

served as the primary site, while Christ Health Center, The Foundry and Jefferson County Health Department dental clinics offered their facilities as an extension of the event.

UAB School of Dentistry is among very few dental schools in the country to host this type of benevolent event through its partnerships with The Caring Foundation—BlueCross BlueShield of Alabama, Henry Schein, UAB School of Public Health, Alabama Dental Association, Brasseler USA, Courtyard Marriott & SpringHill Suites, OKU Honor Society, Oral Arts Dental Laboratories, UAB Health System, and numerous private supporters. In addition to the Alabama Dental Association and three companion sites, other event partners include the Birmingham District Dental Society, Cahaba Valley Health Care, Fortis Institute School of Dental Hygiene, Samford School of Pharmacy and UAB School of Nursing.

Since its founding in 1948, the UAB School of Dentistry has developed a rich history of healthcare innovation and gained an international reputation for excellence. With an accredited predoctoral and eight accredited postdoctoral areas of study, the School is a world class institution ranking number one in funding from the National Institutes of Dental and Craniofacial Research, with a 100% pass rate for students on National Board exams and a positive track record for community outreach and collaboration. The UAB School of Dentistry continues to supply the City of Birmingham and the State of Alabama with nothing but the world's most equipped and knowledgeable scholars and dentists, a tradition of research and rich community outreach experiences like UAB Dentistry Cares day of service.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing the combined efforts of the UAB School of Dentistry and its partners who have given of their time and talents to provide critical dental care to Alabama's underserved. Let us congratulate UAB School of Dentistry and its partners on this successful approach to the pressing access to care problem in their state.

KAY MILLER

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 3, 2014

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Kay Miller for her outstanding service to the field of health and our community.

As the Vice President of Patient Care Services and Chief Nursing Officer at St. Anthony Hospital, Kay is known for her dedication to her patients, staff and hospital associates. Prior to working at St. Anthony Hospital, she served as Vice President and Chief Nursing Officer at Medical Center of the Rockies in Loveland. Kay brings more than 30 years of experience in nursing, health care administration, and patient safety. Throughout her work at St. Anthony, Kay has been committed to enhancing the culture of the hospital through employee engagement and a continual focus on patient satisfaction.

Kay uses her passion to help inspire others, and uses her knowledge to mentor nursing directors and those aspiring to be at the nurse executive level. Her teams' accomplishments

include the Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award for health systems, the youngest hospital to receive a Magnet Designation, the Beacon Award for Critical Care Excellence, two Lantern Awards for Emergency Nursing Excellence and Patient Satisfaction Overall Top Performer for five years. Kay is also a member of the Front Range Community College Area Advisory Council.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Kay Miller for her well-deserved honor by the West Chamber serving Jefferson County. I have no doubt she will exhibit the same dedication and character in all her future accomplishments.

HONORING DR. HOWARD SILVER
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, CONSORTIUM OF SOCIAL SCIENCE ASSOCIATIONS

HON. RUSH HOLT

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 3, 2014

Mr. HOLT. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the accomplishments of my colleague, Dr. Howard Silver, on the occasion of his recent retirement as the Executive Director of the Consortium of Social Science Associations (COSSA).

COSSA is the largest consortium dedicated to promoting the social and behavioral sciences and the federal agencies that directly and indirectly supports them. COSSA is comprised of over 100 professional associations, scientific societies, research institutes, and universities, including two in my district—Princeton University and Rutgers, the State University of New Jersey.

Since its inception in the early 1980s, Howard has been with COSSA. A former political science professor, campaign manager, and legislative analyst at the Department of Education, Howard came to COSSA during its darkest, earliest chapter when the Reagan Administration was attempting to undermine federal support for the social and behavioral sciences. From 1983–88, Howard served COSSA as its Associate Director for Government Relations, establishing effective and innovative strategies that successfully defended the social and behavioral sciences (SBS) against these efforts and promoted understanding of SBS's important contributions to the nation's scientific enterprise. Howard also worked to expand federal support of SBS, advocating for the creation of the Directorate for Social, Behavioral, and Economic Sciences at the National Science Foundation. During challenging and prosperous times, Howard has never lost sight of his primary objectives—to protect and promote the social and behavioral sciences in the context of all scientific disciplines.

In recognition of his leadership, Howard has served on numerous advisory boards and committees and received many honors. For example, from 1994–2000, Howard served as the elected Chair of the Coalition for National Science Funding (CNSF), an elite scientific advocacy group with membership from scientific and engineering societies, higher education associations, and industrial groups. In 1998, he was elected a Fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science. In 2006 he became the President of

the National Capital Area Political Science Association, after serving on its council. From 1998–2000 he served on the Council of the American Political Science Association (APSA). His prior service includes serving as President, Treasurer and Program Chair of the Section on Applied Political Science of the American Political Science Association, the Executive Committee of the Council of Professional Associations on Federal Statistics, and on the steering committees of the National Commission on Social Studies in the Schools and the Coalition for the Advancement of Foreign Languages and International Studies. He also was a member of the 2010 Decennial Census Advisory Committee.

In a town known for its transience, for over 30 years, Howard has been an enduring leader in Washington, DC, providing members of Congress, congressional staff, federal employees, and advocates alike with accurate, incisive, timely, and useful information and guidance. His annual budget issue of the COSSA Washington Update is mandatory reading for anyone who needs to understand federal funding of social and behavioral scientific research. It is hard to imagine COSSA without Howard at the helm, leading the charge—especially when, once again, critics of the social and behavioral sciences have resurfaced to wage battles Howard has fought successfully over the years. Nonetheless, Howard has earned the right to retire and to reflect upon a long distinguished career characterized by many triumphs. I join his friends and colleagues in wishing Howard and his wife, Marilyn, well and thanking him for his years of dedicated, impressive service.

EXPRESSING THANKS TO DR.
MARK S. MYERSON, MEDICAL DIRECTOR OF THE INSTITUTE FOR FOOT AND ANKLE RECONSTRUCTION AT MERCY

HON. ENI F.H. FALEOMAVAEGA

OF AMERICAN SAMOA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 3, 2014

Mr. FALEOMAVAEGA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to express my heartfelt gratitude to Dr. Mark S. Myerson for his extraordinary care and skill.

Dr. Myerson is one of the world's foremost experts for foot and ankle surgery. Orthopedic surgeons from around the world turn to him for direction.

Dr. Myerson studied at the University of Cape Town in South Africa. He did his residency in orthopedics at Sinai Hospital, Johns Hopkins University, University of Maryland. He completed a Fellowship for foot and ankle surgery at the Hospital for Joint Diseases in New York. He founded The Institute for Foot and Ankle Reconstruction at the Mercy Medical Center in Baltimore, Maryland, and now serves as its Medical Director. He is rated among the best doctors in the world.

Dr. Mark Myerson's research and dedication to finding the best solutions for foot and ankle injuries has led to his authoring two foot and ankle textbooks. He also has authored various chapters in scientific textbooks and is published in numerous professional and medical journals.

Dr. Myerson has pioneered surgical techniques that have revolutionized the diagnosis,

treatment and recovery of disorders of the foot and ankle. He provides one-of-a-kind treatment options for foot and ankle injuries ranging from the routine to the complex. From football players to ice skaters, professional athletes have trusted Dr. Myerson to help them return to their elite level of play. Parents have trusted Dr. Myerson's skills in relieving their children's foot and ankle pain associated with rare birth defects. Others, injured in traumatic accidents that crush the foot or ankle, have trusted Dr. Myerson to help them recover from their debilitating injuries. Dr. Myerson has performed many surgeries that have saved and prolonged careers, and led to patients being able to once again enjoy their daily activities.

Many patients believe Dr. Myerson is the best of the best, and so do I. I can never thank Dr. Myerson enough for what he has done for me. Because of his skills, I am able to walk again, and I will always be grateful to God for bringing Dr. Myerson into my life.

On a personal level, I am honored to know Dr. Myerson and his son, Lucas, who interned for me years ago. Both father and son are exceptional men. They share their talents with underprivileged communities and impact lives at home and abroad. I wish Dr. Myerson and his family the very best, and I thank him and his staff for all they do to make a difference in the lives of those they serve.

HONORING THE SERVICE OF THE
REVEREND MONSIGNOR MICHAEL
F. KOSAK, P.A.

HON. DONNA M. CHRISTENSEN

OF THE VIRGIN ISLANDS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 3, 2014

Mrs. CHRISTENSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to an outstanding leader from my congressional district in the U.S. Virgin Islands, the Reverend Monsignor Michael F. Kosak, a Roman Catholic Priest, for his many contributions to St. Croix and the Virgin Islands community over 44 years.

Born in Brooklyn, New York on December 7, 1938, the first-born child of Michael and Rose Marnick Kosak, Monsignor Kosak graduated from high school in 1956 and enlisted in the U.S. Marine Corps in 1957, serving for several years before beginning his religious studies. In 1966, Monsignor Kosak earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in philosophy from St. Mary's College in St. Mary, Kentucky and his Masters in Divinity from St. Mary's Seminary and the University of Baltimore, Maryland in 1970.

On June 6, 1970, Monsignor Kosak was ordained as a Roman Catholic Priest for the Prelature of the Virgin Islands by the Most Reverend Edward J. Harper, Bishop of the Virgin Islands at the Basilica of Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Brooklyn, New York. That same year on July 26, Monsignor Kosak became pastor of St. Ann's Church, Barrenspot Hill, St. Croix, Virgin Islands and was appointed Director of Vocations in 1970; Director of Charismatic Renewal in 1977; Director of the Office of the Permanent Diaconate in 1981; Director of Communications in 1982; Dean in 1985; and Episcopal Vicar, St. Croix, a position he held until 1987. Monsignor Kosak was appointed to the position of Vicar General of the Diocese on July 30, 1987, and the title of Monsignor was conferred upon him by the

Most Reverend Sean O'Malley on March 13, 1989.

Mr. Speaker, through Monsignor Kosak's ministry at St. Ann's Church, it grew in stature from a simply country chapel to a significant parish in the community, which offers Christian education classes to children who attend public and private schools in order that they may receive the sacraments. He has always encouraged the training and involvement of youth in the music ministry of the church. As spiritual director at the St. Joseph High School, Monsignor Kosak, was instrumental in obtaining summer youth programs at St. Joseph's in the early 1970s for the youth of the St. Croix community. He presented evangelical seminars to the churches, first in St. Croix and then in St. Thomas and St. John, the impact of which spread to every island in the Caribbean and, since 1982, to Ghana, Uganda, Botswana, Kenya and Zimbabwe.

After Monsignor Kosak was appointed Pastor of Sts. Peter & Paul Cathedral, St. Thomas, Virgin Islands on May 16, 1989, he performed spiritual director service in Trinidad and in Malta from 1990 to 1991; He was again appointed Pastor of Sts. Peter & Paul Cathedral on August 1, 1992. During the 1990s, Monsignor Kosak oversaw the renovations of the Cathedral which included preserving precious works of art that dated back to the 19th century.

On October 1, 1995, Monsignor Kosak was appointed Pastor of St. Ann's Church, where he began major construction of the Sts. Joachim & Ann Church and the renovation of the sugar mill into the Shrine of Our Lady of Barrenspot. Other major construction of the Marian Hall, the paving of new roads and the parking lot, as well as the beautification of the 9.5 acres of parish property at St. Ann's commenced from 1999 to 2007. Always one to continue the path of education and spirituality, Monsignor Kosak took a sabbatical at North American College in Rome 2000 and took a spirituality course at Angelicum, Rome in 2004. The Most Reverend Bishop George Murry appointed him as Vicar General on August 15, 2005 and following Bishop Murry's transfer, Monsignor Kosak was elected Diocesan Administrator.

Mr. Speaker, in January 2008, Monsignor Kosak published his memoir titled, "Journey of a Homeboy," which chronicles his life's journey from his time at a home for boys in Brooklyn to the tropical breezes of the Virgin Islands. He writes of serving as pastor during life-altering events to include the destruction of Hurricane Hugo in 1989 and Hurricane Marilyn in 1995 and spiritual experiences along the way, including a mountaintop experience at Mt. St. Benedict in Trinidad on January 6, 1977 that lit the shepherd on fire and there was no turning back in his ministry.

Mr. Speaker, Monsignor Kosak celebrated his 40th anniversary as an ordained priest on June 6, 2010 and later that year, the Holy Father conferred upon him the papal honor of Prothonotary Apostolic, which is dated July 12, 2010 at the Vatican. From June 2012 to December 2013, Monsignor Kosak served as Editor of the Catholic Islander, the Diocesan Monthly Magazine.

Monsignor Kosak retired as pastor of St. Ann's Catholic Church on August 31, 2014 and is now Pastor Emeritus of St. Ann Barrenspot. Monsignor Kosak will remain active as a Diocesan Consultant to The Most

Reverend Herbert Brevard, Bishop of the Catholic Diocese of St. Thomas to assist him in matters concerning health care, property insurance and pension issues in the diocese. At the conclusion of his memoir, Monsignor Kosak wrote, "God isn't finished with me yet and I ask your prayerful support so that this 'homeboy' will always be a faithful disciple of the Holy Spirit."

Mr. Speaker, Monsignor Kosak has served his country and my constituency well and on behalf of the people of the U.S. Virgin Islands and a grateful flock, I wish "Father Mike" continued success and on behalf of the Congress of the United States, thank him for his long, dedicated and bountiful service to the parish of Sts. Ann and Joachim, the community of St. Croix and the Diocese of St. Thomas. May God continue to richly bless him with good health and many more years in service to the Almighty God.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. RALPH M. HALL

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 3, 2014

Mr. HALL. Mr. Speaker, due to injuries sustained in an automobile accident, I was unable to travel to Washington to cast votes from November 12, 2014 until November 20, 2014.

Had I been present, I would have voted "yea" on roll calls numbered 516, 517, 519, 520, 522, 523, 525, 528, and 531.

Also, had I been present, I would have voted "nay" on roll calls numbered 526 and 529.

KIT NEWLAND

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 3, 2014

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Kit Newland, Director of the Community Resources Department at the City of Lakewood, for her outstanding service to our community.

Kit has perfected the career of helping individuals stay active and fit and helped to improve the physical and emotional health of her community. She is the current Director of the Community Resources Department for the City of Lakewood. As recreation manager, she oversees Lakewood's parks, trails, open space, recreation and many aspects of human service provision, including early childhood and older adult services. Kit works tirelessly to advocate for the creation of programs and methods for those with chronic conditions to transition seamlessly from medical facilities to community settings in order to remain physically active and engaged with others.

One of Kit's biggest successes is the creation of the CancerFit Program, an exercise program designed specifically for cancer survivors. CancerFit is now a program that is available across the State of Colorado.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Kit Newland for her well-deserved honor by the West Chamber serving Jefferson County. The dedication Kit has for her community and her