanity of Pinellas County affiliate, Stowers, a licensed professional engineer, volunteers his time and expertise to preparing engineering and architectural plans for many of the 25+ homes built locally by the affiliate each year. In addition to preparing the plans and engineering for Habitat Pinellas, Dan frequently volunteers on the worksites and recruits and leads groups from his church to volunteer.

Stowers helped establish the first Habitat chapter in Romania and he has participated in ten Habitat builds in various locations around the world. He has also worked on Jimmy and Rosalynn Carter Work Projects in Hungary, the Philippines, Harlem, NY, Mexico and Thailand.

"By serving as the affiliate's professional engineer in a volunteer capacity, Dan has saved Habitat Pinellas a very considerable

sum of funds," said Ron Spoor, chief operations officer for Habitat Pinellas. "In fact, when calculating the monetary value of Dan's in-kind donation, Dan is the largest individual donor in the affiliate's history. Through his donation of time and resources to Habitat, Dan has enabled the affiliate to increase its production and serve many additional families."

The Clive Rainey Lifetime Achievement Award is presented annually to volunteers for significant accomplishments that have advanced the mission of Habitat for Humanity. The award honors Habitat for Humanity's first volunteer, Clive Rainey, who made an exceptional and sustained commitment to advancing Habitat for Humanity's mission through generously sharing his time and talents.

TAASA: TRUE HEROES FOR VICTIMS OF SEXUAL ASSAULT

HON. TED POE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 26, 2013

Mr. POE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, this week, the Texas Association Against Sexual Assault (TAASA) received the Ronald Wilson Reagan Public Policy Award as part of the Department of Justice's National Crime Victims' Service Awards.

Since its founding in 1982, TAASA's work has changed the lives of sexual assault survivors in Texas and throughout our great country.

TAASA serves as a powerful voice for the Texas sexual assault movement.

Their work in prevention, training, and advocacy is unparalleled.

TAASA has successfully advocated for legislation to protect and serve victims of sexual assault on the federal and state level.

Like true Texans, they fight hard and do not back down when they know something is right.

Most recently, TAASA played a critical role in the passage of the bipartisan SAFER Act, which I introduced to help reduce the rape kit backlog, bring justice to victims of sexual assault and put perpetrators behind bars where they belong.

As co-founder and co-chair of the Congressional Victims' Rights Caucus, it is reassuring that there is such an effective group advocating on behalf of victims. And, of course I'm proud that they're from the great State of Texas.

I congratulate TAASA on their award and commend their important work.

And that's just the way it is.

HONORING MARINE LANCE CPL. THOMAS PARKER OF RONAN

HON. STEVE DAINES

OF MONTANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 26, 2013

Mr. DAINES. Mr. Speaker, Military Appreciation Day is an important reminder for all Americans of the importance of thanking and honoring the men and women who have served our nation in the armed forces.

I want to especially recognize Marine Lance Cpl. Thomas Parker of Ronan, Montana.

Lance Cpl. Parker served in the 3rd Battalion, 5th Marines, and on December 11, 2010 he lost both of his legs and much of his left hand from an improvised explosive device in Afghanistan's Helmand Province.

After months of surgeries and rehabilitation, Lance Cpl. Parker returned home to Montana, and I'm proud to have him joining us for Military Appreciation Day in Helena. His strength, perseverance, and selfless service has made Montana proud and is worthy of our deepest appreciation.

I'm proud to honor Montana's veterans and service members on Military Appreciation Day, but may we always remember to thank these selfless Americans each and every day for their service to our country and the sacrifices they have made to protect our nation's security and our freedom.

HONORING THE LIFE OF SARA CAZARES

HON. JERRY MCNERNEY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 26, 2013

Mr. MCNERNEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the life of Sara Cazares, who passed away last week.

Sara was born and raised in Stockton, attending Franklin High School, and later earning a degree in social anthropology from Harvard before coming back to the San Joaquin Valley she loved, to raise her family.

For Sara, the American Dream was something we should all aspire to: you go to school to live a better life and you take responsibility in your community. Her actions spoke to this commitment and to her character.

Sara had a long history of community involvement, working with the local hospitals, actively participating in the democratic process, mentoring children in the Franklin IB program, which aims to encourage students to become active and cross-cultural in this inter-related world, and other efforts. Most recently, she served as a Board Member of the Stockton Unified School District, influencing the lives of children She took great pride and joy in giving back, ensuring that our children received a quality education.

Sara was the epitome of how each of us can make a meaningful impact on those around us and that we can accomplish anything when the community works together. Her dedication, enthusiasm, spirit, and commitment to others is inspiring.

It is for these reasons that I ask my Colleagues to join me in honoring the memory of Sara Cazares and in sending our thoughts and prayers to her beloved family and friends.

DEDICATING THE WORLD WAR II MEMORIAL OF AVON, INDIANA, AND PAYING TRIBUTE TO THE VALIANT SERVICE OF OUR VETERANS

HON. TODD ROKITA

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 26, 2013

Mr. ROKITA. Mr. Speaker, on Saturday, May 4, 2013, the Parks Foundation of the

town of Avon, Indiana, will dedicate the Avon World War II Memorial Park in honor of our valiant World War II veterans. The park includes a sculpture in the likeness of one of Avon's remaining World War II veterans, Brigadier General Clyde C. "Chet" Wright, who exemplifies the sacrificial service of our veterans.

Brigadier General Wright was born in 1918 in Indianapolis. He graduated in 1938 from Ben Davis High School in Marion County, and two years later enlisted in the 139th Field Artillery Infantry Division of the Indiana Army National Guard. By December 1943, Chet Wright was deployed to New Guinea, staging there in preparation for some of the hardest fought battles in the South Pacific theater, Leyte and Luzon. After the war, Chet Wright returned to the states and to active duty with the Indiana Army National Guard. He served in several leadership positions, and was appointed as Assistant Adjutant General, Army, for the State of Indiana in March 1973.

In Avon today, all citizens enjoy the manifold blessings of liberty secured by veterans like Brigadier General Wright. Entrepreneurship is alive and well. Our growing economy includes world class transportation and logistics-based businesses. We are blessed with good schools, good government, and natural and abundant resources, including rich farmland which plays a pivotal role in feeding our nation and world.

It is my sincere hope that this memorial will properly honor the bravery and sacrificial service of our World War II veterans. May it serve as a daily reminder to all who pass it of the sacrifice that was required to secure this experiment in freedom known throughout the world as America, the land of liberty. May it fortify the resolve of this current generation to be vigilant in our sacred duty to preserve and protect it at all costs. May God bless our World War II veterans, may God bless Avon, Indiana, for its efforts to honor these heroes, and may God continue to bless the United States of America.

IN HONOR OF GERARD BELCHER

HON. ANDY BARR

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 26, 2013

Mr. BARR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the contributions of Mr. Gerard Belcher, who was born in Pike County, Kentucky into a family of eight children. Mr. Belcher's story is an all-American story—the story of the American Dream.

His father was a coal miner and his mother was a homemaker. As a young man, Mr. Belcher spent hours in the backwoods and mountains of eastern Kentucky hunting, trapping, and exploring caves. These hours spent in the woods would later provide critical skills for his experience in the jungles of Vietnam.

Mr. Belcher volunteered to serve our country in the Army. He trained as a paratrooper and became an expert with the rifle, pistol, Bowie knife, and hand to hand combat. He was selected first in his class at the Army Leadership School in Fort Polk, Louisiana where he also volunteered for combat in Vietnam.

In August 1968, he was assigned to the 9th Infantry Division and was soon selected to join

the special operations Mobile Riverine Force (MRF) operating with naval ships, boats, and personnel along the Mekong River of South Vietnam.

After surviving four months of intense combat, he was promoted to sergeant and volunteered to walk point, a position with a life span of approximately three weeks. He served for over four months, using the skills he learned in the hills of eastern Kentucky to protect himself and his fellow soldiers until he was shot five times during an ambush operation. Fortunately, he survived this attack.

Mr. Belcher was decorated with the Army Commendation Medal for Valor twice, earned the Air Medal, combat infantryman's Badge, Vietnam Service and Campaign Ribbons, the elite spear-header shoulder patch of the MRF, and the Purple Heart.

After his military service, he attended the University of Kentucky on the GI bill where he earned a bachelor's degree in business and marketing. Despite devastating war wounds to his chest and arm, he successfully walked onto the university's baseball team where he earned a scholarship, along with All-SEC and All-American honors.

Mr. Belcher has since founded HoldTime, an award winning national message-on-hold production company over 20 years ago. He remains vocal and active in the political life of his community, and has just been awarded the Commonwealth of Kentucky's Patriot Award.

As a U.S. Congressman, I am forever grateful for Gerard Belcher's service to our country. Because of his bravery and that of his fellow men and women in uniform, our American freedoms are protected for future generations. He is truly a hero to us all.

HONORING VIRGINIA STATE  
POLICE TROOPER JAMES LAWSON

**HON. H. MORGAN GRIFFITH**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, April 26, 2013*

Mr. GRIFFITH of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to send my thoughts and prayers to Virginia State Police Trooper James Lawson of Gate City, Virginia.

On April 9, Trooper Lawson was injured during a high-speed pursuit in Scott County, sustaining a spinal cord injury. He was transported to Holsten Valley Medical Center in Kingsport. Trooper Lawson is now receiving treatment at Atlanta's Shepherd Center, which specializes in treatment and rehabilitation for people having sustained spinal cord or brain injuries.

Trooper Lawson is a dedicated member of the Virginia State Police, having served in law enforcement for 18 years. He is also active in serving the area as a proud member of the Gate City Volunteer Fire Department. He is now Assistant Chief, serving in the Gate City Volunteer Fire Department since he was 16.

Trooper Lawson is married to his wife Aimee, who is employed by the Scott County Sheriff's Department. He also has two children, Ashley and Trey. Trooper Lawson and his family are friends to many in the Gate City area, including members of my staff.

Thank you, Trooper Lawson and Aimee, for your service to the Commonwealth of Virginia and the Gate City community. I think I speak

on behalf of all Scott County residents in wishing Trooper Lawson the very best as he continues working to recover.

COL. POOLE'S BIRTHDAY

**HON. TOM GRAVES**

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, April 26, 2013*

Mr. GRAVES of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate a great American, a dedicated small business owner in the North Georgia town of Ellijay. Who is often spotted with a yellow suit, an American flag tie, and top hat.

He is a true advocate for low taxes and less government, and is always sure to voice his opinions about candidates for political office.

Col. Poole and his lovely wife Edna founded Poole's Bar-B-Q . . . known in some circles as the "TAJ-MA-HOG". . . which rests in the shadow of the "Pig-Hill-of-Fame" adorned with plywood cutout hogs with patron's names painted on them.

In order to qualify for a pig on the hill, he has stated that all you need is, "an honest face, good intentions, and five dollars."

Next Monday, April 29, this fine patriot will turn 83 years old—so today I wanted to take a minute to say—"Oscar, from all the way in Washington, DC—I want to wish you a very happy birthday!"

TOYOTA ARIZONA PROVING  
GROUND'S (TAPG) 20TH ANNIVERSARY

**HON. PAUL A. GOSAR**

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, April 26, 2013*

Mr. GOSAR. Mr. Speaker, today, I want to congratulate the Toyota Arizona Proving Ground (TAPG) as it celebrates its 20th anniversary. I have had the opportunity to visit and learn about their operations and am proud to represent the Toyota team members working at this fine facility. The 12,000 acre facility's most dramatic feature is the 10 mile, high speed, oval track. But in addition, it is home to many more miles of unique test tracks and a state-of-the-art engineering facility.

TAPG, which is part of Toyota Motor Engineering and Manufacturing, Inc., is responsible for evaluating the performance and endurance of Toyota vehicles on the test tracks in Wittmann, Arizona. TAPG employs about 50 team members and welcomes hundreds of contractors and visiting engineers each year—all contributing to Arizona's economy and to the development of Toyota's American made vehicles.

As their representative to Congress, I want to reiterate my commitment to supporting policies and a federal regulatory environment that encourages companies, like Toyota, to continue to invest in research and development in Arizona and across the United States.

HONORING OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE  
STUDENT JOURNALISTS

**HON. FILEMON VELA**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, April 26, 2013*

Mr. VELA. Mr. Speaker, I come before the House of Representatives today to honor five young people from Raymondville, Texas. Their project, titled "I Am Raymondville," earned them the top prize in the Diocese of Brownsville's Mobile Journalist Project, and their work has been entered in a national contest.

Rosa Barrera, Carla Bocanegra, Ralia Cortinas, Jose Trevino, and Celyna Vasquez set out to report on life in their community. With the assignment to chronicle poverty and homelessness in Raymondville, the five students from Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish interviewed a bearded homeless man who was often seen near the Expressway 77 overpass.

The students, ranging from sixth graders to a high school junior, were impressed by Kent Karl Kauten's warm and friendly manner, and he told them he had served in the Vietnam War and was a Navy veteran. Kauten was found dead just three days after the interview, and, when the student journalists learned that he would be cremated and buried in a pauper's grave, they sought to ensure that Kent Karl Kauten's passing was honored with a full Catholic funeral mass and a military burial.

Working with local officials, the five students were able to confirm Mr. Kauten's military service and his eligibility for military honors, and they raised money to pay for his funeral—often seeking donations on the streets. As the students participated in the funeral at Our Lady of Guadalupe Church and the burial, they stood in place of his family and ensured that the combat veteran was treated with dignity and respect.

Rosa, Carla, Ralia, Jose and Celyna set out to chronicle life in Raymondville. They saw poverty and homelessness, but they didn't just take a snapshot—they made a difference. They recognized a need and they stepped in where no one else had to ensure that an American hero would not be forgotten. We owe an immense debt of gratitude to our nation's veterans who have sacrificed so much, and these dedicated young journalists have set an example of kindness and respect that our nation should follow.

Today, I join the City of Raymondville, the State of Texas, and the United States Congress in honoring the Our Lady of Guadalupe Mobile Journalists.

COMMEMORATING THE LIFE OF  
CALIFORNIA'S LUPE C. HERRERA

**HON. GLORIA NEGRETE McLEOD**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, April 26, 2013*

Mrs. NEGRETE McLEOD. Mr. Speaker, let us commemorate the life of Lupe C. Herrera, a devoted member of the United States Army, who passed away on April 22 in Ontario, California at the age of 94.

Mr. Herrera enlisted in the Army on December 2, 1941, just a few days before the attack

on Pearl Harbor. Mr. Herrera faithfully served his country for much of the remainder of WWII in the Sixth Armored Division throughout Europe until January 1946.

Mr. Herrera maintained an active role in his community throughout his life. His family remembers the stories he recounted about his memories during his service passing on his love for his country. The love for his country was transmitted to his grandchildren, as one serves in the Marines and another one in the Air Force. Mr. Herrera is survived by his wife, 6 children, 13 grandchildren, and 11 great-grandchildren.

Mr. Speaker, Mr. Herrera was an exceptionally devoted husband and father and I know that he will be greatly missed by his family and friends. Mr. Herrera's story will live on to serve as an inspiration for generations to come, and I thank him for his dedication to our nation.

IN HONOR OF PENNSYLVANIA  
VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS  
ANNUAL STATE LOYALTY DAY

**HON. PATRICK MEEHAN**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, April 26, 2013*

Mr. MEEHAN. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to honor the Pennsylvania Veterans of Foreign Wars and its Annual State Loyalty Day celebration in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania on May 1, 2013.

Loyalty Day was officially recognized by Congress on July 18, 1958. President Eisenhower proclaimed May 1, 1959 the first official observance of Loyalty Day. President Eisenhower's proclamation declares Loyalty Day "a special day for the reaffirmation of loyalty to the United States and for the recognition of the heritage of American freedom."

Our veterans have protected that freedom for generations. Their devotion and dedication to our nation set an example for American loyalty. I thank all of our nation's veterans for their service and sacrifice for our nation, and I thank the Pennsylvania Veterans of Foreign Wars for its tireless work in speaking out on behalf of veterans and promoting cherished American values.

McGLOTHLIN FOUNDATION'S 2013  
AWARD FOR TEACHING EXCELLENCE  
RECIPIENTS

**HON. H. MORGAN GRIFFITH**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, April 26, 2013*

Mr. GRIFFITH of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, each year, the McGlothlin Foundation of Bristol, Virginia awards one kindergarten through fifth grade teacher and one sixth through twelfth grade teacher from selected areas of Virginia, Tennessee, West Virginia, and Kentucky with its Award for Teaching Excellence.

I am pleased to say that both 2013 award recipients teach in the district I am proud to represent, the Ninth District of Virginia

Today, I extend my congratulations and also my gratitude to Pamela MacDonald, a fifth-grade teacher at Pearisburg's Macy

McClougherty Elementary School, and to Steve Ahn, a biology and earth science teacher at Abingdon High School.

For their efforts in the classroom, both of these educators won a monetary prize, a portion of which must be used on an international trip so they can ultimately bring the world back into their classrooms. Reports indicate that Ms. MacDonald intends to travel to Europe with her winnings, and that Mr. Ahn will head to Norway and Finland.

On behalf of other parents in our area, thank you, Ms. MacDonald and Mr. Ahn, for all that you do for children of Virginia's Ninth District, and congratulations on receiving the McGlothlin Foundation's 2013 Award for Teaching Excellence.

HONORING PETER S. CARTER

**HON. MICHAEL M. HONDA**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, April 26, 2013*

Mr. HONDA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to express my deepest sympathy to the family of Mr. Peter S. Carter.

Peter was born on February 20th, 1943 in San Diego, California. At the age of 14, he and his family moved to the Santa Clara Valley where he graduated from Bellarmine College Preparatory in 1961. Peter attended Georgetown University in Washington, D.C. He became a photo editor, yearbook editor-in-chief and managing editor of the Georgetown Magazine.

It was with his college press pass that Peter was able to capture historic events like Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s "I Have a Dream Speech" and the inauguration of President Lyndon Johnson.

After graduating from Georgetown in 1966 he worked at American University. It was in 1963 that Peter married his first wife, Michelle Villere. Peter and Michelle had two sons, Scott and Shawn. She passed away in 1986. Peter married Dennise McNulty in December of 1987. Together, they celebrated life with a constant stream of family and friends.

Peter's advertising agency was located in historic parts of San Jose near Japantown. He began his career shaping the message of the Mobile Home Dealers Association. He worked with a variety of partners and his clients included everything from local boutiques to large commercial developers. He did charity work for many local causes and organizations.

Following a long career in public relations and advertising, Peter turned to photography. Peter was present at almost every town event with his trademark camera dangling from his neck. Peter's work was often featured in the local newspapers of the community. Whether it be a jazz festival, a special dinner, or the annual holiday parade, Peter was there to capture the event through the shutter of his camera.

Beyond his own career Peter was a strong advocate of the arts. He was one of the most active members and supporters of The Museums of Los Gatos.

Peter helped the museums grow into cultural staples of the community.

Throughout the years he became active in many causes. Peter was a founding member of the Los Gatos Weekly, which went on to

merge with the Los Gatos Weekly Times Observer to become the Los Gatos Weekly Times. He was a longtime member of the San Jose Rotary Club and served on the board of directors for the Los Gatos-Monte Sereno Police Foundation. Peter also served on the Los Gatos Music & Arts Committee for many years.

On February 20th Peter turned 70. This milestone was celebrated with the Los Gatos Social Club, the same organization Peter founded in the 1990s. Through this club Peter became a champion of locally owned businesses throughout the community. The Los Gatos Social Club hosted their weekly dinners at various family owned restaurants and cafes.

Peter was a special member of our community. For many years he has been a cherished friend. By example, he taught us to squeeze the most joy out of life as one possibly can and to do it with sublime purpose, a sense of humor, a fabulous wit and a dazzling smile.

It is in thanks for, and in admiration of Peter that I stand in honor today. I hope his legacy of public service serves as an inspiration to the young people of generations to come. He will be missed greatly by the Silicon Valley community.

HONORING PRIVATE FIRST CLASS  
PHILLIS M. KULASZEWSKI FOR  
HER SERVICE

**HON. BRUCE L. BRALEY**

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, April 26, 2013*

Mr. BRALEY of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, today, I am here to honor and celebrate the life of an American patriot, Private First Class Phillis M. Kulaszewski.

Phillis was born on December 22nd, 1919 in Cherokee, Iowa, was raised there, graduating from Immaculate Conception High School in 1937. She joined the Women's Army Air Corp in 1944, serving for 14 months as a Clerk General, tracking the movement of fighter and bomber aircraft until they reached their point of embarkation. For her service, Phillis was decorated with the Good Conduct Medal, American Campaign Medal and World War II Victory Medal.

In 1945, while serving at Wright Field, she met and married her husband, Arthur J. Kulaszewski, who served his country until his retirement in 1967. That year, Phillis, Arthur and their two adopted children, DuWayne and Karen Ann, moved back to Cherokee. She was a proud Iowan.

Phillis dedicated herself to supporting veterans and working on veteran projects. In 2003, the AMVETS Benton County Post 218 was chartered with 13 members. Phillis was the first woman veteran and life member of the post. Now thriving with over 65 members and 5 women veterans, AM VETS honors her passion and dedication by bestowing her name on the Post. It will now and forever be known as the "Marion B. Gaultier-Phillis M. Kulaszewski AMVET Post 218 Benton County, Iowa."

IN SUPPORT OF H. RES. 172: SUPPORTING THE GOALS AND IDEALS OF NATIONAL FINANCIAL LITERACY MONTH

**HON. RUBÉN HINOJOSA**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, April 26, 2013*

Mr. HINOJOSA. Mr. Speaker, I rise in strong support of House Resolution 172, supporting the goals and ideals of National Financial Literacy Month, 2013. I would like to thank my four co-sponsors of the bill, Mr. STEVE STIVERS of Ohio, my new co-chair for the Financial and Economic Literacy Caucus, Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas, Ms. TERRI SEWELL, of Alabama, and Mr. MATT CARTWRIGHT of Pennsylvania.

Mr. Speaker, personal financial literacy is essential to ensure that individuals are prepared to manage money, credit, and debt, and become responsible workers, heads of households, investors, entrepreneurs, business leaders, and citizens. Financial literacy has been linked to lower delinquency rates for mortgage borrowers, higher participation and contribution rates in retirement plans, improved spending and saving habits, higher net worth, and positive knowledge, attitude, and behavior changes. Expanding access to the mainstream financial system provides individuals with lower-cost and safer options for managing finances and building wealth and is likely to lead to increased economic activity and growth.

According to the newly released study from Girl Scouts of the USA, "Having It All: Girls and Financial Literacy," ninety percent of girls say it is important for them to learn how to manage money. However just twelve percent say they feel confident in making financial decisions. They are also products of how the world has changed, as many distrust large financial institutions and think that debt is a normal part of life. Young people look to their parents for guidance on money issues. Unfortunately, too many parents themselves are choosing to opt out of the financial mainstream, for a number of reasons. According to the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, at least 28.3 percent of households in the United States are unbanked or underbanked and, subsequently, have missed opportunities for savings, lending, and basic financial services. According to the National Foundation for Credit Counseling, 39 percent of adults in the United States report that they have no savings. For families to be able to emerge out of poverty, these statistics must change. Financial literacy is the key to social mobility in America.

In February 2005, then-Congresswoman Judy Biggert of Illinois and I co-founded, and currently co-chair, the Financial and Economic Literacy Caucus, FELC, to provide a forum for interested Members of Congress to work in collaboration with the Financial Literacy and Education Commission, highlight public and private sector best practices, and organize and promote financial literacy legislation, seminars, and events, such as Financial Literacy Month and the annual Financial Literacy Day Fair on the Hill that is being held today, April 26, 2013, in the Cannon Caucus Room.

THE 369TH INFANTRY REGIMENT  
100 YEAR ANNIVERSARY

**HON. CHARLES B. RANGEL**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, April 26, 2013*

Mr. RANGEL. Mr. Speaker today I rise to honor the 369th Infantry Regiment on their 100th anniversary. Constituted in June of 1913, this regiment was the first African American Regiment to serve with the American Expeditionary Force during World War I.

The U.S. Army's 369th Infantry Regiment, popularly known as the "Harlem Hellfighters," was the best known African American unit of World War I. Federalized in 1917, it prepared for service in Europe and arrived in Brest in December. The next month, the regiment became part of the 93rd Division and continued its training, now under French instructors. In March, the regiment finally received its Federal designation and was reorganized and re-equipped according to the French model. That summer, the 369th was integrated into the French 161st Division and began combat operations.

While African American valor usually went unrecognized, well over one hundred members of the regiment received American and/or French medals, including the first two Americans—Corporal Henry Johnson and Private Needham Roberts—to be awarded the coveted French Croix de Guerre.

Spending over six months in combat, perhaps the longest of any American unit in the war, the 369th suffered approximately fifteen hundred casualties but received only nine hundred replacements. Unit histories claimed they were the first unit to cross the Rhine earning the epithet "Hell Fighters" from their enemies. After considerable effort by Colonel Hayward, the 369th was welcomed home with a parade in February 1919 and reabsorbed into the National Guard. More than one million people witnessed the triumphant parade from Lower Manhattan, up Fifth Avenue to my beloved village of Harlem. The marching band led the troops, and as they turned off 110th Street onto Lenox Avenue the band began to play. Today the lineage and tradition is carried on by the 369th Transportation Battalion, which has since become the 369th Corps Support Battalion. The Harlem Hellfighters continue to serve at home and overseas.

This year we honor a group of men whose selflessness and valor propelled them to protect and serve the very country that left them a perpetually marginalized group of American society. A group of men who fought to defend this country whose dream of freedom was ironically and unremorsefully built on the backs of their ancestors with no avail even as their sons fought for that same ideal decades later. The history of the Harlem Hellfighters is one of dedication and profound spirituality that reminds us that the efforts we make today has everything to do with the world we create for our future.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you and my distinguished colleagues stand together to recognize such an historic day as our nation marks the 100th year of the 369th Infantry Regiment's dedication to this country. A Celebration of their remarkable service to this country and of the spirit and unwavering strength they displayed throughout.

IN SUPPORT OF WORKERS'  
MEMORIAL DAY

**HON. ELIZABETH H. ESTY**

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, April 26, 2013*

Ms. ESTY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to observe April 28 as Workers' Memorial Day. Every year on this date, remembrances are held around the world to honor men and women who have lost their lives or were injured in the workplace.

In Connecticut, the CT AFL-CIO will hold a ceremony at our State Capitol Building and then lay wreathes in Bushnell Park at the Workers Memorial.

Workplace fatalities and injuries have decreased over the years, but even one worker not going home at the end of their shift is one too many.

On average across our nation, 13 workers die on the job each day.

According to the Connecticut Department of Labor, about 40 workers in our state lose their lives each year due to workplace injuries.

Last year marked the 25th anniversary of the tragic and avoidable accident in Bridgeport at L'Ambience Plaza.

We will always remember the 28 construction workers who did not return home to their families and loved ones that sad day.

And we will never forget December 14, 2012 when an unconscionable horror happened at Sandy Hook Elementary School in Newtown.

This unimaginable tragedy took the lives of six educators who gave their lives to protect their students.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join together in recognizing Workers' Memorial Day.

HONORING THE CENTENNIAL OF  
THE CLOROX COMPANY

**HON. BARBARA LEE**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, April 26, 2013*

Ms. LEE of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Clorox Company—founded and headquartered in Oakland, California—as it celebrates the centennial of its founding on May 3, 1913. Since the beginning, Clorox has shown a commitment to doing responsible business while maintaining a close connection to Oakland and the greater-East Bay community.

Initially named the Electro-Alkaline company, Clorox opened the United States' first commercial liquid bleach factory in Oakland in 1913. In 1916, Mr. William Murray became the company's general manager, and with assistance of his wife and fellow entrepreneur Anne Murray, began to market liquid bleach for household use. The first seaborne shipment of Clorox products left the Port of Oakland in 1921 set for the East Coast via the Panama Canal. By 1928 the company was ready to go public on the San Francisco Stock Exchange. The Clorox Company weathered the Great Depression and went on to play an important role in the war efforts during World War II.

Through the second half of the 20th Century, Clorox's products expanded to include a

broad range of consumer items, including Clorox 2 all-fabric bleach, Hidden Valley ranch salad dressing, Kingsford charcoal, KC Masterpiece barbecue Sauce, Pine-Sol cleaners, and the Glad brand of products. From its first expansion into the Canadian market, it has moved into markets in Latin America and beyond.

Even as its size, marketplace, and product base has grown, Clorox has maintained a consistent commitment to Oakland throughout its 100 year history in that city. Since its first donation to the Boy Scouts of America in 1920, Clorox has demonstrated its spirit of philanthropy and engagement in the communities where its employees live and work. The company made a conscious effort by moving its headquarters into Oakland's downtown in the 1970's as part of a major urban renewal project. And, since its creation in 1980, The Clorox Company Foundation has awarded cash grants totaling more than \$87 million to non-profit organizations, schools and colleges. In the past year alone, the foundation has helped nearly 100 non-profit organizations reach more than 26,000 young people in the Oakland area and thousands of others in cities across the U.S. The company has also demonstrated a commitment since 1978 to the East Oakland Youth Development Center through funding and staff volunteer programs.

Clorox has shown itself to be a leader in making diversity and inclusion priorities in its business: The company's five employee resource groups (ERGs)—African-Americans Building Leadership Excellence (ABLE); Asian; Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender (Clorox Pride); Latinos for Excellence, Advancement & Development (LEAD), and; Support, Heart & Opportunity for Women (SHOW)—show that Clorox understands the value of a multicultural and diverse marketplace and workplace. Recently, Clorox was recognized as a lead sponsor of Remember Them, Champions of Humanity, an inspiring monument in Oakland dedicated to global peace in diversity.

Therefore, on behalf of the residents of California's 13th Congressional District, I would like to salute Clorox, and all of those who have contributed to its century of success. Thank you for your long-term belief in and contributions to our community. Once again, congratulations, and I wish you the very best as you strive for another 100 years of excellence.

NATIONAL MINORITY HEALTH MONTH

**HON. LORETTA SANCHEZ**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, April 26, 2013*

Ms. LORETTA SANCHEZ of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of National Minority Health Month and I want to address a key issue of importance: raising awareness of the medical needs for minorities.

National Minority Health Month aims to raise awareness about health disparities that continue to affect racial and ethnic minorities.

It is important to recognize the need to raise awareness because our communities are often left out, finding quality and affordable health care is a real obstacle.

This year's theme is Advance Health Equity Now: Uniting Our Communities to Bring Health

Care Coverage to All, a common goal in improving the health for everyone in our communities.

On that note, I wish to speak on the issue of home dialysis and those affected by this daily necessity.

Home dialysis can be very beneficial for numerous reasons—it can help patients live a more full and independent life. It can also be more cost-effective and by staying at home, it relieves constraints on an already small health care workforce.

However, the reality is that most people who begin dialysis in the U.S. are treated in dialysis centers.

3.3 percent of non-Hispanic patients receive this amenity but only 1.7 percent of Hispanic patients receive this treatment.

Furthermore, African-American dialysis patients are approximately 20 percent less likely than average to receive home dialysis and Hispanic dialysis patients are 37 percent less likely to be receiving this home treatment.

In my home-state of California alone, almost 38,000 people are on dialysis, with only 2.1% of people receiving home dialysis on a daily basis.

That is why I would like to raise today and promote awareness of the disparities that minority communities face, with the goal of improving the care for all of those in need.

SEQUESTRATION

**HON. JAMES R. LANGEVIN**

OF RHODE ISLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, April 26, 2013*

Mr. LANGEVIN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to express my deep disappointment that Congress has wasted yet another opportunity to be rid of sequestration for FY13. The most important action we can take to provide for the long term health of our nation is getting people back to work, and ensuring that those who are employed, stay employed. This cannot happen with sequestration in force, yet House Republicans continue to risk our delicate economic recovery by allowing this disastrous policy to continue. Since April of 2011, we have cut \$2.4 trillion from the budget over the next ten years—with nearly three dollars in spending cuts for every dollar of revenue.

In February, Democrats introduced legislation, which I cosponsored, to avert sequestration in a balanced way, through closing tax loopholes and targeted spending cuts. Ever since, Democrats have tried to bring this proposal up for a vote, with Republican leadership blocking every attempt.

Every day, I hear stories from Rhode Islanders about the effects of sequestration on their lives and livelihoods. Some consequences, like flight delays, are more visible than others. But the impacts are just as real, and often much more devastating, for the laid-off workers whose extended unemployment insurance has been reduced, for our kids who won't get a spot in Head Start, for the low-income families who may lose their housing vouchers, for the seniors who won't be receiving Meals on Wheels, and for our teachers who may lose their jobs. Piecemeal legislation—and playing favorites—is not the answer. We cannot simply react to the loudest voices or the most well connected; sequestration is damaging to every segment of our community.

I am heartened to see that after months of denying the consequences of sequestration, my colleagues on the other side of the aisle have finally woken up to the real, damaging effects to our constituents and to our economy. But we seek public office to represent the interests of all of our constituents, and to give a voice to those who can't always speak for themselves. We cannot afford any more carve-outs—there are too many in our communities whose problems are just as great, but whose voices don't carry as far. I urge my Republican colleagues to join us in finding a comprehensive solution to sequestration so that all of those who are suffering under this policy will know they have been heard.

RECOGNIZING THE CITY OF SOCORRO

**HON. PETE P. GALLEGO**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, April 26, 2013*

Mr. GALLEGO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the City of Socorro which is celebrating its 165th anniversary. The City is the central point in the beautiful Mission Valley Trail—with a rich history. The City of Socorro became a part of the State of Texas in 1848 after the U.S.-Mexico war.

After the 1680 Pueblo revolt in northern New Mexico in 1680, the Spanish were driven from the North and moved into the area with their Native American allies. Later, they built the Nuestra Señora de la Limpia Concepción del Socorro Mission. Although the Great Rio Grande Flood swept away the first permanent structure in 1744, resilient settlers built a second church. When that was swept away by the Rio Grande in 1829, settlers did not give up.

The Socorro mission we know today was opened in 1843. Approximately 1,100 settlers built up around the mission.

The growing City of Socorro faced a downturn after the railroads laid their track to El Paso, bypassing Socorro. The resolute citizens, however, were determined to stay in the area for decades. The population boomed during the 1960s and 1970s and has continued to grow with the same determination and perseverance. Residents have always banded together against adversaries.

The town today is rich in community, history, and culture.

Making the 165th anniversary celebration even more momentous is the fact that it will take place at the new Bulldog Championship Park—named after the 2009 Socorro High School baseball team that won the 5A state baseball championship title.

I congratulate the city and all its residents on the momentous occasion of a 165th anniversary.

HONORING THE LIFE OF SUSAN BURTNETTE

**HON. BILL FOSTER**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, April 26, 2013*

Mr. FOSTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of Susan Burnette of

Woodridge, Illinois, who passed away Sunday morning after an abbreviated battle with lung cancer.

Susan was a remarkable member of the Woodridge community, where she lived for 35 years. Her love for her community was evident in the passion and dedication she had for leaving this world a better place. In addition to being elected to the position of Village Trustee earlier this month, Susan was an active member of the League of Women Voters, Woodridge Area Chamber of Commerce, and the Woodridge Jubilee Committee.

Her memory lives on through her three children Brad, Scott, and Kristina, and her grandchildren Riley, Reese, Carson and Landon, and the countless lives she touched. Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in remembering Susan Burnette. She will be deeply missed.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

### HON. K. MICHAEL CONAWAY

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, April 26, 2013*

Mr. CONAWAY. Mr. Speaker, on April 25th I was unavoidably detained and missed rollcall No. 124, on passage of H. Res. 178.

Had I been present I would have voted "aye."

#### ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF WOMEN IN OUR DISTRICT

### HON. LORETTA SANCHEZ

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, April 26, 2013*

Ms. LORETTA SANCHEZ of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Women's History Month, which took place last month.

Next week I will hold a special briefing to recognize the contributions and accomplishments of four outstanding women in Orange County, California.

Mallory Vega is the Executive Director of Acacia Adult Day Services, a nonprofit agency providing daycare and health services.

Under her leadership, Acacia has grown from serving eight participants to over seven thousand.

Dr. Maria Minon, Chief Medical Officer of Children's Hospital of Orange County, has devoted her career to transforming the delivery of pediatric medicine to children and families.

Arianna Barrios, an active business owner and member of our community, has dedicated her career to serving education and non-profit institutions.

Dr. Mildred Garcia, President of California State University Fullerton, is the first Latina president in the University's system and has strengthened opportunities for students, institutions and communities at large.

I look forward to recognizing these outstanding women and their contributions to our communities.

#### CONGRATULATING THE LATIN AMERICAN YOUTH CENTER

### HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, April 26, 2013*

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to ask the House of Representatives to join me in congratulating the Latin American Youth Center (LAYC) on its 45th anniversary and for its exceptional work with underserved youth in the District of Columbia and the national capital region.

Founded in 1974, LAYC began as a youth and family development center serving Latino youth in the District. Today, LAYC serves all youth at its five sites in the District of Columbia and in Maryland. LAYC continues to be committed to transforming the lives of underserved youth and their families through multi-cultural, comprehensive, and innovative programs that address the social, academic, and career needs of youths.

We appreciate the LAYC's long presence in the District and its continued service to our city's young people. We also wish LAYC continued success for years to come.

Mr. Speaker, I ask the House of Representatives to join me in celebrating the 45th anniversary of the Latin American Youth Center.

#### THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT'S USE OF INFORMATION SHARED UNDER CISPA

### HON. ALAN GRAYSON

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, April 26, 2013*

Mr. GRAYSON. Mr. Speaker, the U.S. House of Representatives has passed a bill attempting to secure our nation's cyber-systems and networks from attack. This bill expands the authority of private entities and the federal government to share specified threat information and intelligence with one another. It is intended to grant authority for the government and private industry to share cyber-threat information and intelligence only in a manner consistent with the need for individual citizens to have reasonable expectations of privacy. The right of a citizen to remain "secure in their persons, houses, papers, and effects, against unreasonable searches and seizures" is unaltered. This bill largely pertains to network security, and nothing in the bill precludes or alters the requirement that the government secure a warrant before engaging in searches or seizures of information that would otherwise reasonably be expected to remain private.

With respect to those provisions pertaining to the federal government's use of information shared with it under the Cyber Intelligence Sharing and Protection Act ("CISPA"), the intent of Congress is as follows:

The only information the federal government may receive under CISPA that it heretofore was not permitted to access under law is "cyber threat information" (Section 3(b)).

"Cyber threat information" is defined narrowly in section 3(g)(4) as "information directly pertaining to" any of the following:

(1) A vulnerability of a system or network of a government or private entity or utility.

(2) A threat to the integrity, confidentiality, or availability of a system or network of a government or private entity or utility or any information stored on, processed on, or transiting such a system or network.

(3) Efforts to deny access to or degrade, disrupt, or destroy a system or network of a government or private entity or utility.

(4) Efforts to gain unauthorized access to a system or network of a government or private entity or utility, including to gain such unauthorized access for the purpose of exfiltrating information stored on, processed on, or transiting a system or network of a government or private entity or utility.

Therefore, if the actions of a user of any system or network do not expose a vulnerability; pose a threat to integrity, confidentiality, or availability; attempt to deny access, degrade, disrupt, or destroy; or attempt to gain unauthorized access, then none of the user's information, or information pertaining to the user, or information that could possibly identify the user may be shared with the federal government under authority granted by CISPA. Each of these categories must be construed as narrowly as possible in order to protect the constitutional right of citizens to privacy, and provide effect to the term "directly."

Restated, the use of a system or network alone does not permit any entity to share any information of a user, or pertaining to the user, unless it is currently allowed to do so under another law. The terms "vulnerability," "threat," "efforts" and "unauthorized access" all are to be construed narrowly, and are limited to cybersecurity threats.

Further, the government cannot use that which it cannot receive.

Under this Act, should any entity share information with the federal government that is not "cyber threat information," e.g., information pertaining to normal or permissible use, identifying information, etc., then the federal government must notify the entity sharing the information of its error (Section 3(c)(5)), shall not retain the information (Section 3(c)(6)), and shall not use the information (Section 3(c)(6)).

The federal government may use "cyber threat information" shared with it only:

(1) for cybersecurity purposes,

(2) for the investigation and prosecution of cybersecurity crimes,

(3) for the protection of individuals from the danger of death or serious bodily harm and the investigation and prosecution of crimes involving such danger of death or serious bodily harm,

(4) for the protection of minors from

(a) child pornography,

(b) any risk of sexual exploitation, and

(c) serious threats to the physical safety of minors, including kidnapping and trafficking, and

(5) for the investigation and prosecution of crimes involving 4(a) through (c) above, and

(6) any crime referred to in section 2258A(a)(2) of title 18 of the United States Code (knowingly failing to report information pertaining to sexual exploitation and other abuses of children—including obscene visual representations of such acts). (Section 3(c)(6) and Section 3(c)(1)).

The term "danger of death or serious bodily harm" is limited to acts of domestic terrorism as defined in the criminal code (18 U.S.C. Section 23331(5)).

CISPA does not allow the federal government access to new information based upon the points described above, but only access to existing information. Moreover, it limits the use of appropriately shared “cyber threat information” solely to the purposes and crimes defined.

“Cybersecurity Purpose” is defined in section 3(g)(8) as “ensuring the integrity, confidentiality, or availability of, or safeguarding, a system or network, including protecting a system or network” from vulnerability; threats to integrity, confidentiality, or availability; attempts to deny access, degrade, disrupt, or destroy; or attempts to gain unauthorized access. It is a narrow subset of the term “cyber threat information.”

“Cybersecurity Crimes” is defined in section 3(g)(6) and are those crimes under federal or state law pertaining to misuse of systems or networks, as well as any federal computer crime. Only statutes limited to the misuse of computers fall within this scope.

CISPA places an “Affirmative Search Restriction” on the federal government in section 3(c)(2)—“The Federal Government may not affirmatively search cyber threat information shared with [it] . . . for a purpose other than a purpose referred to in” points 1 through 6, above. In order to respect the Constitutional right to privacy, this provision should be construed as broadly as possible.

The only new authority CISPA creates with respect to searches is as follows:

(1) Cyber threat information (which is narrowly defined, and for almost every American ensures that the sharing of their information, or information pertaining to them, is disallowed) must be appropriately shared as discussed in section 3(b).

(2) The federal government may affirmatively search shared cyber threat information only for:

(a) Cybersecurity purposes (which, as defined, is a threshold that must be satisfied prior to the information is even being shared with the government in the first instance).

(b) Computer crimes which are already codified.

(c) And only enumerated crimes pertaining to sexual exploitation and other abuses of children.

No search of information may be performed without satisfying the requirements of the 4th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution. Nothing in CISPA is meant to eliminate or even curtail the requirement in all applicable cases to obtain a warrant.

If information is not cyber threat information, (1) the government may not have it under CISPA (Section 3(c)(6)), and (2) must obtain a warrant to search it (Section 3(c)(2)). The information of, pertaining to, or identifying any American who is using a network or system in a way that comports with the terms and conditions of a user agreement is unequivocally not cyber threat information. Any search of such information requires a warrant.

Library circulation records, library patron lists, book sales records, book customer lists, firearms sales records, tax return records, educational records, and medical records are not records that satisfy the definition of “cyber threat information” under CISPA. Section

3(c)(4) explicitly bars the federal government from using these records under CISPA. This provision is to be construed liberally, and this list is not exclusive.

Pursuant to section 3(d)(1), the federal government may be held liable for any use of information shared with it that is not cyber threat information. This is an explicit waiver of sovereign immunity, and is intended to be broad.

And finally, CISPA, in accordance with section 3(f)(7) does not authorize any intelligence agency to engage in surveillance of any American citizen. Such action clearly would be a violation of Constitutional rights; and actionable through a private right of action.

Mr. Speaker, each of the points addressed above are important. They are important to understanding the narrow scope of this law, the ways in which the federal government is prohibited from acting, and the ways in which American citizens’ information remains protected and unavailable to the federal government. CISPA should be interpreted narrowly as written, and as such, it is not a document that provides sweeping new authority to the federal government either to receive or use cyber information of the general American public. In case of doubt, the letter and spirit of the body of law surrounding the 4th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution and our rights to liberty and privacy prevails.

ENCOURAGING SERVICE DURING NATIONAL VOLUNTEER WEEK

HON. CHARLES B. RANGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 26, 2013

Mr. RANGEL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today, to recognize National Volunteer Week, which takes place from April 21, 2013–April 27, 2013. During National Volunteer Week, established in 1974, thousands of people lend their time and support to collectively improve our communities. Service and volunteerism have long been honorable facets of American culture and continue to strengthen the character of our country.

This week, it is with great pride that I honor those men and women who work diligently with patience and enthusiasm to greatly improve the lives of complete strangers within their communities. These small feats of compassion performed without the expectation of recognition are long-lasting and deeply appreciated by all.

Amidst the recent violent tragedies, it is of critical importance that we join together as a nation in service to strengthen the communities that are integral to the diverse mosaic of American culture. National Volunteer Week is also an opportunity to give thanks to the wonderful organizations within our congressional district, such as the Harlem Hospital, Community Kitchen of West Harlem, Catholic Charities of New York, and the Andrus Children’s Center that exemplify the strong civic service marking the core tenets of volunteerism this week.

There are many other opportunities both long- and short-term, to give back to our won-

derful communities. For more information please visit <http://www.serve.gov> for ways to serve our nation.

RECOGNIZING DR. RONALD TAYLOR

HON. JIM COSTA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 26, 2013

Mr. COSTA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Dr. Ronald Taylor on the event of his Inauguration as the sixth President of Merced College, one of the premier community colleges in Central California.

Dr. Taylor began his exemplary educational career in Kyoto, Japan, where he taught English and Linguistics. He also taught at the University of Virginia in the English Department, which at the time was among the top three English Departments in the world. Dr. Taylor and his family decided to return to California, where he moved his way up from student grader to full time professor to Assistant Dean of Instruction for Letters and Social Sciences at Santa Rosa Junior College. Dr. Taylor has also served in the capacity of Vice President of Academic Services at Chabot College and Dean of Instruction at Reedley College.

Before coming to Merced College, Dr. Taylor served as the Superintendent-President of Feather River College. During his tenure at Feather River, Dr. Taylor effectively handled fiscal challenges, implemented a new approach to managing enrollment, and cultivated a communicative and positive atmosphere at the campus. He also successfully lifted a warning sanction that was placed on the college from the Accreditation Commission of Community and Junior Colleges.

Throughout his career, Dr. Taylor has demonstrated an ongoing commitment to the development of the highest standards for the education of his institution, demonstrating through his regular interactions with staff and the community his passion for higher education. Dr. Taylor has extensive experience engaging with diverse populations and has supported activities to encourage cross-cultural understanding.

Being an active member of his community is something of utmost importance to Dr. Taylor. He is an active Rotarian, and has served on many citizen task forces. Dr. Taylor is an ardent advocate for the community college agenda and for rural communities and has served on several statewide commissions. His current focus is on developing effective strategies to improve student success. He sees his primary strength as building consensus and community on campus as a means to foster student success.

It is my distinguished pleasure to welcome Dr. Ronald Taylor, who brings a wealth of experience in college governance to Merced College and wish him good fortune throughout his tenure as President. I ask my colleagues to join me in wishing him well as he embarks on this new journey to educate our future leaders.

INTRODUCTION OF THE HEALTH IT  
MODERNIZATION FOR UNDER-  
SERVED COMMUNITIES ACT

**HON. KAREN BASS**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, April 26, 2013*

Ms. BASS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to introduce the Health IT Modernization for Underserved Communities Act, legislation that would amend the Health Information Technology for Economic and Clinical Health (HI TECH) Act to extend Electronic Health Record (EHR) Medicaid incentive payments to all physician assistants (PAs) whose patient volume includes at least 30 percent Medicaid and other financially needy beneficiaries.

The HITECH Act currently offers the incentive payments to physicians and nurse practitioners who provide primary care to the requisite 30 percent threshold of Medicaid recipients, but limits the EHR incentive payments to care provided by PAs in "PA-led" rural health clinics and federally qualified health centers.

Enhanced, quality patient care is the goal of electronic health records, and patients are the ultimate beneficiaries of this legislation. The current HITECH limitation on Medicaid EHR limits the development of EHR systems for Medicaid beneficiaries who are served by PAs. This legislation extends additional support to community health centers and other medical practices in which PAs provide care to a high volume of Medicaid patients.

I have firsthand knowledge of the key role of the Physician Assistant profession and the role the profession serves in bringing primary medical care to rural and other medically underserved communities. Before I was elected to the U.S. House of Representatives and before I served in the California Assembly, I was a Physician Assistant, and I know that the PA profession adds tremendous value to our health care system. PAs provide quality, team-based, patient-centered medical care and extend the reach of medicine throughout the U.S. It is a cost-efficient approach to providing needed medical care.

There are over 90,000 practicing PAs in the U.S. today. PAs are one of three health care professionals providing primary medical care in the U.S. Although PAs practice in virtually all medical specialties, primary care is the largest area of specialty practice for PAs.

The PA profession is uniquely flexible in adapting and responding to the evolving needs of the U.S. health care system by virtue of comprehensive educational programs that prepare PAs for a career in general medicine and a team-based approach to providing patient-centered medical care.

I am pleased to introduce this important legislation and ask my colleagues to join me in supporting the Health IT Modernization for Underserved Communities Act.

COMMEMORATING THE LIFE OF  
CALIFORNIA'S HELEN L. DOHERTY

**HON. GLORIA NEGRETE MCLEOD**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, April 26, 2013*

Mrs. NEGRETE MCLEOD. Mr. Speaker, I submit the commemoration of the life of a

great American and dear friend of mine, Ms. Helen L. Doherty, who passed away April 11, 2013.

Helen was a proud member and tireless advocate of the Cherokee Nation and she was a teacher who worked throughout her professional career for children of all ages. She wrote numerous successful grants for education and founded the Kudos for Kids Foundation, a non-profit organization dedicated to the needs of children. She gained the support of many teachers, students and parents for her work with youth in after-school programs. As she continued her work with students even after her retirement.

I knew Helen for many years and during my legislative career, her counsel and wisdom have been invaluable to me. She will be sorely missed by all her friends, loved ones, and her community.

Additionally, the Native American community has lost an unparalleled leader who was constantly engaged in the defense of their heritage and quality of life. We can rest assured her dedication and love for America will continue in the many lives she touched.

IN HONOR OF PASTOR LORENZO L.  
HEARD

**HON. SANFORD D. BISHOP, JR.**

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, April 26, 2013*

Mr. BISHOP of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to an outstanding Man of God, Pastor Lorenzo L. Heard, for twenty years of dedicated civic leadership and pastoral service to the Albany, Georgia community. Pastor Heard will celebrate his twentieth anniversary as the distinguished pastor of Greater Second Mount Olive Baptist Church with an anniversary celebration that will be held on Friday, April 26, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. on the campus of Albany State University in Albany, Georgia.

A Georgia man through and through, Pastor Heard is a native of Leesburg, Georgia and a 1981 graduate of Lee County High School. He attended Fort Valley State College, now known as Fort Valley State University and transferred to Morehouse College in Atlanta after two years. He earned a Bachelor's Degree in Business Management from Albany State University.

Pastor Heard began preaching the Word of the Lord at the young age of seventeen. Just three years later, he began his first pastorate at Macedonia Baptist Church in Patterson, Georgia before becoming the pastor of Saint Gaillee Baptist Church in Sparta, Georgia in 1987. In 1993, he became pastor of the Greater 2nd Mt. Olive Baptist Church, where he has been called to lead for the past twenty years.

Under Pastor Heard's leadership, more than 2,500 people have joined the congregation of Greater 2nd Mt. Olive Baptist Church. A dynamic and ever faithful pastor, he has taught, mentored, and ministered to every soul who has walked through the doors of the church. Pastor Heard goes a step further by teaching people life skills such as how to manage their finances, and encourages everyone to become active in civic and political engagement to better the community.

Always pressing towards the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ

Jesus, to better improve the craft of Christian ministry and discipleship, Pastor Heard has led the church in building a strong outreach program for the East Albany community, touching and changing many lives for the better.

Pastor Lorenzo has been repeatedly acknowledged for his outstanding achievements, service and public distinction. He has authored two books, *Stuck in a Storm* and *Missing Your Calm: Discovering God's Purpose for Your Life and Lessons in Money Management*.

Pastor Heard has achieved numerous successes in his life, but none of this would have been possible without the grace of God and his loving wife, Leslie Parrish Heard, and family.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me today in paying tribute to Pastor Lorenzo L. Heard for his life of selfless service to God, the church and to humankind.

WILSON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL  
ACHIEVES THE STATUS OF A  
GREAT EXPECTATIONS MODEL  
SCHOOL

**HON. KENNY MARCHANT**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, April 26, 2013*

Mr. MARCHANT. Mr. Speaker, I am proud to congratulate Wilson Elementary School of the Coppell Independent School District in Coppell, Texas for earning the distinction of Great Expectations Model School on March 26, 2013.

Great Expectations is a professional development model organization for educators. In order to earn Model School status, ninety to one hundred percent of the teachers must successfully implement one hundred percent of Great Expectations' seventeen classroom practices. The classroom practices are designed to achieve the Great Expectations mission to motivate, inspire, and challenge individuals to achieve excellence in learning and living.

Wilson Elementary achieved Model School status within one school year. The elementary school was committed to adopting the model in an expeditious fashion to enhance the quality of learning for its students. In June, 2012, the educators were trained by the Great Expectations Institute. In September of 2012, Principal Chris Nester submitted the paper work to apply as a Model School and a representative from Great Expectations visited the campus for review. Meanwhile, throughout the school year, the staff attended numerous meetings with the Great Expectations development team, which helped achieve the ranking. Additionally, the Wilson students worked diligently to follow the principles and expectations of the program.

Wilson Elementary is one of only five Model Schools in the entire state of Texas and it is the first in North Texas. Wilson has become a leader in the area, and it is a role model for other campuses to implement Great Expectations in the years to come.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the 24th Congressional District of Texas, I ask all my distinguished colleagues to join me in congratulating Wilson Elementary School on its accomplishment as a Great Expectations Model School.

TRIBUTE TO REV. F.N. WILLIAMS, SR., ON THE OCCASION OF THE 55TH ANNIVERSARY OF HIS PASTORSHIP OF ANTIOCH MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH IN HOUSTON, TEXAS

**HON. SHEILA JACKSON LEE**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, April 26, 2013*

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to Rev. F.N. Williams, Sr., the legendary pastor of the legendary Antioch Missionary Baptist Church in Houston, Texas. This Sunday, April 28, 2013, will mark the 55th anniversary of Rev. Williams' pastorship of this great church. For more than a half century, Rev. Williams has ministered to the needs of his congregation, spoken truth to power, and been an advisor to several presidents, including Presidents George H.W. Bush, Bill Clinton, George W. Bush, and Barack Obama.

Born into a family of preachers and community leaders, Floyd Nathaniel Williams, was the son of the Rev. M.C. Williams and grandson of Rev. Mike Williams. In 1945, at the age of sixteen began to sense a call to the ministry and responded to the call by earning a Bachelor of Divinity Degree in extended studies from Bishop College.

After serving in the U.S. Army as a Warrant Officer during the Korean War, Rev. Williams began his pastoral career at Greater Union Baptist Church in Matthews, Texas. From 1951 to 1958, he served the Lord at Friendship Baptist Church in Eagle Lake, Texas and at St. John Baptist Church in Beaumont, Texas.

In April 1958, after the passing of his father, Rev. Williams was named to succeed him as Pastor of Antioch Missionary Baptist Church, located at 5902 Beall Street, where he continues to serve today.

Rev. Williams did not just preach to the choir. He recognized that to do God's work and to extend his Word, it was important also to reach those in need outside the church. He was the first pastor to implement an athletic program outside of school to provide instruction and support for the youth of the community. And out of that effort came four future ministers whose lives were turned around.

Although the Bible bears witness that, a professed believer should be, "in the world but not of the world," for 55 years Rev. Williams has understood that African American communities have serious problems and thus undertook initiatives outside of the church to ameliorate the suffering and in his community. Among his many initiatives and activities, Rev. Williams served as Editor of the *Globe Advocate* Newspaper; Director of the Advisory Board Standard Savings Association; Director of the Houston Council on Human Relations; Director of the Northwest Water District City of Houston; and Member of the Human Relations Committee of the Houston Independent School District.

Mr. Speaker, Rev. Williams has served the church in numerous ways: as Moderator for the Independent Baptist General Association of Texas; 1st Vice President of the Missionary Baptist General Convention of Texas; President of the Houston Baptist Pastors and Ministers Fellowship; Member of the Board of Di-

rectors of Rural and Urban Ministers Conference, Prairie View A&M University; Member of Board of Directors of Church College Relations Board at Bishop College in Dallas, Texas; 1st Vice President of the Baptist Ministers Association of Houston; Member of the Houston Metropolitan Ministries; Advocate and Supporter of the Texas Youth Commission; and Founder of the Houston Ministers Against Crime. Rev. Williams believed and strongly supported the vision of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and played an indispensable role in bringing Dr. King to Houston. Rev. Williams often reminisces about how he sat only three seats away from Dr. King on April 3, 1968, the night he delivered I Have Been To The Mountaintop, his famous last speech.

A few years after Dr. King's assassination, Rev. Williams and several other local pastors decided that, they "didn't need the government to tell us when to celebrate our history" so they initiated the first ever Martin Luther King Celebration in 1971. To date, he has held 40 Annual Martin Luther King Day Celebrations.

Rev. Williams has been a valued advisor to Presidents. He is a close and personal friend of former President George H.W. Bush whom he brought to the Acres Home and Garden Oaks communities to meet with local residents to discuss the major issues and challenges confronting those communities.

Since that time, Presidents from George H.W. Bush to Barack Obama have sought the advice and counsel of Rev. Williams. On August 19, 2000, Rev. Williams was inducted into the Religious Hall of Fame Elite in Dallas, Texas.

Mr. Speaker, for 55 years Rev. Williams has provided remarkable service to our nation as pastor of the Antioch Missionary Baptist Church and community, state, and national leader.

I am proud to call this remarkable American hero my friend and I offer him my heartfelt congratulations on the 55th Anniversary of his pastorship of Antioch Missionary Baptist Church and my best wishes for continued success for many years to come.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO THE 150TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE UNION LEAGUE CLUB

**HON. CHARLES B. RANGEL**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, April 26, 2013*

Mr. RANGEL. Mr. Speaker today I rise to honor the Union League Club on their 150th Anniversary. Founded in 1863 the Union League Club of New York has built, over ensuing years, a record of distinguished service to our country. The club dates its founding from February 6, 1863, during the Civil War. Tensions were running high in New York City at the time, as much of the city's governing class, as well as its large Irish immigrant population, bitterly opposed the war and were eager to reach some kind of accommodation with the Confederate States of America. Thus, pro-Union men chose to form their own club, with the twin goals of cultivating "a profound national devotion" and to "strengthen a love and respect for the Union."

The New York League was founded by four prominent professionals and intellectuals:

Henry Adams Bellows, Frederick Law Olmsted, George Templeton Strong, and Oliver Wolcott Gibbs. The men, all members of the United States Sanitary Commission, desired to strengthen the Nation and the national identity. They first aimed to recruit a coalition of moneyed professionals like themselves. Strong believed that the club would only thrive with a respectable catalogue of moneyed men. Olmsted especially wanted to recruit the new generation of young wealthy men, so that the club might teach them the obligations and duties of the elite upper class. Members of the Union League Club were instrumental in establishing The Metropolitan Museum of Art in 1870 as well as the Sanitary Commission, a predecessor organization to the American Red Cross. It helped erect the Statue of Liberty in New York Harbor and the Lincoln Monument in Union Square. Its members were instrumental in bringing down the "Boss" Tweed ring and in raising funds to outfit American soldiers in several conflicts. Many prominent civic, state and national leaders have enjoyed the fellowship of the ULC. Theodore Roosevelt managed his early political career from the Club's chambers. J. Pierpont Morgan.

The Union League Club played an instrumental role in civil rights, as the club decided to recruit, train and equip a Colored infantry regiment for Union service. The 20th U.S. Colored Infantry was formed on Riker's Island in February 1864. The next month, it marched from the Union League Club, down Canal Street and over to the Hudson River piers to embark for duty in Louisiana. In spite of numerous threats, the members of the Union League Club marched with the men of the 20th, and saw them off. During World War I, the club sponsored the 369th Infantry, the famed Harlem Hellfighters, which was commanded by William Hayward, a club member. During Reconstruction, Union Leagues were formed all across the South. They mobilized freedmen to register to vote. They discussed political issues, promoted civic projects, and mobilized workers opposed to segregationist white employers. Most branches were segregated but there were a few that were racially integrated. The leaders of the all-black units were mostly urban Blacks from the North, who had never been slaves. Black League members were special targets of the Ku Klux Klan's violence and intimidation, so the Leagues organized informal armed defense units.

Today The Union League is a social club providing its members and guests with a quiet sanctuary and relief from the hustle of the city. The Club bestows two annual awards for two of its most prominent members: The Abraham Lincoln Literary Award to outstanding American authors, and the Theodore Roosevelt American Experience Award to individuals who have "enriched the American experience." The Union League Club has stood for the betterment of American society for 150 years and speaks volumes on the character and dedication one must possess to truly change history. Founded in justice and equality the Union League Club been a champion of civil rights, and has made its goal to not only enhance politics but to improve the quality of life, a trait that is well represented through the Union League's illustrious history.

Mr. Speaker I ask that you and my distinguished colleagues join me in celebrating this momentous occasion and honor the Union

League Club for 150 remarkable years of its service and dedication to our great Nation.

APRIL IS AUTISM AWARENESS  
MONTH—MOVING FROM AWARE-  
NESS TO ACTION

**HON. BILL POSEY**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, April 26, 2013*

Mr. POSEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to draw the attention of the Congress and the American people to the Autism epidemic that is tragically ravaging too many of America's children.

April is Autism Awareness Month, and I am pleased to join with parents, siblings, grandparents, special education school teachers, medical care providers, and interventionists to draw attention to the rapidly expanding autism community.

When I was young, autism was virtually unheard of. In the 1980s rarely did you meet someone who knew someone with autism. Yet, in the 1990s there was an explosion of autism. Indeed, in the course of just my lifetime, Autism Spectrum Disorder has grown from a very rare condition to—according to the Centers for Disease Control—a developmental disorder affecting 1-in-50 school aged children. And, tragically, the rate for school aged boys is a disturbing 1-in-31.

On December 19, 2006, the effort to address this epidemic took a major step forward as President Bush signed into law the bipartisan Combating Autism Act. I look forward to working with my colleagues and the Autism community to reauthorize this program next year. Though the Interagency Autism Coordinating Committee each year produces a strategic plan to address Autism, the billion-dollar allocation of resources to autism has not been evenly invested among genetic, epigenetic, and environmental factors. I must concur with the experts who have been willing to speak out, that the epidemic increase in the rates of autism are not a 'genetic' epidemic. Indeed, you don't have genetic epidemics. While there is likely a genetic component to many who have been diagnosed with Autism, we must seriously consider that there are likely several key factors in autism.

Also, so some who have suggested that the increase in Autism is due to better diagnosis, you don't go from 1 in 1,000 to 1 in 80 in three decades due to better diagnosis alone. And, if that were the case, where are the tens of thousands of autistic adults in their 40s, 50s and 60s. While better diagnosis may be a factor, common sense says there is a real increase and something is causing it.

While some may be borne with Autism, there are many parents who testify to the fact and present cases where their children were progressing normally but something triggered a regression where they lost speech, abilities, and regressed from developmental milestones that they had earlier met. Was that regression due to external factors such as medical injury, exposure to environmental toxins such as lead or mercury, or was it adverse reactions to medications that lead to high fevers, brain in-

flammation or seizures? We must get answers to these questions.

I was pleased to participate in a November 2012 House Oversight and Government Reform hearing on the Federal Response to Autism. That was one of the most attended hearings I have participated in since coming to Washington in 2009. Indeed at this hearing it was standing room only, and overflow rooms had to be used to accommodate the public. This was a much anticipated hearing from many parents of children suffering from Autism who want clear and unbiased answers to questions surrounding the epidemic.

I, like many in Congress, were frustrated with the lackluster response from the federal witnesses, particularly the CDC witness that was evasive and took more than five months to respond to the Committee's questions. The responses that finally arrived this month were incomplete, often evasive, and showed a complete lack of urgency on the part of the CDC. I was also disappointed that the federal government witnesses did not have the courtesy to remain at the hearing to listen to the testimony of the public panel representing non-profit organizations and academic institutions focused on Autism and Asperger's Syndrome.

Parents, grandparents, educators, health professionals, and highly functional adults on the autism spectrum are frustrated at the federal response to this epidemic. There is much more that we could and should be doing.

Some believe that toxins like thimerosal, which is 50% ethylmercury, have played a role in the rise in autism and neurodevelopmental disabilities. In 2000 there was near universal agreement that mercury should be removed as a preservative for vaccines. Yet, today, nearly half of all annual flu vaccines, which are recommended for children and pregnant women, still contain mercury as a preservative—not simply trace amounts of mercury. It's 2013! Why are we still injecting ethylmercury into babies and pregnant women?

I have been deeply disappointed in the failure of the CDC and the Department of Justice to see that Dr. Poul Thorsen is extradited to the United States to stand trial for orchestrating an elaborate scheme stealing more than \$1 million from the CDC-Denmark grant. That money was supposed to be used to investigate the causes of autism and developmental disabilities. Instead it was diverted to personal use by Dr. Thorsen. Thorsen was a key author on 22 of the CDC's key studies related to autism and developmental disabilities.

Before coming to Congress in 2009, I heard from some in the autism community who have advocated for a retrospective study to examine whether there are different health outcomes when comparing vaccinated children and unvaccinated children, including autism and chronic conditions. I have continued to hear these requests over the past four years. At the hearing I asked CDC if they had conducted such a study and they said they've done dozens of studies related to autism but never have looked at a comparison of vaccinated versus unvaccinated. In fact, a recent study they published compared fully vaccinated children to those who were not fully vaccinated, but for some reason it did not include data on completely unvaccinated children. Seems like common sense to do a study comparing vaccinated children vs

unvaccinated and this week I was pleased to be joined by my colleague Rep. CAROLYN MALONEY (D-NY) in introducing H.R. 1757, The Vaccine Safety Study Act. This would direct the National Institutes of Health to conduct a retrospective study of health outcomes, including autism, of vaccinated versus unvaccinated children. That should bring an answer to this decades long question.

Whether the number is 1-in-88 twelve-year-olds, or 1-in-50 school-aged children, or 1-in-33 young boys, we can all agree that the number is devastatingly high. We must overturn every stone to get to the bottom of this epidemic. We cannot afford to see this epidemic grow. We must examine every possible risk factor to protect the world's greatest resource: our children. And, we must invest to develop the best interventions to help those who are autistic.

MINORITY HEALTH MONTH

**HON. G.K. BUTTERFIELD**

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, April 26, 2013*

Mr. BUTTERFIELD. Mr. Speaker, I rise to promote Minority Health Month and spotlight the health disparities that plague our communities.

In a 1985 report, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) called health disparities in this country "an affront both to our ideals and to the ongoing genius of American medicine." Now 28 years after HHS released that landmark report, health disparities still exist between black and white and rich and poor.

A significant driver of these disparities is the lack of health insurance. For instance, African Americans make up 13 percent of the entire population, but account for more than half of all people who are uninsured. Blacks also have disproportionately lower access to primary care, often receive poorer quality of care, and face more barriers in seeking treatment for chronic diseases.

That is why I am pleased that the month of April is designated as National Minority Health Month. It provides an opportunity for all Americans to learn that healthcare disparities still exist. It also provides an opportunity for government, industry, non-profits, and advocacy organizations to combine efforts to help curb healthcare disparities.

My fellow colleagues, every American deserves the opportunity to live a healthy life regardless of economic means or ethnicity. It is this belief that led the Obama Administration to pass the Affordable Care Act.

Following in the President's footsteps, I will continue to promote Minority Health Month during my district work period by visiting the Metropolitan Community Health Services, the Halifax Regional Medical Center, the Roanoke Rapids Clinic, and several other healthcare facilities in the First Congressional District.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in advancing health equity in every community. As leaders, we have an obligation to reverse health inequality through awareness and championing the importance of preventative healthcare.

HONORING THE LIFE OF MR.  
JACOBY DICKENS

**HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 26, 2013

Mr. HASTINGS of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Mr. Jacoby Dickens, who passed away this month at the age of 82. Jacoby was a prominent business leader, and served as Chairman of Seaway Bank & Trust Co., which is the largest black-owned bank in Chicago. He also served on the boards of Chicago State University, the School of Business at Florida A&M University, and the Chicago Urban League. He was a well-known philanthropist, and donated more than \$1 million to Chicago State University, where his name adorns the main athletic center.

Jacoby truly embodies the American dream, as his inspiring success story is rooted in the humblest of beginnings. He was one of six children, growing up in Panama City, Florida. His family moved to the South Side of Chicago in 1946. A teenager at the time, he attended Wendell Phillips High School.

Always possessing a knack for business, Jacoby began saving money while working as a building engineer. With these savings, he invested in real estate, and eventually purchased and managed a large number of apartment buildings in the South Side before selling his holdings in 1971. In time, he expanded his investments into other parts of Chicago, primarily investing in several bowling alleys. Seen as a financial up-and-comer, Seaway Bank & Trust Co. asked him to join their board in 1979. He became Chairman of the bank in 1983. Seaway was one of very few banks willing to provide loans in tough neighborhoods on the South Side, and saw Jacoby as a model of success for potential investments.

Building a half-billion-dollar organization, perhaps the most profound aspect of his legacy is his dedication to serving African-Americans in their community at a time when many were unwilling to take such risks. Countless businesses, families, and communities at large were positively impacted by his trust in people. Jacoby believed that people are equal and deserve the opportunity to better themselves. Originally only one of few black-owned banks in the city of Chicago, Seaway is now by far the largest and most successful.

Mr. Speaker, Jacoby Dickens was a dear friend of mine. He was a great American who gave back to his community and this nation. I am truly saddened by his passing. He will be dearly missed.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 60TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE KOREAN WAR

**HON. WILLIAM R. KEATING**

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 26, 2013

Mr. KEATING. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 60th anniversary of the Korean War, and to honor the men and women who served in the United States Armed Forces during this tumultuous period in history.

Our nation will never be able to fully express the heartfelt gratitude we have for our

veterans. The debt that we owe them is immeasurable. Time and again, our service members have stepped forward to defend the freedoms we enjoy today. Without the selfless actions of the soldiers, sailors, marines, airmen, and coast guardsmen in the Korean Peninsula, the nation of South Korea would never have blossomed into the model democracy and vital partner it is today. I sincerely thank every veteran of the Korean War for the essential role they played in ensuring democracy could take root in East Asia and for safeguarding America's allies.

American veterans are a cornerstone of society. Past generations helped build up this great country and did not hesitate to come to its aid when asked. As we remember their brave actions, it is my hope that citizens everywhere take time to speak with the veterans in their family and community. Thank them for their service, and ask them about their role defending our country. Helping veterans pass on their priceless wisdom and memories to future generations is one of the best ways we can honor them today.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in commemorating this 60th anniversary of the Korean War. I ask that my colleagues rise and join me in thanking our veterans, past and present, for the sacrifices they've made in service to the United States of America.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. YVETTE D. CLARKE**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 26, 2013

Ms. CLARKE. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably detained in my district and missed the votes on Tuesday, April 23, 2013.

Had I been present, I would have voted "yea" on rollcall No. 118, H.R. 1067—To make revisions in title 36, United States Code, as necessary to keep the title current and make technical corrections and improvements, "yea" on rollcall No. 119, H.R. 1068—To enact title 54, United States Code, "National Park Service and Related Programs", and "yea" on rollcall No. 120, Journal Vote.

CONGRATULATING HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS WHO HAVE ANSWERED THE CALL OF SERVICE IN OUR ARMED FORCES

**HON. BILL POSEY**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 26, 2013

Mr. POSEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to express my sincere respect and appreciation to four high school seniors in Indian River County who have answered the call of service to enlist in the United States Army. I commend Dominick Lambino, Christopher Larson, Tomasz Cabaj, and Ryan Paris for their decision to protect and defend the United States of America.

These young men will be recognized on May 9, 2013, in a high school enlistee ceremony. Soon after enlisting, they will graduate high school. This will mark the beginning of their valiant service to our country as soldiers.

Many of the men and women who have served before them are now local and national leaders. As American citizen's privileged to live in liberty, these young men have learned how to appreciate freedom and will soon be handed the baton by the generations of warriors before them.

During this time of celebration and recognition, we should all salute the courage within Dominick, Christopher, Tomasz, and Ryan. For each soldier who has served our country, there exist many citizens, myself included, that benefit from their hard work. Many of my most esteemed colleagues in Congress served as members of our Armed Forces.

Let us not forget the challenges these soon-to-be soldiers and their families will face. We must not overlook the intensive training and challenges ahead. As a support group, mothers, fathers, siblings, and spouses will have to endure the challenging road ahead and act as the foundation where these young men can gain strength in difficult times. I have confidence they will accomplish all that is asked of them. The bottom line is that our Republic continues to thrive because of the call to duty these individuals and others before them have vowed to accept.

The men and women who serve our country as members of our Armed Services go above and beyond day in and day out. I commend Dominick, Christopher, Tomasz, and Ryan for their service to our community and nation.

HONORING JIM GRAYSON FOR OVER 35 YEARS OF PUBLIC SERVICE

**HON. KENNY MARCHANT**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 26, 2013

Mr. MARCHANT. Mr. Speaker, I am proud to recognize Jim Grayson for his 35 years of public service as a Carrollton Police Officer in Carrollton, Texas.

Jim Grayson was hired by the Carrollton Police Department on August 1, 1977, as a Community Service Officer with the responsibilities of organizing the equipment for the Patrol Division. On December 18, 1978, Jim was officially sworn in as a Carrollton Police Officer. He attended the North Central Texas Council of Government's Basic Police Academy and graduated on January 31, 1979.

On August 15, 1983, Jim Grayson was promoted to the rank of Sergeant whereupon he was assigned the task of assisting the development of the department's newly created Crime Prevention Unit. Jim's role in developing the program helped establish one of the police department's most effective and successful units.

As an officer committed to expanding and developing his skills, Jim Grayson attended the prestigious Northwestern University Traffic Institute's School of Police Staff and Command in Evanston, Illinois, where he graduated in 1986. Jim continued his education in 1991 when he graduated from the Police Executive Research Forum's Senior Management Institute for Police of Harvard University's Kennedy School of Government.

On January 29, 1987, Jim Grayson was promoted to the rank of Commander. In 1991, Jim was assigned the responsibility of starting

the department's first ever Special Weapons and Tactics (SWAT) team by developing the policies, procedures, training regimen, and deployment strategies. On May 1, 1991, Jim was appointed to lead the unit after which he selected the personnel for the police department's first ever SWAT unit. Jim served as the unit commander until 2000 and his direction established the standard for future SWAT members and leaders.

Jim commanded numerous divisions during his career including Criminal Investigations, Administrative Services, Special Operations, Detention Services, and spent several rotations leading patrol shifts as a Patrol Commander. Jim was often looked to for direction and guidance in the Police Department because of his expansive experience and knowledge. His ability to provide quality and calm leadership in all situations was a valuable resource for the police department.

Jim and his wife Vickie will be married 37 years this November and are the proud parents of Daniel and Torie. Outside the police department, Jim has spent a great deal of his personal time as a basketball coach in various North Texas leagues.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the 24th Congressional District of Texas, I ask all my distinguished colleagues to join me in thanking Jim Grayson for his 35 years of public service.

HONORING MR. JACK REVELLE

**HON. LORETTA SANCHEZ**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, April 26, 2013*

Ms. LORETTA SANCHEZ of California. Mr. Speaker, on January 24, 1961, a B52 Stratofortress was flying a patrol path when it crashed into a field outside of Goldsboro, North Carolina. As it crashed into the field, the aircraft's bomb bay doors opened releasing two nuclear bombs from the bay.

In the midst of a possible nuclear disaster, Mr. Jack ReVelle received a phone call from a squadron commander notifying him that there was a crash. Mr. ReVelle, a munitions expert, immediately flew into Seymour Johnson Air Force Base, where he was transported to the crash site. When Mr. ReVelle reached the crash site, he found one bomb hanging on a tree but the second bomb had been buried under a deep puddle of mud.

Fortunately, Mr. ReVelle identified that the first bomb was on safe switch mode, imposing no imminent threat. However, the second bomb was missing and became a part of history as a "Broken Arrow". There was great fear that this missing bomb would detonate and it took several days for Mr. ReVelle and his team to find the second bomb. Once found, Mr. ReVelle risked his life in order to defuse the nuclear bomb by taking out the core of the bomb while still buried in the mud. After the core was successfully taken out, the ARM/SAFE switch was located and it was confirmed that the switch was on the ARM position. If Mr. ReVelle had not shown such bravery, this nation would have endured an Mk-39 nuclear bomb explosion, yielding a 3.80 megaton effect obliterating everything and everyone that was in its radius.

I am proud to recognize and honor Mr. ReVelle as a true American hero. This nation

is grateful for Mr. ReVelle's courageous efforts to protect the American people from a devastating nuclear bomb.

DOMINICAN MEDICAL ASSOCIATION SIXTEEN YEAR ANNIVERSARY

**HON. CHARLES B. RANGEL**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, April 26, 2013*

Mr. RANGEL. Mr. Speaker, today I stand to recognize the 16th anniversary of The Dominican Medical Association. An organization dedicated to providing information on disease prevention, education, and counseling to New York City communities.

The Dominican Medical Association or DMA was founded on April 26, 1997, by a group of physicians from the Dominican Republic. Their mission has been to educate communities on health issues and to assist newly arrived physicians from abroad in obtaining jobs in their respected fields, providing them with the tools needed to pass the medical boards, and integrating them into the local medical community.

Last year was one of multiple accomplishments for the Dominican Medical Association. In line with its mission a total of 1119 people were served through health fairs, medical conferences, forums, symposiums, and trainings. The vast majority served through the DMA are Hispanics living throughout all of New York's boroughs.

Information and knowledge on health is vital. My beloved village of Harlem and many areas of my district are predominately inhabited by minorities who have been affected by many health concerns that are the direct result of lack of knowledge on preventative care. Obesity is just an example of one of the diseases that has plagued our communities but it is an epidemic that can be stopped and the DMA works tirelessly and has worked for quite some time to be a part of this movement to get our communities on a healthy track. The DMA's outreach programs help to enlighten our communities, helping them to make better health conscious decisions about the way they live.

As the representative to the largest Dominican population in the country it gives me great pride to see a thriving organization not only rooted in that heritage but one that works to provide information for a predominantly Hispanic demographic. The youths of my district and those all over New York have a brighter future because of organizations like the DMA and their mission to spread knowledge and awareness.

Mr. Speaker I ask you and my colleagues to join me in honoring this remarkable organization and all of the good that they do.

HONORING U.S. ARMY OFFICER MARION B. GAULTIER FOR HER SERVICE

**HON. BRUCE L. BRALEY**

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, April 26, 2013*

Mr. BRALEY of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, today, I am here to honor and celebrate the life of an

American patriot, 2nd Lieutenant Marion B. Gaultier.

Marion was born in May of 1923, in Fremont, Nebraska, but was raised in Vinton, Iowa, graduating from Vinton High School. She graduated from the School of Nursing at Mercy Hospital in Des Moines in 1944 at which point she was commissioned as an officer into the U.S. Army.

Marion was discharged from service in 1946, then went on to work for the VA hospital in Menlo Park, California. She met her husband, fellow veteran John Gaultier at the hospital she was employed at. They married in 1970 and moved to Vinton that same year.

Marion dedicated her life to helping others. She hosted blind children in her home. She was the Chair of the annual Easter Seals fundraiser at the American Legion, and cared for her ailing parents in their later years. AMVETS recognizes her passion for helping others by bestowing her name on the Post. It will now and forever be known as the "Marion B. Gaultier-Phillis M. Kulaszewski AMVET Post 218 Benton County, Iowa."

TRIBUTE ON THE OCCASION OF BISHOP J. DREW SHEARD'S ASCENSION TO THE GENERAL BOARD OF THE CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST

**HON. GARY C. PETERS**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, April 26, 2013*

Mr. PETERS of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize my friend, Bishop J. Drew Sheard of Greater Emmanuel Institutional Church of God in Christ in Detroit, Michigan, as his family, friends and congregation celebrate his ascension to the General Board of the Church of God in Christ.

As the son of minister Bishop John H. Sheard, J. Drew Sheard accepted the teachings and salvation of Christ early in his life. He later heeded the call to the Ministry and was guided by his father to develop his leadership skills. The lessons he learned as he worked diligently in his local church are ones that he has carried with him in service to both the Greater Detroit region and the Church of God in Christ's international organization.

Bishop Sheard was called to the Pastorate of Greater Emmanuel in 1988, a time of challenge for the congregation. Bishop Sheard immediately got to work, organizing and mobilizing the small but devoted membership of his congregation and as a result, the congregation began to grow significantly. As the pastor of Greater Emmanuel, Bishop Sheard has implemented a number of new and innovative programs, which include a TV ministry, an annual Youth and Women's Conference and Greater Emmanuel Men's Society. These programs more actively engaged the congregation in the community, strengthening the social fabric of the Southeast Michigan region. Bishop Sheard has also emphasized the importance of working with other denominations to provide programs that serve the community and offer support to those in need, which has earned him a reputation as a leader that is capable of building bridges within the Greater Detroit community.

While serving as pastor to Greater Emmanuel, Bishop Sheard has also been an active

leader in the larger Church of God in Christ (COGIC) organization. From 1997–2000, he served the COGIC as the president of its International Youth Department, where he worked with youth to create a peer mentoring program and developed programs for young men and women that promote strong education, bravery, discipline and spiritual development. In his current positions within the larger CGC organization, Bishop Sheard serves as Chairman of the Auxiliaries in Ministries, Superintendent of the Emmanuel District and Administrative Assistance of the North Central Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction of Michigan.

Mr. Speaker, Bishop J. Drew Sheard's service as pastor to the congregation of Greater Emmanuel Institutional Church of God in Christ and his leadership in the Greater Detroit region have done much to strengthen the community. I congratulate him on his elevation to the General Board of the Church of God in Christ and look forward to continuing to work with him to improve the quality-of-life and vitality of our community in Southeast Michigan and many other communities around the world.

CONGRATULATING THE AFRICAN AMERICAN MUSEUM OF IOWA

**HON. BRUCE L. BRALEY**

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, April 26, 2013*

Mr. BRALEY of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the African American Museum of Iowa in Cedar Rapids on its 20th birthday celebration. It is an honor to have this great institution in my district.

The idea of establishing the African American Museum of Iowa came about in 1993 when a small group from Mt. Zion Missionary Baptist Church in Cedar Rapids began the project in celebration of Black History Month. Twenty years later, this facility has become an Iowa landmark that celebrates the rich African

American history in my district and in the state of Iowa.

In June of 2008, the African American Museum was devastated by nearly six feet of floodwater, resulting in the loss of the Museum's flagship exhibit. Through the perseverance of Executive Director Thomas Moore, their Board of Directors, their staff, and the support of their community, the African American Museum pulled through and reopened only seven months after it was closed. The success that this museum has had since it reopened in January of 2009 is a true testament to the hard work of the Museum's staff and volunteers from across Iowa.

Today, I congratulate the African American Museum of Iowa on a successful 20 years. I look forward to the future of this institution as it strives to preserve, exhibit, and teach the African American heritage of Iowa.

HONORING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE INTERNATIONAL ICE PATROL

**HON. JOE COURTNEY**

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, April 26, 2013*

Mr. COURTNEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the United States Coast Guard International Ice Patrol (IIP). Today marks the IIPs 100th anniversary, and on this occasion I would ask that my colleagues join me in honoring this distinguished group's service towards achieving maritime safety for passengers and commerce traversing the North Atlantic.

Prior to the establishment of an organization tasked with monitoring risks and sharing information, trans-Atlantic travel presented serious dangers to passengers and cargo. Among these risks was the presence of icebergs, which presented numerous obstacles in Transatlantic shipping lanes. These icebergs were a prominent threat to all who braved these long voyages, but it took a tragedy of international

proportions and historic scope to bring the danger into focus. On April 15, 1912, the sinking of the RMS *Titanic* due to an iceberg strike instigated the provided the impetus for the Safety of Life at Sea (SOLAS) agreement, and the establishment of the International Ice Patrol, managed by the United States Coast Guard.

Other than the years interrupted by the two world wars, the IIP has been active in every ice season 1913. The Revenue Cutter Service, precursor to the modern day Coast Guard, provided two cutters—the *Seneca* and *Miami*—to meet the needs of protecting trans-Atlantic shipping routes from the dangers of icebergs. For many subsequent decades, Coast Guard IIP ships would brave the waters of the North Atlantic to provide timely data and warning to safeguard global commerce.

The current mission of the International Ice Patrol is to monitor the iceberg activity surrounding the Grand Banks of Newfoundland that threatens trans-Atlantic shipping lanes, with an average of 500 icebergs from Greenland's glaciers drifting into these vital channels. This area, with its high concentration of oil platforms, fishing vessels, fog, and tremendous iceberg activity, makes it one of the most dangerous areas in the world for maritime transportation. Today, Coast Guard fixed wing aircraft perform aerial reconnaissance to monitor icebergs providing real time data on this persistent danger. To date, no ship that has heeded International Ice Patrol warnings has struck an iceberg.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the United States Coast Guard International Ice Patrol's dedication to protecting the lives and livelihoods of the many courageous mariners that daily cross the seas and who form the backbone of our international maritime trade. Safe and reliable transportation is a critical component of trade, which is further a driver of economic growth. We would be bereft of these benefits without the hard work of the men and women of the International Ice Patrol.