

the great king, hit Kamehameha with a paddle on the head, so hard that it splintered into thousand pieces. King Kamehameha survived the incident and those same fishermen were brought to him for punishment. However, to their surprise, the King did not seek revenge for the incident but rather blamed himself and declared that every innocent, unarmed man, woman and child would be protected during wartime. The Law of the Splintered Paddle has become the basis for a number of humanitarian laws of war and was the first written law in the Kingdom of Hawai'i. This reflects King Kamehameha's devotion to protecting the weak during times of war and his belief that every human life was precious beyond comprehension.

King Kamehameha was also steadfast in preserving the traditional Hawaiian cultural beliefs and practices. He was a strong follower of the Hawaiian religion and deeply valued the long standing kapu system, the laws and regulations of ancient Hawai'i.

Without King Kamehameha and the unification of the Hawaiian Islands, Hawai'i would have been torn apart by competing western interests. The Kingdom of Hawai'i, with a united front, was able to resist western colonialism until the overthrow in 1893. For the people of Hawai'i, the reign of King Kamehameha, celebrated on June 11th, represents a time of great prosperity and peace in Hawaiian history. It serves a reminder of the greatness in the Hawaiian people and the everlasting respect for the King who united Hawai'i while remaining true to the traditions and beliefs that have guided the people for hundreds of years and many more to come.

KEVIN O'DONNELL

HON. LOU BARLETTA

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 8, 2014

Mr. BARLETTA. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor Kevin O'Donnell who is receiving the 2014 Greater Hazleton Friends of Scouting Distinguished Citizen of the Year award.

Mr. O'Donnell is the president of CAN DO, Inc. which is a private, non-profit industrial/economic development corporation serving the Greater Hazleton area in Northeastern Pennsylvania. He began his career with CAN DO in 1973 as assistant director, and in 1984, was named director, a title that was changed to president in 1995 and one that he continues to hold today.

The Greater Hazleton Friends of Scouting Distinguished Citizen award recognizes individuals who set a positive example for others and demonstrate selfless concern and care for their communities. For the past 40 years, through his work with CAN DO and other efforts, Mr. O'Donnell has attracted regional, national, and global companies to do business in Northeastern Pennsylvania, which in turn has created thousands of jobs and produced hundreds of millions of dollars for the local economy.

In addition to his most recent award, Mr. O'Donnell has been recognized countless times for his selfless contributions to the community. In 1984, he was the first individual ever named, "Developer of the Year" by the Pennsylvania Economic Development Asso-

ciation. In 2006, he received the Ben Franklin Innovation Award "Special Achievement" for contributions to the Great Valley Technology Alliance, and in 2009, he was inducted into the Northeast Pennsylvania's Business Hall of Fame. Mr. O'Donnell has also been recognized for his work as a former officer and member of several local educational institutions and community and civic groups. He currently is on the board for the Wiltsie Center for the Performing Arts and serves as a member of the Hazleton Civic Partnership Advisory Committee. In addition, he is a member of the Hazleton Rotary Club.

Mr. Speaker, Mr. O'Donnell has made countless contributions to improving life for residents of Northeastern Pennsylvania. Therefore, I commend him for his hard work and congratulate him on receiving the 2014 Distinguished Citizen of the Year award from the Greater Hazleton Friends of Scouting.

RECOGNIZING COACH FRED
PENNINGTON

HON. DANIEL WEBSTER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 8, 2014

Mr. WEBSTER of Florida. Mr. Speaker, it is my privilege to recognize Coach Fred Pennington of Evans High School. Coach Pennington began his coaching career at Evans in 1959 as the school's junior varsity basketball coach. His leadership was immediately evident, and after becoming the school's varsity basketball coach, his first varsity team won 20 games in the 1961-1962 season. Coach Pennington's 1968 team was state runner-up, and in 1975, he led the Trojan team to victory in the state championship. One of his players, Darryl Dawkins, became the first player drafted directly out of high school into the NBA.

While we celebrate Coach Pennington's public successes, the unwritten story of his influence is his undoubted impact on young people's lives. He inspired young people to meet high standards, to function as part of a team, and to achieve set goals. In the process, he gave them important tools with which they could improve their lives and the lives of others.

Throughout his career, Coach Pennington has demonstrated outstanding leadership on and off the court. It is my distinct honor to recognize Coach Pennington for his dedication to the students and athletes of Central Florida.

RECOGNIZING 50TH ANNIVERSARY
OF THE TOWN OF PESHTIGO
FIRE DEPARTMENT

HON. REID J. RIBBLE

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 8, 2014

Mr. RIBBLE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 50th anniversary of the Town of Peshtigo Fire Department. The Town of Peshtigo, with the assistance of its neighbors in the City of Marinette, passed a resolution to purchase the necessary fire equipment to get started in 1963. The first meeting of the Town of Peshtigo volunteer firefighting company oc-

curred on April 28, 1964. A few months after this meeting, the town board officially created the Town of Peshtigo Fire Department with Howard Rettke being named Chief.

Since the beginning, the Town of Peshtigo has continually made the safety of these firefighters a priority by investing in the most modern technology. The Town of Peshtigo Fire Department has worked closely with surrounding communities to foster better coordination and faster response times to better protect the lives and property of their friends, families and neighbors.

The department plans to mark this anniversary on June 21 at Badger Park in Peshtigo with live music, a pig roast and waterball competition with other firefighters from the greater Peshtigo area. As Congressman, I am proud of the work being done by fire departments throughout the 8th District and I encourage the residents in Northeast Wisconsin to join with me in celebrating the Town of Peshtigo Fire Department's 50th anniversary.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. TIM GRIFFIN

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 8, 2014

Mr. GRIFFIN of Arkansas. Mr. Speaker, on Tuesday, May 6, 2014, and Wednesday, May 7, 2014, I missed eleven votes as I was home in Arkansas continuing my work in dealing with the aftermath of the devastating storm that hit my district, including a visit with the President of the affected area in Vilonia, Arkansas.

Had I been present, I would have voted "aye" on rollcall vote 194, "aye" on rollcall vote 195, "no" on rollcall vote 196, "aye" on rollcall vote 197, "aye" on rollcall vote 198, "aye" on rollcall vote 199, "aye" on rollcall vote 200, "aye" on rollcall vote 201, "no" on rollcall vote 202, "aye" on rollcall vote 203, and "aye" on rollcall vote 204.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE AMERICAN SOCIETY OF CLINICAL ONCOLOGY

HON. PATRICK MEEHAN

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 8, 2014

Mr. MEEHAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the American Society of Clinical Oncology on 50 inspiring years of innovative cancer research and treatment.

Many Americans have a close connection to this terrible disease, whether they have survived it themselves or cared for a loved one who suffered through cancer. It galvanizes all of us to push for new early detection methods as well as new treatments.

In 1964, the seven founding physicians who created the American Society of Clinical Oncology came together with a vision for a professional society that would educate other physicians on treatment methods. At that time, cancer was largely untreatable and only a handful of hard-to-tolerate therapies were available.

Fifty years later the American Society of Clinical Oncology has almost 35,000 members

worldwide. The number of drugs available to treat different types of cancer has steadily increased over the years thanks to some of these physicians. Today more than two-thirds of patients with cancer are alive five years after their diagnosis. This is a true testament to the groundbreaking research and diligent work of so many in this field.

Mr. Speaker, I commend the American Society of Clinical Oncology for their leadership in the fight against cancer. It is my sincere hope that this and other research avenues will lead to new discoveries to better detect cancer and save lives.

RECOGNIZING THE U.S. COAST GUARD'S 9TH ANNUAL CHANNEL ISLANDS HARBOR SAFE BOATING EXPO

HON. JULIA BROWNLEY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 8, 2014

Ms. BROWNLEY of California. Mr. Speaker, today I rise in recognition of the U.S. Coast Guard's 9th Annual Channel Islands Harbor Safe Boating Expo, which recognizes May 17 through 23, 2014 as National Safe Boating Week. The event also marks the start of the year-round effort to promote safe boating.

With an average of 700 people dying each year in a boating-related accident, approximately 71% of these fatalities are caused by drowning. The vast majority of these accidents are caused by human error and/or poor judgment, not by faulty equipment or environmental factors. It is known that a significant number of boaters who lose their lives by drowning each year would be alive today had they worn their life jackets. It is crucial that the public stay educated about boating safety and the ways in which they can protect themselves and others.

At the Channel Island Harbor Safe Boating Expo, attendees will be able to watch offshore helicopter and fire rescue demonstrations, as well as flare inspection and disposal services, vessel safety exams and other hands-on exhibits. The event will also be attended by the American Red Cross, the Coast Guard Auxiliary, Channel Islands Harbor Patrol, Oxnard Police/Fire Dive Team, the Channel Islands National Park, Ventura County Sheriff Rescue, Ventura County Fire Department, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) Weather Service, Channel Islands National Marine Sanctuary and Ventura Sail and Power Squadron. These attendees represent the collaborative efforts and partnerships that we have in Ventura County.

This important and engaging community event is hosted by the United States Coast Guard Station Channel Islands Harbor, a multi-mission unit that conducts Search and Rescue, Homeland Security, Maritime Law Enforcement, Counter Drug & Alien Migrant Interdiction Operations, Marine Environmental Protection and Boating Safety from Point Dume, CA, to Point Conception, CA, and out 50 nautical miles. Their area of responsibility also includes the gorgeous Channel Islands in Ventura and Santa Barbara Counties. The station is also homeport to the 87-foot Patrol boat USCGC *Blacktip* and ESD Detachment Oxnard.

I want to congratulate the U.S. Coast Guard on their ongoing efforts to educate our community about recreational water safety and join them in supporting the campaign efforts of National Safe Boating Week.

IN RECOGNITION OF DAVID J. WENZEL, RECIPIENT OF THE 2014 AMOS LODGE AMERICANISM AWARD

HON. MATT CARTWRIGHT

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 8, 2014

Mr. CARTWRIGHT. Mr. Speaker, today I rise in recognition of David J. Wenzel, recipient of the 2014 Amos Lodge Americanism Award. This honor recognizes a lifetime of outstanding community service best exemplifying the American spirit. A native of Scranton, he proudly served as Scranton's 27th mayor from 1986 to 1990, and has supported many public, civic, and charitable causes both before and after his distinguished term.

A trained Army officer, David Wenzel served in Vietnam as a First Lieutenant, commanding the mortar platoon of A Company of the American Division. While leading his men in occupying an area near the battalion fire base, he stepped on a land mine and was almost killed. The explosion took both his legs and caused other serious injuries, but Wenzel survived. Upon his return home, he underwent four major operations and an intense rehabilitation, but walked out of the Valley Forge Army Hospital on two prosthetic legs. He received a Bronze Star, the Purple Heart, the South Vietnam Medal, and the Combat Infantryman's Badge in recognition of his outstanding service and sacrifice for his country.

As Mayor of Scranton, Wenzel oversaw an active administration that accomplished a great deal during a period of renaissance and progress for the city. During his term, Scranton began to implement plans for the Mall at Steamtown and established flood control projects to aid in the recovery from Hurricane Gloria. He emphasized full cooperation with the city's growing neighborhood associations and made the city a leader in access for the disabled. Under his leadership, Scranton earned the moniker "Tree City" for the city's commitment to plant thousands of trees in an urban environment. Throughout his term, David embodied honesty, integrity, and cooperation in working with the city council to serve the people of Scranton.

After his term as Mayor, David Wenzel continued serving his community at the Schemel Forum at the University of Scranton, where he still teaches today, and as an advisor to many veterans associations. He has served on the Boards of the United Way, Allied Services, Mayor's Prayer Service, Scranton/Pocono Girl Scout Council, Deutsch Institute, American Legion, and the University of Scranton's Board of Regents. Wenzel was also named the Disabled Veteran of the Year in Pennsylvania and the National Disabled Veteran of the Year.

I am proud to congratulate David Wenzel on this award recognizing his voluminous service to his country and the city of Scranton. His record of serving others embodies the ideals of our country, and he is a role model for all Americans to emulate.

CONGRATULATING ADAMS COUNTY HEALTH AND WELLNESS COALITION

HON. BRAD R. WENSTRUP

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 8, 2014

Mr. WENSTRUP. Mr. Speaker, congratulations to Adams County for being awarded the Healthy Ohio Healthy Community GOLD award from the Ohio Department of Health!

As a physician, I know the importance of preventative care and the impact of lifestyle choices in creating healthy communities. The leaders in Adams County are to be commended for their efforts.

As we empower residents and families to make healthier choices, we all thrive as a community. Promoting healthy options at home and in the workplace is a positive mission for everyone.

Specifically, the Adams Brown Creating Healthy Communities Program and the Adams County Health & Wellness Coalition deserve recognition. These programs, in collaboration with the Adams County Regional Medical Center Diabetes team, Adams County Court of Common Pleas, and local employers like General Electric, have made effective progress in working towards a healthy and effective workforce and county.

I am excited to watch Adams County's continued success and thank their leaders for working to improve the well-being of all their residents.

RECOGNIZING NATIONAL MPS AWARENESS DAY

HON. KENNY MARCHANT

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 8, 2014

Mr. MARCHANT. Mr. Speaker, I would like to recognize the National MPS Society for their 40 years of supporting families while searching for cures for this genetic disease. Mucopolysaccharidosis or MPS is a group of genetically determined lysosomal storage diseases that render the human body incapable of producing certain enzymes needed to break down complex carbohydrates. The damage caused by MPS on a cellular level adversely affects the body and damages the heart, respiratory system, bones, internal organs, and central nervous system. MPS often results in intellectual disabilities, short stature, corneal damage, joint stiffness, loss of mobility, speech and hearing impairment, heart disease, hyperactivity, chronic respiratory problems, and, most importantly, a drastically shortened life span. Symptoms of MPS are usually not apparent at birth and without treatment; the life expectancy of an individual affected begins to decrease at a very early stage in their life. Research towards combating MPS has resulted in the development of limited treatments for some of the MPS diseases.

I ask my colleagues and their staff to join me in recognizing May 15, 2014 as National MPS Awareness Day. This is an important time during which the MPS disease community will help increase the awareness of this