

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

RECOGNIZING PETER SOLENDER
AND SUZIE RIVO SOLENDER

HON. BRIAN HIGGINS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 14, 2013

Mr. HIGGINS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize two outstanding community leaders as they are honored by the Amherst Chamber of Commerce as the 2013 Stewardship Award Winners, Peter Solender and Suzie Rivo Solender. Few have been so generous with their time and talents as Peter and Suzie.

Peter and Suzie Solender's community involvement begins with their children. As parents, Suzie spent time as a Girl Scout leader, while Peter was active with his son in Cub Scouts.

When their children began attending school, Peter and Suzie became heavily involved in the Williamsville Parent-Teacher Association, Parent-Teacher-Student Association, and Parent-Teacher Association Council. At one point, Suzie held the PTA presidency at both Heim Middle School and Williamsville East High School simultaneously. As a member of the Town of Amherst Youth Board, Suzie currently is serving her second three-year term.

The Solenders devote much of their time to the American Cancer Society, as both Peter and Suzie are cancer survivors. Suzie has sat on many boards for the ACS, including the Advisory Board, and as one of five members of the leadership committee. Suzie's talents as a grant writer allowed her to become a stakeholder with the National ACS. For three years, she reviewed grant applications for areas of cancer research as a stakeholder with the National ACS. Suzie is trained as a Legislative Ambassador on the Congressional level.

Together, Peter and Suzie work at Hope Lodge in Buffalo, where cancer patients and family members can stay if they require outpatient treatment but live too far to commute. They take great pride in directly helping those who face the battle against cancer.

The American Heart Association is close to Peter and Suzie. The Solenders helped with the American Heart Association's yearly walk, and Suzie served on the Gala Board for Heart for three years.

As people of faith, the Solenders are active locally, regionally, and nationally in their house of worship. Both Suzie and Peter have sat on many fundraising committees. Suzie served two terms as Sisterhood President and two terms on the Board of Directors, and together they were involved in B'nai B'rith and B'nai B'rith Woman—a Jewish organization.

Mr. Speaker, I thank you for allowing me a few moments to recognize Peter and Suzie Solender, two pillars of our community. I am inspired by their selflessness, grateful for their service, and wish their family the absolute best in all their future endeavors. Their good works have touched innumerable lives in Western New York.

HONORING ALICIA TURNER

HON. HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 14, 2013

Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I submit the following Proclamation.

Whereas, in the Fourth Congressional District of Georgia, there are many individuals who are called to contribute to the needs of our community through leadership and service; and

Whereas, Ms. Alicia Turner has answered that call by giving of herself as an educator at Midway Elementary School, and as a daughter, mother and friend; and

Whereas, Ms. Turner has been chosen as the 2013 Teacher of the Year, representing Midway Elementary School; and

Whereas, this phenomenal woman has shared her time and talents for the betterment of our community and our nation through her tireless works, motivational speeches and words of wisdom; and

Whereas, Ms. Turner is a virtuous woman, a courageous woman and a fearless leader who has shared her vision, talents and passion to help ensure that our children receive an education that is relevant not only for today, but well into the future, as she truly understands that our children are the future; and

Whereas, the U.S. Representative of the Fourth District of Georgia has set aside this day to honor and recognize Ms. Alicia Turner for her leadership and service for our District and in recognition of this singular honor as 2013 Teacher of the Year at Midway Elementary School; now therefore, I, HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, Jr., do hereby proclaim May 8, 2013 as Ms. Alicia Turner Day in the 4th Congressional District.

Proclaimed, this 8th day of May, 2013.

RECOGNIZING THE LIFE AND
ACHIEVEMENTS OF GEORGE
WEYERHAEUSER JR.

HON. ADAM SMITH

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 14, 2013

Mr. SMITH of Washington. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the life and achievements of George Weyerhaeuser Jr. He was an extraordinary civic leader and businessman in Tacoma, Washington and will be remembered for his contributions to the community and the forestry business.

George began his business career in 1978 by joining his family-owned pulp and paper company, the Weyerhaeuser Company, in Dierks, Arkansas. He served in various capacities, including time as a forester, contract logger administrator, and sawmill supervisor. His dedication to his family's business continued for thirty years in several executive posi-

tions including vice president for containerboard and vice president for the company's pulp and paper business.

George's role quickly expanded as he helped steer the success of Weyerhaeuser Company. He was president and chief executive officer of Weyerhaeuser Canada from 1993 to 1998. In 1998, he became senior vice president of technology, procurement, and transportation. George represented the company and the timber industry on many boards and through all of his business endeavors. Throughout his career, he never failed to recognize his hardworking employees and loyal customers.

Although George was a dedicated and successful businessman, his true passion was for civic betterment. He served as board chairman for the Tacoma Museum of Glass from 2004 to 2008 and, more recently, served as president of the Thea Foss Waterway Development Authority. Community members agree that without George's relentless support and enthusiasm, the museum and waterway would not have become the successes that they are today.

Mr. Speaker, it is with great sadness that I offer my condolences to the family and friends of George Weyerhaeuser Jr. His reputation as a community leader, mentor, and forward-thinker all highlight the profound impression he has left on the Pacific Northwest.

RECOGNIZING ANSAR KHAN AND
JAMES O'LEARY FOR AMBUR
POINT OF SALE

HON. BRIAN HIGGINS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 14, 2013

Mr. HIGGINS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Ansar Khan and James O'Leary, inventors of the revolutionary Ambur Point of Sale app, as they are honored by the Amherst Chamber of Commerce as recipients of the 2013 Trailblazer Award.

Ansar Khan immigrated from Pakistan to Buffalo, New York in 2001 with his family. Inspired to share their culinary traditions with their new community, the Khan family opened Kabab & Curry, an Indian and Pakistani restaurant on Transit Road in East Amherst, New York. Ansar worked in the restaurant from the time he was 11 years old, providing him with an intimate understanding of all facets of the restaurant industry.

James O'Leary met Ansar at Williamsville North High School. James worked server at Kabab & Curry, but his true passions were Apple products and computer programming.

Together, Ansar and James developed the Ambur Point of Sale mobile application to empower independent restaurant owners to regain control of their business.

Previously, aspiring entrepreneurs had only two options for managing the moment at which a transaction occurs. The difficult point

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of sale software inhibited aspiring entrepreneurs and frustrated small business owners.

Ambur Point of Sale's straightforward, customizable design provides a simple solution for restaurant owners to wirelessly manage their business. The product has become an international success.

Ansar and James remain local, housing their business in the University at Buffalo Technology Incubator. Their seven additional employees primarily hail from Western New York and most attended the University at Buffalo.

Mr. Speaker, I thank you for allowing me to recognize these two mobile software pioneers for their incredible contributions. Ansar and James are brilliant young entrepreneurs and I look forward to seeing what their careers hold. I wish them the absolute best in all their future endeavors.

HONORING MAINE'S STATE POLICE

HON. MICHAEL H. MICHAUD

OF MAINE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 14, 2013

Mr. MICHAUD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to welcome the law enforcement officers from Maine and around the world that are joining us for National Police Week. Every year, thousands come to Washington to honor and remember those who valiantly gave their lives serving their communities.

We honor the memory and sacrifice of the fallen officers throughout the world that strive to make our lives safe.

Each day, law enforcement officials like Maine State Trooper Douglas Cropper risk their safety for our protection. Just last summer, Trooper Cropper raced ahead of a driver going in the wrong direction on a very busy interstate. Cropper, without hesitation, pulled in front of the disoriented driver so that his Police vehicle would collide into the oncoming vehicle. The vehicle came to rest, preventing any serious injury to the driver and possibly saving lives of innocent motorists.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in recognizing the thousands of law enforcement officers like Trooper Cropper who selflessly put their safety on the line every day.

HONORING REV. R.B. COTTONREADER, JR.

HON. HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, Jr.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 14, 2013

Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I present the following U.S. Citizen of Distinction.

Whereas, the Civil Rights Movement had many soldiers in the trenches, laying down the bedrock of the road to equality; and

Whereas, Rev. R.B. Cottonreader, Jr., a citizen of Lithonia was one of those elite soldiers for the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, serving as a field director mobilizing the community and playing essential roles in assisting Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., and other widely known leaders in the fight for civil rights; and

Whereas, at the height of the most turbulent times, this highly effective motivator utilized his skills to aid in the growth and development of the movement through the church, the Congress of Racial Equality and intensive field work in Georgia, Alabama and Mississippi; and

Whereas, Rev. R.B. Cottonreader, Jr., led by action both behind the scenes and on the front lines as a warrior for justice, a man of great integrity who until the end, remained true to the uplifting of the community; and

Whereas, the U.S. Representative of the Fourth District of Georgia has set aside this day to bestow a special recognition upon Rev. R.B. Cottonreader, Jr., for his leadership, tenacity, courage and strength, Now, therefore, I, HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, Jr. do hereby attest to the 113th Congress of the United States that Rev. R.B. Cottonreader, Jr., of Lithonia, DeKalb County, Georgia is deemed worthy and deserving of this "Congressional Recognition" by declaring Rev. R.B. Cottonreader, Jr., U.S. Citizen of Distinction in the 4th Congressional District.

Proclaimed, this 8th day of January, 2013.

RECOGNIZING MIKE BEAN AND BEAN MEDIA PRODUCTIONS

HON. BRIAN HIGGINS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 14, 2013

Mr. HIGGINS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Bean Media Productions as they are honored by the Amherst Chamber of Commerce as the recipient of the 2013 President's Award.

Bean Media Productions was founded in 2006 by Mike Bean to provide a wide variety of digital marketing services to local companies.

As the internet became ubiquitous, Bean Media kept pace, adopting a sophisticated business strategy emphasizing web marketing and web media development.

Bean Media excelled at internet marketing. The firm developed advanced strategies, using popular search engines and media sharing sites like Google and Youtube to access consumers, broadening their clients' reach through promoting videos online.

As a web marketing company with foundations in traditional media marketing, Bean Media Productions appeals to a wide audience, from the consumers of today to the future base of our economy.

Bean Media's focus on local companies is commendable. The success of such an advertising firm instills confidence in consumers to purchase local goods, ensuring our small businesses remain competitive with larger national chains.

Mr. Speaker, I thank you for allowing me a few moments to recognize Mike Bean and Bean Media Productions for their excellence in advertising and great efforts to promote business in Western New York.

RECOGNIZING THE NEWLY INSTALLED BEVERLY HILLS VETERANS MEMORIAL

HON. SANDER M. LEVIN

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 14, 2013

Mr. LEVIN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the newly installed Beverly Hills Veterans Memorial which will be dedicated in Beverly Park on Memorial Day 2013.

In May of 2011, Paul Kleppert and Ron Berndt attended the city's Memorial Day Parade and Service. After the moving annual tribute to area veterans, they imagined a monument which would permanently memorialize the men and women who have served and, in some cases, given the ultimate sacrifice, to protect their fellow residents.

The community supported their vision and gave generously. The monument was funded with 99% private funds. In fact, they raised so much money that they were able to purchase a large, full standing, black granite monument with engraving on both sides. It will read, "In Honor of All the Men and Women of Beverly Hills who Served in the Armed Forces of the United States of America," with the official seals of the five branches of the Armed Services beneath and an American flag etched in the background.

As the community of Beverly Hills commemorates this milestone monument, I ask all of my colleagues to join me in thanking not only the veterans of Beverly Hills, Michigan but all of the veterans across this free country, for their dedicated service. I congratulate the residents, elected officials, and businesses as they celebrate the veterans, the heroes amongst them, preserve their rich local heritage, and look forward to growing the monument in the future.

CONGRATULATING THE MARSHALLTOWN PUBLIC LIBRARY

HON. BRUCE L. BRALEY

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 14, 2013

Mr. BRALEY of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Marshalltown Public Library for receiving the 2013 National Medal for Museum and Library Service. It is an honor to have this great community resource in my district.

This award is the nation's highest honor for museums and libraries for service to their community. Home to one of the earliest Children's Rooms in the country, the Marshalltown Public Library has served its community with its commitment to early literacy programs.

The Marshalltown Public Library also offers services to the growing immigrant population in their region. Through their annual Dia de los Ninos/Dia de los Libros festival, they introduce Spanish-speaking families to the services the library provides, as well as all children in the area to celebrate Hispanic culture. They also partner with youth mentoring programs to introduce youth from all cultures to library services.

Today, I congratulate the Marshalltown Public Library on receiving the National Medal

from the Institute of Museum and Library Services. I look forward to the future of this institution as it strives to provide for the needs of education, recreation, and cultural awareness of the vibrant and diverse population that it serves.

RECOGNIZING MBMS, INC.

HON. BRIAN HIGGINS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 14, 2013

Mr. HIGGINS. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to recognize MBMS, Inc. as it is honored by the Amherst Chamber of Commerce as the 2013 First Niagara Bank Sponsor's Award winner.

Founded in 1985 by James E. Kunert, MBMS, Inc. initially focused on mortgage servicing system consulting and software development for mortgage servicing and risk management systems.

Under the pressure of an increasingly digital economy, Gary Andalora joined MBMS in 1987 and worked with James to expand the software development business. One year later, MBMS chose to focus on software development exclusively.

Despite initial struggles, by 1992 MBMS had grown into a firmly established company. Today, their clients include 9 out of the 10 largest banks in the nation. MBMS remains American-owned and domestically based, providing all services from their main office in Amherst, New York.

A winner of the "Best Companies to Work for in New York State" for the past four consecutive years, MBMS's loyalty and dedication to their employees undoubtedly contributes to their success.

Mr. Speaker, thank you for allowing me to recognize MBMS, Inc. for their 27 years of service to Western New York and our nation. I wish them the best of luck in all their future endeavors.

TRIBUTE TO THE ATLANTA METROPOLITAN SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH

HON. HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 14, 2013

Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I submit the following proclamation.

Whereas, Atlanta Metropolitan Seventh-day Adventist Church has been and continues to be a beacon of light to our State for the past forty years; and

Whereas, Pastor Chris Montrose and the members of the Atlanta Metropolitan Seventh-day Adventist Church family today continues to uplift and inspire those in our community; and

Whereas, the Atlanta Metropolitan Seventh-day Adventist Church has been and continues to be a place where citizens are touched spiritually, mentally, and physically through outreach ministries and community partnership to aid in building up communities throughout the State of Georgia; and

Whereas, this remarkable and tenacious Church of God has given hope to the hope-

less, fed the needy, and empowered our community for the past forty (40) years by preaching the gospel, teaching the gospel, and living the gospel; and

Whereas, the Atlanta Metropolitan Seventh-day Adventist Church has produced many spiritual warriors, people of compassion, people of great courage, fearless leaders, and servants to all, but most of all visionaries who have shared not only with their Church, but with the State of Georgia and the world their passion to spread the gospel of Jesus Christ; and

Whereas, the U.S. Representative of the Fourth District of Georgia has set aside this day to honor and recognize the Atlanta Metropolitan Seventh-day Adventist Church family for their leadership and service to our district on this the 40th anniversary of their founding;

Now therefore, I, HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, Jr. do hereby proclaim March 30, 2013 as Atlanta Metropolitan Seventh-day Adventist Church Day in the 4th Congressional District of Georgia.

Proclaimed, this 30th day of March, 2013.

RECOGNIZING THE ACHIEVEMENTS OF THE SEATTLE-TACOMA INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT

HON. ADAM SMITH

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 14, 2013

Mr. SMITH of Washington. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the Seattle-Tacoma International Airport (Sea-Tac), for earning the 2013 Skytrax World Report Award for Best Airport Staff in North America. The Seattle-Tacoma International Airport is operated by the Port of Seattle.

The Skytrax World Report Awards honors global airport excellence based on 12.1 million customer surveys which evaluate 39 airport service and product performance indicators. The World Airport Awards acknowledge global airport distinction and are known in the industry as the Passenger's Choice Awards.

The Seattle-Tacoma International Airport is the 15th largest airport in the United States and 40th largest in the world by passenger volume, serving over 33.2 million passengers in 2012. Regionally, Sea-Tac generates \$13.2 billion in business revenue and produces and supports 138,000 jobs. The airport houses 23 airlines, which serve 72 non-stop domestic and 19 international destinations.

At Sea-Tac, high-quality services are provided in every aspect of travel, which has contributed to the positive experiences of Sea-Tac travelers. The Port of Seattle values its commitments to both its customers and the region that it serves. The overall friendliness and quality of staff proudly represent the hard-working individuals that drive our regional economy in Washington State and the Pacific Northwest.

Mr. Speaker, it is with great honor that I recognize Seattle-Tacoma International Airport and its staff's laudable performance.

RECOGNIZING THE WILLIAMSVILLE BUSINESS ASSOCIATION

HON. BRIAN HIGGINS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 14, 2013

Mr. HIGGINS. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to recognize the Williamsville Business Association as it is honored by the Amherst Chamber of Commerce as the 2013 Small Business Organization of the Year.

The Williamsville Business Association was established 28 years ago to promote positive economic development in the village of Williamsville. Since its beginnings, the Association has garnered a membership of over 130 business and professional leaders.

The Association is a centralized resource for the business community, government, and village residents, which encourages cooperation between key economic actors in the village. By providing a platform for collaboration, the Association fosters a cohesive vision for the future of Williamsville.

The Williamsville Business Association has been tremendously successful in their mission to transform the village into a destination. Williamsville is known locally, regionally and internationally for its shops, music, arts, and cultural life, regularly attracting from across Western New York and as far away as Canada. Their website features every event and activity occurring in the village, ranging from farmers markets and concerts to the discounts offered by village shops.

Mr. Speaker, I thank you for allowing me a few moments to recognize the Williamsville Business Association. I am grateful for their outstanding efforts towards developing Western New York's economy.

TRIBUTE TO MILLER GROVE HIGH SCHOOL

HON. HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 14, 2013

Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I submit the following proclamation.

Whereas, only a few schools excel in competition on a state level and our own Miller Grove High School is one of those; and

Whereas, after making state history as the first boys basketball team to win five consecutive state championships; and

Whereas, under the leadership and guidance of Coach Sharman L. White, the Miller Grove High School Boys Basketball team is being hailed as a Georgia basketball dynasty; and

Whereas, the Wolverines of Miller Grove have demonstrated the will to win, the courage to win, the mechanics of teamwork and an astounding spirit of triumph in many mental and physical battles; and

Whereas, the 8th day of March, 2013 will go down in history as the day that our Miller Grove High School Boys Basketball team became the 5 time, 5-A champions of Georgia; and

Whereas, this team has exhibited great moral character on and off the basketball court and throughout the halls of Miller Grove High and the community; and

Whereas, the U.S. Representative of the Fourth District of Georgia has set aside this day to honor and recognize the Miller Grove High School Basketball Team for its achievements bringing joy and honor to our District: Now therefore, I, HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, Jr. do hereby proclaim May 13th as Miller Grove High School Day in the 4th Congressional District of Georgia.

Proclaimed, this 13th day of May, 2013.

HONORING LAIRD COVEY

HON. MICHAEL H. MICHAUD

OF MAINE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 14, 2013

Mr. MICHAUD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the career of Mr. Laird Covey, who is retiring this month after more than 23 years of dedicated service to the Central Maine Medical Center and the surrounding community.

The State of Maine has long benefited from Laird's tenure in the health care field. In addition to serving as President of CMMC since July 2008, Laird has also helped direct the center as Chief Operating Officer and Vice President for Medical Affairs. Outside of CMMC, he spent 3 years serving as Chief Executive Officer at Bridgton Hospital in Bridgton, Maine and was Vice President at North Country Hospital in Newport, Vermont.

Few people can claim to embody the spirit of compassion and community engagement as completely as Laird. He is a proud and active member of the Lewiston Auburn Future Forum, which has been a driving force behind community efforts to make Lewiston and Auburn a better place to live. He has also served as Chairman of the Board at the Androscoggin Home Care and Hospice (AHCH) and as President of the Board at Camp Sunshine, an institution for families of children with life-threatening diseases in Casco, Maine.

In 2011, I was proud to join Laird in announcing CMMC's collaboration with Maine Research Associates on a new medical research expansion project. The study, which focuses on treatments for conditions such as arthritis, diabetes and cardiovascular disease, has enabled hundreds of patients in Maine to access cutting-edge medicines. It also helped draw national attention to the important work being done in Maine to help solve some of our nation's most persistent health challenges. This project would not have been able to move forward so successfully without Laird's leadership.

Mr. Speaker, please join me again in congratulating Mr. Laird Covey on an exceptional career in the field of public health.

RECOGNIZING TOM ULBRICH

HON. BRIAN HIGGINS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 14, 2013

Mr. HIGGINS. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to recognize Tom Ulbrich as he is awarded the 2013 Small Business Advocate of the Year Award by the Amherst Chamber of Commerce.

Few have been so generous with their time and talents as Tom Ulbrich. As one of our

community's most passionate advocates for small business, and a business owner himself, Tom intimately understands the incredible significance of entrepreneurship to the economy and culture of the United States of America.

Tom has selflessly dedicated his personal and professional work to small business advocacy. Tom is a member of the National Federation for Independent Business's New York State Leadership team, and a frequent author and orator on topics concerning the importance of small business and entrepreneurship to the vitality of the American economy.

A testament to Tom's insights is his recent TED talk, "Is There a Better Way?" which explores the necessity of developing entrepreneurial skills and spirit in students from a young age. In a world where modern technology and unprecedented access to information have rendered entrepreneurial skills essential, Tom's keen business sense and invaluable knowledge are invaluable.

Currently, Tom serves as the Executive Director of the University at Buffalo School of Management's Center for Entrepreneurial Leadership. Since assuming the role in 2008, Tom has worked tirelessly to advance the Center's mission of invigorating the Western New York economy and community through entrepreneurial development. Under Tom's direction, the Center has expanded its sophisticated interdisciplinary approach to educating emerging business leaders.

Mr. Speaker, thank you for allowing me to recognize Tom Ulbrich, a true champion for the American economy.

TRIBUTE TO JOHN OSCAR BOONE, SR.

HON. HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 14, 2013

Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I present the following U.S. Citizen of District.

Whereas, our nation is blessed to have this innovator and pioneer touch the lives of thousands through his leadership and service; and

Whereas, Mr. John Oscar Boone, Sr.'s legacy is present throughout the nation and the world for all to see, being the first African American appointed to head a major state prison in the United States, serving many roles in the American Correctional System: Commissioner, Superintendent and Director; he valiantly served our country in the U.S. Army Air Force during World War II; and

Whereas, this giant of a man transformed the American Correctional System, he was instrumental in the implementation of the Federal Rehabilitation Act of 1965 and he represented our nation on an international level, he inspired elected officials, motivated the young and the old, as he accomplished so much during his time on this earth; and

Whereas, this remarkable man gave of himself, his time, his talent and his life; Mr. Boone inspired others to do the same by witnessing him walk the walk and talk the talk, he opened doors for others to enter; and

Whereas, Mr. Boone led by doing behind the scenes and on the front lines for many; Mr. Boone was a husband, a father, a grandfather, a brother and a friend; he was our war-

rior, our patriarch, a man of great integrity who remained true to the uplifting of the community until his end; and

Whereas, the U.S. Representative of the Fourth District of Georgia has set aside this day to bestow an honorable distinction and recognition on Mr. John Oscar Boone, Sr., for his leadership, friendship and service to all of the citizens of Georgia and throughout the Nation; as a citizen of great worth and so noted distinction; now therefore, I, HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, Jr. do hereby attest to the 112th Congress that Mr. John Oscar Boone, Sr., of Georgia is deemed worthy and deserving of this "Congressional Honorable Distinction": Mr. John Oscar Boone, Sr., U.S. Citizen of Distinction In the 4th Congressional District of Georgia.

Proclaimed, this 8th day of December, 2012.

RECOGNIZING THE ACHIEVEMENTS OF REVEREND DR. SAMUEL BERRY MCKINNEY

HON. ADAM SMITH

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 14, 2013

Mr. SMITH of Washington. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor Reverend Dr. Samuel Berry McKinney for his more than 55 years of service and leadership building Mount Zion Baptist Church and the community of Seattle, Washington.

Rev. McKinney moved to Seattle in 1958 to lead one of Seattle's oldest and most prominent Black churches. During his time as Senior Pastor, he mentored over 40 ministers and lectured throughout the nation. With an eye toward the future, Rev. McKinney also oversaw the building of the church's educational unit and encouraged economic development in the church and the community.

Rev. McKinney grew up in Cleveland, Ohio in the 1920s and 1930s as the son of a prominent and politically engaged African-American minister. He attended Morehouse College, where he was a classmate of Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr. He also served as a minister in Providence, Rhode Island in the mid-1950s.

When Rev. McKinney arrived in Seattle, he quickly became a leader in the movement for human rights, which included playing a major role in the Central Area Civil Rights Committee. Always committed to social justice, he was a founding member of the Seattle Civil Rights Commission and he facilitated the only visit of the late Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. to Seattle.

In addition, Rev. McKinney was a founder of Liberty Bank, the first African-American-owned bank in Seattle and was the first African-American President of the Church Council of Greater Seattle. He has served on the board of the Meredith Mathews East Madison YMCA, the Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center, and the Washington Mutual Savings Bank.

Mr. Speaker, it is with great honor that I recognize the work Reverend Dr. Samuel McKinney has done for his church and the community.

HONORING FRANKLIN COUNTY,
ALABAMA AND THEIR ANNUAL
WATERMELON FESTIVAL

HON. ROBERT B. ADERHOLT

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 14, 2013

Mr. ADERHOLT. Mr. Speaker, it is my honor to recognize Franklin County, Alabama and their annual Watermelon Festival. The Franklin County Watermelon Festival began in 1981 with a group of local farmers gathering to sell their harvest of watermelons. This gathering created what is now the largest festival in Franklin County. This annual festival is organized by the Franklin County Chamber of Commerce and is sponsored by Franklin County businesses and individuals. This two day event, on the third weekend of August, is held at the Franklin County seat in the City of Russellville.

Franklin County and Russellville welcome over 35,000 guests to this festival from neighboring counties and states each year.

Civic clubs and organizations participate with their own special watermelon events as a time of fund raising.

The Franklin County Chamber of Commerce sponsors Watermelon Contests and the Watermelon Pageant which produces a Queen for the festival. The Watermelon Queen presents awards for: best dressed melon, seed spitting, best tasting melon, most unusual melon, and of course the largest, heaviest melon.

The Franklin County Watermelon Festival is made possible by volunteers who work year round to produce the best of entertainment, arts & crafts, food, activities and watermelon to please every palate.

Again, it is my honor to recognize Franklin County, Alabama as the Watermelon Capital of Alabama.

RECOGNIZING THE MOSES
INSURANCE GROUP

HON. BRIAN HIGGINS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 14, 2013

Mr. HIGGINS. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to recognize the Moses Insurance Group and its members as they are honored by the Amherst Chamber of Commerce with the 2013 Family Owned Business Award.

The Moses Insurance Group was founded by Charles "Herky" Moses in 1955. Herky was a true community servant with an incredible work ethic. During World War II, he served his country by joining the Marines. Herky later continued his service as a volunteer firefighter, coach, and community youth mentor, in addition to being an active member of several service organizations including the Kiwanis, Knights of Columbus, Chamber of Commerce, Boy Scouts of America, George Lamm Post, and the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

The Moses Insurance Group remains a family-owned business. Herky's son Robert joined the firm in 1977, followed by his sons Ken in 1979 and Douglas in 1984. Robert and Ken remain with the firm to this day, serving as President and Vice President, respectively. Their sister, Carole, and brother, Charles Jr.,

came on board in 1988. Carole serves as the Human Resources Department and keeps the company's books, while Charles worked part-time as a sales producer. Jeffrey Moses, a member of the third generation of the Moses family, is the newest hire, after receiving his P&C Insurance Brokers' License in 2008.

Inspired by Herky's tradition of service, the members of the Moses Insurance Agency are active in many service organizations today. Agency owners are members of or volunteers with the Independent Insurance Agents Association, Trusted Choice Agents, Amherst Chamber of Commerce, Williamsville Business Association, Western New York Food Shuttle, Amherst Lions Club, Amherst Senior Citizens Foundation, several committees at St. Leo the Great and St. Gregory the Great churches, Sacred Heart Academy High School, American Heart Association Walk-a-thon, Cancer Diamond Society Ball, and the Boy Scouts of America Troop 431.

Mr. Speaker, I thank you for allowing me a few moments to recognize the good works of this service-minded, family-owned business. I admire their commitment to our community and am grateful for their continued involvement.

NORTHWESTERN WISCONSIN RE-
GIONAL LAW ENFORCEMENT ME-
MORIAL CEREMONY

HON. RON KIND

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 14, 2013

Mr. KIND. Mr. Speaker, I rise before you today to recognize the Northwestern Wisconsin Regional Law Enforcement Memorial Ceremony.

For over two decades law enforcement agencies from across Northwestern Wisconsin have held an annual ceremony during National Police Week to honor and remember those officers that were killed in the line of duty while serving their local communities. This year's ceremony commemorates 45 law enforcement officers from 20 Wisconsin counties whose names are among the over 19,000 inscribed in marble at the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial in Washington, DC. Each one of these officers made the ultimate sacrifice for the safety and protection of our citizens.

The ceremony, which includes a vehicle procession, formal honor guard presentation, wreath laying, rifle salute, speakers, and music, will also be accompanied by a public screening of the documentary film, *Heroes Behind the Badge*. The film highlights the selfless acts of bravery committed by the men and women of law enforcement in the line of duty. The event will provide an opportunity for law enforcement officers to come together and interact with the public in order to heighten awareness of the dangers police officers face each day and the sacrifices they make to protect our communities. Proceeds from the event will go to benefit the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund, Concerns of Police Survivors (C.O.P.S.), and the Northwest Regional Law Enforcement Memorial.

As a former prosecutor in western Wisconsin, I've had the honor of working closely with law enforcement officers. I am greatly humbled by the selfless service and bravery

exemplified by these individuals, and it is with my deepest appreciation that I stand today to honor those who have given their lives to ensure the safety of our communities.

IN HONOR OF THE CENTRE
SQUARE FIRE COMPANY'S CEN-
TENNIAL ANNIVERSARY

HON. PATRICK MEEHAN

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 14, 2013

Mr. MEEHAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the Centre Square Fire Company (CSFC), located in Whitpain Township, Montgomery County, Pennsylvania, which is celebrating its centennial anniversary.

One hundred years ago, on February 21, 1913, a group of property owners of Centre Square, Blue Bell and surrounding areas met at the Centre Square Hotel to explore the establishment of a fire company. The 35 members of the founding group established the charter which reads, "The said Company is formed for the purpose of the support of fire engine, hook and ladder, hose company, for the purpose of protecting life and property, in case of fire. The said Corporation is to exist perpetually." These words hold true today.

Over the years, the Centre Square Fire Company has served the residents of Montgomery County in fire protection and much more. Most recently, the Centre Square Fire Company took delivery of a 2013 Pierce Velocity 100 foot Platform ladder truck—capable of carrying 500 gallons of water. Although it remains a 95 percent volunteer service, Centre Square has grown over the years to better serve the residents of Montgomery County.

Once again, I congratulate the Centre Square Fire Company as they celebrate its one hundredth anniversary.

TRIBUTE TO GLENDA F. BRITTON

HON. HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 14, 2013

Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I submit the following proclamation.

Whereas, a virtuous woman of God accepted her calling to serve in the Educational System; and

Whereas, Mrs. Glenda F. Britton began her educational career in teaching in Georgia and this year she retires from teaching at Edward L. Bouie, Sr., Elementary Theme School in Lithonia, Georgia, she has served the DeKalb County Public Schools System well and our community has been blessed through her service; and

Whereas, this phenomenal woman has shared her time and talents as a Teacher, Educator and Motivator, giving the citizens of Georgia a person of great worth, a fearless leader, a devoted scholar and a servant to all who want to advance the lives of our youth; and

Whereas, Mrs. Britton is formally retiring from her educational career today, she will continue to promote education because she is a cornerstone in our community that has enhanced the lives of thousands for the betterment of our District and Nation; and

Whereas, the U.S. Representative of the Fourth District of Georgia has set aside this day to honor and recognize Mrs. Glenda F. Britton on her retirement from the DeKalb County Public Schools System and to wish her well in her new endeavors; now therefore, I, HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, Jr. do hereby proclaim May 10, 2013 as Mrs. Glenda F. Britton Day in the 4th Congressional District of Georgia.

Proclaimed, this 10th day of May, 2013.

HONORING ALAIN E. SHERMAN

HON. STEVE ISRAEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 14, 2013

Mr. ISRAEL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Roslyn High School student, Alain E. Sherman, from Roslyn, NY, in my Congressional District, who has been named a Presidential Scholar. Dedicated and talented young people like Alain reflect the exemplary work by the next generation that will lead our nation into the future. I am so proud to recognize him today and it is an honor to represent him in Congress.

I want to applaud Alain for his hard work and dedication, but also want to recognize his family and teachers, who have surely played a critical role in making this achievement possible. Only 141 students from across the country are given this esteemed honor of the thousands upon thousands of high school students nationwide.

Alain serves as Vice President of the Roslyn High School Honor Society and also sits on the school's Model Government Executive Board. During his senior year at Roslyn High School, Alain was a member of the competitive "Partners for the Future" program hosted by Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory. Alain spent ten hours each week conducting biomedical research with a mentor scientist at the lab. Alain's hard work is truly emblematic of what it means to be a Presidential Scholar. I look forward to seeing what breakthroughs result from Alain's research in the future.

The White House Commission on Presidential Scholars, appointed by President Obama, selects scholars annually based on their academic success, artistic excellence, essays, school evaluations and transcripts, as well as demonstrated community service, leadership, and commitment to high ideals. Of the three million students expected to graduate from high school this year, more than 3,300 candidates qualified for the 2013 awards determined by outstanding performance on the College Board SAT and ACT exams, and through nominations made by Chief State School Officers or the National YoungArts Foundation's nationwide YoungArts competition.

The 2013 U.S. Presidential Scholars are comprised of one young man and one young woman from each state, the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico, and from U.S. families living abroad, as well as 15 chosen at-large and 20 U.S. Presidential Scholars in the Arts.

Since its creation in 1964, the U.S. Presidential Scholars Program has honored more than 6,000 of the nation's top-performing students with the prestigious award given to honorees during an annual ceremony in Wash-

ington, DC. The program was expanded in 1979 to recognize students who demonstrate exceptional talent in the visual, literary and performing arts.

Mr. Speaker, I again urge my colleagues to join me in commending Alain for all of his accomplishments and I look forward to seeing his continued academic success.

RECOGNIZING WAUKEGAN PUBLIC LIBRARY FOR RECEIVING THE INSTITUTE OF MUSEUM AND LIBRARY SERVICES' 2013 NATIONAL MEDAL

HON. BRADLEY S. SCHNEIDER

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 14, 2013

Mr. SCHNEIDER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Waukegan Public Library and its staff for receiving the 2013 Institute of Museum and Library Services' National Medal. Waukegan Public Library is one of only 10 institutions nationwide that received this distinguished honor.

I attended the award ceremony last week at the White House, where First Lady Michelle Obama presented Waukegan Library with the medal. She praised the library for its innovation, its passion and its commitment to serving the community.

That commitment is exactly what Richard Lee, the library's Executive Director, wisely pointed out when he explained that success is no longer defined by "the number of books checked out," but rather it is measured by service to the community.

By this standard, the Waukegan Library shines. Their Conversational ESL Program helps create new opportunities for the 55 percent of Waukegan residents whose primary language is something other than English. Their programs do not merely teach skills, but they empower residents with the skills to achieve their own success.

We speak often of our communities and what makes them strong. Institutions like Waukegan Public Library make our communities strong. The library is a pillar of the Waukegan community, and it has enriched the Tenth District.

As doors of opportunity open to more and more residents, we will all prosper, and I congratulate Waukegan Library for helping pave the paths to that future.

CELEBRATING THE DEDICATION OF THE ROSEVILLE FIRE STATION NO. 9

HON. TOM McCLINTOCK

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 14, 2013

Mr. McCLINTOCK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the dedication of the Roseville Fire Station No. 9.

The Roseville, California Fire Department was first organized in 1907 with 16 volunteer firefighters staffing two hose carts to provide nearly 2,500 residents with fire protection. Today the Roseville Fire Department serves over 120,000 residents within 44 square miles.

Whether it's a medical emergency, a fire, a hazardous material incident, or natural disaster, the Roseville firefighters are prepared to respond to the needs of their community.

The opening of a ninth fire station reflects the vision of the Roseville Fire Department to operate effectively and efficiently to protect and enhance the safety and well-being of its residents, businesses, customers and partners. The new facility is the result of a community effort that will provide for the advancement of public safety and the delivery of exceptional service for years to come.

Mr. Speaker, it is impossible to overestimate the necessity of fire protection or to measure the countless contributions these firefighters make to our community. It is with great pleasure that I rise today to thank the Roseville Fire Department for its great service and contributions throughout the region.

HONORING MR. ANISWORTH MALLETT, MRS. JACQUELINE MALLETT, AND MASTER DREW MALLETT

HON. HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 14, 2013

Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I present the following U.S. Citizens of Distinction.

Whereas, our community has been blessed by the lives of Anisworth, Jacqueline and Drew Mallett; they have given of themselves daily to bring joy, service and the true meaning of friendship and family to our district; and

Whereas, Mr. Anisworth Mallett being a father, husband and business leader in our community established and operated two businesses in our district, A and J Lawn Care and Golden Krust, LLC, he was tenacious and successful in his home, his business and his community; and

Whereas, Mrs. Jacqueline Mallett being a mother, wife and Administrative Assistant in the DeKalb County Public Schools was very active and engaged in the affairs of the community, she was the walking definition of a Proverbs 31 woman, phenomenal in every way; and

Whereas, Drew Mallett was the ideal young man, a seventh grader at Stephenson Middle School in Stone Mountain, he was a young gentleman, an athlete, a musician; he loved cars, girls and bringing joy to everyone he would meet being an ambassador of goodwill, he enhanced our district with his charisma; and

Whereas, this remarkable family gave of themselves, their time and their talents; being leaders and servants in the Fourth Congressional District; and

Whereas, Anisworth, Jacqueline and Drew Mallett led by example, encouraging, motivating, serving and enhancing the lives of others; they are model citizens not only to our community, but to our Nation; and

Whereas, the U.S. Representative of the Fourth District of Georgia has set aside this day to bestow a Congressional Recognition on Mr. Anisworth Mallett, Mrs. Jacqueline Mallett and Master Drew Mallett for their unyielding leadership, friendship and service;

Now therefore, I, HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, Jr., do hereby attest to the 113th Congress that Mr. Anisworth Mallett, Mrs. Jacqueline Mallett and Master Drew Mallett of the 4th Congressional District of Georgia are deemed worthy and deserving of this "Congressional Recognition": Mr. Anisworth Mallett, U.S. Citizen of Distinction; Mrs. Jacqueline Mallett, U.S. Citizen of Distinction; Master Drew Mallett, U.S. Citizen of Distinction.

Proclaimed, this 5th day of January, 2013.

TRIBUTE TO DR. ROSE WILDER

HON. JAMES E. CLYBURN

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 14, 2013

Mr. CLYBURN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a trailblazing educator who has been recognized as the 2014 South Carolina Superintendent of the Year. Dr. Rose Wilder is a remarkable leader and visionary who serves with distinction as the Superintendent of Clarendon School District 1, the historic school district that was the birthplace of the landmark desegregation case *Brown v. Board of Education*. She is very deserving of this tremendous honor.

Dr. Wilder is a native South Carolinian; the daughter of Mr. Laco Davis and the late Mrs. Ruby Mae Davis. She was one of seven Davis children born and raised in the Orangeburg County town of Santee.

From an early age she loved learning and appreciated the value of education. She did her undergraduate work at South Carolina State University and Columbia College. Her postgraduate work was at South Carolina State University, the Citadel and Cornell University. She earned an undergraduate degree in guidance and counseling, a master's in special education, and a PhD in education administration.

In 1979, Dr. Wilder began her teaching career in her home county of Orangeburg as a reading teacher at Galliard Primary School in the Town of Eutawville. After eight years in the classroom, she became assistant principal at Manning Primary School in neighboring Clarendon County. She then went on to serve as the first principal of the new Manning Elementary School and later returned as principal of Manning Primary.

In 1994, Dr. Wilder was appointed as assistant superintendent of instruction for Clarendon School District 2. Later that same year she was chosen to lead the school district and made history by becoming the first African American female superintendent in South Carolina since the Reconstruction era. She served in that capacity for seven years, and in 1999, she was named Outstanding Superintendent by the South Carolina School Board Association.

She left Clarendon County to serve as superintendent for the Fairfield County School District for two years and as a curriculum facilitator for Richland County School District 1. In 2004, she returned to Clarendon County to serve as superintendent of school district 1 in the Summerton area.

During her nine years leading the district, Dr. Wilder has challenged the notion that poor students cannot achieve high academic standards. Once a chronically underperforming dis-

trict, Clarendon School District 1 is now the second highest academically performing high poverty district in the state of South Carolina, despite having a 95 percent poverty index rating. She has also brought the district out of a \$1 million deficit into financial solvency. Her other achievements include earning the district accreditation by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, completing the new Summerton Early Childhood Center, and refurbishing the old middle school campus as a community resource center. Next school year, Scott's Branch High School will become a New Tech Network Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) school, one of only two schools in the state to institute this project-based curriculum.

Dr. Wilder's motto is "every child, every chance, every day," and that is clearly reflected in the school district's philosophy and achievements.

Her other achievements include serving on the transition team for State Superintendent of Education Jim Rex in 2006. She is a 1994 graduate of Leadership South Carolina, and a 2009 graduate of the Riley Leadership Diversity Institute at Furman University. She holds a life membership in the NAACP and the United Council of Negro Women. She is an active member of several professional organization and serves as President elect of the South Carolina Association of School Administrators. She is also a member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority.

Dr. Wilder is married to James C. Wilder. They share three children and two grandchildren.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Dr. Rose Wilder for her selection as 2014 South Carolina Superintendent of the Year, and wish her well as she competes for the national honor. She has done an outstanding job during her tenure at Clarendon School District 1, and, as a former teacher, I applaud her dedication to her schools, her students and her community. I am proud to call her a friend and claim her as a constituent of the 6th Congressional district.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE PASSAGE
OF THE BAN THE BOX ACT

HON. KEITH ELLISON

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 14, 2013

Mr. ELLISON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Minnesota Senator Bobby Joe Champion's accomplishment in passing the "Ban the Box" Act in the Minnesota Legislature. Elected to the Minnesota House of Representatives in 2008 and the Minnesota Senate in 2012, Senator Champion is a recognized lawyer, activist, and legislator. He has a long list of legislative accomplishments, including spearheading the Bottineau Corridor transit project, advocating for the creation of the Minnesota African-American History Museum, and supporting the renovation of Nicollet Mall and Orchestra Hall.

One of Senator Champion's most important contributions has been helping those with a criminal record reintegrate successfully into their communities. Senator Champion is the author of the "Ban the Box" Act, which prohibits employers from asking the job applicant

whether he or she has ever been arrested or convicted of a crime, with a few exceptions for sensitive positions. The "Ban the Box" Act is a crucial step forward in the fight against poverty and the effort to reduce recidivism.

The past crimes of former felons often follow them throughout their lives, preventing them from getting jobs ten, twenty, or even thirty years later. Job applicants who have finished serving criminal sentences face many challenges and few opportunities to restart their lives, making recidivism rates high.

The "Ban the Box" Act targets the main reason people who have committed a felony never have a chance at a job—a check off box on a job application that asks the applicant to state whether he or she has ever committed a felony. By barring employers from asking this question on a job application, the Act allows individuals with criminal histories to stand on their own merits. The "Ban the Box" Act will provide employment opportunities to those who have served their sentence, raising their quality of life and their chance for success and leading to reduced crime.

Through Bobby Joe Champion's leadership and perseverance, this legislation passed both the Minnesota Senate and the Minnesota House of Representatives with accolades from both sides of the aisle, and was signed into law by Governor Dayton on May 13, 2013.

I commend Senator Champion for his important work on Minnesota's historic "Ban the Box" legislation.

RECOGNIZING HOSPITAL CORPSMAN 1ST CLASS (FMF) JOSEPH SANTOS ON BEING NAMED U.S. PACIFIC FLEET'S 2012 SEA SAILOR OF THE YEAR

HON. MADELEINE Z. BORDALLO

OF GUAM

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 14, 2013

Ms. BORDALLO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commend and congratulate Hospital Corpsman 1st Class (FMF) Joseph Santos on being named U.S. Pacific Fleet's 2012 Sea Sailor of the Year.

Petty Officer Santos was nominated by his commander, and was chosen from a pool of 13,000 other sailors in the Pacific Fleet. He will be meritoriously promoted to the rank of chief petty officer.

Petty Officer Santos, a native to Saipan and youngest of nine children, moved to Dededo, Guam, with his family when he was just an infant. In 1999, after graduating from John F. Kennedy High School, he joined the United States Navy. Upon completion of basic training, he reported to Naval Hospital Corps School in Great Lakes, Illinois, where he graduated with distinction. He also trained at Field Medical Service School (FMSS) at Camp Pendleton, California.

Petty Officer Santos craved adventure. He wanted to help people and save lives, and he knew the job of a Navy hospital corpsman would help him fulfill these goals.

He has served two tours in Iraq and one in Afghanistan. In 2004, while deployed in Fallujah, he earned a Purple Heart. On September 6, 2004, a large convoy in Fallujah was hit by a vehicle-borne improvised explosive device and there was a mass casualty.

He was the only corpsman on the scene for the first ten minutes of the attack. Although he was able to help many Marines, there were many others that lost their lives that day.

Furthermore, when several Marines in his unit showed signs of suicidal thoughts, he worked to help them get through it and allowed them to bunk above him during their last days in Afghanistan to ensure their return home was as peaceful as possible. He remains committed to his Marines and makes himself available around-the-clock to discuss these issues.

Petty Officer Santos has received numerous awards and recognition for his exemplary service, including the Purple Heart, Navy Commendation Medal, Navy Achievement Medal, Navy Good Conduct Medal, and a Combat Action Ribbon.

He is married to Easton Santos; together they have a 10-year-old daughter, Keana, and are currently expecting another child.

I congratulate Hospital Corpsman 1st Class (FMF) Joseph Santos on being named U.S. Pacific Fleet's 2012 Sailor of the Year. I join the people of Guam in thanking him for his bravery and selfless service to our nation, and for making our island proud.

TRIBUTE TO LUCILLE SUTTON

HON. HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 14, 2013

Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I present the following U.S. Citizen of Distinction.

Whereas, the lives of many have been touched by the life of this one woman who has given of herself to her family and her community; and

Whereas, Mrs. Lucille Sutton's spirit is as sweet as pie, she was an exemplary mother, mother-in-law, grandmother, great grandmother, neighbor and friend; and

Whereas, Lucille Sutton was a virtuous woman, a woman of great integrity who remained true to the uplifting of her community and family which in turn uplifted others; and

Whereas, she was an exemplary matriarch, serving as compass and wise counselor and bringing great joy to our district, her family and friends; and

Whereas, this remarkable woman gave of herself, never asking for fame or fortune as she became a quiet storm, a spark that starts a flame; and

Whereas, the U.S. Representative of the Fourth District of Georgia has set aside this day to bestow a Congressional Recognition on Mrs. Lucille Sutton for her leadership, friendship and service to all of the citizens of DeKalb County and the nation; now therefore, I, HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, Jr., do hereby attest to the 112th Congress that Mrs. Lucille Sutton of DeKalb County, Georgia is deemed worthy and deserving of this "Congressional Recognition": Mrs. Lucille Sutton, U.S. Citizen of Distinction.

Proclaimed, this 2nd day of January, 2013.

RECOGNIZING THE ACHIEVEMENT
OF SSG STEPHEN RYAN

HON. ADAM SMITH

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 14, 2013

Mr. SMITH OF WASHINGTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise to congratulate SSG Stephen Ryan on being honored with the Howard O. Scott Citizen-Soldier of the Year Award from the Tacoma-Pierce County Chamber's Military Affairs Committee. He is a valued NCO who also serves in the Washington Army National Guard with distinction of more than 12 years.

The Citizen-Soldier Award is given to an exemplary Soldier, Airman, Sailor, Marine, or Coast Guardsman who demonstrates Mr. Scott's belief that giving back to the community is one's responsibility.

SSG Ryan has excelled in each position he has held throughout his career. He is highly regarded in the maintenance community as one of the best practitioners of the Standard Army Maintenance System Enhanced (SAMS—E) in the Washington National Guard.

His off duty work with the 951st Maintenance Company's Family Readiness Program is a tribute to his unit and fellow soldiers. He continues to volunteer and devotes his personal time to the men and women of the 951st as a leader and mentor of our Citizen Soldiers.

For the last six years SSG Ryan has volunteered often with the Pierce County Friends and Athletes (PCFA), one of the largest independent Special Olympics programs in the State. He also is the head usher at Lakewood New Hope Community Church, where he spent a year as a board member.

The Citizen-Soldier Award memorializes Howard Scott who grew up in Tacoma and served his nation when called upon during World War II. He returned to succeed as a banker in Tacoma—giving of much his time to community service organizations, believing that service is a core responsibility.

Mr. Speaker, it is with great honor that I recognize SSG Stephen Ryan. His dedication to serving our community is an inspiration to others.

OUR UNCONSCIONABLE NATIONAL
DEBT

HON. MIKE COFFMAN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 14, 2013

Mr. COFFMAN. Mr. Speaker, on January 20, 2009, the day President Obama took office, the national debt was \$10,626,877,048,913.08.

Today, it is \$16,755,788,437,042.45. We've added \$6,128,911,388,129.37 to our debt in 4 years. This is \$6 trillion in debt our nation, our economy, and our children could have avoided with a balanced budget amendment.

RECOGNIZING THE 95TH REPUBLIC
DAY OF THE REPUBLIC OF
AZERBAIJAN

HON. MADELEINE Z. BORDALLO

OF GUAM

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 14, 2013

Ms. BORDALLO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today as a member of the Congressional Azerbaijan Caucus, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the Republic of Azerbaijan as it celebrates its 95th Republic Day on May 28, 2013. Later this year, Azerbaijan will also celebrate the 22nd anniversary of its freedom from the Soviet Union and the establishment of diplomatic relations with the United States.

Azerbaijan's initial independence was short-lived, and was overtaken by the Bolshevik Revolution and the force of Soviet Russia. Many Azerbaijanis lost their lives in 1920, trying to retain their independence. After decades of living under Soviet rule, in 1991, Azerbaijan once again regained its independence after the fall of the Soviet Union.

Over the last two decades Azerbaijan has become an increasingly important partner to the US, with Russia as a neighbor on its' northern border and an extensive border with Iran in the south, Azerbaijan is located in a geopolitically dynamic region between Europe and Asia. It is a predominately Muslim secular democracy noted for religious tolerance that is also home to Christian and Jewish communities.

As highlighted by former Secretary of Defense Robert Gates, Azerbaijan plays a key role in supporting the Northern Distribution Network, which provides passage for Coalition supplies bound for Afghanistan. In addition to supporting U.S. security interests in the region, Azerbaijan serves a paramount role in supplying world markets with oil and gas. It is the only secular Muslim country that maintains close ties with Israel, supplying roughly forty percent of Israel's energy needs.

I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the Republic of Azerbaijan on the occasion of its 95th Republic Day. I also encourage my colleagues to join the Congressional Azerbaijan Caucus to show support for the important partnership between the United States and Azerbaijan.

HONORING JOYCE GEORGE

HON. HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 14, 2013

Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I submit the following proclamation.

Whereas, a virtuous woman of God accepted her calling to serve in the Educational System; and

Whereas, Mrs. Joyce George began her educational career in teaching in Alabama and this year she retires from teaching at Edward L. Bouie, Sr., Elementary Theme School in Lithonia, Georgia, she has served the DeKalb County Public Schools System well and our community has been blessed through her service; and

Whereas, this phenomenal woman has shared her time and talents as a Teacher, Educator and Motivator, giving the citizens of

Georgia a person of great worth, a fearless leader, a devoted scholar and a servant to all who want to advance the lives of our youth; and

Whereas, Mrs. George is formally retiring from her educational career today, she will continue to promote education because she is a cornerstone in our community that has enhanced the lives of thousands for the betterment of our District and Nation; and

Whereas, the U.S. Representative of the Fourth District of Georgia has set aside this day to honor and recognize Mrs. Joyce George on her retirement from the DeKalb County Public Schools System and to wish her well in her new endeavors; now therefore, I, HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, Jr. do hereby proclaim May 10, 2013 as Mrs. Joyce George Day in the 4th Congressional District of Georgia.

Proclaimed, this 10th day of May, 2013.

SPRINGFIELD-GREENE COUNTY
PARK BOARD 100TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. BILLY LONG

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 14, 2013

Mr. LONG. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Springfield-Greene County Park Board's 100th Anniversary.

The Park Board was founded on May 22, 1913 and immediately assumed the maintenance and preservation of Washington and Lafayette Parks, both created shortly after the Civil War. By the end of World War II, it administered Springfield's ten historic parks, including: Dickerson Park Zoo, Doling, Grant Beach, Fassnight, Lafayette, Phelps Grove, Sequiota, Silver Springs, Smith, and Washington.

Tremendous growth took place from the 1950s to the present, particularly under the leadership of longtime Parks Director Dan Kinney, who more than doubled the size of the system during his tenure from 1971 to 2005. The name changed to the Springfield-Greene County Park Board in 1996, when voters approved expansion of the system beyond city limits.

The Park Board now counts more than 100 sites and many more facilities within its county-wide system, ranging from neighborhood playgrounds to multi-use recreational facilities. The system includes three golf courses, three Emily centers, a zoo, a farm park, a botanical center, several sports and athletic complexes, two indoor aquatics centers, six outdoor swimming pools, multiple school-park sites and more than 100 miles of recreational trails.

The Park Board has earned state and national recognition, most notably the "Gold Medal Award" for best overall parks and recreation department of its size in 2000 from the National Recreation and Park Association. In 2003, the City of Springfield, Missouri—Greene County was named "Missouri Sportstown USA" by Sports Illustrated magazine. The United States Olympic Committee has designated the Park Board as one of its select Community Olympic Development Program sites for the sports of tennis, volleyball, archery, and ice hockey.

Each year, park facilities host more than 50 national, regional, state and local tournaments

in softball, baseball, soccer, hockey, tennis, volleyball and golf, and it maintains an active partnership with more than 200 volunteer groups and entities in the area, enhancing recreation and outreach both within and beyond parks facilities.

For 100 years, the Park Board has skillfully managed the beautiful parks and recreation facilities throughout the Springfield area, and I am confident that the next 100 years will be even more impressive.

CONGRATULATING ROBERT F. CERVENKA OF PHILLIPS, WISCONSIN, ON BEING PRESENTED THE LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD BY THE PRICE COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION

HON. SEAN P. DUFFY

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 14, 2013

Mr. DUFFY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the business accomplishments of Robert F. Cervenka of Phillips, Wisconsin, who has been presented the Lifetime Achievement Award by the Price County Economic Development Association.

Bob Cervenka was born and raised in the small town of Phillips, Wisconsin. He graduated from the University of Wisconsin-Madison. After his graduation in 1958, Bob returned to the community that he loved to pursue his new business venture—the Phillips Plastics Corporation.

Phillips Plastics began operations on October 20, 1964, occupying an old creamery building in Phillips. In 1967, the company broke ground on a new 12,000 square foot custom plastic facility where they employed 30 skilled workers dedicated to crafting innovative control knobs for automobiles, dishwashers, fans, dehumidifiers, and dryers. In 1973, Phillips Plastics opened Precision Decorating in Medford, Wisconsin. Shortly thereafter, the facility became known as Phillips Automotive, a full service design, manufacture, decoration, and assembly plant for high volume injection molded components. As industries from the Midwest moved to the south and offshore, Bob recognized that Wisconsin's rural, small community workforce offered a unique competitive advantage. He developed additional plants in Chippewa Falls, Eau Claire, Menomonie, New Richmond, Hudson, and Prescott among others.

Capitalizing on the company's success, Mr. Cervenka and co-founder Louie Vokurka established the independent philanthropic Ann Marie Foundation in 1974. Named after their mothers, the foundation worked to improve the quality of life within local communities that are home to Phillips Plastics facilities. Since its inception, the foundation has given over \$8 million to schools and non-profit organizations.

Thanks to the business contributions of outstanding citizens like Robert F. Cervenka, Wisconsin's economic future looks bright. I ask that my colleagues join me today to express our appreciation for Bob's entrepreneurial spirit and our congratulations to him on receiving this well-deserved award.

RECOGNIZING VICE SPEAKER BENJAMIN J.F. CRUZ ON RECEIVING THE JUDICIARY'S 2013 HUSTISIA AWARD FOR GUAM

HON. MADELEINE Z. BORDALLO

OF GUAM

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 14, 2013

Ms. BORDALLO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commend and congratulate Benjamin J.F. Cruz, the Vice Speaker of the Guam Legislature, on being awarded the Judiciary of Guam's 2013 Hustisia Award.

The Hustisia Award is awarded annually to recognize a person or organization that has contributed to improving the administration of justice and good government.

Vice Speaker Cruz has committed his life to promoting justice in Guam as an attorney, jurist, and current senator. This award recognizes his 40 years of service in advocating for justice and equality and for promoting and strengthening respect for the rule of law. Throughout this career, he fostered building public support for the judiciary, promoted understanding of the judicial system, and encouraged civic responsibility and service.

Born to Antonia C. Franquez and the late Juan Quenga Cruz, former Commissioner of Piti, Vice Speaker Cruz received a Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science and Economics from Claremont Men's College in 1972. In 1975, he received his Juris Doctor degree from the University of Santa Clara Law School.

Vice Speaker Cruz returned home and became an attorney and member of the Guam Bar Association. Throughout his career, Vice Speaker Cruz has worked for all three branches of government. From 1975 to 1979, he served as Legal Counsel to my late husband, Governor Ricardo J. Bordallo. A few years later, in 1983, he served one year as Director of the Guam Liaison Office in Washington, D.C.

His work in the judicial branch of government began in 1984 when he was appointed a judge of the Superior Court of Guam. He was elevated to the Supreme Court of Guam and served as an associate justice from 1997 to 1999. In 1999, his colleagues elected him Chief Justice of Guam and served in this capacity until his retirement from the bench in 2001.

In December 2003, he was federally appointed as Commissioner of the Guam War Claims Review Commission. He served in this post until June 2004.

He is currently serving his second term as Vice Speaker of the 32nd Guam Legislature; he has served as a senator in the 31st, 30th and 28th Legislatures. He was also the Minority Legal Counsel for the 15th, 16th, and 29th Guam Legislatures.

Additionally, Vice Speaker Cruz remains an active member of our island community. He has been involved in numerous community and civic organizations, and has spearheaded several non-profit corporations focused on social justice issues, cultural preservation, and youth services.

I congratulate Vice Speaker Benjamin J.F. Cruz on receiving the Judiciary of Guam's 2013 Hustisia Award. I join the people of Guam in commending him for his award and thanking him for his many contributions to our community.

IMPROVING EMPLOYMENT & INDEPENDENCE FOR THE BLIND AND VISION IMPAIRED

HON. DANIEL WEBSTER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 14, 2013

Mr. WEBSTER of Florida. Mr. Speaker, as May is Vision Loss Awareness Month, it is my pleasure to recognize and support the AbilityOne Program. The AbilityOne Program, established by the Javits-Wagner-O'Day Act, is the nation's largest initiative that provides career opportunities to more than 50,000 people who are blind or have other significant disabilities. Seven out of 10 working age Americans who are blind or visually impaired are not employed. Through this program, people with disabilities have the opportunity to gain greater independence and quality of life, and enjoy and benefit from participation in their communities.

There are over 600 community-based non-profit agencies nationwide that participate in the AbilityOne Program. Lighthouse Central Florida, located in Orlando, Florida, is one of the agencies across the country associated with the AbilityOne program to provide individuals who are blind or visually impaired with rehabilitative services, job training and employment opportunities. In August 2012, I was fortunate to visit and tour the Lighthouse Central Florida facility, its recent expansion Lighthouse Works!, and their new call center. On behalf of the citizens of Central Florida, I commend the efforts of Lighthouse Central Florida and the investments they are making in the lives of individuals with vision loss to provide them with job training, work experience and other tools necessary to lead independent, successful lives.

In addition, the AbilityOne Program network manufactures a wide array of products and services such as the National Industries for the Blind's (NIB) SKILCRAFT® brand, which encompasses over 3,000 items including janitorial equipment, office supplies, medical supplies, tools, and uniforms. I am pleased to support the AbilityOne Program and NIB's initiatives by purchasing SKILCRAFT® products for use in my District office.

Federal and state governments save more than \$33 million a year through the excellent work being done through the AbilityOne Program. Over the past 75 years, AbilityOne has enriched the lives of individuals who are blind or have other significant disabilities, and over the past 37 years, Lighthouse Central Florida has educated, trained, and helped 100,000 blind and vision impaired individuals. I applaud the efforts of those involved, and I wish them many more years of quality service to our nation.

HONORING JERRICK JACKSON

HON. HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 14, 2013

Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I present the following U.S. Citizen of Distinction.

Whereas, we are gathered to celebrate the life of Mr. Jerrick Jackson, one of DeKalb County's favorite sons; and

Whereas, Jerrick Jackson was born to Wiley "Chief" Jackson, Sr., and Bobbie Lois Jackson, on April 19, 1966, he was educated in the DeKalb County Public Schools, later working for Delta Airlines and Norfolk Southern Railroad as a conductor; and

Whereas, he was a young man who believed and lived a life for God, country, community and family; and

Whereas, Jerrick Jackson gave of himself, his time, his talent and his life with unwavering commitment to his family; and

Whereas, he was a son, a brother and a friend; he was a man who enjoyed life, savoring the moments with his family and his companion Kimberly E. Little and her daughter, AnBiya Y. Mitchell; and

Whereas, the U.S. Representative of the Fourth District of Georgia recognizes Mr. Jerrick Jackson as a citizen of great worth and so noted distinction; now therefore, I, HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, Jr., do hereby attest to the 113th Congress that Mr. Jerrick Jackson is deemed worthy and deserving of this "Congressional Honor" by declaring Mr. Jerrick Jackson, U.S. Citizen of Distinction in the 4th Congressional District of Georgia

Proclaimed, this 13th day of May, 2013.

RECOGNIZING THE AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY FOR ITS SERVICE OVER THE LAST 100 YEARS

HON. JEFF MILLER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 14, 2013

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the One Hundredth Anniversary of the American Cancer Society.

Originally founded as the American Society for the Control of Cancer in 1913, the American Cancer Society promotes awareness and education, in addition to demonstrating an unmatched determination and commitment in supporting patients, survivors, and their families.

In 1944, the American Cancer Society began the prioritizing of cancer research and has to date been the largest non-governmental funder of cancer research. The American Cancer Society was instrumental in the passage of the Cancer Act of 1971, which established the National Cancer Institute to advance the detection of cancer and the application of cutting edge treatments.

Thanks in part to the American Cancer Society, the number of cancer deaths in America declined for the first time in history in 2006 and continues to decline today. The Society has made an incredible impact in the race to find the cure. Not only has the American Cancer Society been directly responsible for saving the lives of millions, but also for providing a light of hope in times of despair.

Relay for Life, which is the largest grassroots fundraising event in the world, was originally founded by an American Cancer Society volunteer over twenty years ago. Relay for Life is undoubtedly one of the most emotionally powerful group fundraising events, raising more than three billion dollars to date. This laudable event brings the Nation together to provide hope and strength amongst all those impacted by cancer.

On behalf of the United States Congress, I congratulate the American Cancer Society and

its courageous members on the monumental impact they've made over the last one hundred years. My wife Vicki joins me in offering our best wishes in the fight against cancer and for the success of the American Cancer Society.

TRINITY EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

HON. JOHN SHIMKUS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 14, 2013

Mr. SHIMKUS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church in Danville, Illinois upon the 150th Anniversary of the church. The church celebrated this special occasion on April 25, 2013 with a festival divine service and banquet.

Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church was founded on February 15, 1863 when 14 members signed the constitution which formed the congregation. The first ordained pastor was Gottfried Markworth, who also started Lutheran day school education in Danville, which is celebrating 150 years as well. The congregation moved to the current building on Main Street on April 25, 1915. Today, the church has 727 baptized members and the Pastor is Kent Tibben.

I extend my congratulations to Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church upon this special occasion. It is my prayer that the Lord blesses them with many more years of service.

CLEBRATING MINNESOTA MARRIAGE EQUALITY

HON. BETTY McCOLLUM

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 14, 2013

Ms. McCOLLUM. Mr. Speaker, today is a historic day for Minnesota. Marriage equality will become the law in our state, and I stand with my fellow Minnesotans to celebrate the equality of love and access to civil rights for all families. I applaud the courageous legislators who voted with their hearts for justice and equality for all families.

I am inspired by the dedication and compassion of all those who have worked to make the freedom to marry a reality in our state. Just two years ago, a hurtful and discriminatory amendment was proposed to constitutionally exclude Minnesota's same-sex couples from marriage. Yet through countless thoughtful conversations and the brave sharing of personal stories, a coalition was built that defeated the amendment.

Here in Washington I am mindful that much work remains to be done. Same-sex couples who will soon be legally married in Minnesota will still not be federally recognized because the Defense of Marriage Act (DOMA) discriminates against them. These couples will be denied more than 1,000 federal rights and benefits that their neighbors are eligible to receive. I will continue to work to repeal DOMA and I hope in the coming weeks the U.S. Supreme Court will rule it unconstitutional.

All Americans deserve to be treated equally under the law. I look forward to the day when

we can celebrate marriage equality all across America. Until then, I share in the joy of another step forward in the struggle for equal rights for all, regardless of their race, age, gender, or sexual orientation.

IN RECOGNITION OF FORMER PRESIDENT OF MEXICO, INDIGENOUS LEADER, AND FRIEND TO THE UNITED STATES, BENITO JUAREZ

HON. ENI F.H. FALEOMAVAEGA

OF AMERICAN SAMOA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 14, 2013

Mr. FALEOMAVAEGA. Mr. Speaker, as millions of Mexican Americans across the country commemorate the 5th of May, or "El Cinco de Mayo," I would like to pay particular homage to the indigenous visionary leader and friend to the U.S., Benito Juarez, whose historic actions lead to this celebrated occasion. Born the son of Zapotec Indian peasants, Juarez rose above racial, economic, and political challenges to become one of Mexico's most renowned presidents.

Juarez became a lawyer in 1834, a judge in 1841, Governor of the state of Oaxaca in 1847, President of the Supreme Court of Justice in 1857, interim President of Mexico in 1858, and finally President elect in 1861.

Juarez served his country at a time of tremendous political discord. Inspired by the idea of a modern civil society and free market principles prevalent in its neighboring country to the north, Juarez dedicated himself to ridding his country of its historically corrupt military rule. Juarez also successfully ousted British, Spanish, and French opposition forces while serving as head of state in exile. It was at the Battle of Puebla, on May 5, 1862, that Mexican forces won a victory against the French. Although significantly outnumbered, the Mexicans defeated a much better-equipped French army of more than double their size in numbers. The French army had not been defeated in almost 50 years. On May 9, 1862, Juarez declared that the anniversary of the Battle of Puebla would be a national holiday regarded as "Battle of Puebla Day" or "Battle of Cinco de Mayo."

I note that Juarez maintained a special relationship with President Abraham Lincoln. During Juarez' exile, President Lincoln sent him a message expressing hope "for the liberty of . . . [his] government and its people." Later while Juarez fought against the French, General Ulysses S. Grant, under President Lincoln's direction, issued an order to "concentrate in all available points in the States an army strong enough to move against the invaders of Mexico." President Lincoln also supplied arms and munitions to Juarez, sending as many as 30,000 muskets to reinforce the Mexican line.

In turn, Juarez stood strong against Confederacy efforts to topple the Union armies. When the South sent a delegation under John T. Pickett to Mexico to win over the juaristas, Pickett was thrown into a Mexico City jail for 30 days and thereafter expelled from the country.

Upon receiving news of President Lincoln's assassination, Juarez ordered flags at all public buildings and military stations in Mexico to

fly at half-mast. In a letter to the Secretary of the Mexican Legation and his charge d'affaires in Washington, D.C., Juarez wrote: "[This] great misfortune has profoundly impressed me, as Mr. Lincoln, who worked with so much earnestness and abnegation for the cause of nationality and freedom, was worthy of a better fate than the poniard of a coward assassin."

Today, Juarez is remembered as being a progressive reformer dedicated to democracy, equal rights for his nation's indigenous peoples, and the defense of national sovereignty. Let us honor him on this day.

TRIBUTE TO DR. STANLEY H. STONE

HON. CORRINE BROWN

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 14, 2013

Ms. BROWN of Florida. Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the constituents of the Fifth Congressional District of Florida and myself, I rise now to offer a tribute to the career and success of my friend, Dr. Stanley H. Stone, who served as the Vice President of Human Resources and Diversity for Valencia College in Orlando, FL for the past ten years. A visionary and scholar Dr. Stanley H. Stone is a true leader of the Central Florida Community and the great State of Florida.

We exalt Dr. Stone for his accomplishments while the legacy honoring the man, husband, father, and a community leader who is beloved by many in the Central Florida area. A man dedicated to education and committed to achieving athletic excellence, Dr. Stone earned a Bachelor's of Arts degree in Political Science in 1974 from Howard University in Washington, District of Columbia while on a track athletic scholarship. During his tenure at Howard, he was acknowledged as a College All-American in Track and Field. This prestigious honor catapulted him toward his aspirations of representing the United States in the Olympics after winning several sprinting competitions. Continuing his pursuit of academic scholarship, Dr. Stone was awarded his Juris Doctorate degree in 1977 from Howard University.

Upon relocating to the State of Florida, Dr. Stone began his professional career as a staff attorney for Central Florida Legal Services, Inc. In 1979, Dr. Stone's call to service lead him to the classrooms of Seminole Community College in Sanford, FL and Valencia Community in Orlando, FL as an adjunct professor, where he taught both business and law classes at each respective institution. Within the year, Dr. Stone became the Program Director of the Paralegal Program at Valencia. Progressing forward, he became the Dean of the Business and Public Services department and served in this capacity for 10 years. Because of his exceptional work ethic, management skills, and business savvy, Dr. Stone was promoted to Provost of Valencia College, East Campus in 1994 and remained in this position until 2003. It was during his tenure as Provost that the East Campus experienced extraordinary growth in student enrollment, increased number of grants awarded to faculty and staff, and the expansion of buildings and facilities. Subsequently, by the end of his term, the East

Campus bolstered an enrollment of over 17,000 students per semester, greatly exceeding that of the other three respective Valencia Community College campuses. Also as campus Provost, Dr. Stone served as the Chair of the college-wide Equal Access/Equal Opportunity Committee, responsible for recommending college policies and procedures for controlling employment discrimination investigations, sexual harassment complaints, and provided guidance to administrators on college recruiting and hiring practices. As a result of being an advocate for students, Dr. Stone was awarded an honorary membership into the Phi Theta Kappa Society.

In recognition of exemplifying phenomenal leadership, Valencia's President, Dr. Sanford Shugart, promoted Dr. Stone to the position of Vice-President of Human Resources and Diversity division in 2003. Dr. Stone is the first to hold this position and was the only African American on the president's cabinet. He served as the president's liaison to the College's Black Advisory Committee. Dr. Stone holds memberships in the American Association of the Community Colleges, the Florida Association of Community Colleges and the College and University Public Administrators organization.

As a community leader Dr. Stanley H. Stone efforts are unrivaled. He has served on numerous boards, commissions and panels throughout the Central Florida area. In September, 2006, Orlando Mayor Buddy Dyer appointed Dr. Stone as Chair of the Mayor's Safe Orlando Task Force his unprecedented recommendations to resolve law enforcement issues and reduce crime were unanimously accepted recommendations for implementation. In addition, Dr. Stone serves on the Board of Directors for the African American Chamber of Commerce, the Central Florida Urban League, 100 Black Men organization and Boys and Girls Club. Dr. Stone reached the pinnacle of his volunteerism and philanthropic efforts by being recognized by several organizations such as the Orange County Black History Committee who named Dr. Stone, Educator of the Year in 2006; The Links, Incorporated in 2009; and he was most recently recognized by Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Incorporated as a Blue Indigo award recipient.

Though Dr. Stone H. Stone is a celebrated educator and exemplary community leader, the title that suits him best that which he is most proud of is father. Dr. Stone enjoys leisure time with his son, Terrance, and his loving wife, Barbara. In memory of their most cherished and treasured daughter Shannon, who transitioned in 2007, Dr. and Mrs. Stone established a foundation through which several students have been granted scholarships and book awards. A devoted and active member of Antioch Missionary Baptist Church in Oviedo, Florida, Dr. Stone is a man of great faith. Through his faith he has persevered from his childhood in the inner city to his stellar achievements as a community servant. Always remembering to reach back, Dr. Stone's commitment and dedication to our youth has provided young people with the opportunities that were not so easily afforded to him.

We pay tribute to a man of God Dr. Stanley H. Stone, as a humanitarian, man, husband, father, educator, and community leader in Central Florida whose life work and achievements symbolize compassion, thoughtfulness, patience, wisdom, confidence and faith. He is

a man who has remained the master of his fate, steadfast to being the captain of his soul and is truly a role model for us all.

HONORING CALVIN “CAL” SUTKER

HON. JANICE D. SCHAKOWSKY

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 14, 2013

Ms. SCHAKOWSKY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Mr. Calvin “Cal” Sutker, a political and community leader, a devoted family man, and a treasured friend to many.

Cal Sutker had an illustrious political career that included many elected and appointed leadership positions, beginning as a Trustee in the Village of Skokie from 1965 to 1969, where he helped pass one of the first Fair Housing Ordinances in the State of Illinois.

From 1985 to 1991, Mr. Sutker ably represented his community in the Illinois General Assembly as State Representative and went on to become Cook County Commissioner from 1994 to 2002. Mr. Sutker served as Niles Township Democratic Committeeman for 33 years, from 1973 to 2006. He also served as Chairman of the Illinois Democratic Party and as State Central Committeeman. He was a friend and supporter of many aspiring and serving elected officials, including me, for which I will always be grateful.

In addition to the many laws and ordinances that he authored that have made life better for the people of Illinois, Mr. Sutker has left an indelible physical legacy for our community. He was instrumental in bringing the Skokie Northshore Sculpture Park, the 2nd District Courthouse, and the Illinois Holocaust Museum to Skokie. In 2006, a Cook County Forest Preserve District grove was named for Cal Sutker.

Mr. Sutker was active in Jewish charitable causes, and a staunch support of NA'AMAT USA, in which his beloved wife Phyllis was a leader for many years. He enlisted in the United States Army in 1942, serving in Germany, France and Austria during World War II. He was in the battalion that first entered the Dachau concentration camp and liberated its prisoners, and spoke regularly to community and student groups about his experiences during the war.

He received his undergraduate and law degrees from the University of Chicago.

Calvin Sutker and his late wife Phyllis had four children—Edie Sue Sutker, a Skokie Trustee, Shelly Sutker-Dermer, a Circuit Court Judge in Skokie, Sharon McGowan, and Allen Sutker. He is also survived by his eight grandchildren, his sister Ada Rabinowitz, and his brother Irwin Sutker.

RECOGNIZING CHILDREN'S
MEDICAL CENTER DALLAS

HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 14, 2013

Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the achievements of Children's Medical Center Dallas. This year, Children's Medical Center Dallas celebrates its centennial, marking 100 years of providing quality health care to the Dallas community.

Children's Medical Center Dallas has consistently been recognized among the top children's hospitals in the country by U.S. News and World Report. It has more than fifty specialty and subspecialty programs, and was the first pediatric hospital in Texas to be designated as a Level I Trauma Center. Children's provides more than \$65 million in charity health care annually to ensure access to treatment for many children whose families are unable to pay for their care. With nearly seven thousand employees and well over 200,000 patients served annually, Children's is an integral part of the Dallas community.

To expand the treatment options available for patients, Children's has partnered with the University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center to create the Children's Medical Center Research Institute. This Institute builds upon the clinical expertise of Children's Medical Center Dallas and the scientific prowess of UT Southwestern Medical Center to conduct transformational pediatric research.

Over recent decades, I have seen Children's Medical Center Dallas grow and develop in its effort to continue providing superior healthcare for children and their families. I congratulate Children's on its 100th year of operation and commend the hardworking

nurses, physicians, and staff at Children's for providing care to so many of Dallas' children.

IN RECOGNITION OF SERGEANT
GUILLERMO DE LEON

HON. PETE P. GALLEGO

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 14, 2013

Mr. GALLEGO. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the late Sergeant Guillermo “Willie” De Leon.

Staff Sergeant de Leon was the son of a Terlingua miner—born on June 25, 1919 in the 23rd congressional district in Big Bend and raised in Uvalde. He gained his strong work ethic at an early age—learning the stonemason and bricklayers trade during the great depression.

Mr. De Leon was inducted in the U.S. Army in 1940—serving in the 36th Infantry Division in North Africa and Italy. He made the rank of staff sergeant at an early age, becoming one of the first Mexican-American noncommissioned officers and one of the first to command Anglo troops.

Staff Sergeant De Leon led a squad of 12 men in the first wave of the amphibious landing at Salerno Italy in 1943—wading through tracer bullets and his fallen comrades. He was also a member of the 141st Infantry Regiment the all Mexican-American unit that led the attack at the crossing of the Rapido River. Staff Sergeant De Leon was one of only 26 men who survived the attack.

Staff Sergeant De Leon's valor earned him several recognitions. He was awarded the Silver Star, the Bronze Star, the Purple Heart with one cluster, the American Defense Service Medal, the American Campaign Medal, the Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal with four battle stars, and the World War II Victory Medal.

After his service, he returned to Uvalde to be with his family. He was a true hero. It is fitting that the civic center of Uvalde be named in honor of this brave American soldier—and rededicated on May 27, 2013. He is one of the community's most decorated veterans. The Staff Sergeant Willie De Leon Civic Center will pay tribute to the life of Guillermo De Leon.