documents from the Library's collections chronicling this important period in the history of both countries. It is invaluable for students and researchers because it provides access to rare documents about the U.S.-Mexico border.

The Hispanic Reading Room is ". . . a home away from home for researchers from all over the world," according to Jaime Benitez, noted educator and Puerto Rican Commissioner during 1973–1977. With its arched ceilings, vivid murals by Brazilian artist Candido Portinari, and architecture reminiscent of renaissance Spain, the reading room provides an inspiring space for those seeking to research their ancestors, complete school assignments, or write books. With its vast Hispanic collections, the Library provides both exploratory materials for beginning students and rare published or other materials—maps, manuscripts, photographs, sound recordings—for advanced scholars. These materials allow those of us in the United States and in other parts of the world to better understand Hispanic heritage and history, and its lasting and ongoing influence within our country.

My husband, Latin American historian Dr. Thomas C. Wright, can personally attest to the incredible resources available through the Division to scholars and authors. We congratulate the Hispanic Division and its staff and celebrate the valuable work they have done over the past 75 years.

TRIBUTE TO CHIEF JUDY BRADSHAW

HON. TOM LATHAM

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 18, 2014

Mr. LATHAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the retirement of Des Moines Police Chief Judy Bradshaw, and to express my appreciation for her dedication and commitment to law enforcement.

Since beginning her storied career as a police cadet in 1980, Chief Bradshaw has been an integral part of the Des Moines Police Department for more than three decades. As the Des Moines Police Department's first female lieutenant, captain, major, and chief of police, Chief Bradshaw has continually broken new ground while both innovating and improving the department.

Throughout her career, Chief Bradshaw has worked and supervised in every area of the department while developing several programs and policies. Since assuming the role of Chief of Police in 2007, Chief Bradshaw has revitalized the community's relationship with the department and its officers. Two of her programs, the Community Ambassador Program and Mentoring Youth with Cops Program, incentivize productive relationships with at-risk youth and community leaders alike. Chief Bradshaw's tenure has shown that when the Des Moines community and its police work together, great things are possible.

Throughout her illustrious and lengthy career, Judy has never wavered in her commitment to justice and security. Chief Bradshaw is a testament to the high quality character instilled in Iowans, and the city of Des Moines owes her a great debt of gratitude for her service. While Judy's leadership will be sorely missed, she leaves behind a more secure community that will continue to benefit from her service for years to come.

Mr. Speaker, it has been a great honor to represent the brave men and women that comprise the Des Moines Police Department in the United States Congress. I thank Judy for her wonderful work and I wish her the best as she begins a new chapter in her life.

REMEMBERING MAYOR JOHN FORD

HON. LOU BARLETTA

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 18, 2014

Mr. BARLETTA. Mr. Speaker, I am honored to recognize and remember the life of former Hazleton Mayor John Ford, a well known member of the community. Mayor Ford passed away on Thursday, May 8, 2014 after a long and distinguished career of public and civil service.

Prior to serving as mayor of Hazleton, Mayor Ford was the founder and owner of John Ford Trucking and the Hazleton Standard Fuel Co., a small company that continues to service the Hazleton area to this day. Beyond his role as a small business owner, Mayor Ford was very active in the area. He was a member of the Hazleton Elks, West Hazleton Lions, and was on the board of numerous charitable organizations. Mayor Ford continued to serve on multiple committees at the local, state, and federal level after completing his term as mayor.

During his tenure as mayor from 1986–1987, Mayor Ford saw the city of Hazleton change from a commission form of mayor to a strong mayor form, finishing his last two years of government as a member of the city council from 1988–1989. He is remembered by all who knew him as a hard working and generous man committed to making Hazleton a better city.

My sincerest condolences go out to his wife Rose, who survives him, as well as his sisters Marie and Ida, brother Robert, and several nieces and nephews.

HONORING TYRONE HOSPITAL

HON. BILL SHUSTER

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 18, 2014

Mr. SHUSTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the 60th Anniversary of Tyrone Hospital in Tyrone, Pennsylvania. It is a milestone in this outstanding facility's history of providing essential healthcare services to the residents of its community.

In the early 1900s, Harvey Gray, a prominent Tyrone businessman had a vision to build a hospital to care for the people of Tyrone and surrounding areas. Mr. Gray and his wife Adda ultimately donated $150,000 after their deaths toward the establishment of Tyrone Hospital. The Tyrone Borough Water department provided the location, donating nearly 17 acres of wooded land west of the Laurel Ridge. The people of Tyrone realized the Gray's vision of a community hospital over a period of years. Numerous community residents, businesses, and social and civic organizations donated time and funds to support the construction of the hospital. A contribution was also made by Tyrone's famous son, Fred Waring who gave a concert in Tyrone to benefit Tyrone Hospital.

On September 20, 1954, Tyrone Hospital opened its doors and accepted its first patient. Over the years, the hospital has grown to bring personalized health care not only to the residents of northern Blair County but also to communities in neighboring counties. That growth has included state of the art medical equipment, an expanded range of services, and a diverse medical staff.

The hospital's 60th year has been marked by the recent introduction of its new name—Tyrone Regional Health Network—reflecting its developing system of new providers and services throughout Central Pennsylvania. The 60th year also coincided with the announcement of plans for a 38,000 square foot expansion that will provide a new hospital facility.

A lot has changed since Tyrone Hospital first opened its doors in 1954. However, its presence as a community hospital and its mission to provide needed healthcare services to local residents has remained the same.

I wish to thank Tyrone Hospital's dedicated staff, Board of Directors and CEO Stephen Gildea for their commitment to quality healthcare. I congratulate them and the people of Tyrone and surrounding communities on this important anniversary for their local hospital. I'm proud to have such a wonderful facility in the 9th District, and wish Tyrone Hospital continued success in the next sixty years and beyond.

STRONGLY SUPPORTING THE PEOPLE OF UKRAINE

SPEECH OF

HON. SHEILA JACKSON LEE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 17, 2014

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in strong support of H. Res. 726, a resolution supporting the right of the people of Ukraine to freely determine their future, including their country's relationship with other nations and international organizations, without interference, intimidation, or coercion by other countries.

I thank my colleague from Pennsylvania, Congressman GERLACH, for introducing this bipartisan resolution and urge all Members to support it to show the solidarity of the people of the United States with the people of Ukraine.

The United States is strongly committed to the sovereignty, independence, and territorial integrity of Ukraine.

The United States strongly supports efforts to assist Ukraine to defend its territory against military aggression by the Russian Federation and by separatist and paramilitary forces.

The Russian Federation has undertaken a campaign of political, economic, and military aggression against Ukraine.

For example, Malaysia Airlines Flight 17, a civilian airliner, was destroyed by Russian-backed Ukrainian separatists using a Russian-made missile, taking the lives of all 298 innocent persons on board.