

## EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

### CELEBRATING THE MARIN SHAKESPEARE COMPANY 25TH ANNIVERSARY

#### HON. JARED HUFFMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, June 9, 2014*

Mr. HUFFMAN. Mr. Speaker, it is my pleasure to recognize the Marin Shakespeare Company on the occasion of the organization's 25th Anniversary Celebration on May 31, 2014.

For the last twenty-five years, the Marin Shakespeare Company has worked to achieve excellence in the staging and study of Shakespearean plays, to celebrate Shakespeare, and to serve as a cultural and educational resource for the people of Marin, the San Francisco Bay Area, and beyond. Through programs such as Will Power and Play Power, Actor Intern Program, and various summer camps, the Marin Shakespeare Company has helped foster an appreciation and love of performing arts throughout the community and will continue to benefit Marin County for many years to come.

The Marin Shakespeare Company is a community treasure, and Marin County has benefited greatly from this organization's many years of experiencing, studying, and performing Shakespeare. Please join me in expressing deep appreciation to the Marin Shakespeare Company, and congratulations on 25 years of service.

### RECOGNIZING MR. LEWIS DRISKELL, SR. FOR HIS EXEMPLARY LEADERSHIP AND DEDICATED COMMITMENT TO COMMUNITY

#### HON. DANIEL T. KILDEE

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, June 9, 2014*

Mr. KILDEE. Mr. Speaker, I ask the House of Representatives to join me in recognizing Mr. Lewis Driskell, Sr., a community leader in the City of Flint with more than 50 years of experience in the printing profession.

Mr. Driskell graduated from Tuskegee Institute in 1955 with many awards to his credit, including the "Most Outstanding Student in Graphic Arts" from the Mercantile Paper Company. Following graduation he relocated to Flint and worked with three major printing establishments before forming his own company, Union Printing.

Mr. Driskell is driven by a strong belief of giving service to his community. In 1969 he was elected president of Flint Printers Local 282. In 1989, he received the State of Michigan's "Outstanding Minority Business Entrepreneur" Award and the "Sydney B. Melet Humanitarian Award". In addition, in 1990, he received the Charles Stewart Mott "Citizen of

the Year" Award from the Flint Chamber of Commerce and the Paul Harris Award from the Rotary Club of Flint.

His caring is further exemplified in the number of organizations for which he served as a policy maker. These organizations include: The Urban League of Flint, Greater Flint Opportunities Industrialization Center, Hurley Hospital Authority, Uptown Reinvestment, Planned Parenthood, Career Alliance, Food Bank of Eastern Michigan, and as founder of the Metropolitan Chamber of Commerce. Moreover, his lifetime commitments, national and international are to: Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc., Rotary International, National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), and the Tuskegee University Alumni Club—Flint Chapter.

Now retired, Lewis enjoys spending time with his wife, Lois, their children and grandchildren.

Mr. Speaker, I applaud Mr. Lewis Driskell for his strong leadership and unwavering commitment to our community.

### CONGRATULATING RICK JASCUCLA AND JIM TERMAN

#### HON. CHERI BUSTOS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, June 9, 2014*

Mrs. BUSTOS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Rick Jascula and Jim Terman of Jascula Terman Strategic Communications, who have been recognized with the Lifetime Achievement Award by the Publicity Club of Chicago (PCC), the premier communications industry association in the region.

When they began their business, Jascula had worked as a lead advance man for President Jimmy Carter and Terman for Vice-President Walter Mondale. Together, they built their company from the ground up, and have been serving clients for more than 30 years. Jascula Terman is now a leader in public relations, specializing in public affairs, event management, crisis communications and digital strategies. Their reputation is rightly one to be respected. Rick and Jim are not only leaders in their field, but also in in our greater Illinois community and they are truly deserving of this honor.

Mr. Speaker, it is my pleasure to again congratulate Rick Jascula and Jim Terman for their remarkable achievements. I am very grateful for the wonderful services that they provide for our community and so thankful that I am able to call them friends.

### RECOGNIZING DEAN JOHN PIKE ON THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT

#### HON. ANN M. KUSTER

OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, June 9, 2014*

Ms. KUSTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Dean John Pike and his accomplishments as the director of University of New Hampshire Cooperative Extension. As Dean Pike embarks on his retirement, I offer my deepest gratitude and commend him for dedicating most of his professional life to helping the University of New Hampshire Cooperative Extension fulfill its mission. Dean Pike received his Bachelor's degree, Master's degree, and Ph.D. from the place he loves and has served so well, the University of New Hampshire. A lifelong New Hampshire resident, Dean Pike joined Cooperative Extension in 1977 and has served an Extension educator, state program leader, and associate director prior to his appointment as dean and director in 1998.

Dean John Pike is truly passionate about the University of New Hampshire and the Cooperative Extension. In fact, he attributes his success to his steadfast belief in the mission of Cooperative Extension: "to enhance the ability of New Hampshire citizens to make informed decisions that strengthen youth, families, and communities, sustain natural resources, and improve the economy." Dean Pike's dedication to the University of New Hampshire is widely known and the Dean is well-respected by citizens, volunteers, and elected officials throughout the state for his staunch support of University of New Hampshire. His leadership will be missed by many.

In his years as Dean and Director, John Pike has served on many University of New Hampshire committees for the greater good of the institution. He has been active in the Association of Public and Land Grant Universities and served as a past chair of the Deans and Directors for the twelve Northeast States and District of Columbia. As Associate Director of the Cooperative Extension from 1986 to 1998, Dean Pike was instrumental in providing support to major legislative committees focused on the future of the organization.

As an Extension educator from 1977 to 1982, Dean Pike developed several innovative youth development programs, including an environmental education center and a nationally-recognized program to assist out-of-school, low income, and unemployed youth secure employment in the private sector. Furthermore, as a state program leader from 1982 to 1986, Dean Pike provided leadership for the implementation of a comprehensive 4-H program review, resulting in the restructuring of state 4-H positions and redirection of efforts in program development. In a show of his dedication to New Hampshire families, Dean Pike

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was confirmed by the New Hampshire Governor and Executive Council as a board member of the New Hampshire Division of Children, Youth and Families, and was elected chair of the board in the mid-1980s.

Dean Pike's service to the Granite State has extended far beyond the University. He has served as a parochial school board member, mediator for a youth diversion program, member of his local recreation commission, youth sports coach, and as a commissioner for the Dover Housing Authority. In 1986, Pike was aptly awarded the Distinguished Service Award by the National Extension Agents Association.

I congratulate Dean Pike for his distinguished career and thank him for his dedication to serving the people of New Hampshire. Dean Pike's service to the University, the Co-operative Extension, and our state has impacted generations of New Hampshire leaders and his legacy will continue to inspire Granite Staters for years to come.

COMMERCE, JUSTICE, SCIENCE  
AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2015

SPEECH OF

**HON. MIKE THOMPSON**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 29, 2014*

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 4660) making appropriations for the Departments of Commerce and Justice, Science, and Related Agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2015, and for other purposes:

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Chair, Congresswoman ESTY has introduced a common sense amendment to inhibit gun trafficking along the Southwest Border.

Her amendment seeks to strike Section 539, which prohibits the necessary funding required for federally licensed firearms dealers to report to DOJ when they sell multiple rifles or shotguns to the same person. This requirement applies to dealers in Arizona, California, New Mexico, and Texas due to their proximity to Mexico. Nearly 80% of Mexico's illegal firearms are imported illegally from the U.S.

Gun traffickers frequently buy multiple guns at one time and then resell them to prohibited persons. Section 539 blocks ATF's ability to track the bulk buying of assault rifles in those border states.

Eliminating this key reporting requirement opens the door wide for criminals, and those who would normally not pass a background check, to obtain a gun. Each year nearly 12,000 gun murders are committed by people who have no legal right to a gun. I applaud Congresswoman ESTY for introducing the amendment to strike the language, thus curbing gun trafficking and allowing ATF to properly do its job.

We need to strike negative gun riders from CJS legislation, like section 539. I lend my support to this amendment and to Congresswoman ESTY and I hope you do, as well.

HONORING MARK SHAIKNER

**HON. ELIOT L. ENGEL**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, June 9, 2014*

Mr. ENGEL. Mr. Speaker, Houses of Worship have played a major role in our communities, offering solace, support, and moral guidance to those in need, thanks to the selfless efforts of members like Mark Shainker.

For over 20 years, Mark has volunteered his time and talent to Temple Israel of New Rochelle to make it a more meaningful place of worship, education and friendship. His service to Temple Israel is truly inspiring. A member of the Board of Trustees, Mark also serves as the Youth Advisor Chair, Brotherhood President, and is a religious school teacher. He has served on numerous committees including clergy searches and clergy transitions.

Mark is perhaps best known for his leadership roles with children's programming, such as the Purim Carnivals, wacky game days and other events. He's also organized several programs and events that benefit both the congregation and the broader community, such as trips to Sammy's and Christmas at the Temple, all of which has earned Mark the affectionate name, "Temple Camp Counselor."

A long-time New Rochelle resident, Mark is an accountant and partner in the accounting firm Shainker & Shainker. Mark and his wife Phyllis are blessed with two children, Stephanie and Barry.

I am pleased to acknowledge Mark Shainker for his many contributions to Temple Israel of New Rochelle. It is a pleasure to celebrate a man who has made a big difference in the Jewish community, as well as greater New Rochelle.

ON THE OCCASION OF THE 50TH  
ANNIVERSARY OF AKIVA HEBREW  
DAY SCHOOL

**HON. GARY C. PETERS**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, June 9, 2014*

Mr. PETERS of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to mark a significant milestone in the history of Akiva Hebrew Day School in Southfield, Michigan—the school's 50th Anniversary of providing education to Greater Detroit's Jewish community.

Founded in 1964, Akiva was created by a dedicated group of educators who sought to provide the Jewish community in Metropolitan Detroit with a school that provided its students with a comprehensive academic curriculum, while deepening their connection to their faith and heritage. Today, Akiva offers an outstanding academic program for children from nursery school through high school, while providing complementary curricula that foster a love for their Jewish heritage, the State of Israel, and a deep commitment to a way of life that values the lessons of the Torah.

To support the ability of its students to achieve their maximum intellectual potential, Akiva provides them with a core academic curriculum that promotes the development of critical thinking and effective studying skills. Among the course offerings for students are

an array of Advanced Placement level classes, as well as courses that support preparing them for higher education.

As part of this commitment to its students' education, Akiva is constantly revising and fine-tuning its programming at all phases in its students' development. Under the leadership of Rabbi Tzvi Klugerman, Akiva has recently made changes to its kindergarten reading program to promote both bilingualism and improved phonics skills during the earliest stages of development. Additionally, Akiva has implemented the ROAR program in its elementary school, to reinforce positive learning strategies among its students early in their academic careers. In its middle school, Akiva is providing an enhanced math program, and, in its high school, Akiva has added more Advanced Placement courses.

As a significant component of its curriculum, Akiva provides its students with a strong coursework of Judaic studies, which promotes the students' connection to their cultural heritage, faith, and the community—both locally and globally. Through a strong connection to their culture, Akiva students continue to take an active role in fostering the unique relationship between the United States and Israel, with many graduated students spending a year in Israel after high school. By practicing the tenants of their faith, Akiva students have supported a number of local non-profit organizations, like the Yad Ezra food pantry, the Friendship Circle and Yachad, which assist those who are experiencing moments of challenge in their lives.

Mr. Speaker, again, it is my pleasure to rise and recognize the outstanding leaders, educators and students of Akiva Hebrew Day School as they celebrate the 50th Anniversary of this great educational institution. Akiva programs are providing its students with a broad array of experiences both inside and outside the classroom which are preparing them to be future leaders, as well as supporting the special connection between the United States and Israel. It has been my pleasure to be partner with Akiva and to interact with its students. I look forward to the incredible impact that Akiva will continue to make as its faculty and staff guide future generations in their development.

RECOGNIZING THE MOUNT WASHINGTON OBSERVATORY ON THE OPENING OF THE EXTREME MOUNT WASHINGTON MUSEUM

**HON. ANN M. KUSTER**

OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, June 9, 2014*

Ms. KUSTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize New Hampshire's Mount Washington Observatory and its new Extreme Mount Washington Museum. The Mount Washington Observatory first established the observation center on the summit of Mount Washington in 1870 and operated there until 1892. This effort marked the first time a scientific observation center was located on the summit of a mountain. The observatory was re-opened in 1932 when a group of enthusiastic individuals recognized the value of collecting scientific data at the summit. This re-emergence came just in time, because in

1934, the highest wind speed ever observed by man was recorded at 231 miles per hour at the summit of Mount Washington. Given the breadth and importance of the data and observations, the Mount Washington Observatory opened its mountaintop museum in 1973 to provide educational opportunities to the public.

Over the past four decades, the Observatory's mountaintop museum has established itself as a world-class resource for science education. Each year, more than 100,000 visitors come to the museum to get a taste of the world's worst weather. Starting this summer, visitors will benefit from an enhanced experience at the state's most visited museum with the development of the Observatory's aptly named Extreme Mount Washington experience. This project, which will be officially unveiled this month, represents the largest and most significant undertaking by the Observatory in decades.

Today, I recognize this major accomplishment by the Mount Washington Observatory and share in their excitement as they reopen the museum for Extreme Mount Washington. Extreme Mount Washington is an interactive, hands-on experience that will provide visitors with an unparalleled window into Mount Washington's extreme conditions.

In keeping with New Hampshire tradition, this significant project was made possible through the collaborative efforts and generosity of over 400 individuals and organizations, and I commend them for their support. Moreover, the Gladys Brooks Foundation, Putnam Foundation, Public Service of New Hampshire and Northeast Utilities Foundation, Jane's Trust, and the Neil & Louise Tillotson Fund of the New Hampshire Charitable Foundation all deserve special recognition for their significant contributions to the project.

As a lifelong resident of the Granite State, Mount Washington represents the playground of the North Country that was a critical part of my formative years. Even now, a painting of Mount Washington hangs in my Washington office, providing a taste of New Hampshire for all who visit me in our nation's capital. I am thrilled that the Extreme Mount Washington experience will make this larger-than-life symbol more accessible to all who visit our state.

COMMEMORATING THE 70TH ANNIVERSARY OF D-DAY AND REMEMBERING THE MEMBERS OF THE GREATEST GENERATION WHO SAVED FREEDOM IN THE WORLD

### HON. SHEILA JACKSON LEE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 9, 2014

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise in humble gratitude to commemorate the 70th anniversary of D-Day, the Allied Forces' audacious amphibious landing at Normandy, France, on June 6, 1944.

"Operation Overlord," as D-Day was formally known, was the largest single amphibious assault in the history of warfare.

The success of D-Day, which was far from certain at the outset, led to the liberation of Western Europe, signaled the death knell of the German Wehrmacht, and paved the way to unconditional victory by the Allied Forces

over the evils of Nazism, fascism, and Japanese imperialism.

It is no exaggeration to say that D-Day changed the course of human history.

The aim of the meticulously planned D-Day operation was to open a second front in the European war theater from which the Allied Forces could attack the German army and push east to capture Berlin. With the Russian Army advancing from the east, coupled with the southern front opened by the Allied invasion of Italy from North Africa in 1942, the opening of a western front would set in motion the pincer movement that would catch the German Army in a trap from which there would be no escape.

The formidable German Army expected that the Allied Forces would try to launch an invasion from the western beaches of France, they just did not know when or where. So in anticipation of an Allied invasion, the Nazis constructed the infamous Atlantic Wall, an extensive system of coastal fortifications built along the western coast of Europe and Scandinavia.

Under the direction of Field Marshal Rommel, the Atlantic Wall was reinforced by the addition of concrete pillboxes built along the beaches to house machine guns, antitank guns and light artillery. Mines and antitank obstacles were planted on the beaches themselves and underwater obstacles and mines were placed in waters just off shore.

By the time of the D-Day landing, the Nazis had laid almost six million mines in northern France. And awaiting Allied soldiers who made their way on to and away from the beaches were gun emplacements and minefields extended inland.

"War is hell," said General William Tecumseh Sherman during the Civil War. And that is an apt description of what awaited the brave Allied warriors who set sail from England to the beaches of Normandy in the early morning of June 6, 1944, at the beginning of what has rightly been called "The Longest Day."

But they were buoyed in their resolve by the millions of prayers from Americans and others back home, of all races, religions, and creeds, invoking the Lord's blessing, mercy, and grace. With the outcome in doubt, President Franklin Roosevelt asked the nation to join him in this solemn prayer:

Almighty God: Our sons, pride of our nation, this day have set upon a mighty endeavor, a struggle to preserve our Republic, our religion, and our civilization, and to set free a suffering humanity.

Lead them straight and true; give strength to their arms, stoutness to their hearts, steadfastness in their faith.

They will need Thy blessings.

For these men are lately drawn from the ways of peace.

They fight not for the lust of conquest.

They fight to end conquest.

They fight to liberate.

They fight to let justice arise, and tolerance and goodwill among all Thy people.

They yearn but for the end of battle, for their return to the haven of home.

The prayers were needed because the cost of D-Day was high. U.S. casualties on D-Day totaled more than 2,499 dead, 3,184 wounded, 1,928 missing, and 26 captured.

Our British and Canadian allies suffered terrible losses on D-Day as well: approximately 2,700 for the British and 946 for the Canadians. German casualties are estimated at 4,000 to 9,000.

In total, the number of combatants killed, wounded or missing in the Battle of Normandy

for both sides exceeded 425,000, not including the estimated 15,000 to 20,000 French civilians killed.

But the operation was a success. More than 156,000 troops or paratroopers came ashore on D-Day, 73,000 from the U.S., 83,000 from Great Britain and Canada.

By the end of June 11, D-Day+5, 326,547 troops, 54,186 vehicles and 104,428 tons of supplies had come ashore.

And with them the seeds for the victory in Europe that would come less than a year later, on May 8, 1945, with the fall of Berlin and the unconditional surrender of the Nazis.

On the eve of the Normandy invasion, General Dwight D. Eisenhower, the Supreme Commander of the Allied Forces, addressed the soldiers, sailors, and airmen of the Allied Expeditionary Forces to let them know that they were about to embark upon the "Great Crusade," and that the "eyes of the world were upon you."

He told them that their task would not be easy because the "enemy is well trained, well equipped and battle-hardened. He will fight savagely." But, General Eisenhower said, "this is the year 1944. The tide has turned. The free men of the world are marching together to victory."

And march to victory they did, full justifying General Eisenhower's "confidence in [their] courage, devotion to duty, and skill in battle."

Because of the heroism of these men who willingly risked their lives to be the tip of the spear of liberty, the war was won and a world was saved for freedom.

Mr. Speaker, D-Day was, and remains, a day like no other in the history of man's sojourn on earth.

We remember Gettysburg. There, President Lincoln paid tribute to those "who gave their lives so that the nation might live."

And it is equally fitting and proper that we remember D-Day. And that we continue to honor those who risked all and gave all so that the world could remain free.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

### HON. BILL SHUSTER

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 9, 2014

Mr. SHUSTER. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall No. 271, I was unable to vote.

Had I been present, I would have voted "yea."

### HONORING NATALY AND STEPHEN NEUWIRTH

### HON. ELIOT L. ENGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 9, 2014

Mr. ENGEL. Mr. Speaker, religious institutions such as Young Israel of New Rochelle (YINR) play a critical role in ensuring the voices of our community's most vulnerable residents do not go unheard, thanks to the selfless dedication of individuals like Nataly and Stephen Neuwirth. For more than a decade, the Neuwirths have worked to sustain a community built on charity, tolerance and empathy.

Nataly and Stephen are Guests of Honor at Young Israel of New Rochelle's 47th Annual Dinner, and observing their dedicated and steadfast commitment community service, it is easy to see why as Young Israel of New Rochelle chose to honor this couple.

The Neuwirths became active members of the New Rochelle community immediately after moving to the area 11 years ago. They are the proud parents of four sons: Oren, Ely, Benny and Emmanuel. In spite of their busy family life, have found time and energy to give back to the community they love.

Law is a demanding profession, yet Stephen has found the time to serve on the Young Israel New Rochelle Board of Trustees from 2005 to 2011 and led recently a successful effort to retire YINR's mezzanine loan.

Nataly has also been a steadfast member of the YINR community. She's a generous participant of the Women's League where she prepares meals for new mothers, packs YINR's Mischloach Manot and supports the Mikvah Bake Sale.

Nataly and Stephen have also devoted themselves to the cultural growth of the New Rochelle community, supporting YINR's shul and mikvah, sponsoring and hosting scholars in residence, and Shabbat onegs. In the past year both Nataly and Stephen dedicated the new publication, Chumash Mesoras Harav at YINR.

Their exceptional devotion, however, is not limited to the New Rochelle community. Nataly and Stephen have also given time, support and involvement in the important affairs of neighboring communities, most notably Salanter Akiba Riverdale Academy. The pair has also participated in the Jarden Westchester triathlon as members of "Skippy's team," to raise awareness for the fight against leukemia.

Nataly and Stephen are exemplary members of the New Rochelle community. Their service and dedication is not only admirable, but their boundless energy and commitment to furthering causes close to them is truly exceptional.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 350TH ANNIVERSARY OF DARTMOUTH, MASSACHUSETTS

**HON. WILLIAM R. KEATING**

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, June 9, 2014*

Mr. KEATING. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 350th anniversary of Dartmouth, Massachusetts, a scenic and vibrant coastal town in southeastern Massachusetts.

Dartmouth was originally settled in the 1650s by the Religious Society of Friends, also known as the Quakers, a group that had been banned from Plymouth Colony on account of its religious doctrines. The town's official incorporation came in 1664. The Quakers have been long known for their refusal to participate in war, their opposition to slavery, and their belief in the priesthood of all followers, and remain an important part of Dartmouth's culture today.

In its early years, Dartmouth was mostly an agricultural, whaling, and shipping settlement. Its most famous whaling ship was the HMS *Dartmouth*, which is more famously known for

being the first ship targeted in the Boston Tea Party. The *Dartmouth* set sail to London in 1773 with a cargo of whale oil, returning to Boston with a ship full of tea from the East India Trading Company. Luckily for the American ship owners, only the tea was destroyed. The protestors even swept the decks clean after the protest.

Today, this South Shore town maintains its rural charm, continuing to attract vacationers to its picturesque coast. Many portions of Dartmouth have changed very little in the past hundred years, serving as important historical sites.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in congratulating the town of Dartmouth and the entire Dartmouth community on the celebration of their 350th anniversary. May this beautiful Massachusetts town flourish for many years to come.

CONGRESSIONAL RECOGNITION  
FOR THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY  
OF THE TUCSON YMCA

**HON. RON BARBER**

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, June 9, 2014*

Mr. BARBER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 100th anniversary of the YMCA located in my district in Tucson, Arizona.

Since 1914, the YMCA of Southern Arizona has been strengthening the Tucson community by fostering physical, mental and social development. From the original modest site at the corner of Congress and Court Streets in Downtown Tucson, the Y began developing programs for young men.

In 1948 the YMCA's Triangle Y Camp was established in the Catalina Mountains, and in the 1950s and 60s, new locations included a central branch, the Lighthouse YMCA, a south branch, the Mulcahy YMCA and the Ott Family YMCA on the east side. The YMCA Foundation was established in 1973, and today has a \$3.5 million professionally managed asset fund. New locations continued with the Lohse Family YMCA in 1992 and the Northwest Community Center in 2002. In the last decade, many of the locations have been improved and expanded to better serve community needs.

Today, the Y has five amazing branches that incorporate the tenets of youth development, healthy living and social responsibility. The YMCA of Southern Arizona has developed hundreds of programs. From sports, aquatics and camp activities that help kids, youth and seniors to child care, military support and family services—there is no limit to their inclusiveness for our community as they serve 200,000 participants each year.

As we look to the future, the Y will continue to provide programs and services for adults, children and families.

I am proud to honor their 100-year legacy and anticipate the great things they will provide in the next century.

HONORING DR. EDWARD W.  
WRIGHT

**HON. BARBARA LEE**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, June 9, 2014*

Ms. LEE of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the extraordinary life of Dr. Edward W. Wright. Known throughout the Bay Area as a physician, mentor, active community member, and devoted husband and father, Mr. Wright has left an indelible mark on our community. With his passing on May 29, 2014, we look to the outstanding quality of his life's work.

Born on June 2, 1922 in Fayette, Howard County, Missouri, Dr. Edward Wright was the fourth child born to William Marion Wright and Lunie K. Cameron. When Dr. Wright was five years old, he caught scarlet fever and was hospitalized for a long period of time. At this young age, Dr. Wright was inspired to become a doctor. He later moved to El Paso, Texas to live with his aunt and uncle after losing both of his parents in an unfortunate tragedy. In El Paso, he graduated Douglas High School with honors, and he then went on to attend Sam Houston College in Austin, Texas. In 1943, Dr. Wright graduated Magna Cum Laude as a Pre-Medical student with a Bachelor of Science Degree.

In 1945, Dr. Edward Wright attended Meharry Medical College in Nashville, Tennessee, where he partook in an accelerated program in Internal Medicine. At the age of 25, he graduated with honors and went on to complete his residency at the Veterans Affairs Hospital in Tuskegee, Alabama. He became Chief Resident and served as a full-time staff physician until 1955.

Dr. Edward Wright and his family relocated to California in 1955, where Dr. Wright served as a Medical Officer for the Armed Forces at Fort Ord. After he completed his service, they relocated to Oakland, where Dr. Wright began a private practice in December 1958. Seven years later, he established and built a medical facility to serve families throughout Oakland.

In addition to his prolific career, Dr. Wright was an active member in the community. He volunteered at the East Oakland Boys Club, providing physical exams, counseling and financial assistance for camperships and uniforms. For the next 40 years, Dr. Wright served as a physician, mentor and father-figure to more than 1,200 boys at the North and East Oakland Boys Clubs. Dr. Wright was also active with the Oakland Chapter of the Lions Club, providing countless hours of Loyal Lions Service.

In 1969, he joined the Board of Directors of the Boys and Girls Club and then served as President of the Board from 1980 to 1982. He was presented with the Man and Boy Trophy Award for his work with the Boys and Girls Clubs in 1964. Later, he received the Boys and Girls Clubs Service Award Medallion and then was honored during a formal tribute in 2000 at the First Annual Volunteer Recognition Dinner.

On a personal note, I have known Dr. Wright, or "Piggy" as my mother, Mildred Massey, called him, since I was a child. He and my mother attended school together and were very close. We loved "Piggy" and will miss him tremendously. He was one of my

earliest supporters when I first ran for public office in 1989 and, for that, I am deeply grateful.

Today, California's 13th Congressional District salutes and honors an outstanding individual, Dr. Edward W. Wright. As an Oakland resident, Dr. Wright's contributions have truly impacted so many lives throughout the Bay Area. I join all of Edward's loved ones in celebrating his incredible life. He will be deeply missed.

CONGRATULATING THE UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-WHITEWATER WARHAWKS

**HON. F. JAMES SENSENBRENNER, JR.**

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, June 9, 2014*

Mr. SENSENBRENNER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater's Warhawks, who won the NCAA Division III World Series on May 27, 2014. The Warhawks, led by pitcher Scott Plaza and Head Coach John Vodenlich, displayed a tremendous amount of grit, determination, skill, and athleticism throughout their outstanding 44-7 season, which culminated in a resounding 7-0 win over Emory University in the championship game. With this victory, the UW-Whitewater athletic program accomplished something no other NCAA team has ever done before: sweep the three major men's sports championships in one year.

The success of the UW-Whitewater baseball team has made the residents of Wisconsin proud and I salute the entire team: Daytona Bryden, Dylan Bersch, Jordan Kuczynski, Matt Langlie, Austin Jones, Colin Grove, Nick Kuhlmann, Hayden Fenner, Kyle Haen, Trey Cannon, Dylan Friend, Mike Nompoggi, Mikole Pierce, Austin Finn, Trent Diekvoss, Curtis Morgan, Donnie Manke, Steve Chamberlain, Jared Fon, Adam Gregory, Justin Mortensen, John Olejniczak, Mike Mierow, Brock Liston, Michael Gonzalez, Casey Power, Andrew Lowe, Connor Hurst, Scott Plaza, and Matt Roberts.

Winning a national championship is never easy. On behalf of my congressional office and my constituents in Wisconsin's fifth district, I commend the coaches and players at UW-Whitewater for their hard work and dedication, and wish them continued success in the future.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 40TH ANNIVERSARY OF BREAD FOR THE WORLD

**HON. SPENCER BACHUS**

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, June 9, 2014*

Mr. BACHUS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today on behalf of Representatives JIM MCGOVERN of Massachusetts, FRANK WOLF of Virginia, XAVIER BECERRA of California, CHARLIE DENT of Pennsylvania, and MARCIA FUDGE of Ohio in recognition of Bread for the World's 40th anniversary. Bread for the World is a bipartisan Christian movement committed to ending hunger and poverty in the United States and around the world.

Founded in 1974 by the Rev. Arthur Simon, Bread for the World began as a small group of Catholics and Protestants who realized that mobilizing people of faith to influence U.S. policies can address the causes of and help to end hunger. Today, Bread for the World has grown in size and influence, with over 72,000 members, 5,500 congregations and more than 50 denominations. Bread for the World is now the largest grassroots advocacy network on hunger issues in the United States.

Each year, Bread for the World members across the country conduct an Offering of Letters in their church. But rather than an offering of money, it is an offering of hand-written letters to Congress on one policy issue that will affect hunger in the U.S. and around the world. This successful advocacy tool has helped make tremendous progress in eradicating hunger and poverty.

Over the last 40 years, the faith community has played a significant role, which has resulted in policies that strengthened our national nutrition programs; provided debt relief to the world's poorest countries; reduced child mortality rates worldwide; extended tax credits for low-income working families; and developed a national strategy for maternal and child nutrition.

Bread for the World strongly believes that, with political will, we can end hunger within our lifetime. We applaud and support Bread for the World's goal of making hunger a national priority.

Mr. Speaker, please join us in congratulating Bread for the World for 40 years of advocacy, and urge that its members continue to be a voice for years to come for those whom Scripture calls "the least of these."

HONORING JOSE PEIXOTO

**HON. ELIOT L. ENGEL**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, June 9, 2014*

Mr. ENGEL. Mr. Speaker, like many who came to our shores, Jose Peixoto moved to America in search of opportunities.

Jose Peixoto was born in the City of Braga, in the northernmost region of Portugal. The youngest of five children, Jose learned to value honest work and education. He joined the Portuguese Air Force when he was 17 years old, serving honorably for 3 years.

Jose arrived in Yonkers when he was just 23 years old. His wife Celeste and his children, Joe Jr. and Aurora, later followed. Today Jose is blessed to be the proud grandfather of five grandchildren: Sophia, Sabrina, Angelica, Gabriela and Monica.

Upon settling in Yonkers in 1967, Jose immediately began serving his community, quickly becoming a member of the Portuguese-American Community Center. Throughout his association with the Community Center, Jose has held a diverse range of challenging and important positions, but perhaps none more so than guiding the Center through the difficult transition period.

His legacy is literally within the foundations of the Portuguese-American Community Center. Jose was intricately involved in selling the old building, buying the land to build a new Center and leading efforts to raise money for its construction. Jose also played an important

role in developing the Center's by-laws and negotiating its tax-free status. It is clear that little would have been achieved without his leadership and drive.

Jose has also been a keen supporter of other programs within the community. Jose and Celeste sponsor the Center's Folkloric Group, an important link to Portuguese traditions and culture. Jose has also served on the Center's Advisory Council and Scholarship Committee, along with many other ad hoc committees.

At every opportunity Jose has sought the opportunity to serve the community he cares so deeply for. He is a testament to what can be accomplished in the communities around the country when an individual puts the interests of others above themselves and works tirelessly for the betterment of our society.

It is clear that the Portuguese-American Community holds Jose Peixoto in high regard and I join them in thanking him for his steadfast commitment and enduring legacy of service.

IN RECOGNITION OF MICHAEL MARESCO

**HON. WILLIAM R. KEATING**

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, June 9, 2014*

Mr. KEATING. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and commemorate the accomplishments of Michael Maresco of Marshfield, Massachusetts, who has been named Marshfield Citizen of the Year.

Mr. Maresco, a resident of Marshfield since 1994, has been a vital member of the community for a long time. For nearly twenty years, Mr. Maresco has been involved in Community Christmas, a local organization that works to deliver presents to children in need during the holiday season. He serves as Vice President of the Marshfield Boys and Girls Club Board of Directors, and he also leads Boy Scout Troop 212. Additionally, Mr. Maresco is deeply involved in both state and local government, having served three terms on the Marshfield Board of Selectmen and having worked in the office of the Massachusetts Secretary of State for over thirty years. Currently, Mr. Maresco serves as Chairman of the Marshfield Democratic Town Committee. A husband and father of two, Mr. Maresco is well-known throughout his community. The town of Marshfield is fortunate to have such a dedicated citizen, and his commitment to serving others serves as a valuable example for us all.

Mr. Speaker, I am honored to recognize Michael Maresco for his service in his community, and I ask that my colleagues join me in thanking him for all that he has done.

RECOGNIZING THE FIVE OUTSTANDING HONOREES AT THIS YEAR'S SEVENTH ANNUAL NORTH SHORE WOMEN'S CONFERENCE

**HON. BRADLEY S. SCHNEIDER**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, June 9, 2014*

Mr. SCHNEIDER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize five outstanding women who

have enriched our communities across five diverse sectors.

The Deerfield/Bannockburn/Riverwoods and Wilmette Chambers of Commerce joined together to host the seventh annual North Shore Women's Conference in the suburban Chicago district I represent. This year's honorees have each contributed in their unique ways to the strength and success of our communities, and each is well qualified and deserving of this recognition.

Mr. Speaker, I want to recognize this year's five honorees: in the Corporate Sector, Joy Foster of Deerfields Bakery; in the Small Business category, Megan Quinlisk Van Treeck of The Irish Connoisseur; in the Entrepreneurial category, Adriane Johnson of Populus XP; in the Not For Profit category, Deb Guy of the Women's Exchange; in the Government category, Wendy Durkin, Battalion Chief of the Buffalo Grove Fire Department.

Each of these women exemplifies part of the spirit that makes the Tenth District an ideal place to start and raise a family as well as build and grow a business.

I am grateful for the dedicated work each of them does in our communities, and I am confident that this honor will mark the start of an even greater chapter of service to the community.

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CELEBRATING THE 100TH BIRTHDAY OF MRS. MARIONNE ROBBINS

**HON. KEITH ELLISON**

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, June 9, 2014*

Mr. ELLISON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 100th birthday of Ms. Marianne Robbins. I join her family members and friends from the Sabathani Community Center who gather in Minneapolis on July 1, 2014 to commemorate this special day.

Marionne was born on July 4, 1914, in Sioux City, Iowa. She was seven years old when her family moved to South Minneapolis in 1921, and she has remained here for the 93 years since then. She has one daughter, two grandchildren, one great grandchild, and one great great grandchild. Marionne enjoyed a successful career at Northern States Power Company in Minneapolis until her retirement in 1979 after 34 years of service.

After her retirement, Marionne became a wonderful community volunteer and an active participant in the Senior Center at Sabathani Community Center in South Minneapolis. For many years she has served as a "sunshine lady" visiting the sick and immobile seniors, traveling with the Willie Hale Travel Club, bowling with friends, and participating in events with the U-Meet-Us Seniors and Sabathani Senior Center.

Marionne is always looking for new ways to connect senior citizens, like creating the Senior Breakfast Club and founding the Sabathani Red Hat Society chapter in Minneapolis.

Marionne Robbins has led an outstanding life, highlighted by her love of family and service to her community. I wish her many more years of health and happiness.

IN RECOGNITION OF KATHY DUNSMUIR, RECIPIENT OF THE 2014 WILKES-BARRE DISTINGUISHED LEADERSHIP AWARD

**HON. MATT CARTWRIGHT**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, June 9, 2014*

Mr. CARTWRIGHT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor of Kathy Dunsmuir, who was awarded the 2014 Distinguished Leadership Award at the Annual Dinner and Graduation of Leadership Wilkes-Barre on June 5, 2014. The dinner honored Leadership Wilkes-Barre's graduating class of 2014, marking 33 years of developing community leaders. Leadership Wilkes-Barre's mission focuses on both developing community leaders and fostering civic engagement.

Kathy has worked for PNC Bank for 37 years, where she currently serves as the Senior Vice President and Team Director. She is a 1999 graduate of Leadership Wilkes-Barre's Core program. Kathy stays involved in her community through participation in many area organizations. Kathy serves on the Board of Directors for the Wilkes-Barre Catholic Youth Center, Wyoming Valley Children's Association, Maternal & Family Service Association, and she will soon assume the Board Chairpersonship of the Osterhout Library. She is also a very active member of several committees, directing fundraisers and events for many area organizations such as the North Branch Land Trust, The Association for the Blind, Family Service Association, American Red Cross, American Heart Association, United Way of Luzerne County, Luzerne County Historical Society, and Big Brothers/Big Sisters.

I am proud to recognize Kathy for receiving this important award. Her tireless dedication to volunteer work sets a shining example for the Wilkes-Barre and northeastern Pennsylvania. Through her personal leadership, I am confident that she will continue serving as a pillar of our community. I thank her for her past work and look forward to her future accomplishments.

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RECOGNIZING SRIRAM HATHWAR

**HON. TOM REED**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, June 9, 2014*

Mr. REED. Mr. Speaker, S-T-I-C-H-O-M-Y-T-H-I-A. Stichomythia.

Mr. Speaker, this is the word that Sriram Hathwar spelled correctly to win the 2014 Scripps National Spelling Bee. I rise today to recognize and congratulate Sriram on this incredible accomplishment.

Sriram, an eighth-grade student at the Alternative School for Math and Science in Corning, New York, participated in the National Spelling Bee this year for the fifth time. In his final year of eligibility, Sriram outlasted 279 other contestants and was declared co-champion after correctly spelling twelve "championship words." As he progressed through the competition, Sriram appeared unfazed by the increasingly difficult words that were presented to him. He displayed impressive levels of

composure, confidence and determination throughout the competition, which propelled him to victory.

After diligently studying the roughly 470,000 words in the Merriam-Webster Dictionary, Sriram successfully spelled some of the most challenging words in the English language. The amount of preparation and training Sriram completed in preparation of this competition exemplifies his unrelenting dedication to learning.

In addition to his proficiency at spelling difficult words, Sriram's display of humility and sportsmanship throughout the competition was commendable. Upon being named co-champion, Sriram recognized his fellow contestants by stating that the competition was "against the dictionary, not against each other."

Sriram Hathwar is a source of inspiration within my congressional district and across the country. I am proud of his success in the Scripps National Spelling Bee and confident that he will build upon this experience to accomplish great things in the future.

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HONORING DOCTORS WILLIAM W. HAYNIE AND CURTIS LONG

**HON. VICKY HARTZLER**

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, June 9, 2014*

Mrs. HARTZLER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize two amazing men who have served Bates County for over fifty years as medical professionals. Dr. William Haynie and Dr. Curtis Long are loved and respected by all and have made an amazing difference in the lives of thousands of families in Missouri's 4th District.

Dr. Haynie began his career at Bates County Memorial Hospital in 1964. He has been a very active member of the medical staff and many committees within the hospital. He supervised the Laboratory, Medical/Surgery, and Rehabilitation services before serving as Chief of the Medical Staff for eight years. Dr. Haynie was recognized in 2012 by the Missouri State Medical Association for his 50 years of dedicated service as a Medical Doctor in the Bates County community. His always-positive attitude and selflessness to remain faithful to service for decades is deserving of praise.

Dr. Long began his practice in Butler, Missouri in 1964 where he has been a pillar in the community for over five decades. During his distinguished career he has operated from the same medical building performing more than 10,000 surgeries, delivering over 4,000 babies, and admitting over 50,000 patients. Additionally, he has been a leader for organized medicine groups, hospitals, banks, and churches within the community. I stand to recognize Dr. Long's passion for his practice and his community.

In closing, Mr. Speaker, I ask all my colleagues to join me in applauding the service and commitment of Drs. Haynie and Long. Their steadfast and enduring service is a shining example for all. We are blessed to have such dedicated practitioners serving us, and they are certainly worthy of our recognition.

## PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. BILL SHUSTER**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, June 9, 2014*

Mr. SHUSTER. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall No. 269, I was unable to vote.

Had I been present, I would have voted "yea."

ON THE OCCASION OF THE TWENTY-FIFTH PASTORAL ANNIVERSARY OF REVEREND DOUGLAS JONES AT WELCOME MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH

**HON. GARY C. PETERS**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, June 9, 2014*

Mr. PETERS of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Reverend Douglas Jones of Welcome Missionary Baptist Church in Pontiac, Michigan, as the congregation and the broader community celebrate his Twenty-fifth Pastoral Anniversary.

Throughout his tenure as the spiritual leader of the congregation at Welcome, Reverend Jones has approached his responsibilities with thoughtfulness and resolve for all of his congregation's members. From the very beginning of his tenure in 1989, Reverend Jones has focused on his congregation's future and in one of his first acts, took steps that allowed the church members to pay off Welcome's mortgage within his first three years. He also been keenly focused on the needs of Welcome's younger members and has established a number of ministries centered on catering to their needs. Furthermore, he has given special attention to members of his congregation facing moments of crisis in their lives—creating ministries that assist members with health and family emergencies.

The results of Reverend Jones' dedication are witnessed in the spiritual prosperity of the congregation at Welcome, which has grown both in membership from several hundred to more than four thousand, and in the deepening connection of its members to their faith.

In addition to the remarkable impact Reverend Jones has made at Welcome, he has engaged in endeavors that have affected the entire Pontiac community. As the founder of the Greater Pontiac Community Coalition, Reverend Jones brought together stakeholders from across the different sectors of Pontiac to make positive changes in their community. Additionally, Reverend Jones is active in many other community organizations in Pontiac and beyond, including Pontiac Youth Assistance and Pontiac's Committee of 50, a gathering of community decision-makers that drives philanthropic efforts within the city. Reverend Jones' work also includes the establishment of a scholarship fund to help youth realize their dreams of higher education and programs that support youth during their primary education.

Because of Reverend Jones' leadership and endeavors at Welcome Missionary Baptist Church and within the Pontiac community, many residents have received support at critical moments in their lives and have seen the

bonds within their neighborhoods strengthened. I know the congregation at Welcome must be proud of all Pastor Jones' accomplishments over his twenty-five year tenure as their spiritual leader. I am grateful for Reverend Jones' friendship and his leadership on many issues of importance to the Pontiac community and the Greater Detroit region. I wish Reverend Jones, First Lady JoAnn and their family continued happiness and success as they continue to serve their neighbors in Pontiac and the Greater Detroit community.

## HONORING DOMINIC CECERE

**HON. ELIOT L. ENGEL**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, June 9, 2014*

Mr. ENGEL. Mr. Speaker, competitive sports allow youth to test their skills, while learning the importance of fair play and good sportsmanship. Dominic Cecere has spent 50 years coaching baseball at Eastchester High School. His joy for teaching and love of the game has inspired generations of youth.

Current and former athletes say he inspired them to give the game their all, which shows in the school's winning streak. Thanks to Dom's leadership, the Eastchester Eagles have won 15 league titles, six sectional titles and a regional championship. He has also traveled with players to Puerto Rico, Venezuela, and Cuba.

A former rookie player for the New York Yankees, Dom also worked as a professional talent scout for the Cincinnati Reds, the Montreal Expos, and the Philadelphia Phillies.

Dom started coaching the Eastchester varsity baseball team in 1965. He was captain of the Varsity Baseball team at New York University where he earned a Bachelor of Science in Physical Education. He later earned a degree in Administration and a Master of Science in Physical Education from the University of Bridgeport.

Westchester County has recognized him as their coach of the year eight times and the New York Daily News has named him "New Coach of the Year" twice. Dom has also been honored by the New York State Coaches' Associations Award and the National H.S. Coaches Associations.

Dom was inducted into the Westchester County Sports Hall of Fame in 2001, the Eastchester Hall of Fame in 2006, and now the New York State Baseball Hall of Fame.

A number of his former students have gone on to coach baseball too. They will be among those honoring Dom at the inaugural Dom Cecere tournament, which raises money for graduating seniors going to college.

I am pleased to honor Dominic Cecere for his contributions to Eastchester High School, as well as to America's great pastime. I am hopeful he will inspire another generation of young players.

THE INTRODUCTION OF THE LIFELONG IMPROVEMENTS IN FOOD AND EXERCISE (LIFE) ACT

**HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON**

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, June 9, 2014*

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise to reintroduce the Lifelong Improvements in Food and Exercise (LIFE) Act, authorizing a national initiative to attack a major health problem in the United States that cannot be remedied through the health care system alone. Increasing rates of overweight and obesity are now found in Americans of every age, race, and major demographic group, and threaten the health of Americans like no other single disease or condition. In fact, the key to eliminating many of the most serious health conditions is to reduce overweight and obesity. The bill would provide \$25 million to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) for a coordinated national effort to reverse increasingly sedentary lifestyles and diets that are high in fat and sugar.

Despite rising consciousness of this epidemic, from television shows like "The Biggest Loser" and "Extreme Weight Loss" to a steady stream of diet books, the United States has startling rates of obesity among adults and children. In 2010, the CDC National Center for Health Statistics indicated that, since 1980, the percentage of children who are overweight has more than doubled, and the percentage of adolescents has tripled. Today, the 13 million overweight children have an 80 percent chance of being overweight adults, with the health conditions that follow, such as high blood pressure, heart disease, and cancer. The CDC reports that Type 2 diabetes, considered an adult disease, is now widespread in children. The rising costs of the health care system, including insurance premiums, reflect the epidemic. The consequences for children will follow them throughout their lives if we do not act quickly and decisively. If we are serious about controlling health care costs, we must start where the most serious health conditions begin: overweight and obesity.

The bill seeks to provide the first national strategy to combat the epidemic by directing the CDC to: train health professionals to recognize the signs of obesity early and to educate people concerning healthy lifestyles, such as proper nutrition and regular exercise; conduct public education campaigns about how to recognize and address overweight and obesity; and develop intervention strategies to be used in everyday life, such as in the workplace and in community settings. The legislation is the minimum necessary to address our most important health crisis. Today, chronic diseases, many of which are caused or exacerbated by overweight and obesity, account for 70 percent of all deaths in the U.S. and 60 percent of U.S. health care costs. According to the Surgeon General's Call to Action to Prevent and Decrease Overweight and Obesity, the cost of obesity in the U.S. was more than \$117 billion in 2000. The CDC has highlighted a study that estimates the annual cost to be \$147 billion. It is estimated that between 300,000 and 400,000 deaths per year are related to obesity.

A focused national health initiative is necessary because unhealthy lifestyles have become a normal part of everyday life. Participation in high school physical education classes dropped from 42 percent in 1991 to 33 percent in 2005. Changes in nutrition are equally critical because 60 percent of young people consume too much fat, a factor in the doubling of the percentage of overweight youth. Data show an increase in unhealthy eating habits for adults and no change in physical activity.

I urge my colleagues to join me in support of this important legislation to mobilize the country now, before entirely preventable health conditions, which often begin in childhood, overwhelm the Nation's health care system.

COMMEMORATING THE LIFE OF  
BENJAMIN F. MARSH

**HON. MARCY KAPTUR**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, June 9, 2014*

Ms. KAPTUR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Benjamin F. Marsh, who passed from this life at the age of 87 years. Ben was a respected attorney and longtime solicitor for the City of Maumee, Ohio. A proud patriot, Ben Marsh's life was one of service to others.

Born in Sylvania, Ohio, Ben served our nation during World War II as a member of the U.S. Navy. After graduating from Ohio Wesleyan University, he attended George Washington Law School. While at George Washington, Ben worked in federal service for the Atomic Energy Commission. Upon earning his law degree he first went to Columbus, Ohio and then returned to Northwest Ohio to practice law.

Early in Ben's law career his services were retained by local government. In 1963 he became the Maumee solicitor. Always committed to public service, Ben decided to run for Congress in 1968, though he was not successful against the incumbent. Ben went on to admirably and ably chair his county party for many years. With a compassionate world view, Ben was named a U.S. Representative to the 1972 general conference of UNESCO. He later served on the U.S. Foreign Claims Settlement Commission.

Not one to let retirement end his public service, Ben remained an active and engaged citizen. In 1997 Ben was asked by the State Department to visit Bosnia and Herzegovina to help oversee local elections. He served on the Ohio Elections Commission and was a co-chairman in 2007 of a study committee on Lucas County governance. He also briefly served on the Lucas County Board of Elections.

Perhaps Ben's greatest legacy is his family. He and his wife Martha were married for 62 years and together raised a son and daughter. They shared in the joy of their five grandchildren. We know that Ben's family will find comfort in memory and the gift of his life.

Ben Marsh was an outstanding citizen, keen intellect, accomplished lawyer, and a devoted patriot at home and abroad. He embodied the meaning of the words "enlightened citizen." His kind nature and sense of humor made him a bridge builder at every level he served. Our

community has been bettered by his lifelong dedication to it. Personally, I am grateful for his advice and counsel so selflessly rendered.

HONORING NAPA VALLEY  
HORSEMEN'S ASSOCIATION

**HON. MIKE THOMPSON**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, June 9, 2014*

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Napa Valley Horsemen's Association (NVHA) for 75 years of service to the Napa community. Throughout its history, NVHA has provided education and training about horses, offered scholarships for local students, and participated in community service projects, which is both admirable and deserving of recognition.

NVHA was founded in Napa, California, in 1939 to promote interest in horses as a hobby and recreational activity. The Association has grown from its original 61 members to almost 300 members and is the oldest horsemen's association in California today.

Outside of horse shows and educational clinics, NVHA has never ceased to serve the Napa community. After a flood damaged the community in 1940, NVHA members helped to repair the Napa Fairgrounds. NVHA also hosts fundraising events to help local charities. They recently helped Ag 4 Youth, an animal husbandry program for at-risk youth, by providing land where these kids can raise their animals. In addition to helping the community, NVHA provides scholarships to graduating high school seniors who will study veterinary science, agriculture, or forestry after high school.

Mr. Speaker, it is appropriate at this time that we honor and thank NVHA not only for their commitment to equestrianism, but for their commitment to our community. NVHA's unyielding dedication to educating the community and providing community services is greatly appreciated by the Napa community and we wish them further success as an already distinguished organization.

CONGRATULATING THE DECATUR  
COUNTY FAMILY YMCA

**HON. LUKE MESSER**

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, June 9, 2014*

Mr. MESSER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Decatur County Family YMCA on its 100th anniversary.

Across the country, YMCAs provide an invaluable service promoting youth development, healthy living, and social responsibility. These facilities serve 21 million Americans nationwide by offering a variety of programs, such as affordable preschool, youth sports and fitness, Bible studies, and summer camps, which are just a few of the many services and activities routinely offered. Countless individuals have benefited from the positive change the local YMCA has brought to their lives and communities.

The Decatur County Family YMCA has served the people of Greensburg since its in-

corporation in 1914. It is one of the oldest non-profit agencies in southeastern Indiana. This cornerstone of the community has been an asset for the greater Greensburg area and has provided residents with unique programs, classes and resources that many would not have had access to in its absence. As a young student, I attended the Greensburg YMCA gym regularly.

I ask the entire 6th Congressional District to join me in congratulating the Decatur County Family YMCA on its 100th anniversary. I have no doubt that this extraordinary institution will be serving families in southeastern Indiana for many more years to come.

HONORING LLOYD GEORGE  
BURNETT

**HON. ELIOT L. ENGEL**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, June 9, 2014*

Mr. ENGEL. Mr. Speaker, immigrants from around the world have come to our shores in order to seek new opportunities. Like so many others, Lloyd George Burnett has found the American dream. He has also worked hard to serve and enrich the community in which he lives.

Lloyd immigrated to the United States from Jamaica in 1969, where he lived in Connecticut for two years before moving to the Bronx. Lloyd quickly established himself professionally in his new homeland. In just four years after moving to America, Lloyd rose to become the chief mechanic for the Professional Linen Corp., where his responsibilities included managing the company's fleet of vans and trucks. But he had set even higher goals for himself.

After working for several years as a mechanic, Lloyd finally achieved his dream of becoming an entrepreneur, opening Lloyd's Auto Repair in 1981. It was not an easy start for Lloyd. He started his shop with only two bays, then he did something very brave, but also very risky: he invested all of his savings into his fledgling business, after the banks refused to lend to him. This proved to be a very savvy move. Lloyd's Auto Repair first opened its doors some 32 years ago, and continues to serve customers in the tristate region.

Lloyd has generously shared his knowledge with other aspiring small business owners. He lent his expertise to help Henry Carter, Radcliff Simpson, and Dahkia Thompson secure a location for a business they recently opened on Sandford Blvd., in Mount Vernon.

Not only should Lloyd be recognized as an example of a small business owner, but for being a good neighbor who is always looking for ways to make a positive impact to his community. Lloyd has long been a strong supporter of the All Islands Association, a local Caribbean-American civic organization, as well as other civic groups in his community. Lloyd is the proud father of Tony, Robin and Lloyd Jr. He has also been blessed with five wonderful grandchildren. Jewel, T.J., Kyla, Triston, and Tyler.

Lloyd George Burnett has clearly worked hard to achieve his dreams, as well as lend his talents to his community. His tenacity, leadership and service to the community is truly commendable.

HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY  
OF PEDRO IRIARTE BORJA

**HON. MADELEINE Z. BORDALLO**

OF GUAM

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, June 9, 2014*

Ms. BORDALLO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of Pedro Iriarte Borja, the former mayor of the municipality of Chalan Pago-Ordot in Guam. Mayor Borja passed away on May 30, 2014 at the age of 85.

Pedro Iriarte Borja was born on July 1, 1928 to Francisco Borja Borja and Ana Benavente Iriarte Borja. Affectionately known as "Pete," he married Maria Crisostomo Arceo, his wife of 62 years, on July 7, 1951 and together they had seven children.

Pedro Borja was elected mayor of Chalan Pago-Ordot in November of 2004 and served from 2005 to 2009. During his term, Mayor Borja made significant improvements in the community. He oversaw the restoration of the Jose Atoigue Park and erected monuments to honor fallen servicemembers from Chalan Pago-Ordot.

Prior to his term as mayor, Pete Borja attended the Territorial College of Guam, which subsequently became the University of Guam, where he served as Student Body President. He then joined the United States Navy and served in the Korean War. He was honorably discharged in 1956, and subsequently returned to Guam.

After his service in the Navy, Pete worked at the Navy Public Works Center (PWC), Ship Repair Facility (SRF), U.S. Post Office, and the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA). In 1967, he joined the Military Sealift Merchant Marines. He retired as a civil servant after 30 years.

Following his civil service, Mayor Borja remained an active member of our community. He was instrumental to developing and supporting activities for senior citizens of Ordot. His advocacy was key to developing the Ordot Community Advancement Association (OCA) Bingo operations, which helped to raise funds for the San Juan Bautista Catholic Church. He was also the Director of Tita's Day Care, his wife's daycare business.

Mayor Borja served as the President of the Korean War Veterans Association and was recognized as Veteran of the Year in 2011. He was also an active member of the Guam Caregiver's Association and served as the organization's treasurer.

Mayor Borja was a dedicated public servant and leader who worked to help others in our community. I am deeply saddened by his passing, and I join the people of Guam in mourning a great veteran and public servant. My thoughts and prayers are with his family and friends. Though he will be missed, his legacy will live on in the memories of the people of Guam.

IN RECOGNITION OF MRS. DONNA  
QUINCE-COBB FOR HER COMMIT-  
MENT TO SUPPORTING ENTRE-  
PRENEURSHIP IN THE PONTIAC  
COMMUNITY

**HON. GARY C. PETERS**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, June 9, 2014*

Mr. PETERS of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor an exemplary member of our community, Mrs. Donna Quince-Cobb, for her abundant service to the community and her outstanding achievements as recognized by the Lambda Rho Zeta Chapter of the Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc. during its 31st Finer Womanhood Scholarship Luncheon.

Mrs. Quince-Cobb has an incredible passion for serving others, which is evident in her daily life. Forty years ago, her career began as a secretary to seven insurance agents, while simultaneously attending college. She diligently pursued her interest in sales and shortly after, acquired her own agency in 1982. Mrs. Quince-Cobb finds special joy in supporting children and the elderly. She is currently involved in a variety of community organizations, which also allows her to positively impact many lives. She is a charter member of the Noon Optimist Club of Auburn Hills and the North Oakland County Women's Council of Realtors. Concurrently, she dedicates her time to the spiritual needs of others through her volunteer service with the Senior Usher Board, the Deaconess Ministry, Pastor's Care, and Travel Ministries of Welcome Missionary Baptist Church.

Mrs. Quince-Cobb also extends her support to many women's shelters and other organizations, which support less fortunate children, such as the Make-A-Wish Foundation and Children's Village. She has actively served on the Board of Directors of the Boys and Girls Club of Auburn Hills and served as a judge for an oratorical contest for college scholarships. Throughout her life, she has thoughtfully provided opportunities to many high school students through Co-Op and summer jobs. She has also helped shape the careers of many adult women in her agency by encouraging them to pursue a career in the insurance industry and other professional endeavors. She is proud to be the longest serving member of the Auburn Hills Chamber of Commerce and received an award for her commitment to the Auburn Hills community. Additionally, she was recognized by the Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. as Business Woman of the Year in 2007 and by the NANBPW Clubs as the first black female business owner in the Pontiac area.

Mr. Speaker, Mrs. Quince-Cobb has devoted her life to helping others in need. From serving others as an aspiring career-woman in her early days to being a distinguished businesswoman and leader in her community today, she is a role model to the community and the epitome of an excellent leader. She has changed and impacted the lives of many people through her service. I am pleased to honor Mrs. Quince-Cobb as the Lambda Rho Zeta Chapter of the Zeta Phi Beta Sorority recognizes her as one of its 2014 31st Finer Womanhood Scholarship Honorees.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE SERVICE  
OF COL GEORGETTE GOONAN TO  
THE UNITED STATES AND THE  
CONSTITUENTS OF COLORADO'S  
FIFTH DISTRICT

**HON. DOUG LAMBORN**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, June 9, 2014*

Mr. LAMBORN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to express my sincere gratitude for Colonel Georgette Goonan's 24 years of service to the U.S. Army and the people of Fountain, Colorado.

Before residing in Fountain, Colonel Goonan earned her Doctor of Veterinary Medicine Degree from Iowa State in 1980. She then served in numerous assignments around the globe, including Veterinary Officer, Roving Sands Mission, in Fort Bliss, Texas; Veterinary Food Service Officer, Operation New Horizons, in Belize; Veterinarian in Fort Carson, Colorado; Veterinary Training Officer 993rd Medical Detachment in Denver, Colorado; and Veterinary Officer in Panama. Her most recent active duty assignment was as Commander of the 993rd Medical Detachment in Afghanistan between December 2008 and January 2010. Her Army Reserve assignments include Veterinary Surgical Team Officer in Kuwait supporting Operation Iraqi Freedom and the current Team Chief for the 7305th Medical Training Support Battalion in Sacramento, California.

Colonel Goonan is a graduate of the Army Medical Department (AMEDD) Officer Basic Course; AMEDD Augmentation Course; Captain Career Course, Intermediate Level Education Course; Defense Support of Civilian Authorities Course; Pre-Command Course; Sanitation Audit Cert Course; and Commanders Safety Course.

During her distinguished career, Colonel Goonan has received numerous decorations including the National Defense Service Medal with Bronze Star, Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal; Army Achievement Medal; Army Commendation Medal with 2nd Oak Leaf Cluster; Meritorious Service Medal; Army Reserve Components Achievement Medal with 2nd Oak Leaf Cluster; and Unit Meritorious Service Medal.

Colonel Goonan has made sizeable civilian contributions to her community in Colorado as well, as both owner of Rocky Mountain Veterinary Service in Fountain and as a Supervisor on the El Paso County Conservation District. As she retires from the U.S. Army, I would like to offer my sincere appreciation for her commitment to defending our country and the invaluable contributions she has made to Colorado.

HONORING FAROOQ KATHWARI

**HON. ELIOT L. ENGEL**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, June 9, 2014*

Mr. ENGEL. Mr. Speaker, the strength of our Nation is built on the positive impact that individual Americans make in the service to their country, their communities and to one another. The decisions and actions of every citizen matter because they have the power to

make a difference to the lives of fellow Americans and even those abroad.

Farooq Kathwari, and his family, are examples of this notion—of individuals working to improve the lives of others—both near and abroad.

Farooq has been the Chairman, President, and CEO of Ethan Allen Interiors since 1988. His admirable success in business has afforded him the opportunity to pursue his interests in community service. Alongside his family, Farooq has been involved in a variety of nonprofit organizations. His dedication to improving the well-being of others is truly exceptional, as is his success in business, which was recognized with an induction into the American Furniture Hall of Fame.

Farooq is a member of President Obama's Advisory Commission on Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders, a former Chairman Emeritus and current Director of Refugees International, and a Director of the International Rescue Committee. In addition to his work to improve the lives of the most vulnerable around the world, Farooq is also well respected in America's foreign policy establishment. He is a Director of the Henry L. Stimson Center, the Founder and Chairman of the Kashmir Study Group, a member of the Council on Foreign Relations, and served as a member of the Center for Strategic and International Studies' Advisory Board. Such distinguished recognition has allowed Farooq to pursue his passion to advocate on behalf of the voiceless, a campaign which has never ceased to be at the forefront of his concerns.

The Kathwari family has been well recognized within our community for their leadership and dedication to the protection of those less fortunate, to the advancement of humanitarianism and advocacy for religious freedom and tolerance. Farooq is a recipient of the Eleanor Roosevelt Val-Kill Medal, which recognizes the significant contribution to society in the arts, education, citizenship and humanitarian concerns. He has also been awarded the Outstanding American by Choice Award from our government, the Anti-Defamation League's Humanitarian Award, and the National Human Relations Award from the American Jewish Committee.

Such awards symbolize the dedicated effort that individuals such as Farooq make to bridge societal divides, reduce antagonisms wherever they might arise, and implore our leaders to think locally and act globally.

Farooq and his family are exemplary citizens. Their sense of justice and commitment to the protection of vulnerable individuals and to humanitarianism is a reflection of values we most cherish as a Nation. I commend Farooq Kathwari and his family for their past work and continued dedication. They are the deserving recipients of the Commitment to Service Award from Hope Community Services.

RECOGNIZING THE 175TH ANNIVERSARY OF MICHIGAN'S OLDEST COUNTY FAIR

**HON. TIM WALBERG**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, June 9, 2014*

Mr. WALBERG. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to ask that my colleagues join me in recognizing

the 175th Anniversary of the Lenawee County Fair. First organized by the Agricultural Society of Lenawee County in 1839, this wonderful tradition will resume for a 175th time on July 20, 2014.

Agriculture has been a key component of the local economy since early settlers arrived in the region in the 1820's. As their reputation for agricultural expertise and skill in crop and animal production grew, the organization of a fair to showcase the best of their farms and fields was a logical outcome.

In 1879, the Agricultural Society of Lenawee County moved the fair to larger grounds on the east side of Adrian, Michigan to accommodate the large number of participants and attendees. The fair has remained in this location ever since.

That first gathering held in 1839—the first county fair in the state of Michigan—began a ritual that would endure through good years and bad. Despite immense challenges and changes to the county, the State, and our world, Lenawee County continues to be home to a number of thriving agricultural entities and a place where rural life is embraced and celebrated. In honor of that tradition, 4-H and FFA youth will join open class exhibitors in showcasing their best animals, crops, and crafts.

The Lenawee County Fair is not only a fun event to attend each summer, but it is a vital part of our community, maintaining our values and preserving our agricultural heritage. This year's theme for the 175th anniversary of the Lenawee County Fair is "The Best Is Yet To Come." Mr. Speaker, I believe that slogan captures this historic and great event which so many in Michigan have had the opportunity to enjoy.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. BILL SHUSTER**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, June 9, 2014*

Mr. SHUSTER. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall No. 242, I was unable to vote. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea."

HONORING SABRINA ANTOINETTE  
HoSANG

**HON. ELIOT L. ENGEL**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, June 9, 2014*

Mr. ENGEL. Mr. Speaker, communities rely on individuals like Sabrina Antoinette HoSang to further strengthen the ties that bond them, and prepare the next generation for success.

Sabrina, a 2001 graduate of Villanova University, worked for her family business, Caribbean Food Delights, during her school breaks. She continued working for Caribbean Food Delights after she graduated. With a keen eye for marketing, Sabrina created the Mr. & Mrs. Patty mascot, revived the Patty Eating Contest, and created the Bun and Cheese event.

In February 2006, she was promoted to her current position, Chief Operating Officer, in which she oversees production, quality assurance, customer service, food safety, and a host of other divisions. Caribbean Food De-

lights launched a new product line called Sabrina's Delights in September 2012.

Sabrina has received many awards during her tenure. Under her management as COO, Caribbean Food Delights received the Forbes Enterprise Award in February 2007. She was inducted as a 2007 Business Visionary from the Caribbean American Chamber of Commerce and Industry (CACCI).

She has earned the Women Celebrating Women Award of Excellence from the Progressive Democrats Political Association, a City Council Citation from Congresswoman YVETTE D. CLARKE, and a New York State Assembly Citation from Assemblyman Carl Heastie for community service. She has also received the Consul General's Award from the Jamaica Consulate for helping the underserved communities in both New York and Jamaica. In November 2007, the Universal Peace Federation recognized her as an Ambassador for Peace.

She has been honored for her outstanding commitment to the Caribbean community at the 6th Anniversary Celebration of Caribbean-American Heritage Month by Former Brooklyn Borough President Marty Markowitz and Deputy Borough President Yvonne Graham. And finally, adding to her impressive public service resume, Sabrina received a Community Leadership Award from Jamaica College Old Boys Association of New York and received a "20 Under 40" Award from Caribbean Life in November 2013.

Sabrina has helped award six scholarships totaling \$150,000 for the entrepreneurial program at the University of the West Indies in Jamaica, through the Vincent HoSang Family Foundation. A G.O.O.D for Girls mentor, Sabrina, hopes to inspire young people to become leaders and entrepreneurs.

Sabrina Antoinette HoSang's many contributions to her community are admirable. She has truly made a difference in the lives of many.

RECOGNIZING COLUMBUS BONE,  
SR.

**HON. JOHN CONYERS, JR.**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, June 9, 2014*

Mr. CONYERS. Mr. Speaker, I use today to recognize Mr. Columbus Bone, Sr., who passed away on June 2, 2014.

Mr. Bone, who lived in Detroit, Michigan, was 100 at the time of his passing. Born in Huntsville, Alabama on October 6, 1913, Mr. Bone lived a life committed to faith, family, and our country.

Mr. Bone, the youngest of nine brothers and sisters, was the foundation of his family. In 1942, he married Pauline Harrison and lived a life devoted to loving his son Columbus Bone, Jr., six grandchildren, six great-grandchildren, thirty nieces and nephews, and over 150 great-grandnieces and nephews.

Following his marriage, he cemented his dedication to our country by joining the Armed Forces in 1942. Mr. Bone served a private in the Quarter-Master Unit of the Army during World War II until his honorable discharge on August 29, 1946. Mr. Bone was awarded a F.A.M.E. Medal for his service by the Northern African Theaters. His bravery and honor speak

volumes to his true spirit of an American patriot.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to recognize my constituent, Pvt. Columbus Bone, Sr. I urge my colleagues to join me in honoring his legacy.

IN APPRECIATION OF STEPHANIE  
Y. MOORE AND HER YEARS OF  
SERVICE

**HON. BOB GOODLATTE**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, June 9, 2014*

Mr. GOODLATTE. Mr. Speaker, I, along with House Judiciary Ranking Member JOHN CONYERS, Jr. of Michigan and former Representative Melvin Watt of North Carolina would like to thank Stephanie Y. Moore for twelve years of service to the House of Representatives. Nine of those years were spent as a dedicated counsel to the Judiciary Committee under four Chairmen, including myself and Representatives JIM SENSENBRENNER of Wisconsin, JOHN CONYERS, Jr. and LAMAR SMITH of Texas. She also served three years as General Counsel to Representative GEORGE MILLER of California and the House Education and Labor Committee.

A native of Birmingham, Alabama, Stephanie graduated with high honors from Oberlin College and went on to distinguish herself at Harvard Law School where she became only the second Black woman in the school's history to earn an invitation to become an editor of the venerable Harvard Law Review. After graduation, she clerked for the late Judge A. Leon Higginbotham, Jr. on the Third Circuit Court of Appeals and practiced law with the Center for Constitutional Rights. Immediately prior to joining the Judiciary Committee as Chief Counsel to Ranking Member Watt, Stephanie worked in the Administration of President Bill Clinton as General Counsel to the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights and Special Counsel at the U.S. Department of Education. She also served on the faculties of the District of Columbia School of Law and the Howard University Law School.

Stephanie joined the Judiciary Committee during the August 2001 recess and sat as counsel on her first hearing on the morning of September 11. In the aftermath of the terrible terrorist attacks on that day, Stephanie served as the principal Democratic staff negotiator on measures to ensure the privacy and civil liberties of the American public in a post 9/11 world.

Throughout her tenure, Stephanie consistently identified and focused on the fundamental policies implicated by legislative proposals. During her career with the Judiciary Committee, she exhibited a wide range of interests and considerable versatility in handling subjects as complex and diverse as administrative law, tax policy, privacy and civil liberties, antitrust, online commerce and piracy, trade and intellectual property. Stephanie's tenacity, passion and no-nonsense approach won her both admirers and critics. Her intellect and determination were instrumental in committee efforts to ensure that robust standards were established to fairly compensate the victims of the BP Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill in 2010 and again the following year as she

sought to balance the interests of multiple stakeholders during the drafting of and debates on the Stop Online Piracy Act. Stephanie's ability to manage and contribute to a range of significant public policy initiatives was evident in the key role she played as the lead Democratic staffer on the Bankruptcy Abuse Prevention and Consumer Protection Act of 2005 and during passage of landmark, bipartisan legislation that included the Fannie Lou Hamer, Rosa Parks, and Coretta Scott King Voting Rights Act Reauthorization and Amendments Act of 2006, the Leahy-Smith America Invents Act of 2011 and the Foreign and Economic Espionage Penalty Enhancement Act of 2012.

Mr. Speaker, we applaud Stephanie's tireless, principled and loyal public service to the U.S. House of Representatives and the American people and wish her every success in her future endeavors.

RECOGNIZING DR. JOHN S.  
RUSKAY

**HON. NITA M. LOWEY**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, June 9, 2014*

Mrs. LOWEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Dr. John S. Ruskay for his contributions to the American Jewish community.

Dr. Ruskay has dedicated his life to the pursuit of education and philanthropy, serving many roles within the Jewish community throughout his career. From 1980 to 1985, Dr. Ruskay was the Educational Director of the 92nd Street Y in New York. This venerable institution is renowned for its devotion to philanthropy and community enhancement. It is a testimony to Dr. Ruskay's talents that he ran the educational pursuits of this institution.

He has also served as a senior consultant to the Wexner Foundation and the Andrea and Charles Bronfman Philanthropies. These organizations are at the forefront of fostering connections between individuals and their community. Their work has helped ensure that future generations of the Jewish community are not just aware of their cultural heritage, but that they are instilled with a desire to give back to the community as leaders.

For the past 15 years, Dr. Ruskay has served as CEO of the United Jewish Appeal-Federation of New York. In this role, he has provided strong leadership and has helped advance UJA-Federation's vision of a more interconnected Jewish community. Under his leadership, the UJA-Federation mobilized its resources to help launch the Israel Trauma Center to help Israeli victims of terror attacks during the second intifada. It was also under his leadership that the charity launched Connect to Care to help people struggling during the recession. And in the aftermath of Superstorm Sandy, UJA-Federation provided millions of dollars to help restore damaged communities.

Dr. Ruskay has been honored with numerous awards for his extensive work in the Jewish community in New York, the United States, and worldwide. He is a recipient of the Bernard Reisman Award for Professional Excellence from Brandeis University's Hornstein program and the Association of Jewish Communal Service's Mandelkom Distinguished Service Award. He also holds honorary doctor-

ates from The Jewish Theological Seminary of America, the Spertus Institute for Jewish Learning and Leadership, Hebrew Union College, and Yeshiva University.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to recognize Dr. John S. Ruskay for his remarkable service and lifelong commitment to enriching the lives of others. I urge my colleagues to join me in honoring his tremendous accomplishments.

IN RECOGNITION OF DR. JEANETTE  
M. CAMPBELL FOR HER  
OUTSTANDING COMMITMENT TO  
THE MEDICAL PROFESSION AND  
PONTIAC COMMUNITY

**HON. GARY C. PETERS**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, June 9, 2014*

Mr. PETERS of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Dr. Jeanette M. Campbell for the remarkable impact she has made on the Greater Detroit community, which has earned her recognition from the Lambda Rho Zeta Chapter of the Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc.

Early in her life, Dr. Campbell demonstrated dedication to succeed and make a difference in her community. From the beginning of her journey through the higher education system, Dr. Campbell recognized the value and power that comes with knowledge. After graduation from Tennessee State University with her Bachelor's Degree, Dr. Campbell went on to obtain a Medical Doctorate from Meharry Medical College and a Master's of Business Administration from Madonna University. She later went on to continue her studies at Children's Hospital of Michigan, Vanderbilt University and the Columbia University School of Medicine.

In her professional career, Dr. Campbell currently serves as Vice President of Medical Associates, Inc., Associate Medical Staff at both Doctors' Hospital of Michigan and St. Joseph Mercy-Oakland and a member of the teaching faculty at St. Joseph Mercy-Oakland. She has served at St. Joseph Mercy-Oakland for more than thirty-five years and is the recipient of a service award in recognition of her diligent work on her patients' behalf. In addition to her clinical work, Dr. Campbell serves on the Pediatric Advisory Committee for St. Joseph, as well as on the Pediatric Executive Committee of the National Medical Association. She also serves as Treasurer for the Pediatric Section of the National Medical Association and has been recognized by her peers with the Grace James Leadership Award in Pediatrics.

Beyond her professional work, Dr. Campbell is active in the Greater Pontiac community—engaged in endeavors that are helping others to realize their dreams. As a mentor for the Upward Bound program at Oakland University, Dr. Campbell is helping students realize the value of higher education which is vital to their success. Dr. Campbell is an active lifetime member of the NAACP, a speaker for the Black College Fund and an active member of the St. John United Methodist Church in Pontiac. She has received numerous awards for her leadership in the community including: the Image Award in Medicine and Theophalious Northcross Award from the North Oakland

Branch of the NAACP and the Community Service Award from the Negro Business and Professional Women's Club.

Mr. Speaker, it is my honor to recognize a strong community leader, like Dr. Jeanette Campbell, for her dedication to her profession and to the Pontiac community. Her hard work and selflessness are an inspiration to all of us that seek to serve others I know her husband, Dr. Eugene Rogers, and their children and grandchildren must be so proud of Dr. Campbell for this great distinction and I wish Dr. Campbell well as she continues to make a difference in the Greater Detroit community.

IN RECOGNITION OF ALEXA  
EFRAIMSON OF CAMAS, WASH-  
INGTON

**HON. JAIME HERRERA BEUTLER**

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, June 9, 2014*

Ms. HERRERA BEUTLER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Alexa Efraimson and the Camas High School girls' track and field team for their success at the Washington state track and field championships.

Two weeks ago, Alexa won the 1,600-meter race for the second year in a row and won her second 800-meter race on Saturday, May 31. She not only won the Washington state title in the 1,600-meter, but she broke the national high school record. Right now, no high school woman in this country is faster than she is at the 1,600-meter race; she is second to none.

I am also very proud to congratulate the girls' track and field team from my hometown of Camas for placing second at the state meet. Their success stands as evidence that each individual athlete has the ability, the desire, the determination, and the commitment to stay the course and excel in achieving their goals.

Today, I ask all Members of Congress to join me as we honor Alexa and the Camas High School girls' track and field team on a job well done at Washington State's track and field state championship.

HONORING PATRICIA LANZA

**HON. ELIOT L. ENGEL**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, June 9, 2014*

Mr. ENGEL. Mr. Speaker, the moral fabric of our neighborhoods and communities in the United States are tightly knitted together by the actions of individuals who selflessly benefit us without public spotlight. In this, Patricia Lanza is an unsung hero.

Patricia has been a dedicated benefactor to many organizations in Westchester that help women, children and families in need. Patricia has provided hundreds of thousands of dollars to high school girls who dreamed of going to college but didn't have the means. She has been a generous, dedicated contributor to scholarship programs, believing that an investment in education reaps many great rewards.

She is an important asset to community groups that work for peace, equality and feed the homeless.

Abroad, Patricia has found many ways to direct her caring and concern towards some of the world's most vulnerable communities. Working alongside UNICEF and the Ford Foundation, Patricia helped construct and staff three centers for children with disabilities in Vietnam. The centers focus on birth defects that are directly attributable to the residue of Agent Orange left behind from the Vietnam War.

Patricia has also funded projects in Africa that address local needs. In Swaziland, she responded to imminent famine and food shortages by building and outfitting a 400 hectare working farm in Malkerns Valley, which provided food and jobs for hundreds of area families. She has helped women in Zimbabwe who are suffering from AIDS. Recently, she funded construction for a school in Southern Sudan in one of the toughest to reach areas in that war-torn country.

These are not the actions of an ordinary individual—it shows the extraordinary achievements of a woman whose selfless dedication is fueled by the generosity of her spirit. Quite simply, Patricia brings hope where ever she goes.

Our late President John F. Kennedy once noted that, "we must find time to stop and thank the people who make a difference in our lives." We as her neighbors, friends, and colleagues should be honored by her presence in our lives. Her legacy in Westchester County and around the world will have enduring value in this world.

I am proud to congratulate Patricia on receiving the Spirit of Excellence Award from Hope Community Services. Her devotion to her community, both at home in Westchester and abroad, knows few bounds.

HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY  
OF RAYMOND H. BOONE, SR.

**HON. ROBERT C. "BOBBY" SCOTT**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, June 9, 2014*

Mr. SCOTT of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of Raymond H. Boone, Sr., who passed away on June 3, 2014. Ray devoted his entire life to fighting for justice and equality, becoming one of the most trusted voices in news in the Commonwealth of Virginia.

Born in Suffolk, Virginia, Ray earned a bachelor's degree in journalism from Boston University and a master's degree in political science from Howard University. Ray's first foray into the newspaper business was as a reporter for the Quincy, Massachusetts Patriot-Ledger and later he worked for the Suffolk, Virginia News-Herald. He also worked as a reporter for the Norfolk, Virginia Journal and Guide. He eventually made his way to Richmond, where he became the editor of the Richmond Afro-American Planet, a position he held for 15 years.

Ray temporarily left Richmond to be the editor and vice president of the Baltimore-based

Afro-American Newspaper Group. He also served as a correspondent for the National Newspaper Association where he reported from Germany, Finland, the former Soviet Union, Israel and Cuba. And for nine years, he was an associate professor of journalism at Howard University in Washington, DC.

In 1992, after returning to Richmond, Ray founded the Richmond Free Press, a progressive weekly newspaper that gave a voice to Richmond's voiceless. Under Ray's leadership as editor and publisher, the Free Press quickly emerged as an honored newspaper in the Richmond region. The Free Press has become a critical source of news and information for the Richmond community, often covering issues and stories left unnoticed by larger media organizations.

For his reporting and writing, Ray received the Oliver W. Hill Freedom Fighter Award, the DaimlerChrysler Entrepreneurial Award, a first-place Virginia Press Association editorial writing award, the International Toastmasters' Leadership Award, and the A. Philip Randolph Messenger Award. The Free Press also won eight national awards for journalist excellence from the National Newspaper Publishers Association.

Throughout his life and career, Ray received numerous other awards, including the Dominion Resources Strong Men and Women Excellence in Leadership Award, the Metropolitan Business League Entrepreneur of the Year Award, the National Conference for Community and Justice Humanitarian of the Year Award, and the United Negro College Fund Flame Bearer for Education Award. He was also honored by the Poynter Institute for Media Studies in St. Petersburg, Florida for his "outstanding teaching in journalism."

Ray will be missed, not only by family and friends, but also by the many people who enjoyed his analysis on the day's news. As a reporter, correspondent, editor, newspaper executive and publisher, Ray always had a unique perspective and a thoughtful approach to disseminating the news to the African-American community and the public at large. A fixture in the Virginia Press Corps for decades, Ray was recognized numerous times, not only for his contributions to the community and the media, but also for excellence with his craft. His legacy lives on in the award-winning and influential paper he leaves behind, the Richmond Free Press. His legacy can also be found in the thriving African-American media landscape which blossomed as a result of his contributions and hard work.

On a personal note, I will always cherish Ray's friendship. Ray was a newsman first and he never allowed our friendship to prevent him from covering me in an objective manner. I will always cherish our many interviews and editorial board meetings and I will miss talking politics and policy with him. Most importantly, I will miss his thoughtful approach to presenting the news. The Virginia Press Corps and the Commonwealth of Virginia have lost a powerful and unwavering voice.

Mr. Speaker, Raymond H. Boone, Sr. will be sorely missed by his family and friends, and by the countless people he gave a voice to through his writing and reporting. My thoughts and prayers are with Ray's wife, Jean, their children, Regina and Raymond Jr., and the staff and many devoted readers of the Richmond Free Press.

RECOGNIZING MR. SANTOSH  
MADHAVAN

**HON. DANIEL WEBSTER**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, June 9, 2014*

Mr. WEBSTER of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to recognize a Central Floridian, Mr. Santosh Madhavan, an Advanced Placement teacher at Lake Highland Preparatory School, for being selected as a member of the inaugural class of AP Advocacy Fellows.

The AP Advocacy Fellowship Program engages exceptional AP teachers who ensure that every student is provided access to opportunity. As part of the program, fellows participate in professional development training that focuses on media communication, government relations, and relevant state and federal legislation.

In this global economy, our economic prosperity depends on our ability to train a high-wage, high-tech workforce able to compete with countries around the world. In order to achieve these goals, we must build an education system that not only works to solve today's problems but also focuses on our nation's long term competitiveness.

It is a privilege to recognize Mr. Madhavan for his demonstrated excellence in education, and I thank him for his commitment to the students of Central Florida.

IN RECOGNITION OF MAJOR PATRICIA B. OVERTON FOR HER MILITARY SERVICE AND LEADERSHIP OF THE JROTC PROGRAM IN SOUTHEAST MICHIGAN

**HON. GARY C. PETERS**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, June 9, 2014*

Mr. PETERS of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor an exemplary member of our community, Major Patricia Overton, for her dedicated service to our country and young people through her administration of the JROTC program. It is these outstanding qualities that have earned her recognition from the Lambda Rho Zeta Chapter of the Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc.

Major Overton, a graduate of the University of Tennessee and Webster University, was on active duty from 1981 to 2001 as a U.S. Army Officer. She is a member of Lomax Temple AME Zion Church, Detroit Federation of Teachers, American Federation of Teachers and the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. She has received the Meritorious Service Medal, Army Service Ribbon, Overseas Service Ribbon and the Distinctive Silver Instructor award.

As an outstanding member of her community, Major Overton has benefited the JROTC program by serving as the Deputy Director for 17 high school JROTC programs and approximately 4,000 cadets. Her position includes coordinating formal inspections, developing standards for staff briefings, producing and editing summer camp newsletters, fostering relationships with TACOM/TARDEC for summer jobs for cadets, STEM tutoring for cadets and STEM instruction at JCLC. Major Overton also improves the lives of our youth by assisting

cadets with college and scholarship applications. One of her greatest contributions has been to establish sponsored visits to West Point for her exceptional 2nd and 3rd year JROTC cadets who demonstrated interest in a military career, which has led an average of acceptance for two of her cadets to West Point each year.

Major Overton has also established a National Forensic League-style forensics program for her LET IV cadets, providing them the opportunity to enhance their research, critical thinking, and public speaking skills, as well as their ability to be informed, engaged citizens of our society.

Mr. Speaker, Major Overton has dedicated her life to serving our country through active service and management of the JROTC. From helping ensuring JROTC operates as effectively as possible to making college a reality for many teenagers, she is a role model to the community and the epitome of an excellent leader. She has immensely improved the lives of many people through her service. I am pleased to honor Major Patricia Overton for her continuing accomplishments and service to the community.

SUPPORTING NORTH STOKES TO  
SOFTBALL VICTORY

**HON. HOWARD COBLE**

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, June 9, 2014*

Mr. COBLE. Mr. Speaker, in sports, a strong support system can hold the key to success and that is what helped the North Stokes softball team defeat Whiteville 10-1 on Saturday to capture the North Carolina High School Athletic Association 1A state softball championship. I am proud to say that the Lady Vikings, who call the Sixth District of North Carolina home, won the title two games to one this past weekend.

Knowing the road to success can be a bumpy one, family, friends and other community members lined the streets with signs cheering on the softball team as they headed out for the championship in hopes that their spirit-filled send off would make the sailing a little smoother for the Lady Vikings.

The support of the community, however, was not the only helping hand for the team along their journey to the top. The Lady Vikings defense provided the squad with a much-needed edge. The outfield took charge by honing in on multiple drives to alleviate potential extra-base hits. "Our defense was awesome," Head Coach Jeff Frye told the Winston-Salem Journal. "I thought that played a bigger part in getting us pumped up. I think it just got momentum on our side."

"I'm just tickled," Vikings Pitcher Lindsay Brown told the Stokes News moments after the victory was secured. She had reason to be happy. Not only did she pitch the title-clinching game, she was also named the series' Most Valuable Player.

Coach Frye credits the team's success to their strong ability to face all obstacles. Besides MVP Brown, the team included Sabrina Dodson, Emily Evans, Tana Frye, Chandley Garner, Tristan Hubbard, Hannah Mabe, Hannah McBride, Emily Myers, Heather Nall, Emma Petree, Ashley Smith, and Carson Wat-

kins. The Vikings path to victory was aided by assistant coaches Barry Dodson, Rebecca Gunter, and Randy Shelton.

On behalf of the citizens of the Sixth District of North Carolina, we congratulate Principal Nathan Rasey, Athletic Director Trey Wiggins, the faculty, staff, and students of North Stokes High for winning the 1A state softball championship. In the case of the Lady Vikings, they proved that a strong support system can lead to a championship.

HONORING THE LIFE OF WILLIAM  
"BILL" HARDACRE

**HON. SUSAN W. BROOKS**

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, June 9, 2014*

Mrs. BROOKS of Indiana. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Mr. William "Bill" Hardacre of Anderson, Indiana. He passed away on May 11, 2014, at the age of 82. A man of deep faith, Bill worked for decades toward the improvement of his city and country. He served both the United States and Anderson with integrity and honor.

A lifelong Hoosier and Anderson resident, Bill graduated from Anderson High School. He then earned a Bachelor's Degree in Accounting from Indiana University. Upon completion of his degree, Bill served in the U.S. Army during the Korean War from 1952 through 1954.

Returning to Anderson, Bill joined the family business, Best Ever Dairy, as treasurer. During his 35-year career with the company, it grew from a local operation to a business serving central Indiana and beyond. After retiring, he continued his business ventures by developing both residential and commercial properties in Anderson and founding, E.V.I., an electric vehicle manufacturing firm now based in California.

Not only was Bill an accomplished businessman, he also played an exceptionally active role in the Anderson community. He was a member of the First United Methodist Church, where he was a lay leader for more than two decades. He also held leadership positions at the Christian Center, Fine Arts Center, Evening Exchange Club, the Harter House, and was a member of the board of trustees at Anderson University for 15 years.

Yet another example of Bill's dedication to the Anderson community was his work to save and restore the historic Paramount Theatre. Built in 1929, the Paramount was a major attraction for decades. A true architectural gem, its grandeur was a source of admiration and pride for the entire Anderson community. However, by 1989 the building had fallen into severe disrepair. Along with a group of community leaders, Bill formed the Paramount Theatre Heritage Foundation, saving the historic landmark from demolition and preserving its beauty for future generations. He then went on to serve as the Foundation's first President and was a member of the board of directors until his passing.

Bill Hardacre is an irreplaceable member of the Anderson community whose legacy will live on for generations to come. Without his tireless devotion, Anderson would not be the wonderful community it is today. He worked for a lifetime toward making his hometown a

more prosperous city. I will never forget my initial visit with Bill at the Toast Café or our talks at Lake Wawasee, discussing the issues facing Indiana's 5th Congressional District and beyond. I want to thank Bill's wife, Ann Hardacre, and the rest of his family for sharing Bill with myself and so many others. He touched our lives and served as a shining example for all those working to make a better life for future generations.

HONORING LISA AND ROB  
PATCHEN

**HON. ELIOT L. ENGEL**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, June 9, 2014*

Mr. ENGEL. Mr. Speaker, I would like to formally recognize Lisa and Rob Patchen for their outstanding service and commitment to Beth El Synagogue in New Rochelle, New York.

Lisa is a past member of the Nursery School Board and, for several years, has led the synagogue's handprint tile fundraiser, the success of which is evident outside the Nursery School office.

Rob is in his second term as a member of the Board of Trustees, and just recently completed a two-year term as recording secretary. He has also served as the chairman of the Assistant Rabbi Search Committee, the Nominating Committee, Hazzan Search Committee, and is currently an active member of the Families Initiative Committee and the Youth Services Committee.

The pair will be honored by Beth El with the President's Ne'emanim Service Award for all they have done to support and serve their local Jewish community.

I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Lisa and Rob Patchen for their service and commitment to Beth El Synagogue.

HONORING BIRMINGHAM FIRE AND  
RESCUE CHIEF IVOR J. BROOKS

**HON. TERRI A. SEWELL**

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, June 9, 2014*

Ms. SEWELL of Alabama. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to remember the life and legacy of Birmingham Fire and Rescue Chief Ivor J. Brooks who passed away on Wednesday May 28. As we mourn his untimely passing, I am comforted in knowing that his legacy of exemplary public service will bring peace to those affected by this tremendous loss to the State of Alabama.

Chief Brooks was sworn into the Birmingham Fire and Rescue Service Department on May 3, 1982. His illustrious career as a first responder would span more than 30 years. Throughout his tenure, he distinguished himself as a servant leader who worked his way up the ranks of the department. He was appointed the 20th fire chief of the city of Birmingham on November 14, 2007 after 26 years on the job.

This nationally recognized first responder was trained at the National Fire Academy in Maryland and the U.S. Department of Justice

Weapons of Mass Destruction Training Facility of Incident Commanders. He also attended the Alabama Fire College, completed the Personnel Standards Commission, and the Fire Chief's Executive Development Program. Prior to being named fire chief, he served as Incident Commander for the State of Alabama.

During his time at the helm of Alabama's largest fire department, city leaders often commended Chief Brooks for his dedication to building and maintaining a fire department that Birmingham residents could be proud of. His responsible and practical leadership resulted in the revitalization and construction of various new firehouses throughout the city. I have fond memories of working closely with Chief Brooks to secure funding opportunities for improvement projects. He understood that the success of the 700 men and women he ably led was dependent upon securing resources and opportunities to support them in performing their duties.

Throughout his impactful lifetime, Chief Brooks also received numerous awards for his leadership and innovation in the field. But despite his celebrated career, his greatest achievement was his family and his dedication to his faith. Before his death, Chief Brooks served as a trustee on the board of the historic Sixteenth Street Baptist Church in Birmingham. He was married to Joyce E. Brooks and was the father of four children; Ivon, Nyyah, Ivor, Jr. and Matthew and one grandchild, August Rayne Howell.

On behalf of a grateful nation and state, we salute this American treasure who was committed to protecting and serving the community that he loved. As we seek comfort in the aftermath of his untimely passing, we will forever remember Chief Brooks as an energetic and personable leader that was committed to obtaining the best results for his department. We salute Chief Brooks and pray for his family and his colleagues as we mourn the loss of this American hero. We honor his life and we thank him for his noble contributions to mankind. I ask my colleagues to join me in mourning the passing of Birmingham Fire and Rescue Chief Ivor J. Brooks.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. BILL SHUSTER**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, June 9, 2014*

Mr. SHUSTER. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall No. 241, I was unable to vote.

Had I been present, I would have voted "yea."

IN SUPPORT OF HOUSTON PRIDE  
WEEK AND LGBT PRIDE MONTH

**HON. SHEILA JACKSON LEE**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, June 9, 2014*

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise to commemorate LGBT Pride Month and the remarkable progress that has been made in making our country more diverse and tolerant and embracing of differences in the 45 years since the infamous Stonewall Uprising in 1969 in New York City.

Our country made progress with the repeal of "Don't Ask, Don't Tell," which I was proud to support. Our nation is now stronger and our people are safer thanks to the sacrifices made by these brave Americans, who no longer need to choose between service and silence.

There have been other changes for the better. In July 2011, President Obama and his administration concluded that a critical section of the Defense of Marriage Act is no longer constitutionally defensible. The Supreme Court agreed and on June 26, 2011, handed down the landmark decision in *United States v. Windsor*, 570 U.S. 12 (2013), which struck down Section 3 of DOMA because it violated the Equal Protection Clause of the 14th Amendment by treating relationships that had equal status under state law differently under federal law.

That decision accelerated the movement for marriage equality and today 19 states now recognize same-sex marriages.

Mr. Speaker, this year marks the 50th anniversary of the landmark Civil Rights Act of 1964, brilliantly shepherded to passage by one of the greatest Texans, President Johnson, which outlawed discrimination in public accommodations, education, and employment on the grounds of race, creed, color, religion, sex, or national origin.

The Civil Rights Act has made our country better.

I am pleased to report that progress is being made at the local level as well. Last month, the Houston City Council approved the Houston Equal Rights Ordinance, which extends the right to seek and hold employment, obtain housing, and enjoy public accommodations free from discrimination to all individuals in Houston without regard not just to sex, race, color, ethnicity, religion, national origin but also to age, familial status, marital status, military status, disability, sexual orientation, genetic information, gender identity or pregnancy.

The HERO Ordinance represents another giant step forward in our nation's and my city's continuing efforts to form a more perfect union. I believe the anti-discrimination protections Houstonians now enjoy should be extended to all persons in our country, which can be done this year were Congress to pass the Employee Non-Discrimination Act (ENDA).

Although more remains to be done to realize the full promise of America that all are equally treated and protected by the law but it is undeniable that America is closer to realizing that promise than it was during the dark days of Stonewall.

So there is much reason for joy and optimism when my home city of Houston celebrates Houston Pride Week later this month, from June 20–29.

According to the 2010 U.S. Census, the 16th largest LGBT community in the nation is located in the Houston metropolitan area, which I am privileged to represent. This dynamic community is culturally diverse and economically and artistically vibrant.

Houston Pride Week has been an annual event for the last 35 years, since 1979, held to promote the individuality of Houston's ever-growing LGBT community. The Pride Festival and Parade are at the center of the Celebration and are annually attended by more than 400,000 people from Houston and around the world.

Mr. Speaker, progress is made through the efforts of courageous leaders who actively engage their communities and face adversity to

ensure that the rights of all are clearly defined and protected.

People like the legendary Bayard Rustin, who organized the 1947 Journey of Reconciliation which inspired the Freedom Rides of the 1960s and helped Dr. King organize the Southern Christian Leadership Conference and who was the driving force behind the 1963 March on Washington.

Other members of the LGBT community whose contributions have made enriched American culture and made our country better include the great poet Langston Hughes; Billy Strayhorn the musician and gifted composer whose 30-year collaboration with Duke Ellington gave the world some of the greatest jazz music ever; and James Baldwin, one of the towering figures in the history of American literature.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to acknowledge the achievements of just a few of the countless number of Americans who overcame prejudice and discrimination America be a more welcoming place for succeeding generations of LGBT community members.

HONORING BARBARA AND JOEL  
RASCOFF

HON. ELIOT L. ENGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 9, 2014

Mr. ENGEL. Mr. Speaker, Barbara and Joel Rascoff have been steadfast in their commitment to the New Rochelle community. The community is truly indebted to their selfless service and the legacy that they are continuing to build.

As part of the Young Israel of New Rochelle Community (YINR), Barbara and Joel have chaired numerous dinners and dinner journals, and Joel has even helped document shul events by serving as a photographer. Both Barbara and Joel are known for their kind and giving nature, making newcomers feel exceedingly welcome in the New Rochelle Jewish community. Their efforts were crucial in bringing Rabbi Reuven Fink to YINR.

Throughout their involvement with YINR, Joel served as both a member of the Board of Trustees and as Vice President of Fundraising, finding the time to help lead effort to raise crucial funds for YINR, whilst working as a respected nephrologist within the community.

Barbara became deeply involved in shul fundraising herself, including as an integral part of the dedicated and passionate team that successfully worked to retire the debt from the mezzanine loan on YINR's new building. Barbara was also an important voice within the committee established to investigate the shul's expansion, and was an important member of the mechitza committee for the new sanctuary.

Together Barbara and Joel have been highly active in a variety of community projects, such as the New Rochelle Meals on Wheels Program, where Barbara continues to serve as a Vice President. Barbara has also had a life-long affiliation with AMIT, an organization that provides education and crucial social services to children in Israel. Barbara served for 22 years as a member of AMIT's board and as Chairwoman of the board of governors. AMIT works to positively impact the future of Israel,

one child at a time. It is clear both Barbara and Joel have embodied this creed, working with drive and boundless energy to impact the lives of individuals both at home and abroad.

Today, Barbara and Joel cherish their role as grandparents to their five beautiful grandchildren, and parents to their three sons and daughter-in-laws: Henry and Carina, Sammy and Lauren, and Matthew and Emily.

Their passion to help others has built lasting impressions both in New Rochelle and in Israel. Their service is an exemplary legacy, and one that has brought our community closer together. Barbara and Joel are deserving recipients of the Distinguished Leadership Award at Young Israel of New Rochelle's 47th Annual Dinner.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. VICKY HARTZLER

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 9, 2014

Mrs. HARTZLER. Mr. Speaker, on Friday, May 30, 2014, I was unable to vote. Had I been present, I would have voted as follows: on rollcall No. 270 "nay" and on rollcall No. 271, "yea."

SAMMIE MOSHENBERG: AN  
ACTIVIST FOR JUSTICE

HON. JANICE D. SCHAKOWSKY

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 9, 2014

Ms. SCHAKOWSKY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to offer my deep gratitude to Sammie Moshenberg, who is retiring as Director of the Washington Operations of the National Council of Jewish Women (NCJW).

For more than 30 years, Sammie has represented NCJW in the halls of Congress, and she has been an influential advocate for economic and social justice. It is not just that Sammie herself is a powerful force—she is—but she also represents and coordinates NCJW's network of volunteers across the country. Through that role, Sammie is able to help NCJW members not just understand the legislative process but to show how they can mobilize to affect the outcomes and push for action on critical policy debates.

If there is a fight to improve the lives of children, eliminate discrimination and promote equal opportunities, end violence, or give women more control over their lives and their futures, Sammie Moshenberg is there. She is always eager to stand up what is just and what is necessary in order to end poverty, promote justice, and help women and families succeed. She embodies the Jewish creed of Tikkun Olam—repairing the world.

Sammie first came to NCJW in 1981, first working in the communications department in the New York headquarters. She came to the Washington office in 1983, where she has represented NCJW in dealing with all three branches of government and in coalitions working on judicial nominations, civil rights, reproductive rights, and economic justice issues. Sammie received her BA from Shimer College in Illinois and a master's degree from Loyola

University in Baltimore, Maryland. She continues to use the skills she learned there and as a former magazine editor and teacher to train members of Jewish and other faith groups, students, and advocates.

Anyone who has the good fortune of knowing Sammie knows she is much more interested in empowering people to participate in critical national debates and getting the job done than taking credit for her own actions. That is why she and NCJW are so committed to their "Promote the Vote, Protect the Vote" initiative. But Sammie herself has received a great deal of recognition for her efforts. Sammie has appeared on the "Forward Fifty" list of the most influential Jewish individuals three times. She has also been named one of Women's Enews "21 Leaders for the 21st Century" and received the YWCA of the National Capital Area's Racial Justice Award, the Ruth Osborn Award from the Women's Studies Program at George Washington University, and NCJW's Hannah G. Solomon Award.

As if her work at NCJW isn't enough, Sammie is an active member of her community—fighting for housing and economic justice issues in Alexandria, Virginia where she lives and working to expand access to health care and social justice in Cape Town, South Africa, where she and her husband have a second home.

As a Jewish woman, a lifetime member of NCJW, and a Member of Congress, I have relied on Sammie for her wisdom, her knowledge of the ways of Washington, her strategic sense of pushing for progress, and her friendship.

Sammie, I am so appreciative of your leadership and your passion for justice. I know that you will continue to use your many talents to improve your community, our nation and the world.

HONORING THE MEMORY OF  
LESLIE ARNOLD COLLINS

HON. DAVID G. VALADAO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 9, 2014

Mr. VALADAO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today with my colleague, Mr. COSTA, to recognize and honor the memory of Mr. Leslie Arnold Collins. As a veteran, a community leader, and philanthropist, Mr. Collins was a true pillar of the Hanford community. His presence in our community will be greatly missed, but the example by which he lived his life will not soon be forgotten.

Les was born in Danville, Illinois, on April 25, 1922. He was the fourth child born to his parents, William Howard Collins and Mable Arnold Collins. He met his wife, Alice Smith, while visiting his mother in New Mexico and soon married her on December 3, 1949. He and his wife traveled in 1960 to Hanford, California, where they raised three children. He had five grandchildren, eleven great-grandchildren, and one great-great-grandchild on the way. Les Collins passed away peacefully in his sleep at home on June 1, 2014, at the age of 92.

Les spent his life serving his country, family and his community. Les served as a combat medic in the Pacific Theater and helped liberate the Philippines during World War II. For

his valor, he was awarded numerous medals, including the Bronze Star.

His service to our nation did not end when he left the military, as he worked tirelessly to support veterans in his community. As a volunteer member of the Honor Flight Network, he raised funds to allow veterans to fly to Washington, D.C., to visit and reflect at the World War II memorial. He made the trip himself on his 91st birthday on April 25, 2013. In 2009, he was honored as the 30th Assembly District's Veteran of the Year.

As a lifetime member of the Optimist Club, Les embodied the organization's mission of "Bringing out the Best in Kids," by participating in many youth programs and being a positive role model for the young people in our area. In 1984, he was honored as the Chamber of Commerce Citizen of the Year. Throughout his years of living in Hanford, he was actively involved in various community projects, including being an avid supporter of the Boy Scouts and serving on the Eagle Scout review board. As a civic leader, he was a Hanford planning commissioner, a lifetime member of the Kings County Historical Society, and an election worker for 30 years. It is impossible to list all the contributions Mr. Collins made over his lifetime because there are simply too many to mention.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues in the U.S. House of Representatives to join Mr. COSTA and myself in honoring the memory of Mr. Les Collins. He was an inspiration for all, and he led a long life of serving both his country and community. We should all strive to leave such a significant imprint on our communities as Mr. Collins did during his lifetime.

RECOGNIZING THE 25TH ANNIVERSARY OF LEADERSHIP OSCEOLA COUNTY

**HON. ALAN GRAYSON**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, June 9, 2014*

Mr. GRAYSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Leadership Osceola County as they celebrate their 25th anniversary.

Whereas, the mission of Community Vision is to bring people and resources together to achieve the vision of Osceola County as a progressive community that provides the highest quality of life to residents and visitors;

Whereas, Community Vision has worked very hard since its inception to succeed in its mission and to identify the role of individuals and organizations in achieving its vision;

Whereas, Community Vision has focused on key issues through positive projects, programs, and collaborative activities in order to bring the public and leadership together to move together toward shared community goals and objectives;

Whereas, Leadership Osceola County is an unsurpassed Community Vision leadership development program that began in 1989 and is now celebrating its 25th anniversary with more than 700 leaders graduating from the program after learning of community challenges firsthand and gaining the tools necessary to facilitate positive change within our community; and

Whereas, today, Community Vision remains focused on a shared vision for a better and

brighter Osceola County tomorrow by continuing to prepare, inspire, and support leadership for the good of the public;

Whereas, the United States Representative of Florida's Ninth Congressional District is honoring, recognizing and congratulating Leadership Osceola County on its 25th Anniversary.

Now, therefore, I, ALAN GRAYSON, U.S. Representative for Florida's Ninth Congressional District, congratulate Leadership Osceola County on its 25th Anniversary and hereby proclaim the week of June 8, 2014 as Leadership Osceola County Week in the Ninth Congressional District of Florida.

RECOGNIZING THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF ROSE "ROXY" MARIE SANTIAGO

Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender (LGBT) Pride Month, to recognize Rose Marie Santiago. Originally from Old San Juan in Puerto Rico, Rose—or Roxy as she is known to her friends—has lived in Orlando for over 30 years. During this time she has been an active member of the Thornton Park community. She also recently started the popular dog sitting business, "Sit Stay Walk By Roxy," in Orlando.

From 2006 to 2009 Roxy was a Tri-Chair Federal Club Steering Committee member for Human Rights Campaign (HRC). Now she serves on the HRC's Social Media Steering Committee. When she is not campaigning and fundraising for social causes, Roxy repairs personal computers and is a keen practitioner of yoga. She also pours wine for Barefoot Wine's local events.

Earlier in her career, Roxy was employed by such prestigious companies as Disney, where she worked for ten years. Roxy undertook many high-profile responsibilities through her position as a Guest Relations Manager at Disney, and she even acted as a personal tour guide for more than one U.S. President.

Roxy was a partner with Phish Phest Entertainment for ten years. Throughout this time she was instrumental in the organization of a series of events which helped to raise over \$150,000 for various charities; the beneficiaries of these funds include Hope and Help Center of Central Florida, the HRC, and Libby's Legacy Breast Cancer Foundation. Phish Phest Entertainment also participated in various other charitable events including the Orlando Aids Walk, Smart-Ride, Come out with Pride, Headdress Ball, GayDays, Scooters 4 Hooters, and Score for Kore.

Roxy Santiago is extremely proud of what she has achieved both professionally and personally and continues to dedicate herself to these causes.

I am happy to honor Rose "Roxy" Marie Santiago, during LGBT Pride Month, for her contributions to the Central Florida community.

RECOGNIZING THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF VICKI NANTZ

Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender (LGBT) Pride Month, to recognize Vicki Nantz. Vicki graduated from Florida State University and began a career in broadcast television. She has produced and directed hundreds of hours of programming through her work for corporate-owned media companies and on projects with renowned talent like Michael Jackson, Tiger Woods and Cheryl Ladd. Although her projects were often rewarding and exciting, Vicki found most to be of little personal significance. Whether it was a talk show, newscast

or documentary, the subject matter never seemed to connect with her life.

In 2007, when a young man named Ryan Skipper was murdered in Central Florida simply because he was gay, Vicki felt that it was no longer acceptable to remain silent. She and her partner, Mary Meeks, began to speak publicly about anti-gay hatred. They also began making documentaries about LGBT people in order to put real faces on the issues of hate crimes, adoption, immigration and marriage. Their first documentary was about Ryan Skipper, how he was marginalized and brutalized by his community, how he was failed by his local, state and national governments, and how our anti-gay culture was complicit in his death. The documentary helped generate attention which led to national media coverage when Ryan's killers were tried, convicted and sentenced to life in prison. Acting as the Skipper family's spokesperson during the trial, Vicki was featured in numerous national television interviews which helped raise awareness about anti-gay hate crimes. After watching the documentary, Congresswoman DEBBIE WASSERMAN SCHULTZ referenced Ryan's murder on the floor of the U.S. House of Representatives. In 2009 she invited Ryan's family to attend the White House signing of the Matthew Shepard and James Byrd, Jr. Hate Crimes Prevention Act.

Another of Vicki's documentaries highlighted Florida's anti-gay adoption ban set out in a 33-year-old law which was ruled unconstitutional in 2010. The American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) utilized the documentary statewide to educate Floridians about the discriminatory law.

As a married couple, Vicki and Mary have continued to produce documentaries on social justice issues, each of which has screened at multiple film festivals and college campuses across the country. Their films have raised awareness about critical issues and helped inspire a new generation of activists. Vicki and Mary have continued to speak out in county chambers and legislative committee rooms, to advocate for long-overdue equality, and to try to change the culture of hatred so that LGBT people can live authentic lives without the fear of violence and intolerance. They do this on behalf of Ryan Skipper and his family.

I am happy to honor Vicki Nantz, during LGBT Pride Month, for her inspiring work to raise awareness about LGBT issues in Central Florida and around the country.

REMEMBERING THE LIFE OF WILLIAM CLAY HARRIS, JR.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize an outstanding member of the Central Florida community, William Clay Harris, Jr., who passed away on June 2, 2014 at the age of 67. He went peacefully in his home in Gotha, Florida.

Born in Hobart, Oklahoma on June 24, 1946, to the late William Clay Harris, Sr. and Alice Annabel Harris William or "Bill" was the oldest of their four children. He is survived by his three siblings, James Leonard Harris, Joseph Robert Harris, and Rebecca Ann Kellogg. Bill had many fond memories of his early childhood, including the adventures of his beloved family dog, Casey. He developed a love of music in high school where learned to play the trumpet which he continued to play in college. He graduated from Hobart High in 1964 and began his studies at Southwestern Oklahoma State University. After two years, he enlisted in the United States Army where he was

stationed in South Korea as part of the Army Security Agency. He served honorably in the U.S. Army for four years, after which his love of Korean culture compelled him to remain in Korea as an English teacher. He embarked on a solo backpacking trip across the country during which he mastered the Korean language and befriended many locals. He was later recruited by the Country's Ministry of Communications to teach English to a group of Korean telephone operators in Seoul. While in Seoul, he met and fell in love with his future wife of 41 years, Sang Nan Harris, who survives him. Bill would often fondly recount the story of travelling to the city of Kimhe to meet Sang's father, the late Cho Bong Young. He was humbled by his future father-in-law's hospitality and genuine kindness during their introduction.

Bill and Sang returned to Oklahoma where they were married at the First Baptist Church of Hobart on May 18, 1973. Bill continued his studies at Southwestern Oklahoma State University as part of the United States G.I. Bill. He graduated with a Bachelor's degree in Economics and a Master's in Education, while Sang earned a degree from the same institution in Accounting. The newlyweds also started growing their family which includes one daughter and two sons who survive Bill: Julie Suzanne Wade, Matthew Clay Harris, and Kelly Cho Harris.

Bill Harris began a long and successful career as a high school teacher, focusing on the subjects of Economics, History and English as a Second Language. Bill had a passion for education and helping poor and at-risk students, which led him to teach exclusively in underserved schools during his career. In 1983, the family moved from Oklahoma to Houston, Texas where Bill positively impacted the lives of countless students at Stephen F. Austin High School.

His three children remember Bill as, above all, a devoted father. He never missed a Little League game, swim meet, band concert, Boy Scout camping trip or dance recital and provided unending encouragement and support for his children's endeavors. As a father, he also stressed the importance of education and was proud to see his children succeed to become two attorneys and a medical doctor. He always put his family first.

Bill and his family moved from Houston to Orlando, Florida in 1995 in order to pursue a job opportunity for his wife, Sang, as she started her own accounting business. He taught at Evans High School, but later retired in 1998 in order to assist his wife in her growing business. He affectionately described his job title as a "gopher" for Sang, referring to the wide variety and high volume of tasks that the business demanded. Bill and Sang saw their three children start careers, get married and grow families of their own. Bill seamlessly transitioned from the role of father to grandfather and was blessed by the time he was able to spend with his six grandchildren. They include Harrison Campbell Wade, McKinley Annabel Wade, Emerson Olivia Wade, Thatcher Holden Wade, William Colton Harris, and Anderson Leigh Harris. He was very proud of his precious grandchildren and loved them all very much.

William Clay Harris leaves behind a legacy of kindness, devotion, and faith. He was a loving and devoted husband and father, a kind and thoughtful friend, and, above all, a man of

deep faith. He attended the Metropolitan Baptist Church in Houston and the Faith Family Community Church of the Nazarene and the First Baptist Church of Central Florida in Orlando. During the final years of his life, Bill became increasingly proud of his service to his country and further strengthened his belief in Jesus Christ and His transforming grace.

I am saddened by the loss of such a valuable member of the Central Florida community and extend my heartfelt condolences to his family.

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#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

### HON. VICKY HARTZLER

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, June 9, 2014*

Mrs. HARTZLER. Mr. Speaker, on Wednesday, May 28, 2014, I was unable to vote. Had I been present, I would have voted as follows: on rollcall No. 241, "yea" and on rollcall No. 242, "yea."

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#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

### HON. SHEILA JACKSON LEE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, June 9, 2014*

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Mr. Speaker, on June 9, 2014, I was unavoidably detained attending to representational activities in my congressional district, and thus unable to return in time for rollcall votes Nos. 272 through 274. Had I been present, I would have voted as follows:

1. On rollcall No. 272, I would have voted "yes". (H.R. 4412, To authorize the programs of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration)

2. On rollcall No. 273, I would have voted "no". (Broun Amendment to H.R. 4745, Transportation—Housing and Urban Development Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year 2015, reducing funding for Amtrak by \$34 million (10% cut))

3. On rollcall No. 274, I would have voted "no". (Chabot Amendment to H.R. 4745, Transportation—Housing and Urban Development Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year 2015, reduces overall funding for Section 8 housing programs by approximately \$3 billion (10% cut))

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#### COMMERCE, JUSTICE, SCIENCE, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2015

SPEECH OF

### HON. ALAN GRAYSON

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 28, 2014*

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 4660) making appropriations for the Departments of Commerce and Justice, Science, and Related Agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2015, and for other purposes:

Mr. GRAYSON. Madam Chair, the Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2015 (H.R. 4660) is an appropriations bill that funds various Federal Government programs and entities, including the Department of Justice and the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

My amendment reads as follows, "None of the funds made available by this Act may be used to compel a journalist or reporter to testify about information or sources that the journalist or reporter states in a motion to quash the subpoena that he has obtained as a journalist or reporter and that he regards as confidential."

For purposes of this amendment, the definition of a "reporter" includes: any person, natural person, or entity who releases, reports on, or provides information of a classified or unclassified nature to a public audience or on the internet, does so on a regular basis, and receives compensation for doing so. The term "reporter" is a description of a profession.

For purposes of this amendment, the definition of a "journalist" includes: any person, natural person, or entity who releases, reports on, or provides information of a classified or unclassified nature to a public audience or on the internet, and does so on a regular or irregular basis. The term "journalism" describes an act, not a profession. A person, entity, or natural person is a journalist so long as he or she is engaged in the act of journalism. An act of journalism involves the collection, analysis, description, dissemination, and/or publication of information.

James Risen, Julian Assange, Wikileaks, and Glenn Greenwald meet the definitions of reporters and journalists under these definitions.

This amendment also prohibits the use of any funds made available by this Act to compel testimony from any individual who is engaged in journalism in any supporting role, such as assisting a journalist with analysis, collection, description, dissemination, and/or publication of information to a public audience.

Funds appropriated under this Act may not be used to compel testimony by journalists or reporters to reveal confidential sources.

This amendment mirrors the language supplied in other federal statutes defining journalism. For instance, the Freedom of Information Act defines a "representative of the news media" as "any person or entity that gathers information of potential interest to a segment of the public, uses its editorial skills to turn the raw materials into a distinct work, and distributes that work to an audience." 5 U.S.C. § 552(4)(A)(ii)(III).

This amendment also follows the spirit of the United States Supreme Court and Circuit Court precedents, which have widely and historically protected the vital newsgathering function performed by journalists. The patriot pamphleteers had no corporate affiliations, no professional societies, and no journalism degrees. The key test is whether individuals are engaged in news-related activities. Former Chief Justice Warren Burger observed that adopting a narrower definition would be "remissive of the abhorred licensing system of Tudor and Stuart England—a system the First Amendment was intended to ban from this country." First National Bank of Boston v. Bellotti, 435 U.S. 765, 801 (1978) (Burger, C.J., concurring).

Early Supreme Court jurisprudence recognized a broad definition of journalism, noting

that the function of the press is “performed by lecturers, political pollsters, novelists, academic researchers, and dramatists.” *Branzburg v. Hayes*, 408 U.S. 665, 705 (1972) (Powell, J., concurring); see also *Lovell v. Griffin*, 303 U.S. 444, 452 (1932) (“The liberty of the press is not confined to newspapers and periodicals. It necessarily embraces pamphlets and leaflets. These indeed have been historic weapons in the defense of liberty, as the pamphlets of Thomas Paine and others in our own history abundantly attest. The press in its connotation comprehends every sort of publication which affords a vehicle of information and opinion.”)

This amendment is consistent with the holdings of several federal appellate circuits which take a functional view of journalism, defining a reporter as an individual who engages in news-related activities to disseminate information to an audience. For example, the First Circuit Court of Appeals has held that reporters should be protected based on function, rather than credentials or status. *Glik v. Cunnille*, 655 F.3d 78, 84 (1st Cir. 2011) (“Changes in technology and society have made the lines between private citizen and journalist exceedingly difficult to draw [and] news stories are now just as likely to be broken by a blogger at her computer as a reporter at a major newspaper. Such developments make clear why the news-gathering protections of the First Amendment cannot turn on professional credentials or status.”); see also *Von Bulow v. Von Bulow*, 811 F.2d 136, 144 (2d Cir. 1987) (“The individual claiming the privilege must demonstrate, through competent evidence, the intent to use material—sought, gathered or received—to disseminate information to the public and [] such intent existed at the inception of the newsgathering process.”).

The Second Circuit’s standard, based on newsgathering function articulated in *Von Bulow*, was reiterated by the Ninth and D.C. Circuit Courts. See *Shoen v. Shoen*, 5 F.3d 1289, 1293 (9th Cir. 1993); *Alexander v. FBI*, 186 F.R.D. 21, 50 (D.D.C. 1998). A similar bar is set in the Tenth Circuit. *Silkwood v. Kerr-McGee Corp.*, 563 F.2d 433, 436–37 (10th Cir. 1977) (concluding that a documentary filmmaker was not precluded from the privilege because his mission was investigative reporting for use in preparing a documentary film, regardless of the fact that he was “not a salaried newspaper reporter”).

Finally, this amendment is consistent with the views of First Amendment scholars, who agree that a functional definition is most appropriate. See generally Sonja R. West, *Awakening the Press Clause*, 58 UCLA L. Rev. 1025, 1065–66 (2011) (“[The functional] approach avoids some of the pitfalls of the definition-by-affiliation approach.”); see also Linda L. Berger, *Shielding the Unmedia: Using the Process of Journalism to Protect the Journalist’s Privilege in an Infinite Universe of Publication*, 39 Houston L. Rev. 1371, 1407 (2003) (“[N]o patriot printer or colonial pamphleteer had a journalism degree. Certification by a government agency or by a professional group carries the possibility of de-certification based on value judgments or viewpoints.”).

This amendment was passed in an environment in which the Department of Justice has increased pressure upon journalists and their sources. Many of the nation’s most respected reporters have characterized this as an as-

sault on press freedom that chills investigative reporting and the public’s right to know.

Recent revelations that the Department of Justice secretly subpoenaed twenty phones lines at the Associated Press, and a legal brief filed by the Justice Department calling a Fox News journalist a “co-conspirator” for simply protecting a source, have provoked widespread, bipartisan criticism. Many are concerned that the Department of Justice is actively impeding newsgathering activities protected by the First Amendment. The House of Representatives intends, by passing this amendment, to reject this harassment of journalists by the Department of Justice.

Moreover, recently-disclosed digital surveillance activities by the United States government have had an inherent chilling effect on the act of journalism and the exercise of the First Amendment. This amendment is intended to ensure that the rights and newsgathering activities of reporters and journalists are not chilled when uncovering information involving or implicating the United States government or associated institutions. Furthermore, both Congress and the President have recognized the problem of ‘over-classification’ of documents by agencies across the Federal Government. If journalists are prevented from publishing classified information, and the government classifies enormous quantities of information that should rightfully be in the public domain, the public is prohibited from knowing the workings of its government. Using Federal Government resources to undermine legitimate news-related activities or chill journalism, particularly when those activities aim to disclose the workings of government because that information is classified, constitutes a threat to the self-government of the American public. Federal government attempts to undermine legitimate news-related activities and/or chill journalism, are prohibited by this amendment.

Finally, the act of journalism has been transformed by the internet. New methods for uncovering and publishing newsworthy information, and for financing such newsgathering and dissemination, are now available. This amendment protects the ability for those who may not have traditionally been considered journalists to engage in journalism. It is further intended to allow for experimentation in publication and dissemination of news without the threat of the Department of Justice using its resources to compel the revelation of journalistic sources through legal coercion.

This amendment is to be construed liberally and broadly, to effectuate its purpose of protecting journalists and their sources from any coercive action taken by the government and the legal system. Its spirit applies to other government agencies, and to litigation between private parties. The terms “information or sources” and “confidential” are to be given the widest possible construction. The limitation applies not only to the quashing of subpoenas, but also to every form of discovery, civil and criminal contempt, arrest and imprisonment, and any form of coercion within the legal system.

#### SENATE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Title IV of Senate Resolution 4, agreed to by the Senate of February 4, 1977, calls for establishment of a system for a computerized schedule of all meetings and hearings of Senate com-

mittees, subcommittees, joint committees, and committees of conference. This title requires all such committees to notify the Office of the Senate Daily Digest—designated by the Rules Committee—of the time, place and purpose of the meetings, when scheduled and any cancellations or changes in the meetings as they occur.

As an additional procedure along with the computerization of this information, the Office of the Senate Daily Digest will prepare this information for printing in the Extensions of Remarks section of the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD on Monday and Wednesday of each week.

Meetings scheduled for Tuesday, June 10, 2014 may be found in the Daily Digest of today’s RECORD.

#### MEETINGS SCHEDULED

##### JUNE 11

- 10 a.m.
- Committee on Appropriations  
Subcommittee on Department of Defense  
To hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2015 for the Missile Defense Agency. SD-192
  - Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs  
To hold hearings to examine the nomination of Shaun L. S. Donovan, of New York, to be Director of the Office of Management and Budget. SD-342
  - Committee on the Judiciary  
To hold an oversight hearing to examine the Department of Homeland Security. SD-226
  - Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe  
To hold hearings to examine the security, economic and human rights dimensions of United States-Azerbaijan relations. SR-432
- 11 a.m.
- Committee on Foreign Relations  
To hold hearings to examine the nominations of Stuart E. Jones, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Iraq, Robert Stephen Beecroft, of California, to be Ambassador to the Arab Republic of Egypt, Dana Shell Smith, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the State of Qatar, James D. Nealon, of New Hampshire, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Honduras, and Gentry O. Smith, of North Carolina, to be Director of the Office of Foreign Missions, and to have the rank of Ambassador during his tenure of service, all of the Department of State. SD-419
- 2 p.m.
- Committee on the Budget  
To hold hearings to examine the nomination of Shaun L. S. Donovan, of New York, to be Director of the Office of Management and Budget. SD-608
- 2:30 p.m.
- Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation  
To hold hearings to examine the nominations of Victor M. Mendez, of Arizona, to be Deputy Secretary, and Peter M. Rogoff, of Virginia, to be Under Secretary for Policy, both of the Department of Transportation, Bruce H. Andrews, of New York, to be Deputy Secretary, and Marcus Dwayne Jadotte, of

Florida, to be Assistant Secretary for Industry and Analysis, International Trade Administration, both of the Department of Commerce, and Robert S. Adler, of the District of Columbia, to be a Commissioner of the Consumer Product Safety Commission.

SR-253

Committee on Indian Affairs

Business meeting to consider S. 919, to amend the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act to provide further self-governance by Indian tribes, S. 1447, to make technical corrections to certain Native American water rights settlements in the State of New Mexico, S. 1574, to amend the Indian Employment, Training and Related Services Demonstration Act of 1992 to facilitate the ability of Indian tribes to integrate the employment, training, and related services from diverse Federal sources, S. 2041, to repeal the Act of May 31, 1918, and S. 2188, to amend the Act of June 18, 1934, to reaffirm the authority of the Secretary of the Interior to take land into trust for Indian tribes; to be immediately followed by an oversight hearing to examine Indian education, focusing on higher education for American Indian students.

SD-628

4 p.m.

Committee on the Judiciary  
Subcommittee on the Constitution, Civil Rights and Human Rights

Business meeting to consider S.J. Res. 19, proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States relating to contributions and expenditures intended to affect elections.

SD-226

5:15 p.m.

Committee on Foreign Relations

To receive a closed briefing on the situation in Ukraine.

SVC-217

JUNE 12

9:30 a.m.

Committee on the Judiciary

Business meeting to consider pending calendar business, S. 1799, to reauthorize subtitle A of the Victims of Child Abuse Act of 1990, and the nominations of Andre Birotte, Jr., to be United States District Judge for the Central District of California, Geoffrey W. Crawford, to be United States District Judge for the District of Vermont, John W. deGravelles, to be United States District Judge for the Middle

District of Louisiana, Randolph D. Moss, to be United States District Judge for the District of Columbia, Robin L. Rosenberg, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Florida, Ronnie L. White, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Missouri, and Nancy B. Firestone, of Virginia, Lydia Kay Griggsby, of Maryland, and Thomas L. Halkowski, of Pennsylvania, all to be a Judge of the United States Court of Federal Claims.

SD-226

10 a.m.

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry

To hold hearings to examine the importance of child nutrition programs to our nation's health, economy and national security.

SR-328A

Committee on Foreign Relations

To hold hearings to examine regional implications of a nuclear deal with Iran.

SD-419

10:30 a.m.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

To hold hearings to examine securing radiological materials.

SD-342

2:30 p.m.

Select Committee on Intelligence

Closed business meeting to consider pending calendar business.

SH-219

3 p.m.

Committee on Foreign Relations

To receive a closed briefing on politics in Thailand.

SVC-217

JUNE 17

9:30 a.m.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations

To hold hearings to examine conflicts of interest, investor loss of confidence, and high speed trading in the United States stock markets.

SH-216

JUNE 18

2:15 p.m.

Special Committee on Aging

To hold hearings to examine the reduction in face-to-face services at the Social Security Administration.

SD-562

2:30 p.m.

Committee on Indian Affairs

To hold hearings to examine S. 1948, to promote the academic achievement of American Indian, Alaska Native, and Native Hawaiian children with the establishment of a Native American language grant program, S. 1998, to amend the Adult Education and Family Literacy Act to reserve funds for American Indian, Alaska Native, Native Hawaiian, and Tribal College or University adult education and literacy, and S. 2299, to amend the Native American Programs Act of 1974 to reauthorize a provision to ensure the survival and continuing vitality of Native American languages.

SD-628

3 p.m.

Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship

To hold hearings to examine growing small business exports, growing United States Jobs.

SR-428A

JUNE 19

9:30 a.m.

Committee on Armed Services

To hold hearings to examine the nominations of Laura Junor, of Virginia, to be a Principal Deputy Under Secretary for Personnel and Readiness, Gordon O. Tanner, of Alabama, to be General Counsel of the Department of the Air Force, Debra S. Wada, of Hawaii, to be Assistant Secretary of the Army for Manpower and Reserve Affairs, and Miranda A. A. Ballentine, of the District of Columbia, to be Assistant Secretary of the Air Force for Installations, Environment, and Energy, all of the Department of Defense, and Monica C. Regalbutto, of Illinois, to be an Assistant Secretary of Energy for Environmental Management.

SH-216

JUNE 25

2:15 p.m.

Special Committee on Aging

To hold hearings to examine brain injuries and diseases of aging.

SD-562

2:30 p.m.

Committee on Indian Affairs

To hold an oversight hearing to examine economic development, focusing on encouraging investment in Indian country.

SD-628