

history. I remember his leadership on the Judiciary Internet subcommittee, where he advocated for protecting online content and worked tirelessly to make illegal streaming a felony.

Though I disagreed with him often on policy, we became great friends, most particularly through our official travels. I am now occupying his former office in the Rayburn House Office Building. In public, Congressman Coble had a sterling reputation as a man of integrity and principle, a representative who stood by his commitments. In person, his deep character was outweighed only by his affability. Perhaps that is one of the reasons he became the longest-serving Republican in North Carolina history.

Mr. Speaker, tonight Congress has lost the presence of one of its most humble and hard-working representatives. Congressman Coble's loss will be deeply felt among many, but his work will not. His caring nature and hard work he possessed will live forever.

CONGRATULATIONS TO TUNISIAN NOBEL PEACE PRIZE WINNERS

HON. DAVID E. PRICE

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 4, 2015

Mr. PRICE of North Carolina. Mr. Speaker, as Ranking Member of the House Democracy Partnership, I rise today to recognize and congratulate the Tunisian National Dialogue Quartet for receiving the Nobel Peace Prize. This remarkable group of Tunisian leaders and advocates has worked tirelessly to transition their country into a robust democracy after the Jasmine Revolution of 2011.

The Arab Spring sparked hope throughout the international community at the possibility of a new day for democracy and human rights in the Middle East. Unfortunately, in many countries that underwent revolution, the hope of positive change has not come to pass. Tunisia, however, has made great progress, and the Tunisian people have had great success developing their own parliamentary democracy in the wake of the Arab Spring. Much of this progress is thanks to the work of The Tunisian National Dialogue Quartet.

The Tunisian National Dialogue Quartet is composed of four different civic groups: the Tunisian General Labor Union, the Tunisian Confederation of Industry, Trade, and Handicrafts, The Tunisian Human Rights League, and the Tunisian Order of Lawyers. These four organizations represent a broad coalition that has sought to create and sustain a new democracy. Throughout the process of adopting a new constitution, holding elections, and governing responsively, Tunisia has depended on the values of toleration and inclusion, and a willingness on the part of contending parties to forgo extreme or exclusive demands—exactly what the National Dialogue Quartet has espoused.

As a National Democratic Institute election observer, and working through the House Democracy Partnership, I was privileged to witness a product of the Quartet's work last year when Tunisia held its first successful presidential elections. The Tunisian people went to the polls proudly and peacefully, engaging in the building of a parliamentary democracy that has already achieved a substantial amount and shows great promise for the future.

To be sure, great challenges remain, and the international community, including the House Democracy Partnership, must continue supporting Tunisia in its first steps as a new democracy. As the Tunisian people work to ensure effective and open governance and functioning democratic institutions, they are fortunate to have the leadership of advocates like the National Dialogue Quartet.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE LIFE OF SIR MICHAEL BERRY

HON. DEBBIE DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 4, 2015

Mrs. DINGELL. Mr. Speaker, on November 8th, I will attend the commemoration services for Sir Michael Berry; an icon and leader in the Michigan community. Michael Berry was a son, a devoted father, a loving husband, and a pioneer in the community.

Sir Michael Berry graduated from Fordson Junior College and Wayne College and in 1949, he became the first Muslim American to become a practicing attorney in the State of Michigan. He then formed a legal practice Berry, Hopson & Francis with his associates. In 1967, he won election to the Wayne County Road Commission, where he served for sixteen years, ten of which, he served as the chairman. Sir Michael Berry used his energy and enthusiasm to always give back to the community. He endowed a scholarship at the MSU College of Law, and he gave generously to so many of our great local universities, hospitals, and cultural institutions. Believing that education is a key to success, he was pivotal in the creation of the Michael Berry Career Center at the Dearborn Public schools and worked tireless to improve access to education for our children.

Sir Michael Berry gave so much to the community over the years, without ever asking anything in return for himself. His hard work and continuous involvement with the Detroit Metro Airport inspired the Airport Authority to name the Berry international terminal in his honor. He was awarded the Ellis Island Medal of Honor from the National Ethnic Coalition Organization and was given the Knight of the National Order of the Cedar of Lebanon which is considered one of the highest and most prestigious awards for his humanitarian aid to his homeland, and for which, he came to be called Sir Michael Berry.

Perhaps the most lasting legacy that Sir Michael Berry leaves is on the people he mentored and people he loved. He was an activist, a mentor, and advisor to many. He helped mold several generations of educators, elected officials, attorneys, and other professionals. In our community, he was considered an icon, but to his family he was known as a loving husband, father, brother, grandfather and great-grandfather. Based on the values of hard work, faith, and love, I know that his family will proudly carry on his legacy into the future.

Mr. Speaker, Sir Michael Berry lived a life worth celebrating. No words can ease the loss that is felt by his family or this community, but we take solace in the knowledge that his example will live on for many generations. I ask my colleagues today to honor Sir Michael

Berry on his extraordinary life and accomplishments.

OUTSTANDING TEACHER IN KATY, TEXAS

HON. PETE OLSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 4, 2015

Mr. OLSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Rebecca Lacquey of Katy High School for receiving the 2015 Outstanding Teaching of the Humanities Award.

Mrs. Lacquey is one of only twelve humanities teachers in all of Texas to receive this prestigious award. Her dedication to bringing history to life through unique methods such as role-playing and virtual field trips makes history more fun and relatable to her students. Mrs. Lacquey's methods continually enrich the lives of her students. Katy High School is lucky to have her. We wish her continued teaching success for many more years to come.

On behalf of the Twenty-Second Congressional District of Texas, congratulations once again to Mrs. Rebecca Lacquey for winning this Outstanding Teacher award.

HONORING RETIRED JUDGE JOHN McCANN, 2015 WESTBOROUGH GOOD SCOUT HONOREE

HON. JAMES P. MCGOVERN

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 4, 2015

Mr. MCGOVERN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor retired Judge John S. McCann, who will be recognized at the 2015 Westborough Good Scout Award Dinner held by the Knox Trail Council of the Boy Scouts of America in Westborough, Massachusetts.

At the heart of the Scout Oath that Boy Scouts take is the pledge to 'help other people at all times.' Throughout his career, Judge McCann has been a shining example of this commitment to always serving others.

A resident of Westborough, Judge McCann is a graduate of the College of the Holy Cross in Worcester and the University of Vanderbilt School of Law in Tennessee. He and his wife Suzanne are active members of St. Luke the Evangelist Parish in Westborough, were foster parents for five years, and have three children, Sean, Gaylen and Aidan.

Judge McCann knew from an early age that he wanted to pursue a career in law. His first grammar school composition as a third-grader at the Blessed Sacrament School on Pleasant Street was titled, "Why I Want to Become a Lawyer."

Following law school, Judge McCann practiced law in California, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, and Maine. Judge McCann returned to Massachusetts in 1970 and has since resided in Westborough. Before he became a judge, he maintained law offices in Westborough and Worcester.

It wasn't until 1993 that he aspired to become a judge, when fellow members of the Worcester County Bar Association encouraged him to apply for the Westborough District

Court judgeship. He was appointed to the post by Gov. William F. Weld, and in 2000 was nominated by Gov. A. Paul Cellucci to the Superior Court bench. He then served as a Recall Judge for four years; and retired again in 2014.

Judge McCann has been an active member of our community through his work with Westborough Community Fund, Chamber of Commerce, Capital Expenditures Committee, Armstrong Jr. High Parent Association; Westborough Human Rights Council, Amnesty International, and Lawyers Against Nuclear Arms World Jurist Association. He was a member and officer of the Worcester Bar Association, Worcester Bar Advocates, Worcester Bar Foundation, and Legal Assistance Corporation.

Judge McCann is also an avid fly fisherman and has said that in retirement, he aims "to find a lot of rivers" and spend quality time with his grandchildren, Conor and Mairead McCann.

After a long and illustrious career, dedicated to helping others and upholding the law, I cannot think of a better way for him to spend his second retirement. I am grateful to Judge McCann for all that he has done for Massachusetts families and communities.

CONNECTING FORT BEND COUNTY

HON. PETE OLSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 4, 2015

Mr. OLSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Fort Bend County Public Transportation for being honored by the Mamie George Community Center.

Each year, the Mamie George Community Center honors organizations that demonstrate a strong commitment to improving Fort Bend County. The Department of Transportation received this award for its work with the Mamie George Community Center to develop a new system of transportation for seniors in the Richmond/Rosenberg area. Through their efforts, the organizations created new bus routes to give seniors the ability to live independently and stay active in their community.

On behalf of the Twenty-Second Congressional District of Texas, congratulations again to Fort Bend County Public Transportation for this honor. Thank you for your commitment to seniors and to Fort Bend County.

KIDS TEACHING KIDS PROGRAM

HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 4, 2015

Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of the Kids Teaching Kids program within Medical City Children's Hospital which was created in 2010. Tonight, Kids Teaching Kids holds its 21 Day Challenge kickoff event, where eight Dallas area superintendents and community leaders will join together to teach kids healthy snacking habits.

During the 21 Day Challenge, culinary high school students work with a Medical City Chil-

dren's Hospital registered dietician to learn nutrition basics. The students use that knowledge to make snack recipes for elementary school students to prepare for themselves. School districts in the Dallas area are getting involved in the program and encouraging their students to participate in the challenge.

The Kids Teaching Kids program has seen tangible results. Kids in the Dallas community are making healthier choices inside and outside of school. In 2014, 4,500 students signed up for the 21 Day Challenge and 900 completed the challenge. Before the challenge, 16.8% of kids said that they did not eat healthy snacks. After the challenge, 83.6% of those 16.8% said that they were eating more fruits and vegetables after the challenge.

The impact of this program in our community is visible. The Texas Restaurant Association and the Greater Dallas Restaurant Association actively support the program. School districts of Dallas, Richardson, Plano, Desoto, Rockwall, Irving, Carrollton, Lewisville, Frisco, Prosper, Allen, and Wylie currently participate in the program.

Thank you to Medical City Children's Hospital for supporting this program and for allowing it to flourish. We need more innovative ideas of this nature in every metropolitan area in this country. With the support of our peers, we can work to change our habits to become a healthier community.

HONORING THE ACHIEVEMENTS OF JAMES B. ANGELL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

HON. DEBBIE DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 4, 2015

Mrs. DINGELL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the achievements of James B. Angell Elementary School. For over eight decades, Angell Elementary school has benefited our community through its dedication to the education and development of Ann Arbor's youth. The U.S. Department of Education recognized this commitment by naming the school a 2015 National Blue Ribbon Award recipient.

Founded in 1923, Angell Elementary is one of Ann Arbor's oldest elementary schools. The school's prominence in core curriculum classes such as Mathematics, English, and Science led students to perform in the top fifteen percent of all Michigan students on state administered assessments. This earned the school the title of "Exemplary High Performing School", and led the Michigan Department of Education to nominate the school for the National Blue Ribbon Award.

The school's mission is, "To provide an uncommon education to the common man." Although Angell Elementary's core curriculum classes are exceptional, it is the enrichment programs offered by the school that allow it to thrive. The programs provide students with the unique opportunity to engage in their community. The school partners with the University of Michigan and takes students through the University's various history museums and scientific laboratories. The school takes great efforts to promote the arts as well, providing students with trips to art museums in Toledo and Detroit, as well locally in Ann Arbor.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me today to honor the teachers, students and parents of James B. Angell Elementary school for their commitment to maintaining a standard of excellence that best prepares the leaders of our future.

ST. NICKS ALLIANCE ANNUAL AWARDS BENEFIT AND 40TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

HON. NYDIA M. VELÁZQUEZ

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 4, 2015

Ms. VELÁZQUEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize St. Nicks Alliance, a community based non-profit organization created in North Brooklyn during the fiscal crisis of New York City in the 1970s. This year it celebrates its 40th Anniversary on November 9, 2015.

St. Nicks Alliance, formerly known as the St. Nicholas Neighborhood Preservation Corp., emerged in 1975 at the height of a nationwide grassroots movement to preserve and improve urban neighborhoods in decline. In Williamsburg, Brooklyn, a group of concerned and determined residents and business owners, and Msgr. Walter J. Vetro, pastor of St. Nicholas R. C. Church, came together and initiated neighborhood-based efforts to improve the community's physical and economic conditions. This led to the incorporation of the organization.

As we know, some groups are formed to address an issue on their block; Msgr. Vetro and the volunteers mobilized to address the issues of the greater neighborhood. The organization launched an action plan that aimed to address a range of issues and concerns that included public safety, crime, and drugs; tenants' rights, abandoned housing, and housing discrimination; environmental and public health issues, such as toxic waste dumping, lead paint, and pollution; community reinvestment, redlining, and related matters; economic development, job training, and manufacturing closings; youth, education, and recreation; and municipal services delivery.

Today, forty years later, St. Nicks Alliance has created 1,700 units of affordable housing for low income families, seniors and persons with disabilities and manages more than 1,000 units of housing in North Brooklyn. It has helped residents secure federal assistance ranging from Section 8 housing assistance, weatherization programs, to new market tax credits, which serve as resources to fuel job creation and development. It has collaborated with the public and private sector to deliver comprehensive programming to the community. This includes summer and after-school enrichment services to 2,500 young people; elder care and adult health and fitness programs, onsite service coordination; homeownership training, small business development and business retention assistance. Its workforce development program, like the federally funded Environmental Response & Remediation Technician Program successfully trained, certified and placed local residents to work the field of environmental response and remediation services. It is recognized for the comprehensive ready to work service it delivers.

St. Nicks Alliance is a part of the fabric of the Williamsburg and Greenpoint community.