

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

RECOGNIZING AKRON CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL

HON. TIM RYAN

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 12, 2013

Mr. RYAN of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Akron Children's Hospital of Akron, Ohio, and more specifically Akron Children's Mahoning Valley. Akron Children's Hospital healthcare system has two hospitals, as well as 20 primary care and 67 specialty care locations. Akron Children's hospital is not only the largest pediatric healthcare provider in Northeast Ohio; it is ranked among the best children's hospitals in the country.

Recently Akron Children's Hospital Mahoning Valley was among six hospitals to receive the American Nurses Association's (ANA) Award for Outstanding Nursing Quality at the association's Nursing Quality Conference in Atlanta. The award winners participate in ANA's National Database of Nursing Quality Indicators (NDNQI), the nation's most comprehensive database of nursing performance measures. The six honorees were identified by researchers from more than 1,900 hospitals—about one-third of U.S. hospitals—that report results to NDNQI and measure their performance against other NDNQI hospitals regionally, statewide and nationwide. Akron Children's along with the other 5 awardees demonstrated superior results and sustained improvements in patient outcomes that are tied to the quality of nursing services and nurse work environmental factors.

Akron Children's Hospital Mahoning Valley was recognized for decreasing blood stream infection rates for very low birth weight infants, a leading cause of disease and death for premature babies, by 30 percent. The nursing staff achieved this by implementing evidence-based best practices for central venous catheter insertion and maintenance processes across five neonatal sites.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in recognizing Akron Children's Hospital Mahoning Valley for its outstanding achievement and to extend thanks to the entire Akron Children's Hospital system for its commitment to children and the highest quality of pediatric care.

HONORING THE FAMILY SERVICE OF MORRIS COUNTY

HON. RODNEY P. FRELINGHUYSEN

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 12, 2013

Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the organization Family Service of Morris County, located in Morristown, New Jersey, which is celebrating its 200th Anniversary.

The organization was originally formed in Morristown in 1813 as the Female Charitable

Society and was then comprised of only seventeen volunteer members from the parish of Presbyterian Church, who sought to serve women and children in need for the first one hundred years of its existence. These volunteers began by providing service to the "deserving poor" of Morristown, whose needs were left unfulfilled by New Jersey's inadequate Poor Laws. This included many women and children left behind by male victims to the War of 1812. However, over the next one hundred years the needs of the community changed.

For the centennial celebration in 1913, the Female Charitable Society changed their name to the Bureau of Social Services, and expanded their services to males, as well as the entirety of Morris County. The organization worked to centralize various charitable groups, and over the coming years adapted to not only developments in social work, but also to the ever-changing dynamics of families and their needs.

In 1943, the agency merged with the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children, becoming Family and Children's Service of Morris County, and in 1947 adopted its current name, Family Service of Morris County.

Today, what was once a seventeen member female-oriented organization now employs one hundred professionals, four hundred volunteers, and aids about seven thousand people per year. The Family Service of Morris County still adheres to the same mission as they did two hundred years ago—"to strengthen the community by empowering individuals and families to meet and overcome life's challenges."

Mr. Speaker, I ask you and my colleagues to join me in congratulating Family Service of Morris County, their Board Members, professional staff and so many volunteers, as they celebrate their Bicentennial Anniversary.

RECOGNIZING KELLY ARAMAKI, 2013 WASHINGTON STATE ELEMENTARY PRINCIPAL OF THE YEAR

HON. ADAM SMITH

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 12, 2013

Mr. SMITH of Washington. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor Mr. Kelly Aramaki, who has been recognized as the 2013 Washington State Elementary Principal of the Year.

Mr. Aramaki has been principal at Beacon Hill Elementary School in Seattle since 2011. He presides over a Title 1 language-immersion international school that has more than 86 percent students of color and where more than 32 percent speak English as their second language. More than two-thirds of the students are eligible for free or reduced lunch programs. Many families are new immigrants to the United States, coming from such countries as Vietnam, China, Laos, Mexico, Guatemala, and Somalia.

Kelly is highly praised for his dedication to instructional leadership. He clears his calendar for instructional work first. He prioritizes walk-throughs, observations, teacher conferences, and professional development meetings with staff.

Mr. Aramaki, a Bellevue native, earned and a Bachelor of Science degree in zoology from the University of Washington and a Master of Teaching degree from the Teachers College at Columbia University in New York City. He received his principal credentials through the University of Washington's Danforth Educational Leadership program.

Mr. Aramaki began his career as a teacher between 1999 and 2002 at Newport Heights Elementary School in Bellevue. He then became principal at Maywood Hill Elementary School in Bothell, where he served between 2003 and 2007. In 2007, he took the principalship at John Stanford International School in Seattle, leaving in 2011 to join Beacon Hill Elementary School.

In 2010 he earned the prestigious Milken Family Foundation Award. The Milken Educator Awards were created by education reform leader Lowell Milken to celebrate, elevate, and activate excellence in the teaching profession.

Mr. Speaker, it is with great honor that I recognize the work Mr. Aramaki has done for education in the Pacific Northwest. Mr. Aramaki will be honored this fall in Washington DC as part of the National Distinguished Principal of the Year program.

HONORING THE LIFE OF CADET STAFF SERGEANT HUNTER HENRY

HON. PATRICK MURPHY

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 12, 2013

Mr. MURPHY of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of Cadet Staff Sergeant Hunter Henry, a young man who passed away after being struck by a car while riding his bicycle to school on April 2, 2013 in Port St. Lucie, Florida. He is survived by his three sisters and his parents Dan and Wendy Henry.

Cadet Staff Sgt. Hunter Henry was a 16 year old student at Port St. Lucie High School. Henry was known as a reserved and polite young man who enjoyed fixing things, especially bicycles, which he learned at a local store.

Henry also had a passion for service and helping others. He participated in the Jaguar Battalion—Junior Officer Reserve Training Corps in school and planned to enter military service. Additionally, following his mother's diagnosis with an autoimmune disorder that left her paralyzed, Hunter frequently donated blood and registered to be an organ donor. His selflessness has given many individuals across the country another chance at life.

Mr. Speaker, Staff Sgt. Hunter Henry was an outstanding young man who was taken far

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too soon. It is an honor to recognize his life here today and extend my thoughts and prayers to his family and friends during this most difficult time.

**HONORING THE MOUNT FREEDOM
JEWISH CENTER 90TH ANNIVERSARY**

HON. RODNEY P. FRELINGHUYSEN

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 12, 2013

Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Mount Freedom Jewish Center, located in Township of Randolph, Morris County, New Jersey, which is celebrating its 90th anniversary.

Founded by a group of residents as an orthodox synagogue in 1923, Mount Freedom Jewish Center served the summer and bungalow communities of Morris County. Mount Freedom Jewish Center continued to grow with the population of Morris County, and eventually became a year-round synagogue. The building has been renovated several times to accommodate the ever-growing population, but the walls of the original structure remain a part of the center.

The only synagogue in Randolph, Mount Freedom Jewish Center serves the diverse community of Morris County not only as a house of worship, but also a place of learning, a source of caring, and an outlet for social enjoyment. The center has an active Hebrew School for grades one through eight, as well as active religious and social programs and groups. The Mount Freedom Jewish Center serves all residents of Morris County through interfaith collaborations with other houses of worship, providing programs for young adults with special needs, as well as opening its doors to those in need. Additionally, the center also has the only Jewish Cemetery in Randolph.

The Mount Freedom Jewish Center has planned a year of festivities in celebration of its 90th anniversary. Throughout the year, there have been, and will be, special services, programs and speakers, and special dinners. The year of festivities will culminate with a 90th Anniversary Gala in December 2013 to celebrate the contributions the center has made to the community. The center looks to start off their 10th decade of vision and dedication to enriching the lives of congregants and the larger community by providing an inviting environment for spiritual, educational and social interaction.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you and my colleagues to join me in congratulating the Mount Freedom Jewish Center as they celebrate their 90th anniversary.

**HONORING THE LIFE OF NICHOLAS
MARIOTTI JR.**

HON. TIM RYAN

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 12, 2013

Mr. RYAN of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the life of Nicholas Mariotti Jr., 72, who passed away April 7, 2013, at his res-

idence in Niles. Nick was born Feb. 18, 1941, in Youngstown, the son of Nicholas Sr. and Mary Levero Mariotti.

Nick was a 1959 graduate of Niles McKinley High School. He worked at US Steel for 22 years in the inspection department and later at Taylor Steel in Warren for 18 years as a splitter before retiring in 2003.

Nick was a member of Our Lady of Mount Carmel parish in Niles, Niles Frontliners and Rebounders and enjoyed sports, casino trips and most of all spending time with his family, especially his grandchildren.

On a personal level, he was Coach Mariotti to me. He was my first football coach and he taught me how to run the option play in 5th grade flag football. Under his leadership, our team went on to win the championship game—something I'll always cherish and remember.

Nick was a father in the best sense of the word. His son, Nicky (Gumsy), was one of my best friends growing up. I fondly remember Mr. Mariotti taking us to amusement parks, festivals or sporting events. He was always available to make sure we had a fun and active childhood. He never missed a game for any of his children. He was warm, caring and always quietly supportive of his kids, saving any comments or suggestions for private.

He will be deeply missed by his wife, Sandra Stull Mariotti, whom he married Aug. 4, 1962; a son, Nicholas G. (Nicholle) Mariotti of Leesburg, Va.; two daughters, Lisa (Michael) Sybert of Mount Juliet, Tenn., and Laurie (Scott) Paden of Niles; brother, Anthony (Kristine) Mariotti of Niles; sister, Marlene Mariotti of Niles; and seven grandchildren, Alyssa, Ariana, Alec and Andrew Sybert, Scott and Kyle Paden and Sophia Mariotti.

To some, Nick will be remembered as a friend, colleague or coach. To others, he will be remembered as father and grandfather who left behind a lasting legacy. To his family, Nick will always be remembered as a loving husband, devoted father to his children, and as a proud grandfather. I will always remember him as someone who always stepped up to help in whatever way was needed. His contributions to this community will not be forgotten.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the United States Congress, it gives me great pride to honor the life of Nicholas Mariotti Jr. I extend my most sincere condolences to Nick's wife, Sandy, his son Gumsy, daughters Lisa and Laurie, grandchildren, and the entire Mariotti family.

REMEMBERING MR. ELENO OVIEDO

HON. MARIO DIAZ-BALART

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 12, 2013

Mr. DIAZ-BALART. Mr. Speaker, today, we remember the life of a wonderful man whose strength, courage, kindness and passion for the Cuban people's struggle for freedom inspired countless activists.

Eleno Oviedo was born in Havana, Cuba, and later served with distinction in the U.S. Army. He was captured at sea by Castro's thugs, and became a political prisoner in a Cuban gulag for twenty-six years. While in prison, Eleno was a plantado, or prisoner who refused indoctrination or any acts that would affirm the legitimacy of his confinement.

Eleno's defiance of the brutal Castro dictatorship resulted in especially harsh treatment in grossly inhumane prison conditions.

Despite his bleak circumstance, Eleno used his time in prison to become fluent in several languages. When he finally was released from prison in 1988, Eleno returned to the United States where he continued to speak out against the Castro regime's atrocities and oppression of the Cuban people. He met with lawmakers to draw attention to the grim realities of the Castro regime, and became director of the effective and highly commendable organization, Plantados Until Freedom and Democracy in Cuba.

Some complain that our younger generations have no heroes to inspire them to greatness. They need only look to the example of Eleno who, despite remarkably trying circumstances, held to his principles. He was not only resilient in overcoming the appalling injustice that cost him a quarter of his life, but he managed to maintain his compassion and zest for life.

Sadly, Eleno passed away on April 4, 2013. I am grateful to have known and worked with Eleno over many years. He is irreplaceable. His life's work remains a blessing to those who continue the cause of freedom for the Cuban people. My prayers are with him and his family. May God bless his soul.

COLLABORATIVE FOR CHILDREN

HON. TED POE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 12, 2013

Mr. POE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, four-year-old Jaylen in Houston, Texas wants to be a teacher when he grows up. It isn't every day that you meet a youngster with aspirations as big as Jaylen's. It takes a special role model, advocate, and teacher to spark the dreams in kids as young as him. The best news for these kids is that the world is their oyster; they have a world of opportunities awaiting them. Teaching our kids about the opportunities that are available is exactly what Collaborative for Children works to do each day. In Houston, Collaborative for Children is an admirable organization that promotes and builds strong educational foundations in the lives of kids for a brighter future.

For over 25 years, Collaborative for Children has partnered with families, teachers, care providers, and community-based groups to provide Houston area youth with the best possible educational foundation. Collaborative for Children's commitment to education for kids, ages zero through six, ranges from helping parents find good child care, providing parental guidance, and providing parents and teachers with necessary educational resources, all the way to strengthening early childhood education systems through policy changes. Every day, the non-profit organization does everything it can for the role models in the lives of the kids so that they can continue leading them toward their dreams.

The impressive Collaborative for Children services are possible because of its strong team. The organization is run by a board of directors made up of diverse citizens from all different fields in the community. Dedicated volunteers help guide the organization and

shape our children's lives every day, with the support of generous local businesses that help fund it. It takes quite a band of leaders to run an organization that goes "above and beyond" for our kids on a daily basis.

Today, I would like to recognize Collaborative for Children for their dedication to improving the quality of education in the lives of our children, America's future. For some kids, you have given them a chance that they may not have had without your help. Thank you for your valuable contributions to our community, our state and our nation. Coming from a family with several teachers—and having taught school myself long ago—I understand what an impact a good education and role model can have on a child. It truly makes a world of a difference. Thank you for being that difference.

And that's just the way it is.

SAFEGUARDING AMERICAN COMMERCE AND AGRICULTURAL ACT OF 2013

HON. JANICE HAHN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 12, 2013

Ms. HAHN. Mr. Speaker, the U.S. agricultural sector is a critical component of the American economy, generating over \$1 trillion in annual economic activity. However, this sector remains vulnerable to the natural or deliberate introduction of pests and disease. The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) reports foreign pests and diseases currently cost the American economy tens of billions of dollars annually in the form of lower crop values, eradication programs, and emergency payments to farmers. Therefore, effective import and entry inspections are essential to preventing further economic losses.

After 9/11, the Homeland Security Act of 2002 transferred federal frontline import and entry agriculture inspection responsibilities from USDA's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) to U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) within the Department of Homeland Security. Intended to enhance coordination at our nation's ports of entry by unifying federal customs, immigration, and agriculture inspection officers within DHS, this reorganization has actually generated several problems relating to the recruitment and retaining of agricultural inspection activities, including staffing shortages of CBP inspection personnel, coordination challenges between APHIS and CBP, and a lack of resources for equipment and supplies.

Without measures to adequately address these specific shortfalls, CBP will be powerless to prevent the increasing economic damage foreign pests and diseases are causing to the American economy.

That is why I am introducing the Safeguarding American Commerce and Agriculture Act. This bill will address these issues by establishing an Office of Agriculture Inspection within CBP charged with 1) developing a comprehensive agriculture specialist career track that ensures agriculture specialists are provided the training, experience, and assignments necessary for career progression; 2) developing plans to ensure agriculture specialists receive the necessary equipment and resources to fully and effectively carry out their

mission; and 3) establishing interagency rotations for CPB and APHIS personnel to strengthen critical relationships and promote interagency experience. By focusing on effective training and professional development, we can recruit and retain agricultural specialists, protect U.S. agriculture and commerce, and bolster this very necessary yet vulnerable sector of our economy.

ON THE OCCASION OF REVEREND DERRICK S. McDONALD'S FIFTH ANNIVERSARY AS PASTOR OF PROSPECT MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH OF PONTIAC, MICHIGAN

HON. GARY C. PETERS

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 12, 2013

Mr. PETERS of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Reverend Derrick S. McDonald on the occasion of his Fifth Anniversary as the spiritual leader of the congregation of Prospect Missionary Baptist Church in Pontiac, Michigan.

As the son of the late Reverend Eddie McDonald, who was pastor to Friendship Missionary Baptist Church for many years, Reverend McDonald grew up immersed in the teachings of Christ. It is hardly surprising that, like his father, Reverend McDonald would heed the call to serve his community. Reverend McDonald would continue to be involved in the congregation of Friendship Missionary Baptist Church and after heeding the call to serve he joined the leadership at Friendship in 2002 as Gospel Minister under the late Reverend Dr. William Dulaney.

In 2008, Reverend McDonald was called to serve the congregation at Prospect Missionary Baptist Church. Under his leadership, the congregation at Prospect has not only grown in membership, but has also developed a greater spiritual connection to the words of the Gospel. Reverend McDonald strongly believes that faith plays a central role in the transformation of lives, both within his congregation and the City of Pontiac. The lessons of love in his faith have also led Reverend McDonald to place considerable emphasis on ministries that are active in the Pontiac community, which focus on improving the quality-of-life for local residents. While serving as pastor, Reverend McDonald has supported church programs that have nurtured the youth of the congregation as they work to discover and achieve their full potential.

His leadership and dedication have led Reverend McDonald to become a pillar of strength in the community and an example to others who seek to make a positive impact through the teachings of the Bible. For his commitment to his faith and his support of the Pontiac community, Reverend McDonald has been recognized by the Wolverine State Congress, Walter Cade Regional Workshop of the National Baptist Convention and the Crystal Lake District Congress Association, where he currently serves as Assistant Dean of the Crystal Lake Baptist District Association. Reverend McDonald's efforts, both at the pulpit and beyond, have been strengthened by the love of his wife, Barbara, and their children, Antonio and Jennifer.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me today in recognizing the profound impact that

Reverend Derrick McDonald has made on the congregation of Prospect Missionary Baptist Church as its pastor of the last five years and the larger impact he has made on the Greater Pontiac community. I wish Pastor McDonald, his family, and the congregants of Prospect many more rewarding years of spiritual fellowship.

HONORING THE WANAQUE FIRST AID SQUAD'S 40TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. RODNEY P. FRELINGHUYSEN

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 12, 2013

Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Wanaque First Aid Squad, located in the Borough of Wanaque, Passaic County, New Jersey, which is celebrating its 40th anniversary.

Before the existence of the Wanaque First Aid Squad, emergency medical services were provided to the borough by the Pompton Lakes First Aid Squad, located in the adjacent municipality. With the aim of providing better coverage to Wanaque, a group of residents petitioned the Mayor and Borough Council to form their own squad in 1970. Then Mayor Frank Longo appointed Councilman Samuel Liotti to serve as a liaison to the group and monitor its progress, and in October 1971, prospective members began training with the Ringwood, New Jersey Ambulance Corps. The first officers appointed by the Wanaque First Aid Squad were President Dennis Gallagher, Vice President Thomas Jones, Secretary Rosemary Jenkins, and Captain Robert Brown.

The Wanaque First Aid Squad was incorporated on June 21, 1972, due to the efforts of founding members Martin Carrigan III, Joseph Cisco, Arnold Cohen, Raymond Ernst, and David Sisco. The seventeen new members then began probationary training with the Ringwood and Pompton Lakes Squads, while they worked to build up their training and the capabilities of the new Wanaque First Aid Squad. The members wrote to other area squads seeking equipment donations, and were able to meet most of their needs. Later in the year, the squad obtained two aged Cadillac Ambulances, and in December, found a property on Melrose Avenue for their headquarters. While the new building was being completed, the squad operated out of a trailer set up behind the Borough Hall on Ringwood Avenue.

The Wanaque First Aid Squad officially began to operate at midnight, April 1, 1973. They held a dinner at a local restaurant to celebrate, and there they chose the names for the first premier, duty crew from a hat. Just before midnight, David Brolema, David Dougherty, Joseph Carrigan, and Robert Jordon left to start the first shift of the Wanaque First Aid Squad. The squad proved their importance quickly, as the first use of the rigs was the following day, April 2, and the first emergency call came on April 3.

The official headquarters was completed and dedicated on May 26, 1974, and within five years, a large hall was added, thanks to the donations of the Wanaque Lion's Club. Today, the hall is open for use for public fundraisers and private events, and every Thursday night, it is used to host the Wanaque First

Aid Auxiliary Bingo Night, which provides the main source of fundraising for the squad. The Auxiliary handles most of the fundraising efforts for the Wanaque First Aid Squad, as the job is very demanding. There are 14 EMTs, who have met the 270 hour certification requirements, and six drivers who also must go through basic training. They cover the Wanaque area 24 hours a day, five days a week, and alternate weekend coverage with Pompton Lakes, to help provide each squad with weekend relief. In the year of 2012, the Wanaque First Aid Squad answered to 1,008 calls and dedicated 11,378 volunteer hours, for an average of 569 hours per member. The squad plans to celebrate their 40th year with the arrival of a new 2013 Ford E-450 ambulance, which will replace their old rig that will be auctioned off.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you and my colleagues to join me in congratulating the Wanaque First Aid Squad as they celebrate their 40th anniversary.

CONGRATULATING COACH LORI KERANS FOR HER 500TH CAREER VICTORY

HON. RODNEY DAVIS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 12, 2013

Mr. RODNEY DAVIS of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Coach Lori Kerans for her 500th career victory. Coach Kerans is the head coach for the Millikin University women's basketball team and on December 15th led my Alma mater to beat Illinois College 66-61 to secure her 500th career victory.

Coach Kerans who is a Newton High School graduate became the 15th active Division III women's basketball coach to reach 500 wins and the first in the College Conference of Illinois and Wisconsin (CCIW). Overall, she is the 19th women's coach all-time in Division III to reach this tremendous coaching mark.

Over 27 years Coach Kerans has led the Big Blue to thirteen 20-win seasons and is Millikin's winningest coach with a 504-203 record. In 2004-05, she guided Millikin to its 14th NCAA appearance and its first ever NCAA Championship.

Kerans owns a 17-11 record in NCAA tournament games and her team has twice advanced to the Elite Eight before the national championship. During the eight years spanning the 1993-94 and 2000-01 seasons, she led the Big Blue to winning at least 20 games a year—something that no other women's team has accomplished in CCIW history.

Because of her dedication to success and her student-athletes, I am proud to honor the achievements of Coach Lori Kerans.

VETERAN ELBERT WOOD RE-MINDED OF THE MILITARY BOND

HON. TED POE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 12, 2013

Mr. POE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, WWII veteran Elbert Wood, 93 years old, returned

home from a doctor visit only to find that his home had been broken into and vandalized. A couple of teenagers had nothing better to do than to spray paint and burglarize the home that Elbert built himself more than 55 years ago. I didn't have the chance to see the damage in-person, but from what I saw in videos, everything in his home was covered in graffiti, including the walls, windows, the TV, even the furniture. Of course, when Elbert saw the damage, devastation set in, but not for too long. Soon, Elbert was reminded that in times of trouble, he could always count on his family. And by family, I mean the ones that share the forever military bond.

A band of Marines quickly made their way to Elbert's home when they heard what had happened. They wanted to let him know that they were there for him in times of need. On that day and the days to follow, the Marines lent their helping hands and cleaned up the vandalism and made necessary repairs. They were determined to recreate the same image that Elbert envisioned when he thought of "home" before the incident.

The support Elbert received during that time was not limited to that of the Marines. Members of the community stepped up to help him, too. One furniture store even donated a new living room set. This is what I call a tight community. As for the suspects, they were caught red-handed, literally, just down the street from Elbert's home. Two teenagers were caught with red paint residue all over their hands and with stolen items from Elbert's home. I hope they have a lot of time to think about their crime in the do-right hotel.

Battlegrounds aren't the only places Marines or members of the military look out for each other, Mr. Speaker. The brotherhood and sisterhood of the military extends beyond the battlefields and into everyday life. Today, I would like to recognize these fellow Marines that so generously helped their brother out in a time of trouble. America is a better and safer place because of people like them, including Elbert.

And that's just the way it is.

CELEBRATION OF NATIONAL FROZEN FOOD MONTH

HON. STEPHEN LEE FINCHER

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 12, 2013

Mr. FINCHER. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to recognize National Frozen Food Month. Frozen food companies play a vital role in providing families with a diverse range of convenient and nutritious foods to support healthy eating and an active lifestyle.

Frozen foods companies also make an important contribution to the American economy by supporting more than 225,000 jobs nationwide with a combined annual payroll topping \$8.5 billion. From the farm to the city the economic impact of frozen food companies can be seen all across the country.

It is a great honor that I salute two frozen food companies employing folks in Tennessee. Since 1906 the Kellogg Company has helped families start their day off right. Kellogg has operated the largest Eggo frozen waffle facility in the country from Rossville, TN since 1988. Kellogg's expanded the facility in 1992 and again in 2006.

Kellogg and the frozen food industry are also giving back to America's communities. Their MorningStar Farms® brand sponsored the Frozen Food Foundation's 2013 5K last month bringing together 400 youth, teens and adults, including the Boys & Girls Clubs in a public display of their commitment to health and wellness.

Another frozen food leader in Tennessee is the Pictsweet food company. Family-owned and family-run for four generations, the company continues to be pure Tennessee. Founded in 1945 and headquartered in Bells, Tennessee the company has weathered good times and bad while still providing American families with delicious frozen garden-fresh vegetables across the United States.

With six manufacturing and distribution facilities in the United States, the Pictsweet Brand is now one of the fastest growing national retail brands of frozen vegetables.

Mr. Speaker, in celebration of National Frozen Food Month, I applaud Kellogg's, Pictsweet and the entire frozen food industry for their hard work in providing jobs and nutritious food to our country.

RECOGNIZING DOUG GOLD AS THIS YEAR'S BIG BROTHER OF THE YEAR FOR THE JEWISH BIG BROTHERS BIG SISTERS OF LOS ANGELES

HON. SEAN P. DUFFY

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 12, 2013

Mr. DUFFY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Doug Gold, this year's Big Brother of the Year for the Jewish Big Brothers Big Sisters of Los Angeles.

Doug's dedication to a life of community service and volunteerism has touched many organizations and nurtured many children over the years. His selfless efforts should act as role model for citizens all over the country.

By balancing work and family obligations while continuing to give back to his community, Doug has demonstrated the altruistic virtues this country was built upon. Over the years, Doug has not only coached local soccer teams and attended ballet recitals, but he also has been active with the March of Dimes organization and with Kiwanis International.

In January of this year, his most recent volunteer efforts were honored by the Jewish Big Brothers Big Sisters of Los Angeles. The one on one mentoring organization for Jewish children recognized him with the Big Brother of the Year Award.

I stand here to offer my congratulations to Doug as his unselfish efforts should be celebrated and commended. Great job Doug.

CHEN GUANGCHENG AND GAO ZHISHENG: HUMAN RIGHTS IN CHINA

HON. CHRISTOPHER H. SMITH

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 12, 2013

Mr. SMITH of New Jersey. Mr. Speaker, I recently held a hearing in which we listened

and learned from brave men and women from China who have been and are at the forefront of advocating for freedom and human rights and against the tyranny and oppression of the state.

We sought advice and counsel as to what can—and must—be done by Congress, the President, and the American people, and all people of goodwill worldwide, to mitigate the hate and gross mistreatment meted out by the government of China against its own citizens.

We appealed to Beijing—ease up, respect fundamental human rights and the sanctity of human life and honor your commitments and the rule of law.

Chen Guangcheng and his equally courageous wife Yuan Weijing have paid, and continue to pay an extraordinary high price for their benign defiance of a dictatorship that violates human rights with impunity and crushes human dignity.

Not only have the Chens endured numbing isolation and unspeakable torture over the course of several years, but now as we all know, in a pathetic display of PRC governmental revenge Chen's nephew Chen Kegui languishes in a Chinese prison while other family members remain at risk. Shockingly, young Chen Kegui has been brutally tortured and threatened, as Guangcheng noted, with life imprisonment if he appeals his conviction.

Undeterred, Mr. Chen Guangcheng continues to gently raise his clear and consistent voice on behalf of all victims while pushing systemic reform of egregiously flawed political institutions and people who persecute and repress.

Blind since childhood, Mr. Chen bore all the burdens and disadvantages that a disabled person faces in rural China. Confronted with the denial of his rights, he developed an intense interest in law and challenged the local government, winning his case. Hearing of Mr. Chen's success, other individuals in Shandong Province were inspired to seek his legal assistance in securing redress and vindication.

Almost everywhere, corrupt officials made, and continue to make, life miserable for those struggling to survive. Mr. Chen informed many of their rights and helped them seek durable remedies. He helped many to see that the rule of just and compassionate law wasn't just for the privileged few, but for everyone.

Victimized yet unbroken by beatings and torture, 51 months of nightmarish incarceration, preceded by house arrest and followed by 18 months more cut short only by his escape, Chen Guangcheng tenaciously defended Chinese women and babies oppressed by China's draconian one child policy.

Mr. Chen's brilliant mind, indomitable spirit and unimaginable courage exposed pervasive forced abortion, deemed a crime against humanity at the Nuremberg Nazi War Crimes Tribunal, and was relentless in using his self-taught legal skills to protect the innocent.

Unfazed by both the difficulty of the task or the inherent risks, Mr. Chen employed legal strategies to combat this insidious government cruelty towards women and children and argued that his clients in Linyi—and all women in China for that matter—have rights that prohibit such violence. They deserve better.

Chen became, and remains their hero.

It took a blind man to really see the injustice of a population control program that makes most brothers and sisters illegal and to hear the desperate cries of Chinese women.

It took a blind man, the great Chen Guangcheng, to open the eyes of a blind world to these human rights violations systematically inflicted on Chinese women.

Mr. Chen's daring escape to the U.S. Embassy, his miraculous evasion of China's ubiquitous secret police en route is the stuff of legend and superheroes. His dramatic testimony by telephone from a hospital to two emergency hearings I chaired was heard around the world.

Ms. Geng He appeared in order to remind us, and the world, of another brave extraordinary hero, her husband Gao Zhisheng. With great love and a broken heart, this remarkable woman has worked unceasingly to secure the freedom of her husband.

Gao Zhisheng is an attorney who played a leading role among Chinese human rights lawyers that defend those the Chinese government persecutes most harshly, conducting their defense by demanding that the prosecution conform to the law.

Mr. Gao is the quintessential example of a human rights defender.

In 2005, after he took on politically sensitive cases, Mr. Gao wrote open letters to both the National People's Congress and the leadership of the Chinese Communist Party, calling for an end to the torture of members of persecuted religious groups. Mr. Gao's license to practice law was subsequently revoked, his law firm shut down, and his family placed under police surveillance. In August, 2006, Mr. Gao was apprehended and then charged with "inciting subversion." He was convicted and given a suspended three-year sentence with five years' probation, effectively placing him under house arrest.

In September 2007, Mr. Gao wrote an open letter to the United States Congress in which he described widespread human rights abuses in China, called "China's birth control policy the largest genocide in the history of mankind" and related the government's harsh treatment of him and his family. He was consequently detained and tortured for 50 days. His captors called him a "traitor," and they warned him he would be killed if he told anyone about being abducted and tortured.

In February 2009, Gao was forcibly taken away from his home in Shaanxi province by public security personnel. He briefly resurfaced only in late March of 2010, more than a year later. During his brief reappearance, however, Mr. Gao gave several interviews to foreign media, disclosing the details of his torture. The next month, Mr. Gao disappeared again.

In testimony at a China Commission hearing that I chaired on February 14th of last year, Geng He said of her daughter Grace: "Zhisheng's absence has caused my daughter severe emotional anguish. She often dreams that her father is dead."

Geng He added: "My son has tears in his eyes on Father's day . . . we were forced to endure rumors that the guards had tortured Zhisheng to death."

In late 2011, Gao was secretly transferred to a distant Shayu County Prison in the Aksu district of Xinjiang. He has seen his family only twice in the last 16 months and for only 30 minutes each visit. Police have prohibited family members from asking him any information about himself.

In an account of Mr. Gao's torture, made public by the Associated Press in January

2011, Mr. Gao disclosed to a reporter the excruciating details of his detention: "The police stripped Gao Zhisheng bare and pummeled him with handguns in holsters. For two days and nights, they took turns beating him and did things he refused to describe." He recalled, "for 48 hours my life hung by a thread." Authorities reportedly threatened to kill Mr. Gao and to dump his body in a river. And, authorities taunted him by saying "you must forget you're human."

To President Xi, we will not forget Gao Zhisheng. Not now, not ever. We appeal to you to release him.

Below are several excerpts from the hearing I recently chaired.

Q: Rep. Weber (to Mr. Chen and Pastor Fu)—"Would you all agree that part of your reason for being here is to stop those atrocities and that we would include those as a basic human right as well?"

A: Mr. Chen "Forced abortion is certainly a basic human rights issue; no mother would willingly kill their own children. This is a doing of the Chinese Communist Party, acting above the law. They want to be as the Emperors and exercise absolute power."

Q: Mr. Smith Referencing Mr. Chen's interview with the press about the brutality of the one-child policy, specifically quoting Mr. Chen's statement about how forced abortion does not occur only for those who are having a second child, but also for those who are having their first child but without a birth permit; Mr. Smith asked Mr. Chen for any further comments on that.

A: Mr. Chen "China's population planning agency has become a powerful for-profit institution. On the papers, this institution comprises of 500,000 personnel, but in reality, as much as 2,000,000 personnel are involved in enforcing China's population planning policies."

"In China, there is a zero-tolerance policy where if a party secretary does not implement one particular policy well, he is ruled to be incompetent and would be removed from his post, even if he performs well in implementing other policies. As a result, party secretaries enforce the one-child policy ruthlessly and aggressively."

"So now, in addition to forcibly aborting 'extraneous' pregnancies (i.e. any pregnancy beyond the first child), couples also must acquire a birth permit from the population planning office even for first pregnancies. Once pregnancy occurs without this permit, local authorities will also force an abortion—unless you're able to pay a large amount of money to the local authorities for them to look the other way and provide you with an ex post facto permit. But in most cases where they are being stringent, they will force you to go through with the abortion no matter what."

Amnesty International's T. Kumar, International Advocacy Director said forced abortion is a major human rights violation in China.

"As a consequence of the government's one-child policy, women are still compelled to undergo forced abortion and sterilization, notwithstanding official assurances that such practices violate Beijing's wishes," Kumar said.

Fu said bloody cases in China's forcibly enforced "one-child" family planning policy and in forced demolition of residential homes and relocation of residents continue to take place; the Chinese people's basic right to life cannot be guaranteed at all.

Fu, of ChinaAid, decried the violence of forced "family planning."

"Last month, the Ministry of Public Health publicly announced the 'achievements' of the family planning policy in the past 40 years: 330 million abortions performed on Chinese women," Fu said. "What is really distressing is that these bloody numbers continue to climb and that the majority of these abortions were forced on the women by the government." Fu said that on March 13, a woman in Henan province (Daxuzhai town, Taikang county) who was forced to have an abortion against her will, was found hanged at the local family planning office with suspicious injuries all over her body. On March 22, he testified, a woman in her seventh month of pregnancy in Anhui province (Chuzhou, Fengyang county) was kidnapped by family planning cadres and taken to a hospital where she was forced to receive a lethal injection that killed her seven-month-old unborn baby and caused her to deliver a dead fetus.

RECOGNIZING TJ DiCAPRIO, RECIPIENT OF THE 2013 EPA CENTER FOR CORPORATE CLIMATE LEADERSHIP AWARD

HON. ADAM SMITH

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 12, 2013

Mr. SMITH of Washington. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor Tamara "TJ" DiCaprio, Senior Director of Environment Stability at Microsoft. She has been awarded the 2013 U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) Center for Corporate Climate Leadership Award.

The EPA awarded TJ DiCaprio the 2013 Climate Change Individual Leadership Award for her extraordinary leadership in Microsoft's response to climate change. DiCaprio led the effort to establish Microsoft's recent commitment to carbon neutrality for its data centers, software development labs, offices, and employee air travel. A key component of this aggressive greenhouse gas reduction policy is an internal carbon fee, which provides an innovative approach to voluntary operational accountability and which is already helping to change behavior.

Internalizing the cost of pollution through financial measures offers greater incentives to reduce emissions while raising funds for efficiency and renewable energy projects, helping to advance measures to mitigate climate change.

DiCaprio was also responsible for leading Microsoft to achieve its goal of reducing carbon emissions by 30 percent per unit of revenue from 2007 levels by 2012 through a series of efficiency initiatives and by purchasing renewable energy.

As a result of her vision and efforts, Microsoft purchased 1.1 billion kilowatt-hours (kWh) of green power in 2012, making Microsoft the third largest purchaser of green power in the United States.

DiCaprio and Microsoft are tackling the challenge of climate change with practical, commonsense, and cost-saving solutions to improve efficiency and cut waste.

Mr. Speaker, it is with great honor that I recognize the work DiCaprio has done in the Pacific Northwest and for corporate leadership across the United States.

TRIBUTE TO COACH MAL MOORE

HON. JO BONNER

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 12, 2013

Mr. BONNER. Mr. Speaker, it is with heartfelt sadness that I rise to note the passing of Coach Mal Moore, longtime and beloved Athletic Director of The University of Alabama.

Coach Moore dedicated his career to ensuring that the Crimson Tide always competed among the nation's elite no matter the sport or the arena. His loss is deeply felt among the "Alabama family" and his winning legacy will likely go unmatched.

A native of Dozier, Alabama, Mal Moore was a 1963 graduate of The University of Alabama, where he earned an undergraduate degree in Sociology and Master's Degree in Secondary Education. Coach Moore played quarterback under legendary head football coach Paul "Bear" Bryant, beginning in 1958, and was a member of the 1961 national championship team.

His subsequent coaching career spanned over three decades, including spending time in the athletic programs of Montana State, Notre Dame and both the St. Louis and Phoenix Cardinals.

However, for more than 20 of those years he also worked on the Crimson Tide coaching staff. He started as Coach Bryant's graduate assistant in 1964, then as defensive backfield coach for five years beginning in 1965 before becoming quarterbacks coach from 1971 to 1982 and serving as the Tide's first offensive coordinator starting in 1975. He returned as offensive coordinator under Coach Gene Stallings from 1990 to 1993 before moving into athletic administration.

During his career as Athletic Director from 1999 to 2013, Coach Moore oversaw \$240 million in improvements to the athletic infrastructure of The University. Alabama erected new stadiums for soccer, softball and tennis; new facilities for women's basketball and volleyball; a new golf clubhouse; and improved facilities for every other sports team, in addition to the renovation of Bryant-Denny Stadium, Paul W. Bryant Hall and Coleman Coliseum.

Overseeing a \$100 million budget and 21 men's and women's varsity sports teams, his 14-year record of leadership as Athletic Director speaks for itself. During Coach Moore's tenure as Athletic Director, the Crimson Tide football team won three national championships (2009, 2011 and 2012), posted six 10-win seasons, appearances in five Bowl Championship Series (BCS) bowl games and SEC championships in 1999, 2009, 2011, and 2012.

His dedication to—and love of—The University of Alabama was recognized on March 28, 2007, when, as a permanent tribute to his lifelong contribution to The Capstone, the Board of Trustees of The University of Alabama officially dedicated the facility formerly known as the Football Building as the Mal M. Moore Athletic Facility.

In 2011, Mal Moore was elected to the State of Alabama Sports Hall of Fame. The following year, he was honored with the prestigious John L. Toner Award for the nation's best athletic director at the 55th NNF awards dinner at Waldorf-Astoria in New York City.

His untimely death leaves a giant void in the life of The University of Alabama family.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the people of Alabama, I would like to extend my condolences to Coach Moore's daughter, Heather, his granddaughter, Anna Lee and grandson, Charles, as well as his many other family and friends. You are all in our thoughts and prayers.

HONORING THE MORRISTOWN NATIONAL HISTORICAL PARK

HON. RODNEY P. FRELINGHUYSEN

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 12, 2013

Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Morristown National Historical Park, located in Morristown, New Jersey, which is celebrating its 80th anniversary.

As America's first national historical park, Morristown National Historical Park was founded on March 2, 1933 by legislation signed by President Herbert Hoover. Though he was responsible for the creation of the park, it was actually under President Franklin D. Roosevelt's Works Progress Administration that the Washington's Headquarters Museum was built. Along with the museum, Morristown National Historical Park is comprised of three different areas: Washington's Headquarters, Jockey Hollow, and Fort Nonsense. It was during the two critical winters of the Revolutionary War, 1777 and 1779–80, that these areas in Morristown sheltered the encampments of the Continental Army. Washington chose Morristown due to its strategic location, and made the Ford Mansion his headquarters.

Within Washington's Headquarters, there are two locations. The Historic Ford Mansion is an original 18th Century structure that was built between 1772–74, and is still furnished in period style. This location served as General Washington's military headquarters for six months during the winter of 1779–80. Nearby is the 1930's Washington's Headquarters Museum, which features exhibit galleries for visitors, as well as an expansive archive of important United States and world history items.

The Jockey Hollow area provides many different attractions for visitors. As of 1975, there is a Visitor Center as to direct and aid guests, and well as provide small displays. The Historic Wick House, built around 1750, is a farmhouse that served as the 1779–80 military headquarters for Major General Arthur St. Clair of the Continental Army. Today, demonstrations of period cooking and craft are offered by staff in costume. Henry Wick's 1,400 acre farm initially had attracted Washington's army due to the forest on the property, which provided fuel and building supplies. Jockey Hollow also offers the Pennsylvania Line, which consists of five reproduction-Continental Army soldier huts. There are also trails that were once used by the armies, known as the New York Brigade area and the New Jersey Brigade areas. These trails cross the property of the Cross Estate Gardens.

The Fort Nonsense area contains the remains of an earthwork fortification built by Washington's troops. The construction was ordered so that the fort served as a guardhouse of the main roads and storehouses, as well as an area to retreat to in the event of a British

attack. By the 1790s the hill was called Fort Nonsense, as a legend had grown that Washington ordered the construction as a means to keep his troops busy.

The historic landscapes, structures, objects, and archeological and natural resources at Morristown are tangible links to our nation's history. The vast collection in the Morristown National Historical Park library and archives reflect the convergence of two collections. With the founding of the park, they acquired the collection of the Washington Association of New Jersey. Later, in 1955, collector Lloyd W. Smith bequeathed his immense collection to the park, enabling them to boast a library collection of nearly 50,000 volumes, and an archive of nearly 250,000 manuscripts, journals, diaries, account books, letter books, military orderly books, and other Revolutionary War related documents.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you and my colleagues to join me in congratulating Morristown National Historical Park as it celebrates its 80th anniversary.

INTRODUCING THE PREVENT ALL SORING TACTICS ACT OF 2013

HON. ED WHITFIELD

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 12, 2013

Mr. WHITFIELD. Mr. Speaker, in 1970, Congress passed and President Nixon signed into law the Horse Protection Act (HPA) for the purpose of ending "soring" that was occurring in Tennessee Walking Horse, Racking Horse, and Spotted Saddle Horse shows. The term soring refers to the application of blistering or burning agents, lacerations, sharp objects, or other substances or devices to a horse's limb to produce an exaggerated high-stepping show ring gait, by making it painful for the horse to step down.

Since the passage of this legislation more than forty years ago, the act of "soring" has continued at an alarming rate. The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) has lacked the resources to send agency officials to every Tennessee Walking Horse, Spotted Saddle Horse and Racking Horse show. As a result, USDA gave Horse Industry Organizations (HIOs) the responsibility to train and license their own inspectors, commonly known as Designated Qualified Persons (DQP's), to conduct inspections at these events.

The USDA's Office of Inspector General (OIG) recently conducted an audit of the Horse Protection Act Program, finding that trainers in the industry often go to great lengths to evade detection rather than comply with federal law and train horses using humane methods. The OIG made several recommendations, including stiffer penalties and abolishing the self-policing practices currently allowed under regulations, where HIOs are able to assign their own inspectors to horse shows. More recently, an undercover investigation showed that trainers continue to sore horses and enter them into shows undetected, even while the trainers are on federal disqualification. HIOs' inspectors are turning a blind eye to the soring of horses, despite the fact that they are licensed to enforce the 1970 law that prohibits this practice. These and other investigations show massive abuse throughout

the Tennessee Walking Horse, Racking Horse, and Spotted Saddle Horse industries, demeaning the once highly-regarded sport and threatening jobs in these industries, as well as the economic activity associated with their shows that is so important to communities in my state and elsewhere.

Therefore, the bill that I am introducing today, the Prevent All Soring Tactics Act of 2013, amends the Horse Protection Act of 1970 to direct USDA to license, train, assign, and oversee persons who are to be hired by event managers to inspect horses at Tennessee Walking Horse, Racking Horse, and Spotted Saddle Horse events for evidence of soring. The proposed amendment is narrow in scope and affects only a small number of horses belonging to one of three breeds that are subjected to soring. There are three components to the amendment. First, it will end the failed system of industry self-policing by having the USDA assign licensed inspectors to oversee the shows if requested by horse show management. Secondly, for the three breeds specified in the bill that have been subjected to soring, it will ban the use of certain devices associated with soring, but the bill exempts pads and boots used for therapeutic purposes. Lastly, it will strengthen penalties for those violating the law. The bill carries the support of the American Horse Council, the American Association of Equine Practitioners, the American Veterinary Medical Association, the Humane Society of the United States, the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, several walking horse organizations, and others.

I urge all my colleagues to join me in co-sponsoring this common sense piece of legislation.

HIGHLIGHTING VIETNAMESE GOVERNMENT HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS

HON. CHRISTOPHER H. SMITH

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 12, 2013

Mr. SMITH of New Jersey. Mr. Speaker, I recently chaired a hearing to examine the human rights situation in Vietnam.

The Vietnamese government continues to be an egregious violator of a broad array of human rights. Our distinguished witnesses provided a detailed account; I would like to highlight just a few areas of grave concern.

Despite the State Department's decision in 2006 to remove Vietnam from the list of Countries of Particular Concern as designated pursuant to the International Religious Freedom Act, Vietnam, in fact, continues to be among the worst violators of religious freedom in the world. According to the United States Commission for International Religious Freedom's 2012 Annual Report, "[t]he government of Vietnam continues to control all religious communities, restrict and penalize independent religious practice severely, and repress individuals and groups viewed as challenging its authority." I agree with USCIRF's conclusion that Vietnam should be designated a CPC country.

I met courageous religious leaders during my last trip to Vietnam who were struggling for fundamental human rights in their country. Unfortunately, many of them, including Father Ly

and the Most Venerable Thich Quang Do, remain wrongly detained today. There are disturbing reports that Father Ly is suffering poor health. Leaders of religious organizations are not the only ones victimized by the Vietnamese government; individuals and small communities are also targeted by the regime. One of our witnesses, Mr. Tien Tran, spoke of the brutality that he experienced as a member of the Con Dau parish that was violently repressed in 2010 when they tried to have a funeral procession.

The State Department's upgrade of Vietnam from Tier 2 Watch List to Tier 2 with respect to the minimum standards for the elimination of human trafficking also needs to be critically examined. The Department's 2012 Trafficking in Persons Report states not only that Vietnamese women and children are being sexually exploited, but that there are severe labor abuses occurring as well—with the government's complicity. The Report acknowledges that state-licensed labor export companies engage in fraud and charge illegal commissions for overseas employment, and that there are documented cases of recruitment companies ignoring pleas for help from workers in exploitative situations.

As the sponsor of the Trafficking Victims Protection Act, I am deeply disturbed that the Tier Rankings are not being better utilized by our State Department to pressure Vietnam to correct the trafficking abuses occurring within its government, not to mention those in the private sector.

We heard from Ms. Hui Danh who testified about the ordeal that her sister has endured as a victim of human trafficking. I am deeply disturbed by her story because her sister's situation actually got worse when she asked for help from the Vietnamese embassy. I greatly admire her courage and the Subcommittee is most appreciative of her willingness to speak out and bring attention to this issue.

Despite the dismal status for human rights in Vietnam, we can exert pressure on the Vietnamese government to cease these abuses. I will be reintroducing the Vietnam Human Rights Act soon; swift Congressional action on this bill will send a strong message that Congress will not tolerate continuing human rights abuses in Vietnam.

It is imperative that the United States Government send an unequivocal message to the Vietnamese regime that it must end its human rights abuses against its own citizens. This message however, should not be confined to the Human Rights Dialogue; it must be raised at each opportunity that we have talks with the Vietnamese government.

I thank all of our witnesses for appearing before the Subcommittee, and we look forward to hearing your testimony.

CELEBRATING THE 60TH ANNIVERSARY OF PLANTATION, FLORIDA

HON. LOIS FRANKEL

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 12, 2013

Ms. FRANKEL of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the 60th anniversary of Plantation, Florida, a beautiful city in my district. Since its incorporation April 1953, Plantation has grown into a vibrant city in Broward

County with a population of over 85,000 people.

Currently under the leadership of Mayor Diane Veltri Bendekovic, Plantation is a wonderful source of pride for Broward County. It attracts large national and international corporations, such as American Express and Motorola, to its three business districts while continuing to focus on neighborhood development and the safety and happiness of its residents.

Furthermore, Plantation is a beautiful, tree-lined community. Its emphasis on natural environment is consistently recognized, and Plantation has been named "Tree City USA" for 28 years in a row.

In honor of Plantation's 60th Anniversary, I am proud to recognize this dynamic community for their past successes and wish them a bright and prosperous future.

RECOGNIZING DAVID CURSON

HON. SANDER M. LEVIN

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 12, 2013

Mr. LEVIN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize a former colleague in Congress and an exceptional friend of working people in my home state of Michigan, David Curson, on the occasion of his retirement from the United Auto Workers (UAW).

Mr. Curson won a special election in Michigan's former 11th Congressional District and served in this House from November through the end of the 112th session of Congress. We considered important issues late last year, including the resolution to the so-called "fiscal cliff" and Mr. Curson participated actively and effectively in those debates. The people of the 11th District were well represented with Mr. Curson serving as their voice in the House during that critical period of time.

On Friday, April 12, 2013, the men and women of the UAW and a great number of his friends will come together to thank Mr. Curson for his service, to celebrate his accomplishments, and to wish him well in his retirement from that vital organization. After serving our nation in Vietnam, David Curson went to work in a Ford plant in Ypsilanti Township, Michigan, where he was elected officer of his local union. His skill at representing his fellow UAW members was recognized by the leadership of the union, and Mr. Curson went to work for the International Union staff, where he served in a number of important positions. He has participated in hundreds of labor-management negotiations, and played a key role in the development of the bridge loan package that the federal government entered into with General Motors and Chrysler.

It is fitting that we recognize Mr. Curson's career of service and I hope you will join me in congratulating Dave and in wishing him and his wife Sharon, the very best in their next endeavors.

HONORING THE ROSELAND FIRE DEPARTMENT CENTENNIAL

HON. RODNEY P. FRELINGHUYSEN

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 12, 2013

Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Roseland Fire Department, located in the Borough of Roseland, Essex County, New Jersey, which is celebrating its centennial anniversary.

On July 23, 1913, forty four men of Roseland gathered together in the "Band Hall" with the intent to form a group of citizens to protect the town from fires. They adopted the named "Roseland Volunteer Fire Company," and elected William Chubbuck as the first Chief. The new members adopted a pledge that read, "We the undersigned citizens of Roseland, pledge ourselves to form a volunteer fire company, without pay, for a period of one year, to protect life and property of the Borough against loss by fire."

Helped along by the Newark Fire Department, located slightly over ten miles away, the committee was able to assess their needs and request funds from the town for equipment. The town council of Roseland enthusiastically endorsed the fire company, a "Thomas Flyer" engine and twenty helmets were purchased. Excited to display their new engine, the Roseland Volunteer Fire Company marched along it in the Caldwell parade that year, where it ironically caught fire. Though it was later repaired, then Chief stated, "It took a long time to live that one down."

Despite that initial setback, the Roseland Fire Department flourished, purchasing a second and third engine in the early 1920s. Engine 3 was in use for 31 years, and is still in possession of the department today. In 1922, the department wrote and adopted a Constitution and by-laws, reflecting the high standards by which the Roseland firefighters live. After moving from a privately owned garage, the department moved to a two bay house in May of 1939. In the 1980s, the Roseland Fire Department moved to its present location at 300 Eagle Rock Avenue.

Throughout the ensuing years, the Roseland Fire Department acquired state of the art machinery to ensure the continued safety of the town, including the nine vehicles in operation today, as well as radios for each officer. Their force of 37 members and cadets serve the residents, businesses, and industrial sites around Roseland. Due to the major state highway, they also respond to a wide variety of incidents ranging from structure fires, car fires, motor vehicle accidents, rescues, fire alarms, medical service, electrical fires, and a great deal of mutual aid to other Essex and Morris County communities. After one hundred years, the Roseland Fire Department continues its proud tradition of service, while maintaining a high level of professionalism and readiness for any emergencies that may arise.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you and my colleagues to join me in congratulating the Roseland Fire Department as they celebrate their one hundredth anniversary.

RECOGNIZING THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE GREATER SEATTLE CHINESE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

HON. ADAM SMITH

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 12, 2013

Mr. SMITH of Washington. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the Greater Seattle Chinese Chamber of Commerce for its proven successes. The Chamber celebrated its 50th anniversary in February 2013.

The Chamber, founded in 1963, is a non-profit, non-partisan organization. The Chamber plays a major role in bringing together civic, professional, and business leaders from the Chinese community of Greater Seattle. It has been a leading voice in many important decisions affecting the Chinese business community in the Puget Sound region.

The Greater Seattle Chamber of Commerce has a long history of proven success with its business development, scholarships, and ambassador programs. It is an advisory board member of the Trade Development Alliance of Greater Seattle (TDA) and a member of the Washington State China Relations Council (WSCRC).

Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I honor the 50 years of the Greater Seattle Chinese Chamber of Commerce. The Greater Seattle Chinese Chamber of Commerce connects leaders, improves the economy, and benefits the Puget Sound community.

ANTI-SEMITISM: A GROWING THREAT TO ALL FAITHS

HON. CHRISTOPHER H. SMITH

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 12, 2013

Mr. SMITH of New Jersey. Mr. Speaker, I recently chaired a hearing on anti-Semitism where we heard from representatives from Americans and Europeans about the evil of anti-Semitism can be more successfully addressed.

At a Congressional hearing I chaired in 2002, Dr. Shimon Samuels of the Wiesenthal Center in Paris testified and said, "The Holocaust for 30 years after the war acted as a protective Teflon against blatant anti-Semitic expression (especially in Europe). That Teflon has eroded, and what was considered distasteful and politically incorrect is becoming simply an opinion. But," he warned ominously, "cocktail chatter at fine English dinners can end as Molotov cocktails against synagogues."

In response to what appeared to be a sudden, frightening spike in anti-Semitism in several countries, including here in the United States, we first proposed the idea for a conference on combating anti-Semitism under the auspices of the organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE).

Convinced we had an escalating crisis on our hands, we teamed with several OSCE partners to push for action and reform. Many of the people and NGOs present in this room played leading roles.

Those efforts directly led to important OSCE conferences on combating anti-Semitism in Vienna, Berlin, Cordoba, and Bucharest. In each

of those, participating states have made solemn, tangible commitments to put our words into action. In some countries, progress has indeed been made, yet the scope and outcome of anti-Semitic acts have not abated in others, and in some nations it has actually gotten worse.

That is why we are here today, to review, re-commit, and re-energize efforts to vanquish the highly disturbing resurgence of anti-Semitism everywhere, including in Europe.

Unparalleled since the dark ages of the Second World War, Jewish communities on a global scale are facing verbal harassment, and sometimes violent attacks against synagogues, Jewish cultural sites, cemeteries and individuals. It is an ugly reality that won't go away by ignoring or wishing it away. It must be defeated.

Thus, we gather to enlighten, motivate, and share ideas on how not just to mitigate this centuries-old obsession, but to crush this pernicious form of hate.

From our first panel of witnesses we heard how anti-Semitism directly threatens not only Jews but also Christians and Muslims, and democracy and civil society. When we fight anti-Semitism it is not only a matter of justice for Jewish fellow-citizens, but also of standing up for Christianity, and for Islam, and for the possibility of decent living itself. We all have a direct stake in the fight against anti-Semitism.

This is tragically clear in the Middle-Eastern countries where the government propagates anti-Semitism as an official or quasi-official ideology. These governments incite anti-Semitic hatred of Israel in order to distract the people from their own tyrannical rule, from their own abuse of human rights, denial of democracy, economic corruption. Sadly, it works. We see this in governments as varied as those of Iran and Egypt, Pakistan and Syria and Saudi Arabia, and the list doesn't end there.

Tens of millions of people who live in these countries are in this sense suffering from anti-Semitism. Few of them are Jewish—most are Muslim, millions are Christian. It's true that, to some degree or other, many of the people in these countries have bought into the evil of anti-Semitism, but many have not.

From our second panel, we heard reports from a number of European Jewish leaders who will be able to tell us about anti-Semitism in their countries, how the governments are responding, and whether these responses are effective. Sadly, in much of Europe, the harassment of Jews, including verbal and physical violence, continues to increase, and a recent Anti-Defamation League study shows that anti-Semitic attitudes are widespread in Europe and getting worse in many countries.

One thing the witnesses will address is whether elected officials are fulfilling their responsibility to speak out publicly against any expressions of anti-Semitic hate. When national leaders fail to denounce anti-Semitic violence and slurs, the void is not only demoralizing to the victims but silence actually enables the wrongdoing. Silence by elected officials in particular conveys approval—or at least acquiescence—and can contribute to a climate of fear and a sense of vulnerability.

In this respect, I want to recognize the leadership Hungarian Prime Minister Viktor Orbán has shown in the fight against anti-Semitism. Prime Minister Orbán has taken his government into the vanguard of those fighting anti-

Semitism in Europe. He has declared a 'zero tolerance policy' against anti-Semitism and seen that anti-Semitic incidents are promptly followed by high-level official condemnations, sometimes by him, sometimes by other officials. There is still far too much anti-Semitism in Hungary, and it is cultivated by the viciously racist Jobbik political party. But I am glad that the Hungarian government has responded vigorously, protecting its Jewish citizens by strengthening legislation and law enforcement, education and Holocaust remembrance.

Another point we considered is whether the countries are collecting reliable hate crime information. We can't fight anti-Semitic crimes effectively unless we have reliable information on them. The most recent figures from the U.S., for example, which are collected by the FBI, showed that Jews, less than 2% of the U.S. population, are the victims of 63% of religiously-targeted hate crimes.

An additional concern is the importance of Holocaust education. If we are to protect our children from the dark evil of anti-Semitism, we must reeducate ourselves and systematically educate our children. While that starts in our homes, the classroom must be the incubator of tolerance. It seems to me that only the most hardened racist can remain unmoved by Holocaust education and remembrance. Only the most crass, evil, and prejudiced among us can study the horrors of the Holocaust and not cry out: Never again!

Yet another concern is the rise of a "new" anti-Semitism, which tries to pass itself off as legitimate criticism of Israel, but which demonizes, delegitimizes, and applies double standards against Israel—former Soviet "refusenik" Natan Sharansky's "3 Ds." In any case, this form of anti-Semitism appears to be spreading among European social-democratic and leftist parties, as well as among Muslim immigrants from the Middle East, and I'd like to hear your views about the most effective ways to expose it for what it is.

We need to work together with you to light a fire under our government, under European governments, and intergovernmental organizations like the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE).

I am preparing to re-introduce the Combating Anti-Semitism Act; another possible initiative is for a day on which heads of state or government can each visit a major synagogue in their national capitals and make a statement on threat that anti-Semitism poses to all of us.

HONORING THE TOWN OF NEW WINDSOR, NEW YORK'S SESTERCENTENNIAL CELEBRATION

HON. SEAN PATRICK MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 12, 2013

Mr. SEAN PATRICK MALONEY of New York. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor the sestercentennial celebration of the Town of New Windsor, New York, which was established on April 5, 1763. Throughout the past two and half centuries, the town has witnessed and participated in numerous events that have shaped our nation's history.

Since the 1600s, it has been New Windsor's natural beauty along the breathtaking views of the Hudson River that has attracted its earliest

residents. From the beginning of the Revolutionary War, the majority of Town residents supported the war efforts and its leaders, like General George Washington, and welcomed thousands of men, women and children from many states. New Windsor also proudly served as the major encampment for the Continental Army. While the army was based there in 1782, General Washington ordered the establishment of the highest military honor, the Badge of Merit—now known as the Purple Heart. That important history lives on today through the National Purple Heart Hall of Honor, located in New Windsor.

Mr. Speaker, this sestercentennial celebration is for all the people of New Windsor, both past and present, whose character define this historical community and have preserved its many remarkable qualities to be enjoyed by residents and visitors today. That is precisely why I am proud to recognize this special event and have the opportunity to represent New Windsor in the United States House of Representatives.

"GAUGING AMERICAN PORT SECURITY" OR GAPS ACT

HON. JANICE HAHN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 12, 2013

Ms. HAHN. Mr. Speaker, the lessons of 9/11 have taught us that we must continuously be vigilant in proactively seeking out and preventing our country's most pressing threats. That is why after 9/11, Congress began to shine a spotlight on previously ignored issues such as border security, airport security and strengthening identification procedures. However, an area that continues to be ignored is port security.

In the U.S., tens of thousands of ships each year make over 50,000 calls on U.S. ports. These ships carry the bulk of the approximately two billion tons of freight, three billion tons of oil transports, and 134 million passengers by ferry each year.

The volume of traffic gives terrorists opportunities to smuggle themselves or their weapons into the United States with little risk of detection. According to a report by the Council on Foreign Relations, in May 2002 there were reports that twenty-five Islamist extremists entered the United States by hiding in shipping containers.

This highlights the need for an immediate legislative solution to counter this problem. However, it is difficult to come up with an effective solution without first knowing all of the potential dangers.

That is why I am reintroducing the Gauging American Port Security (GAPS) Act. The GAPS Act addresses these problems by requiring that the Department of Homeland Security Office of Inspector General report to Congress on the current weaknesses and vulnerabilities of U.S. ports and ensures that DHS develops a comprehensive plan for addressing them. Only by focusing on the specific dangers that threaten our port security, can we develop effective solutions to ensure our nation is prepared for any and all types of attacks.

IN HONOR OF SACRED HEART
SCHOOL, WEYMOUTH, MA

HON. STEPHEN F. LYNCH

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 12, 2013

Mr. LYNCH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of Sacred Heart School in recognition of its one hundred years of educating the children of Weymouth and Braintree, Massachusetts.

Sacred Heart School was founded in 1913 by the Sisters of Saint Joseph at the request of Father John B. Holland. The school had a humble beginning with thirty-three first graders who were taught in the dining room of the convent under the direction of Sister Margaret Mary.

Today, Sacred Heart School serves over 260 students. Though it is now staffed by an all-day faculty, the qualities of the Sisters of Saint Joseph live on through the commitment and dedication of the teachers.

Mister Speaker, the Sacred Heart School is committed to developing the whole child, in mind, body, and spirit, by integrating a strong academic program with a distinctly Catholic education; as a result, Sacred Heart students consistently score above the average on standardized tests. Community service is also an important component of a Sacred Heart education and the commitment to that service helps students develop a strong sense of civic engagement and lifelong sensitivities to improving the welfare of others.

A strong bond between the parish and school has long been a trademark of Sacred Heart. When a fire destroyed Sacred Heart Church in December of 2005, the school and parish communities came together to support one another during the difficult rebuilding process.

Another important trademark of Sacred Heart School is the level of parental involvement. Through the school's Home and School Volunteer Program, parents contribute nearly seven thousand hours of direct service to the school each year, which allows the school to offer a variety of academic and social programs for students.

Mr. Speaker, it is my distinct honor to take the floor of the House today to join with the Sacred Heart School community in celebrating one hundred years of Catholic education.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. DANIEL T. KILDEE

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 12, 2013

Mr. KILDEE. Mr. Speaker, on April 9, 2013, I unfortunately missed three votes, which included rollcall votes 90, 91 and 92.

If I had been present, I would have voted in favor of rollcall vote 90.

If I had been present, I would have voted in favor of rollcall vote 91.

Lastly, I would have voted in favor of rollcall vote 92.

HONORING THE FRANK O'HARA
ASSOCIATION

HON. RODNEY P. FRELINGHUYSEN

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 12, 2013

Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the organization The Frank O'Hara Association, located in West Orange, New Jersey, which is celebrating its 80th Anniversary.

Frank O'Hara came from humble beginnings in the town of Boggaun in Ballinamore, County Leitrim, Ireland. He was born in 1900 as one of fifteen children. Typical of most young Irishmen of his day, Frank O'Hara fought as part of the Leitrim Brigade for a free Ireland after the 1916 Easter uprising. He was held prisoner in Athlone barracks until he escaped by scaling a wall.

Frank O'Hara immigrated to America in the 1920s with just a primary school education, but a drive to succeed. While working with the Hudson Tubes (now PATH) and Prudential Insurance Company, he opened a speak-easy on Bergen Street, Newark. After prohibition was repealed in 1933, Frank O'Hara opened a tavern on Central Avenue, Newark. Later, in 1932, he married Louise O'Kane, a fellow native of Ireland who shared his deep faith and devotion to family. They became parents to nine children, and thirty grandchildren. Today there are now fifty-five great-grandchildren as well as two great-great-grandchildren, and the family continues to grow.

In 1933, the Frank O'Hara Association was founded in Newark, organized by its first President, Raymond Mulhern, to act as an organization representing Irish culture and values. Frank O'Hara was one of the co-founders of the Newark Saint Patrick's Day Parade in 1936. He moved his family to West Orange in 1941, and opened a tavern and liquor store in the Pleasantdale section of town in 1948. Frank O'Hara pioneered the Irish movement in West Orange and co-founded the Irish American Society of West Orange, which became the present Irish American Society of the Oranges. He also co-founded the West Orange Saint Patrick's Day Parade. During the 1950's, Frank O'Hara aided numerous Irishmen, sponsoring their entry to the United States, which was a requirement at the time. He actively fundraised for many years on behalf of Salesian Missions, and as a result of his efforts and contributions, a Mission Church was built in the Philippines, dedicated to Our Lady of Lourdes. He was a parishioner and benefactor of Our Lady of Lourdes Church in West Orange, as well as a benefactor for both Our Lady of the Lake Church in Verona and Queen of Angels Church in Newark.

Though Frank O'Hara passed away over 40 years ago, the products of his life, faith, principals, and labor continue to flourish. The Frank O'Hara Association remains one of the oldest active Irish organizations in New Jersey, cultivating the strong Irish heritage and family traditions that Frank O'Hara and his wife Louise stood for.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you and my colleagues to join me in congratulating the Frank O'Hara Association as they celebrate their 80th anniversary.

HONORING MR. WILLIAM KAPLAN

HON. SEAN PATRICK MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 12, 2013

Mr. SEAN PATRICK MALONEY of New York. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Mr. William Kaplan, an inspirational individual who has selflessly served our community in the Hudson Valley.

Mr. Kaplan is the founder of the Elaine and William Kaplan Family Foundations, which concentrates on supporting innovative and sustainable projects primarily in the Newburgh area. He has made a tremendous impact on countless organizations in our community including Mount St. Mary College, St. Luke's Cornwall Hospital, Hospice of Orange, The Greater Hudson Valley Health Center, Occupations, Inc., McQuade Foundation, Habitat for Humanity of Greater Newburgh, and Orange County Community College. Mr. Kaplan has provided scholarships to help students have to opportunity to attend college.

Mr. Kaplan frequently donates his time and resources in his tireless pursuit to better our community. His philanthropic contributions to his neighbors in the Hudson Valley have led to the betterment of our education system, local infrastructure, and community programs.

Throughout the years, Mr. Kaplan has been recognized for these accomplishments among many others. This week, he is recognized by the Orange County Human Rights Commission as a Human Rights award recipient.

Mr. Speaker, I am honored to pay tribute to Mr. Kaplan and his continued commitment and service to our Hudson Valley community and I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing this remarkable individual.

RECOGNIZING THE ACHIEVEMENTS OF MELANIE DRESSEL

HON. ADAM SMITH

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 12, 2013

Mr. SMITH of Washington. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor Melanie Dressel of Tacoma for receiving the 2013 Executive Excellence Award for CEO of the Year from Seattle Business Magazine. Dressel is the President and CEO of Columbia Bank and Columbia Banking System, Inc.

The Executive Excellence Award honors leaders in Washington State who demonstrate exceptional leadership and communication skills in the workplace, inspiring their employees to apply themselves and do their best.

Dressel began her career at Columbia Bank nearly 18 years ago. She, along with the Columbia Bank team, created a unique banking system. The new local bank offered programs that big banks provided, such as private banking and cash management, while adopting small-town values and quality customer service. These services enhanced the perception of banking, making Columbia Bank one of the most popular and successful banks in the Northwest.

Under Dressel, Columbia Bank not only expanded, but also endured the financial crisis with ease. Dressel said that by making smart

investment decisions and remaining loyal to their business model, they were able to advance their institution. Dressel and her team did not rely heavily on real estate loans and only raised capital when the market improved.

Mr. Speaker, it is with great honor that I recognize Melanie Dressel and her admirable leadership as President and CEO of Columbia Bank and Columbia Banking System, Inc. She is a prime example of sound banking company management.

COMMEMORATING VICTOR M.
FORTUNO'S DISTINGUISHED CA-
REER

HON. JOSÉ E. SERRANO

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 12, 2013

Mr. SERRANO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate Victor M. Fortuno's distinguished career in public interest law and his thirty years of exceptional service to the Legal Services Corporation (LSC).

Vic Fortuno is a true American success story. Like me, Vic is a proud "nuyorican," that is, someone of Puerto Rican heritage hailing from New York City. He was born and raised in Hell's Kitchen in Manhattan, where he lived with his brother and grandparents in a small shotgun-style apartment. Vic thrived both in and out of school and was offered a full scholarship to Columbia University. He earned both his Bachelor of Arts and Juris Doctorate degrees from Columbia, and spent his first year after law school providing legal services to the poor as a staff attorney with Community Legal Services in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Vic subsequently served for five years as an Assistant District Attorney for the City and County of Philadelphia. His work under then-District Attorney Ed Rendell included assignments to the Trial and Appellate Divisions, as well as the Organized Crime Unit.

Vic came to LSC in 1983 as an attorney in the Office of Compliance and Review. Subsequently, he served as Acting Director of Compliance and Review, Assistant General Counsel, Senior Litigation Counsel, and Deputy General Counsel before being appointed General Counsel of the Corporation in 1991. He has served honorably in that capacity for twenty-two years. Vic also holds the offices of Corporate Secretary and Vice President for Legal Affairs. As a key member of the management team, Vic has provided exceptional legal advice and counsel to eight LSC presidents and four boards of directors. He brought the highest levels of professionalism, ethics, and leadership to LSC's legal department. He achieved a record of success while providing sound advice, compassionate mentoring, and unwavering friendship to countless individuals during his tenure at LSC. Vic served as a stabilizing force in times of crisis, as the keeper of institutional knowledge in times of transition, and as a trusted and knowledgeable advisor throughout.

Vic also served as LSC's first Latino president from 2010–2011. Always prepared and unflappable, with a ready smile, a hearty laugh, and a great sense of humor, Vic brought a wealth of experience and confidence to the Corporation's highest office. His patient, thoughtful, and collaborative leader-

ship style empowered staff and enhanced LSC's commitment to providing access to justice for low-income Americans. I met Vic during this time period, and he struck me as just the type of person we should have in public service—caring, committed, and devoted to helping others.

Throughout his career at LSC, Vic has selflessly dedicated himself to promoting the public interest and making the dream of "equal justice for all" a reality for all Americans. He is a model public servant, and I commend him for his life-long commitment to providing high-quality civil legal services to the nation's poor.

I ask that my colleagues join me in congratulating and thanking Victor M. Fortuno for his truly remarkable service to the Legal Services Corporation and his immeasurable contributions to both the legal aid community and our nation. I wish Victor all the best as he enters this new phase in his life.

RECOGNIZING THE LIFE OF MARY
E. WALTON

HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 12, 2013

Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the life of Ms. Mary E. Walton, a World War II veteran and the first African American nurse from Dallas to enlist in the U.S. Army. Ms. Walton lived to be 93, and left behind a legacy working as a nurse for more than 70 years.

Ms. Walton had a long and rich history living in Dallas, and remained in Dallas for most of her life. Ms. Walton left Dallas to pursue her degree in nursing at the Brewster Methodist Hospital School of Nursing in Florida—one of the few schools available for black nurses at the time—and later enlisted in the Army in 1944.

Ms. Walton believed that being a nurse was her purpose in life. She recalled that working to serve others was the driving force behind her dedication as a nurse, and her chief motivation was to pursue a career serving others, even in the face of overwhelming adversity and discrimination.

After serving in World War II, Ms. Walton returned to Dallas to become a public health nurse at Parkland Hospital, only the second African American nurse to be hired there. Ms. Walton would later come to work at the Dallas VA Medical Center in the service of other veterans—but not until after first being turned away during the late 1950s, when African Americans were not hired.

Mr. Speaker, as the first nurse to be elected to the U.S. Congress, I am honored to recognize such an influential and historic figure from Dallas. Ms. Walton was a selfless caregiver whose faith helped her to overcome the challenges of discrimination. We are grateful for Ms. Walton's service to our country and courage in the face of adversity, and our thoughts are with the friends and family she left behind.

IN RECOGNITION OF NEW JERSEY
MANUFACTURERS INSURANCE
COMPANY'S 100TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. FRANK PALLONE, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 12, 2013

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate New Jersey Manufacturers Insurance Company (NJM) of West Trenton, New Jersey on its 100th Anniversary. Since its founding, NJM has provided quality, affordable insurance to its customers. Its commitment to the service and benefit of its policyholders is truly deserving of this body's recognition.

Incorporated on June 7, 1913, New Jersey Manufacturers Casualty Insurance Company (currently NJM) was founded as a workman's compensation insurance agency to serve the well-being of the many workers employed in the manufacturing industry throughout New Jersey. It has expanded over the years to now also include personal and commercial automobile, homeowners, flood and umbrella insurance. In its 100-year history, NJM has insured over one million New Jersey households and businesses. Additionally, it has provided nearly \$5 billion in dividends to its policyholders since instituting them in 1918. NJM's expansions have had a positive impact on the economic growth of New Jersey and have provided for thousands of employment opportunities to New Jersey residents.

NJM has received various recognitions and accolades over the years. In 2006 and 2010 the carrier had zero valid complaints and was ranked as the #1 automobile insurance company for overall customer satisfaction in the U.S. by Consumer Reports. It has also been recognized as a J.D. Power Customer Service Champion, a Mercer Regional Chamber of Commerce Distinguished Corporation of the Year and a Ewing Township Economic Development Advisory Commission Large Business of the Year. NJM also continues to maintain its ranking as one of the best carriers by the New Jersey Department of Banking and Insurance.

Mr. Speaker, once again, please join me in celebrating the 100th Anniversary of New Jersey Manufacturers Insurance Company. The company continues to provide outstanding service to its customers.

HONORING THE GARDEN CLUB OF
MORRISTOWN

HON. RODNEY P. FRELINGHUYSEN

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 12, 2013

Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Garden Club of Morristown, located in Morristown, New Jersey, which is celebrating its Centennial Anniversary.

In 1913, Mrs. Gustav Kissel, granddaughter of the Commodore Cornelius Vanderbilt, gathered together a few women and established the Garden Club of Morristown. This club reflected a new type of organization where women "sowed their own seeds" not only for providing floral beauty, but also for civic action. They composed a constitution stating that the club's purpose was to "promote garden

culture by the exchange of ideas on all matters pertaining to the garden." In these early years, the meetings were mainly social gatherings accompanied by a lecture and an elaborate tea. By 1917, the club became a chapter of the Garden Club of America, and its focus shifted from teas to civic projects, conservation, preservation of wild flowers, and bird life.

Throughout its history, the Garden Club of Morristown has been politically active, working with Washington and Trenton to advocate various causes. They aided the needy through the Great Depression, as well as planted Victory Gardens and provided acreage for planting during the World Wars. During World War II, the club sent small decorations to local veterans hospitals, which began an annual wreath-making tradition. The Garden Club of Morristown also strongly advocated against the placement of billboards on New Jersey highways that were built with federal funds and supported the efforts to begin the Great Swamp National Wildlife Refuge in 1964.

The Garden Club of Morristown has also worked on several local projects throughout town, such as the beautification of Washington's Headquarters with plantings in 1926. They worked on the Neighborhood House in 1934, as well as Macculloch Hall's historic gardens in 1959, among many others. Within the club itself, overseen by the Horticulture Committee, members had two main projects; attending flower arrangement courses, and working at least three days in a greenhouse for practical lessons. This program saw members win awards for their irises and chrysanthemums, and by 1949, the club had grown to an impressive 77 members.

The achievements of the Garden Club of Morristown continued, and in 1985, by the leadership of Isabel Bartenstein, the club became a Founders Fund finalist for its work on the restoration of the Gardens at Morven in Princeton. In partnership with the Frelinghuysen Arboretum and Morris County Park System, the Garden Club of Morristown established "Branching Out," an award-winning children's garden. Throughout the 1990's, the club held several fundraising events, including a Christmas house tour. From 1997–1999, the Garden Club of Morristown's own Chris Wilmsen served as President of the Garden Club of America. They also hosted dinner parties and garden tours for the Garden Club of America's annual meeting in 1999, and held the Zone IV meeting.

In 2007, Congressman and honorary member Rodney Frelinghuysen was awarded the Garden Club of America's Frances K. Hutchison Medal for conservation, and since 2000, the Garden Club of Morristown has received the award for the most horticultural, flower show, and photography points at the Zone IV meeting five of seven times. The Garden Club of Morristown's annual plant sale continues to be their largest fundraiser, and they remain active in local projects and fundraising events today. The club is as vibrant and vigorous today as it was at its founding one hundred years ago.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you and my colleagues to join me in congratulating the Garden Club of Morristown, Morris County as they celebrate their 100th Anniversary.

RECOGNIZING THE BULLITT CENTER, THE GREENEST COMMERCIAL BUILDING IN THE WORLD

HON. ADAM SMITH

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 12, 2013

Mr. SMITH of Washington. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the Bullitt Center, which will be the greenest commercial building in the world. The Bullitt Center is complete, and is planning its grand opening on Earth Day, Monday, April 22.

This six-story, 50,000-square-foot building is located near downtown Seattle. The Bullitt Center will achieve the goals of the Living Building Challenge (version 2.0), as described by the International Living Building Institute.

To be certified as a Living Building, a structure is required to be self-sufficient for energy and water for at least 12 continuous months and must meet rigorous standards for green materials and the quality of its indoor environment.

The Bullitt Center features include: a solar array which will generate as much electricity as the building uses; rainwater collection for storage and use throughout the building; and ample natural lighting with opening windows. Also, Bullitt Center has been constructed without "red list" hazardous materials, which include PVC, cadmium, lead, mercury, and hormone-mimicking substances, which are sometimes found in building components.

Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I celebrate the opening of the Bullitt Center. It is a beautiful, self-sufficient building that exemplify technological leadership and innovation in the Puget Sound region. I am proud that the greenest commercial building demonstrating self-sufficiency for energy and water will soon open in Seattle.

PORT SECURITY GRANT ACT OF 2013

HON. JANICE HAHN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 12, 2013

Ms. HAHN. Mr. Speaker, each day, U.S. ports move both imports and exports totaling some \$3.8 billion worth of goods through all 50 States. Additionally, ports move 99.4 percent of overseas cargo volume by weight and generate \$3.95 trillion in international trade. Given the importance of ports to our national economy, they must remain competitive and secure.

Thus, we must remain vigilant and make sure we are giving States the resources necessary, so they can address the constant security threats that continue to loom at our Nation's ports. Whether its scanning foreign cargo for nuclear material or patrolling essential waterways, port security has become increasingly important as we expand into a 21st century global economy. However, funding for these efforts continue to be a challenge as maritime security continue to expand and broaden with ever-evolving threats. Additionally, the economic downturn has forced cash-strapped States to cut funding for these vital security initiatives.

That is why I am reintroducing the Port Security Grant Act, which will extend the Port Security Grant Program through 2017. The Port Security Grant Act addresses these problems by allowing States to receive the Federal funding they need in order to secure their vital ports of entry. The program authorizes up to \$400 million for States to train personnel, expand port recovery and resiliency capabilities, and increase their capacity to detect, respond to, and recover from attacks involving explosive devices.

However, Congress has failed to extend this vital program beyond 2015. By not extending this program, we endanger the critical progress that has been made in port security and increase the overall risk to our national and economic security.

By passing this bill, we will ensure that States continue to receive the funding they need in order to protect our Nation's gateways to the rest of the world.

HONORING DR. ROBERT WITT, CHANCELLOR OF THE UNIVERSITY OF ALABAMA SYSTEM

HON. JO BONNER

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 12, 2013

Mr. BONNER. Mr. Speaker, a decade ago this spring, Dr. Robert Witt became the 26th president of The University of Alabama.

Last March, after nine highly successful years as UA president, Bob was unanimously elected Chancellor of the University of Alabama System. In his new post, he is continuing to transform the UA System, which is comprised of the flagship campus in Tuscaloosa, as well as The University of Alabama at Birmingham and The University of Alabama in Huntsville, into one of America's fastest growing public university systems.

Together, the UA system budget exceeds \$4.6 billion with student enrollment at the three campuses exceeding 57,000 and more than 26,000 employees.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today to salute Bob Witt for over a decade of dedication, service and leadership to The University as well as to the State of Alabama.

When Dr. Witt was selected UA president in 2003, he brought to the campus an ambitious "Plan for Growth" to boost student enrollment and school prestige. During a period of austerity in state funding and with challenges in the UA's storied football program, Dr. Witt laid out a strategy of increasing enrollment by forty percent, raising faculty and staff salaries, boosting financial aid to students, and upgrading and expanding university facilities.

His record of growth in Tuscaloosa was truly unprecedented.

During his tenure as president, The University of Alabama established the tremendously successful University Honors College and hired head football coach Nick Saban.

And under Dr. Witt's leadership, total enrollment at the Tuscaloosa campus increased from fewer than 20,000 students to more than 31,000 students. Today, total enrollment at the Tuscaloosa campus exceeds 33,000 students and The University of Alabama is ranked first in the nation among public, flagship universities in the enrollment of National Merit Scholars.

Along with the student population, Bryant-Denny Stadium was expanded during Dr. Witt's presidency, from 84,000 to 101,821 seats, and now sports three more national championship title flags.

Under his guidance, The University of Alabama campus has also seen \$1.5 billion in new construction and has expanded by 168 acres with the purchase of the historic Bryce Hospital property.

Dr. Witt began his distinguished 36-year higher education career in the state of Texas in 1968, joining the business school faculty at University of Texas at Austin. He was named the Zale Corporation Centennial Professor in Business in 1983 and bestowed the Mortimer Centennial Professorship in Business two years later. After rising through the ranks as chair and associate dean, Dr. Witt was named dean of the business school in 1985. He was elected president of University of Texas at Arlington in 1995 and served until 2003.

Dr. Robert Witt received his B.A. in economics from Bates College, his M.B.A. from Tuck School at Dartmouth College, and a Ph.D. from Pennsylvania State University. In 2011, he was inducted into the Alabama Academy of Honor.

As the Chancellor of the University of Alabama School System, Dr. Witt works closely with UA President Judith L. Bonner, UAB President Ray L. Watts and UAH President Ralph A. Altenkirch to constantly raise the bar of expectations by providing the taxpayers of Alabama with a first-class educational experience.

On behalf of the people of Alabama, I would like to extend my personal congratulations to Dr. Witt as he marks his decade of service at The University of Alabama system, and wish him, and his lovely wife, Sandee, all the best.

HONORING THE 2013 CONGRESSIONAL ART CONTESTANTS

HON. RODNEY P. FRELINGHUYSEN

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 12, 2013

Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN. Mr. Speaker, once again, I come to the floor to recognize the great success of strong local schools working with dedicated parents and teachers. I rise today to congratulate and honor a number of outstanding high school artists from the 11th Congressional District of New Jersey. Each of these talented students participated in the 2013 Congressional Arts Competition, "An Artistic Discovery." Their works of art are exceptional.

Forty-nine young men and women participated. That is a wonderful response, and I would very much like to build on that participation for future competitions.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to congratulate the three winners of our art competition. First place was awarded to Samantha Kutnik from Boonton High School for her pen, ink, and colored pencil entitled, "Breathe." Second place was awarded to Antonia Chan from Chatham High School for her acrylic entitled, "The Companion." Third place was awarded to James Quinn from Pequannock Township High School for his markers entitled, "The Whale."

Honorable Mentions were awarded to: Kayla Stammer from Boonton High School for her

copper and mixed media entitled, "Poseidon's Menagerie," John Lu from Hanover Park High School for his acrylic entitled, "Power to the People," Austin Dimare from Morris Catholic High School for his charcoal entitled, "The Coming Home" and Amanda Green from Pequannock Township High School for her oil pastel entitled, "Into the Woods."

Mr. Speaker, I would like to recognize each artist for their participation by indicating their high school, their name and the title of their contest entries for the official record.

Boonton High School: Samantha Kutnik "Breathe;" Franchesca Lebrun "Freedom;" Diana Lin "Humble Life;" Kayla Stammer "Poseidon's Menagerie."

Chatham High School: Olivia Quinn Antao "Hip;" Antonia Chan "The Companion;" Megan Gesell "Crochet Blankets;" Nina Krill "Reflection."

Delbarton School: Austin Crann "Rockefeller Plaza;" Nicole Okomuro "The Panda Family;"

Hanover Park High School: John Lu "Power to the People;" Abby Prokop "Grandpa, My American Hero."

James Caldwell High School: Tina Janulis "Manhattan Moment."

Livingston High School: Michelle Bao "Forever Unchanged;" Rebecca Popper "A Diamond in a Rhinestone World;" Emma Siegel "Prague Guard Illusion;" Christina Torrens "Enigma."

Madison High School: Teri Minogue "What is Family?"

Montville High School: Caitlyn Corradino "Alex;" Halli Goldsmith "Boonton Railroad;" Danielle Margiotta "Promiscuous;" Kyuri Park "Reflection."

Morris Catholic High School: Kristen Cregg "Papa's Flag;" Austin Dimare "The Coming Home;" Michael Giostra "M&M Restoration."

Morris Knolls High School: Victoria Chebisev "Searching for Alaska;" Camille Chow "Collarbones;" Lianna Rubinaccio "Chained."

Morristown High School: Marissa Miyashiro "Secrets;" Laura Wills "Rumors."

Nutley High School: Alexandre Beaufort "Journey through the Mind;" Yuko Okabe "Violinist;" Olivia Russell "Grunge Self Portrait;" Tyler Schoeber "Robinson."

Parsippany Christian School: Jessica Carducci "Scarlet Fever;" Nicholas McMillen "Playtime;" Theodore Stiles "Table Set."

Parsippany Hills High School: Yuchien "Bettina" Chou "Light Market."

Passaic Valley High School: Michele Lameiras "Imagination Takes Flight;" Taylor Panas "Eye Can See It, Can You?;" Challice Zaleski "Confusions and Questions of a Teenage Girl."

Pequannock High School: Amanda Green "Into the Woods;" Meghan Hallisey "Soaring Bones;" James Quinn "The Whale;" Angelika Stefanides "Always and Forever."

Randolph High School: Kyna Horten "Reso;" Madeline Klingeman "Surrender Imagination;" Josh Lane "Urban Belief;" Kelly Mulligan "Conch."

Each year the winner of the competition has their art work displayed with other winners from across the country in a special corridor here at the U.S. Capitol. Thousands of our fellow Americans walk through the exhibition and are reminded of the vast talents of our young men and women. Indeed, all of these young artists are winners, and we should be proud of their achievements so early in life.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in congratulating these talented young people from New Jersey's 11th Congressional District.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. MIKE POMPEO

OF KANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 12, 2013

Mr. POMPEO. Mr. Speaker, on April 11, I missed rollcall votes numbered 97, 98, and 99 because I was at the White House on official business.

Rollcall No. 97 was a vote on Ordering the Previous Question for H. Res. 146, To Provide for Consideration of H.R. 1120, Preventing Greater Uncertainty in Labor-Management Relation. Had I been present I would have voted "yes."

Rollcall No. 98 was a vote on agreeing to H. Res. 146, To Provide for Consideration of H.R. 1120, Preventing Greater Uncertainty in Labor-Management Relation. Had I been present I would have voted "yes."

Rollcall No. 99 was a vote on Approving the Journal. Had I been present I would have voted "yes."

CONGRATULATING SECRETARY MARY SELECKY ON HER RETIREMENT

HON. ADAM SMITH

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 12, 2013

Mr. SMITH of Washington. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor and congratulate Mary Selecky, the Washington State Secretary of Health, on her retirement.

Secretary Selecky has served three governors since first being appointed Acting Secretary by Gov. Gary Locke in October 1998. Her nearly fifteen years as Washington's Secretary of Health make her one of the longest-serving state health leaders in the country.

Before being named Secretary, Selecky was the administrator for the Northeast Tri County Health District in Washington for nearly 20 years and 2013 marks her 38th year in public service.

During her time as Secretary, she has served the public through trying times, including the Nisqually earthquake, the days following 9/11, bioterrorism threats, and outbreaks of mad cow disease and whooping cough. With her staff, she has helped make the Puget Sound cleaner and shellfish safer. She has also worked to make the Washington State Department of Health a trusted, credible source of health information, and has helped to develop one of the strongest local-state public health relationships in the nation.

Secretary Selecky has made it her mission to implement a preventative health care program in our state that is effective and which can serve as a model for the nation. Under Selecky's leadership, Washington's adult smoking rate has dropped 30 percent and youth smoking rates are down by half. Childhood vaccination rates are also the highest in years. It is clear that Selecky's work will ripple

through the generations and we will be healthier for her efforts.

Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I recognize and congratulate Mary Selecky on her retirement and for her longtime service to Washington State.

**NATIONAL HIGH PERFORMANCE
PASSENGER RAIL TRANSPORTATION-ORIENTED
DEVELOPMENT ACT OF 2013**

HON. THOMAS E. PETRI

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 12, 2013

Mr. PETRI. Mr. Speaker, today, along with Representative LIPINSKI, I am introducing legislation to stimulate the financing of passenger rail development from revenues generated from transportation oriented development.

The National High Performance Passenger Rail Transportation Oriented Development Act aims to capture some of the increasing value of commercial development around station areas, which in turn would help finance rail corridor infrastructure and operational expenses. Besides providing a funding stream for intercity and passenger operations, the initiative places emphasis on intermodal connectors to create vibrant communities along the corridor. The legislation aims to begin a major public private partnership initiative that will revitalize America's rail infrastructure to create a true third passenger transportation option to highways and aviation while at the same time creating intermodal access for communities.

Under the proposal, the U.S. Department of Transportation will retain a Planning Developer who will establish guidelines for transportation oriented development programs, including special assessment districts or similar mechanisms to capture revenues from increasing commercial value. Rail corridor development funds will be established at the regional level to capture increasing real estate values. A stream of those revenues will be directed to support rail passenger operations.

The proposal permits qualified projects to apply for federal incentives to finance construction and produce jobs. These incentives will include direct access to existing Federal Railroad Administration and Federal Transit Administration programs. The initiative will be staffed by existing employees and remain revenue neutral in that all program activities, including the work of the Planning Developer, will be repaid once the high performance rail service and commercial development is implemented and generating revenues.

I hope that this bill will open a discussion on the possibilities and potential promise of passenger rail development in the U.S.

HONORING THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF SAINT THOMAS MORE PARISH

HON. RODNEY P. FRELINGHUYSEN

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 12, 2013

Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Saint Thomas More Parish

in Fairfield, Essex County, New Jersey, which is celebrating its 50th anniversary in 2013.

The St. Thomas More Parish has been a staple of religious excellence in the Township of Fairfield over the past half a century. Founded in 1962, the parish has grown steadily, and today is made up of different groups of people within its organization to assist its parishioners. This includes the Pastoral Council that was put in place to assess the needs of the church and decide its future paths. The council is made up of members of the community in addition to the pastor and two other members of the parish's staff. They pride themselves on always being available to hear concerns, ideas, and opinions of the parish members.

Furthermore, St. Thomas More provides consistent adult education to those looking to learn more about their religion. Often times, these educators are taken directly from the community or surrounding parishes. The adult program is coupled with the Baptismal Team which provides new, young parents with education on how to properly prepare one another for their children to be baptized and how to cope with bringing an infant into their lives. The team not only helps guide them, but participates in the baptism and follows up with the family in the forthcoming months in order to maintain a continued relationship.

St. Thomas More takes great responsibility in ensuring the proper religious education for children who partake in the CCD program. Available from the ages of kindergarten to ninth grade, there are individuals trained to demonstrate and teach the concepts of Catholicism to the children. The Parish has said that, "The goal is to have the children realize that being a Catholic Christian is a way of life. It is a spiritual journey that one walks to grow in faith, to make a Christian difference in the world." These instructors work together to guarantee they are on the same page at all times.

The Parish also offers intense spiritual programs, such as Cornerstone, that enable men and women to take part in a 26 hour retreat, intended to bring to light a buried sense of faith and show these adults that they are not alone in their struggles. Sponsored by the lead Pastor, the church offers many social groups such as Bible study, prayer groups, adult, children, and bell choirs, high school music ensembles, senior clubs, and various committees. Specifically these committees include an Evangelization committee, a Stewardship committee, a Eucharist committee, and a music committee that oversees all music in the Church.

Lastly, St. Thomas More continually strives to give back to those who need assistance in the community. They do this through programs such as the Giving Tree during Christmas, a food pantry year round, soup kitchens, and a Homebound Ministry that provides elderly members of the community with volunteers to assist with their needs. Moreover, their Annual Carnival has become an important part of the season, allowing community members to celebrate the word of God with fellow parishioners.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you and my colleagues to join me in congratulating the St. Thomas More Parish as it celebrates its 50th anniversary.

**RECOGNIZING THE ARIZONA
STATE MUSEUM ON THE 120TH
ANNIVERSARY OF ITS FOUNDING**

HON. RAÚL M. GRIJALVA

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 12, 2013

Mr. GRIJALVA. Mr. Speaker, it is my pleasure to recognize the Arizona State Museum on the 120th anniversary of its founding.

Established by the territorial legislature in 1893, Arizona State Museum is the oldest and largest anthropology museum in the region, focusing on the indigenous cultures of Arizona, the American Southwest, and northern Mexico.

The museum's seminal field research in the early 20th century is the foundation on which the very discipline of Southwest anthropology sits.

The museum's laboratory research sets worldwide standards in object preservation.

The museum's collections research continues to inform the world about the ancient, historic, and present-day southwestern cultures of this great nation.

The museum's award-winning and nationally recognized exhibits and public programs celebrate the vibrant and enduring cultures of the region with international audiences.

The museum's archaeological repository is the largest and busiest state-run facility in the country.

The museum is a national model in working with Arizona's tribal leadership under NAGPRA, to repatriate items of cultural heritage, having respectfully returned or reinterred thousands of sets of human remains and funerary objects. The museum began this important work years before NAGPRA became law and continues to be a leader in this effort. Last year, an Arizona State Museum/Bureau of Indian Affairs joint project transferred 1,148 sets of human remains and 2,827 funerary objects to the Hopi, Zuni, and White Mountain Apache tribes.

As it cares for millions of artifacts in perpetuity, the museum is home to the world's largest collections of Southwest Indian pottery and American Indian basketry—both collections having been designated American Treasures.

Best wishes to Arizona State Museum, itself a National Treasure, after a century and a score of national leadership in research, preservation, collections care, and public outreach.

**NATIONAL RETIREMENT
PLANNING WEEK**

HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 12, 2013

Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of National Retirement Planning Week. National Retirement Planning Week is an important effort to get more Americans thinking about their long-term financial goals, and building toward a strong foundation for a financially secure future.

The recent economic downturn illustrated how retirement planning for many in America

is inadequate. Today, more than 70 million American workers do not have access or do not participate in any employer-based retirement benefits. Approximately 57 percent of American workers have less than \$25,000 saved for retirement, a figure that has increased from 49 percent since 2008. As wages fail to keep up with inflation, millions of Americans are finding it increasingly difficult to put away toward their retirement—especially when it impacts their ability to meet the challenges of everyday living expenses.

As we celebrate Financial Literacy Month this April, retirement planning and financial literacy have never been more relevant. That is why today I am introducing the National Financial Literacy Act of 2013, a bill that looks to promote increased understanding and awareness of the consequences of financial decisionmaking. Retirement planning is a chief component of our financial decisionmaking, and is critical to sustaining and growing the middle class.

Mr. Speaker, as Members of Congress, we must continue to promote policies that will help educate future generations on the importance of retirement planning, while supporting critical federal programs such as Social Security. We must support American workers and educate individuals on the importance of working toward a stable and secure financial future.

HONORING THE LIFE OF TRISTAN WADE

HON. ANDRÉ CARSON

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 12, 2013

Mr. CARSON of Indiana. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a hero laid to rest in my district this weekend.

Sergeant Tristan Wade joined the Army while still attending Southport High School and served bravely as a combat engineer in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Without question, his work saved lives.

Tragically, he lost his own on March 22 in Afghanistan at the hands of an improvised explosive device.

His commanding officer paid him the ultimate soldier's tribute, saying "he gave his life to free the oppressed."

A highly decorated non-commissioned officer, Tristan was known to friends and family for his putting the well-being of others over his own.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Sergeant Tristan Wade—a proud American, a Hoosier, and soldier—and letting his wife, children, parents, family, and friends know that while he will be missed, his sacrifice will never be forgotten.

HONORING THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE CHILDREN'S INSTITUTE (TCI)

HON. RODNEY P. FRELINGHUYSEN

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 12, 2013

Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor The Children's Institute, located

in Verona, Essex County, New Jersey, which is celebrating its 50th anniversary.

The Children's Institute began as an orphanage in Newark, New Jersey in 1883. Eventually in the 1960s, after recognizing that there were other needs in the community, the board decided to convert the orphanage into a school for children with emotional and behavioral disabilities that were not currently being cared for by local schools. In 1963, The Children's Institute, located in Livingston, New Jersey, was formed as one of the first statewide, non-profit special education facilities. For the next forty-six years, TCI continued to help children until expansion was needed as a result of the growing needs of the community. In 1999, the Children's institute was able to move into a much larger, 47,000 square ft. facility, in Verona, New Jersey, donated by the Swiss global health-care pharmaceutical company, Hoffmann-LaRoche.

In late October of 2012, TCI opened up a brand new 42,000 sq foot second facility in Livingston. This facility will focus on autism in adolescents, aged 14 to 18, and a program for young adults, 21 and over, focusing on independence.

For nearly half a century, The Children's Institute has been helping young adults and adolescents battling autism and related diseases overcome these obstacles to achieve success. Specifically, TCI has been helping children with their development of communication, social, behavioral, life, academic, and career skills. The Institute has done extensive research and gathered evidence to determine which strategies work best in helping their children. These strategies include Applied Behavioral Analysis, Differentiated Instruction, and Universal Design. With the high rate of autism in New Jersey, The Children's Institute hopes that, through these strategies, they can have a major impact on the children's lives and provide them with the same life opportunities they would have if they were not afflicted with an unfortunate disability.

The Institute takes pride in the fact that their children have the same learning experiences and activities that are given to students at local schools, emphasizing the installation of 21st century technology and accommodations needed to succeed. TCI's curriculum is designed to teach so that the student can find and enhance their own, individual talents and capabilities. Moreover, TCI gives its students the chance for integration into community activities with a focus on interaction with non-disabled children so as to eliminate barriers obstructing social growth. Will tuition being paid by local school districts, this comprehensive education is provided at no cost to the families. This generosity is essential to help these children with their struggles. Promoting determination in every student to instill independence and productivity has been the main goal of The Children's Institute since its inception in 1963.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you and my colleagues to join me in congratulating The Children's Institute, its trustees and wonderful, professional staff, as they celebrates their 50th anniversary.

CONGRATULATING THE MERSHON CHAPTER OF TROUT UNLIMITED ON THEIR 50TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. DANIEL T. KILDEE

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 12, 2013

Mr. KILDEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Mershon Chapter of Trout Unlimited on the 50th anniversary of their founding. The chapter, located in my district in Saginaw, has played a key role in the birth and growth of Trout Unlimited nationally. This great achievement is a testament to their dedication and passion to fight for clean water, healthy trout and the continued enjoyment of trout fishing. Their contributions to our community and the Great Lakes region over the past 50 years are achievements to be celebrated and commended.

The chapter has worked hard over the years to improve trout habitat and maintain Michigan's waterways, and I thank them for their efforts in community education and stream restoration projects. As a leader in environmental conservation, the Mershon Chapter has made great advancements in the scientific understanding and responsible treatment of trout. I commend the chapter's tireless work to restore the Au Sable River and Rifle River banks by dredging loose sediment, planting cedar trees, and moving rocks to combat runoff. Their work shoring riverbanks, by cabling structures that support the banks, has ensured that the rivers can continue to be used each spring for the transportation of timber to ports and mills. This work significantly benefits our economy, our environment and our community.

Along with the entire Trout Unlimited organization, the chapter has dedicated thousands of hours to provide happiness and to improve the well-being of the people of Michigan, and the contributions the chapter has kindly donated to environmental restoration efforts has helped to ensure that future generations will continue to enjoy and benefit from Michigan's freshwater ecosystems. Furthermore, the waterways that they help protect assist in the state's commerce and provide fresh drinking water to millions of people who live in the Great Lakes area, which is essential to all residents in our state.

Their leadership and influence will serve as an example to others in our area and has earned them the highest respect and honor. I want to thank the Mershon Chapter of Trout Unlimited, and congratulate them on their 50 years of service. I wish them another 50 years of success in the future.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE BICENTENNIAL OF ORWIGSBURG, PENNSYLVANIA

HON. MATT CARTWRIGHT

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 12, 2013

Mr. CARTWRIGHT. Mr. Speaker, tomorrow the community of Orwigsburg, located in Schuylkill County, Pennsylvania, within my district, will celebrate its bicentennial year of existence, and I rise to honor and congratulate

the modern Borough of Orwigsburg and its citizens on this momentous occasion.

The motto of Orwigsburg is "From where it all began is happening again," and it all began for what became Orwigsburg with the original designation of Philadelphia County, the later formation of Berks County, the eventual formation of Schuylkill County and, most importantly, the Orwig family, including Gottfried Orwig and his son, Peter, credited as founder and the namesake of this beautiful small town, rich in history and tradition.

The site of a number of 18th century Indian-settler skirmishes, Orwigsburg, as the settlement became known, was the county seat until Pottsville was so designated in the mid-19th century. Before Pottsville's ascension as the seat, Orwigsburg was the site of the first county courthouse, which stood at the corner of Warren and Market Streets from 1815 to 1941. The cupola from the original courthouse was recently salvaged for re-use in the Community Memorial Hall, creating a link between old and new.

And there is a lot of "old" to be proud of in Orwigsburg. From the building of the first boat for the Schuylkill canal to the first county fair to early shoe manufacturers to 20th century knitting mills, Orwigsburg has been a locus of important events throughout its two hundred years. The Orwigsburg Historical Society keeps a number of artifacts from the community's colorful past and, along with the Borough Council, has done its best to reconnect current residents to the past during the bicentennial lead-up year.

As Orwigsburg looks to the future, it aims to maintain its friendly atmosphere and the quality of life that is unique to a small town in a scenic county. Economic development is also always on the agenda, and, with two centuries of change already under its belt, I believe that the future is unlimited. I'm proud to represent Orwigsburg, and I wish everyone in the Borough the best for the community's bicentennial celebration.

TRIBUTE TO THE AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF IMMUNOLOGISTS, INC. ON ITS 100TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. CHRIS VAN HOLLEN

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 12, 2013

Mr. VAN HOLLEN. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to congratulate the members and staff of the American Association of Immunologists, AAI, on the occasion of the organization's 100th anniversary.

Located in Bethesda, Maryland, AAI has contributed to the health of all Americans by working to advance the field of immunology and by seeking better ways to prevent, treat and cure disease. With more than 7,600 members in 65 countries, AAI fosters the exchange of scientific ideas and information by organizing scientific meetings and courses, publishing a highly-respected scholarly journal, and promoting a better understanding of immunology and the work of research scientists.

Primarily through funding from the National Institutes of Health, AAI members are working on some of the most critically important and promising areas of basic and clinical research with profound implications for a wide range of

diseases and conditions, including: developing effective vaccines for influenza, HIV/AIDS, and agents of bioterrorism; discovering new defenses against re-emerging tuberculosis and drug-resistant bacterial infections; regulating debilitating autoimmune diseases such as diabetes and rheumatoid arthritis; developing treatments to prevent the rejection of transplanted organs and bone marrow; and understanding the immunological basis of cancer and developing immune-based therapies.

AAI is the largest, most prestigious professional association for immunologists in the world. I am proud that it is located in Maryland's Eighth Congressional District, which I am privileged to represent.

I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating AAI on this historic centennial occasion and extend to it all good wishes for continued success in its important work.

HONORING THE CENTENNIAL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF DENVILLE

HON. RODNEY P. FRELINGHUYSEN

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 12, 2013

Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Township of Denville in Morris County, New Jersey, which is celebrating its Centennial on April 14, 2013.

The area that has come to be known as Denville originated as travelling route and camping grounds for local Lenape Native Americans. As early as 1664, however, Dutch and English settlers began arriving on the shores of the Eastern Coast of the United States. Daniel Denton, a wealthy landowner, is believed to have led an expedition into the interior of Northern New Jersey, specifically the region of Morris County. His discoveries and descriptions of the area, along with its bountiful land and resources led people to populate the area as early as 1690. It is believed that The Great Daniel Denton's influence on the area gave Denville its name.

Denville's earliest settlers contained a diverse group of individuals stemming from many different surrounding areas and cultures. These groups of people included the original Dutch and English settlers from Long Island, and Quakers from Philadelphia, and Germans who had recently arrived from Europe. Many businesses began to emerge over the next half a century as the population of the area began to grow. Between 1730 and 1760, many forges, mills, and ice-harvesting businesses had formed along the Rockaway River, making the town an economic focal point. Soon, neighboring communities such as Ninkey and Franklin, which had already established schools and businesses, were incorporated into the growing settlement of Denville.

Through the establishment of the Morris Canal and the railroad systems in the 19th Century, Denville was able to create the well-known commercial core intersection of Main Street, Broadway, and Diamond Spring Road that has come to be the hub of the town. Yet, the area has not lost its historical charm through the years and continues to represent the vibrant history of Denville.

With its popularity through the centuries, Denville has attracted the presence of four

Presidents. This includes George Washington, Grover Cleveland, who stayed as a guest at the current Wayside Inn, Warren G. Harding, and George Bush Sr. in 1994, who visited St. Clare's Hospital.

Additionally, in the early 20th Century, Denville became a tourism destination for those looking to relax and unwind. Most tourists came to the extremely popular lakes such as Indian Lake, Lake Arrowhead, and Cedar Lake or places like the St. Francis Health Resort and the Diamond Spring Inn. Based on its ever-growing popularity, Denville was formed as an official township by an Act of the New Jersey Legislature on April 14, 1913.

Today, Denville boasts a population of over 16,500 people, a successful business district, and a top-tier school system producing over an 84 percent graduation rate. Moreover, the town is home to many attractions such as the Stickley Museum at Craftsman Farms, the Wick House Herb Garden and the Rockaway River Country Club. Denville has continued to embody excellence and admiration, from residents and visitors alike as it continues to grow each year.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you and your colleagues to join me in congratulating the Township of Denville as it celebrates its Centennial.

RECOGNIZING THE IMPORTANCE OF SEAPORTS TO THE ECONOMY AND NATIONAL SECURITY OF THE UNITED STATES

HON. JANICE HAHN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 12, 2013

Ms. HAHN. Mr. Speaker, even before coming to Congress, ports have been a top priority for me. I served on the Los Angeles city council for 10 years and represented the Port of Los Angeles—that, with the Port of Long Beach, are America's ports.

When I arrived in Congress, I wanted to raise awareness of ports and their impact on our Nation's economy. So, I, along with my Republican colleague Rep. TED POE, started the bi-partisan PORTS Caucus to educate our colleagues and include ports in our national dialogue. We took the next step in that mission by reintroducing a resolution honoring our ports.

The United States is served by more than 350 commercial sea and river ports that support 3,200 cargo and passenger handling facilities. Each day United States ports move both imports and exports totaling some \$3.8 billion worth of goods through all 50 States. Additionally, ports move 99.4 percent of overseas cargo volume by weight and generate \$3.95 trillion in international trade. These numbers speak for themselves: ports are a crucial component of our national economy, and they deserve Congress' attention.

This resolution honors both the tremendous contribution ports make to our national economy and the extraordinary service of Americans employed at our Nation's ports. I urge my colleagues to support this resolution in order to advance our national dialogue on ports.

IN RECOGNITION OF DANIEL J. NAVARRE'S EXCEPTIONAL CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE RESIDENTS OF WEST BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP, MICHIGAN

HON. GARY C. PETERS

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 12, 2013

Mr. PETERS of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize my friend, Daniel J. Navarre of West Bloomfield, Michigan, as he is honored by the West Bloomfield Optimist Club as its 2013 honoree. Each year, the West Bloomfield Optimist Club recognizes one of its members for their exceptional contributions to the community in fulfillment of the Optimist Creed.

The Optimist Creed states that one will think of only the best, work for only the best and expect only the best. Known as Dan to his friends, Daniel Navarre has made this creed a central tenet of his work, both in the West Bloomfield community and beyond. His commitment to giving the best of himself to his work is a principle that he executed every day in his twenty years of work at Wayne County Parks and Recreation.

After retiring from Wayne County as Deputy Director of Parks and Recreation in 1997, Dan brought the same level of passion and commitment to his friends and neighbors when he joined West Bloomfield Parks and Recreation in 1999. During his tenure, Dan has used his leadership position to advocate for and develop many projects that have improved the quality-of-life for Township residents. These projects include the development of Drake Sports Park, which has supported many local sports teams for youth and adults alike; and the redevelopment of Marshbank Park on Cass Lake, which has become a premier facility for the active lifestyle of Lakes Area residents. As part of his work on the Marshbank Park project, Dan was instrumental in acquiring the resources that allowed the Township to fully realize its vision of a space that could promote healthy living for local residents. These funds were also utilized by the Township to support the development of over six-and-a-half miles of multipurpose trails created from old rail lines.

In addition to his work for the people of West Bloomfield Township, Dan has been an active member of the West Bloomfield Optimist Club for many years and served as its President from 2005 to 2006. While serving as President, Dan worked with other Lakes Area residents to found the Lakes Area Optimist Club, which serves the youth and residents of several surrounding communities. Under his leadership and participation the Club has continued its robust support of local youth through its Youth Appreciation Breakfast, Essay Contest, Oratorical Contest, College Scholarship Program and many other programs it plans year-round.

Mr. Speaker, the strength and vibrancy of the communities we serve depend on the zeal and devotion of its residents to their friends, neighbors and our youth. Dan's service to the people of Southeast Michigan and his volunteer endeavors are a perfect example of this truth and it is fitting that he is being recognized by the West Bloomfield Optimist Club for his contributions that have encouraged the de-

velopment of our youth and made the West Bloomfield community a better place to live. I wish Dan and the West Bloomfield Optimists many years of future success and look forward to continuing to work together in pursuit of our common goal to build a vibrant community that fosters a successful future for our youth.

RECOGNIZING THE SERVICE OF AUGUST D. SINGLER, FORMER SHERIFF OF JACKSON COUNTY, OREGON

HON. GREG WALDEN

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 12, 2013

Mr. WALDEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise to express gratitude to August D. Singler, former Sheriff of Jackson County, Oregon. Sheriff August David Singler was killed in the line of duty on April 23, 1913, the first law enforcement officer and only Sheriff in Jackson County to die in this tragic way. He lived with his family in Jacksonville, Oregon, in the "Wilson House" located directly behind the old Jackson County Courthouse/Jail when Jacksonville was the county seat. He was a very special individual who during his short tenure in law enforcement gave his life in service for the citizens of Jackson County and the State of Oregon. His place in history is recognized because of his selfless service to his community and respect for the rule of law.

August was born on May 28, 1876, in Millersburg, Indiana, and was one of 13 children of John and Susan Singler. At a later date the Singler family moved to South Bend, Indiana, where August met his future wife Rose Probst. They eventually married November 15, 1898 and made their home in South Bend, Indiana, where their first child was born. August watched the midwife during the birth of their first child and delivered the remainder of his eight children by himself. As the family and quest to support them grew, August decided to head west. As the adventurous soul that he was, he hitchhiked to Southern Oregon twice before he wired for his wife and three children who then came to Oregon by train. Shortly after arriving, August and Rose's fourth child was born.

August performed various small jobs including selling Singer sewing machines and patented medicines for the "Electric Medical Company." August was considered a "jack-of-all-trades," who would go to great lengths to feed and clothe his family. In late 1906, August purchased a small piece of land in Medford on Lozier Lane. Although he knew very little about building houses, he proceeded to erect a two story home for his family.

August was involved in many civic organizations including the Moose Lodge, Redmens, Woodsman of the World, Knights of Columbus, and a charter member of the Elks Lodge. Because of his extensive involvement he was known as a spirited man who gave much of himself and his time to the community.

In 1909 August was appointed Constable of the Medford District and served four years in this position. Upon his appointment, Singler's reputation as keeper of the peace surfaced quickly. His exploits were known from Sacramento to Portland. Singler tracked criminals

by horseback, railroad handcar, car, and buckboard—always seeming to capture the offenders. He was called a "Super Sleuth," nervy, imaginative, tough and yet a gentle soul. The citizenry jokingly called him Sherlock Holmes.

Throughout the years, people have heard about Lawmen of the West, yet none surpassed Singler in courage, innovation, and determination. Ironically most of his achievements were accomplished during his tenure as Constable of the Medford District in Jackson County. August was responsible for introducing the art of fingerprinting to Jackson County and was the first lawman to use bloodhounds in this area.

In 1912, August Singler decided to run for Sheriff of Jackson County Oregon to support the needs of his growing family. His campaign slogan read "Party I am Working For" and featured August, his wife Rose, and their eight children. An interesting sideline to the campaign came when August's friends sent a campaign card east to former President Theodore Roosevelt.

According to the Medford Mail Tribune's January 15, 1912, edition, President Roosevelt acknowledged receipt of the card with best wishes for August's success. He was successful in the primary election against a tough opponent, Mr. Emmitt Beesen, a descendent of a local pioneer family. In the general election, August defeated popular incumbent Sheriff Wilber Jones. August's term as sheriff began in January 1913. His term was relatively routine until April 22, 1913, when he was advised of the return of a 19-year-old desperado Lester Jones. His promising career as Sheriff was cut short that day as the result of the shootout with the fugitive Jones while the Sheriff was attempting to serve him with an arrest warrant.

In a classic scene out of the old West, August walked slowly toward the two room cabin in the hills southeast of Jacksonville. The young desperado suddenly opened fire. One bullet ploughed through both of the Sheriffs lungs and another through his right hand. As August fell to the ground he opened fired, emptying his weapon. Each of the six bullets hit the fugitive, and he died instantly. Sheriff August Singler passed the next morning April 23, 1913, leaving behind his beloved wife Rose and their 8 children all under the age of 13 years old. He was the first law enforcement officer to die in the line of duty in Jackson County and the only elected Sheriff.

On April 25, 1913, with businesses in the City of Medford closed and flags lowered to half-mast, the last tribute was paid to Sheriff August Singler. The funeral procession was 12 blocks long and so great were the crowds at the church that only half could be seated with hundreds standing along the funeral procession route. It was said to be the largest outpouring of public grief in Jackson County history.

It should be recognized that Sheriff Singler deserves a place in history. His pride for his community, concern for his neighbors, and leadership are still reflected in those who understand what it takes to preserve the peace. He was said to be a gentleman in every way, and carried himself in a way that demanded respect. May his name not be forgotten, but let him be placed among other recognized lawmen of the past. April 23, 2013, represents 100 years since his tragic and untimely death.

HONORING THE NUTLEY VOLUNTEER EMERGENCY AND RESCUE SQUAD

HON. RODNEY P. FRELINGHUYSEN

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 12, 2013

Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Nutley Volunteer Emergency and Rescue Squad, located in the Township of Nutley, Essex County, New Jersey, which is celebrating its 60th anniversary.

The Nutley Volunteer Emergency and Rescue Squad has served the Township of Nutley since 1953, providing a high quality of emergency medical and rescue services. Before its inception, emergency care in Nutley was only available through the Police Department. It was in 1953 that Jess Booth, Wally Eckhardt, and Dave Marshall, all members of the Police Reserves, set out to form a First Aid Squad. After attending District meetings of the New Jersey State First Aid Council, plans for the potential Nutley squad were formulated and presented to Mayor Harry W. Chenoweth. The Mayor then took the idea before the Town Commission, where it won approval. On March 3, 1953, the Nutley First Aid and Rescue Squad was officially created to provide Nutley with immediate care by well-trained women and men in any emergency.

The Squad began with a 1947 Buick ambulance, which they refurbished and equipped for use. At its conception, the Nutley Volunteer Emergency and Rescue Squad only had eleven members, providing service from 6 p.m. to 6 a.m., and were supplemented by the Nutley Police Department. The courtroom above the Chestnut Street Fire House served as a meeting area for business and training, while the ambulance was parked at the Warren Street entrance of the Fire House. Duty crews stood by in the Police Headquarters, and the records were housed at the homes of the first officers.

Within the following two years, the Nutley Volunteer Emergency and Rescue Squad was permitted to utilize the Red Cross building for meetings and conducted their first fund drive with the help of the Ladies Auxiliary. The proceeds enabled the replacement of the old Buick with a new 1955 Meads-Miller Cadillac ambulance. The success of the drive prompted the formation of an Ambulance Association, and the fundraiser became an annual event. By 1958, the Nutley Volunteer Emergency and Rescue Squad had outgrown the spaces allotted to them, and refurbished the old town garage under Police Headquarters to suit their needs. This provided a bay for two rigs, meeting rooms, and an area for the crew to stand by. The following year, the Police ambulance was replaced with a new Eurika Cadillac ambulance. The ever-increasing amount of calls for aid led to the beginning of 24-hour coverage for the Township of Nutley in 1961.

Since 1973, the Squad has been a live-in Squad, with members required to remain at headquarters for the entire length of their shifts. That same year, bunkrooms were constructed to accommodate the late-night crews between calls. The dedicated members, having all qualified as New Jersey State Emergency Medical Technicians, changed the name from Nutley First Aid and Rescue Squad to the Nutley Volunteer Emergency and Rescue Squad, Inc. in 1976 to reflect their train-

ing, and the advanced care they provide. The equipment and volunteer members are kept current. The member training includes Standard and Advanced First Aid Courses, ambulance procedures, rig driving lessons, emergency childbirth, and cardio-pulmonary resuscitation training. More recently, the Squad also has a Scuba Team, Water Recovery and Rescue, and a Bike Team. A shortage in volunteers led to the hiring of two paid EMTs in 1988, and again in 1999. The Nutley Volunteer Emergency and Rescue Squad maintains these employees solely through fundraising and donations.

Though 60 years have passed, the Nutley Volunteer Emergency and Rescue Squad has maintained the two original goals: dedication of members to service to the Township of Nutley with the highest quality of care, and services rendered free of charge to those in need.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you and my colleagues to join me in congratulating the Nutley Volunteer Emergency and Rescue Squad as they celebrate their 60th anniversary.

HONORING DREW LINN

HON. ROBERT B. ADERHOLT

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 12, 2013

Mr. ADERHOLT. Mr. Speaker, it is my privilege to honor Mr. Drew Linn, President and owner of the Birmingham, Alabama, based Southland International Trucks for his selection as 2013 Truck Dealer of the Year. Mr. Linn was nominated by his peers and selected from a field of nominees by an independent panel of judges from Indiana University's Kelly School of Business. The national award, which is co-sponsored by the American Truck Dealers and Heavy Duty Trucking Magazine, focuses on excellence in dealership performance, as well as industry and community leadership.

Mr. Linn began his career with International Harvester, now known as Navistar, in 1965. Throughout his extensive career, he cites his success as due to his focus on providing excellent service to his customers. His dedication is evident from his successful business, Southland International Trucks, that operates six locations throughout Alabama.

Mr. Linn has had a distinguished career and has been recognized with more than a dozen corporate and industry awards, including the International Circle of Excellence, International Dealer of the Year (2008) and H. Chester Webb Distinguished Service Award (2009) from the Alabama Trucking Association.

I am thankful for Mr. Drew Linn and Americans like him that work to provide great products and service to consumers and support our nation's workforce with good, dependable jobs.

A TRIBUTE TO DEPUTY SHERIFF ERIC LARSON

HON. ERIC SWALWELL

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 12, 2013

Mr. SWALWELL of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize my friend and fellow

law enforcement officer Patrol Deputy Sheriff Eric Larson of the Alameda County Sheriff's Department. Deputy Sheriff Larson was wounded on March 30, 2013, while bravely serving in the line of duty.

Deputy Sheriff Larson has been honorably serving in the Alameda County Sheriff's Department for over 19 years. He worked his way up through the ranks, previously serving in the Coroner's Office before becoming a Patrol Deputy Sheriff.

As a former prosecutor, I know the importance of courageous and experienced police officers, like Deputy Sheriff Larson, who work day in and day out to keep our streets and communities safe.

Deputy Sheriff Larson's efforts on the day he was wounded helped to protect his fellow officers. He is a shining example of the best and bravest officers in our country; he is willing to put himself in danger for the benefit of others.

Deputy Sheriff Larson is a fourth generation resident of Alameda County, where he continues to reside with his wife and three children. Before joining the Alameda County Police Department, Deputy Sheriff Larson attended San Lorenzo High School. He continues to be active in his community by coaching a variety of youth sports such as baseball, soccer, basketball, and t-ball.

I am thankful for the dedication and sacrifices of Deputy Sheriff Eric Larson and all of the Alameda County police officers who continue to put themselves in harm's way every day to protect the neighborhoods of the East Bay. I wish Deputy Sheriff Larson all the best as he continues to recover at home with his family.

HONORING THE ROTARY CLUB OF MADISON'S 90TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. RODNEY P. FRELINGHUYSEN

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 12, 2013

Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Rotary Club of Madison, located in Madison, New Jersey, which is celebrating its 90th anniversary.

The Rotary Club of Madison is a branch of the worldwide network of Rotaries, which inspire individuals to transform their passions into relevant social causes to improve lives in communities. The first Rotary Club in the world was organized in Chicago, Illinois in 1905 by Paul P. Harris, a young lawyer. He gathered together a group of men, each from a different sphere of public service, to form the first club. The club would rotate their meeting place between the places of business of the members, which suggested the name "Rotary." These men met with the goal of developing fellowship and understanding among businesses and professionals in the community, promoting improvement of the community through high ethical standards in occupational practice, and the advancement of international understanding, goodwill, and peace. These ideals of thoughtfulness and helpfulness to others are the same that are held fast by the nearly 33 thousand Rotary Clubs, with over 1.2 million members, that exist today.

The Madison Rotary is among these clubs that carry on the proud tradition. In the early

1920s, citizens of Madison began to take note of the vibrant qualities of Rotary as demonstrated elsewhere. The ideals of "Service above Self," "He profits most who serves best," and the fellowship and joy that comes from going beyond the daily routine of life to help others, greatly appealed to them. The testimonies of members of other Rotary Clubs, as well as Madison residents who witnessed other Rotaries in action, encouraged W. Kelton "Kelly" Evens to write to Same Clarke of the Morristown Club asking for sponsorship. Morristown agreed, and commissioned Wilber Day of Day's Restaurant, a Morristown landmark, to arrange the sponsorship. Day worked with Preston Borroughs, who, in January 1923, gathered interested business and professional men at the Ridgedale Inn for discussion. After further followup meetings, Borroughs confirmed to Day in March that the group was prepared. With Day as the liaison for the charter arrangements with the Governor of the 36th District, the Rotary Club of Madison held its Charter Night on May 24, 1923 in the Refectory of Drew University. Wilbur F. Day presided and read the names of the new charter members, while the District Governor Lion L. Woodward presented the charter to Joseph F. Ruzicka, the first President of the Rotary Club of Madison.

Throughout its 90 years, the club has assisted people in need in the community and internationally. Currently, the club donates approximately \$50,000 annually to non-profit organizations and local initiatives. The Madison Rotary is active in the community, working on local projects, including maintaining gardens for seniors and the library grounds, participating in Bottle Hill Day, distributing dictionaries to grade school children, and sponsoring the annual Taste of Madison and the Rotary Family Festival. They have also supported Rotary projects worldwide. The Madison Club boasts 86 talented and accomplished men and women dedicated to the core values of Rotary: Service, Fellowship, Diversity, Integrity, and Leadership.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you and my colleagues to join me in congratulating the Rotary Club of Madison as they celebrate their 90th anniversary.

HONORING EVELYN KOWALCHUK

HON. ROBERT HURT

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 12, 2013

Mr. HURT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor the life of Ms. Evelyn Kowalchuk of Huddleston, VA, who passed away at the age of 93 on April 7, 2013.

A brave World War II flight nurse and a remarkable woman, Ms. Kowalchuk was one of only 500 nurses to serve in World War II, putting her life on the line to provide compassion and care for our wounded soldiers.

Ms. Kowalchuk served with the 818th Air Evacuation Squadron and helped evacuate the wounded troops from Omaha Beach just days after the D-Day invasion in Normandy. A life member of the Flight Nurses Association and Veterans of Foreign Wars, Ms. Kowalchuk received several awards and recognitions for her military service.

Having had the honor of meeting Ms. Kowalchuk, I know that this brave veteran embodied the selfless heroism that represents the best America has to offer. Her life will continue to be a reminder of our country's highest ideals.

Virginia's 5th District has lost a truly special lady and our thoughts and prayers are with Ms. Kowalchuk and her family. I ask that my colleagues join me in remembering Ms. Kowalchuk and honoring her bravery, spirit, and selflessness.

TRIBUTE TO JOHN GARRARD

HON. JO BONNER

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 12, 2013

Mr. BONNER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to Mr. John Garrard, Jr., a beloved and respected South Alabama public servant and businessman who recently passed away at the age of 86.

A native of Flora, Mississippi, John was valedictorian of his high school class before he enlisted in the United States Navy during World War II. While in the Navy, John served on an ammunition carrier supplying America's forces battling the Japanese in the Pacific.

After the war, John returned home to continue with his education. He earned a degree in Economics and Business Administration from Millsaps College and then moved to Atmore, Alabama, where he would spend the remainder of his long and fulfilling life giving to the community he loved.

Shortly after arriving in Atmore in 1948, he took on the role of educator and banker in the South Alabama community. He taught in Escambia County High School before joining the staff at the First National Bank and Trust of Atmore. His hard work and dedication were evident. In 1974, he was appointed the bank's fifth president and served in this capacity until his retirement in 1986. Even after he retired from the bank, John was retained as vice-chairman with special duties in customer service and public relations.

John turned his gaze to public service in 1996 when he first ran for a seat on the Atmore City Council. He served until 2012, contributing significantly to the economic growth and development of Atmore.

In 1981, John was named Citizen of the Year by the Atmore Area Chamber of Commerce. In February 2011, the Chamber presented him with the Lifetime Achievement Award.

Additionally, he was an active member of the Atmore Rotary Club, Atmore Public Library Board of Directors, First United Methodist Church, Atmore Historical Society, and Atmore Area Hall of Fame Committee. John was also involved in a local prison ministry at Fountain Correctional Institute for almost 15 years.

As a World II veteran, he travelled to Washington, D.C. in September 2010 as part of the Honor Flight South Alabama program. I was honored to greet him at the National World War II Memorial where I had the honor of thanking him for his service to our country.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the people of South Alabama, I would like to personally extend my condolences to his two sons, John and David, and his grandchildren, great grandchildren, step grandchildren and many friends. You are all in our thoughts and prayers.

HONORING THE GREAT SWAMP OUTDOOR EDUCATION CENTER

HON. RODNEY P. FRELINGHUYSEN

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 12, 2013

Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Great Swamp Outdoor Education Center, located in the Township of Chatham, Morris County, New Jersey, which is celebrating its 50th Anniversary.

The Great Swamp was created approximately 15,000 years ago, when the melting waters of the retreating Wisconsin Glacier poured into the natural basin known as the Passaic Valley. The area of the Great Swamp is not entirely swampland, but a unique mixture of marshes, meadows, dry woods, and brush colored swamps. The intermingling of these four habitats is what gives the Great Swamp its distinctive character, and allows it to support a wide variety of plant and animal life. In 1959, plans were being formed to pave over large amounts of the area to create an international airport. Area residents objected to these ideas, and formed the Great Swamp Committee to save the ecosystem. As a part of this effort, the Morris County Park Commission purchased approximately 44 acres on the eastern end of the swamp in 1963, and allowed the staff from the New Jersey Audubon Society to give tours, and raise awareness to better protect the area. The Great Swamp Outdoor Education Center is located adjacent to the Great Swamp National Wildlife Refuge, on 44 of the 7,600 acres it spans.

The Great Swamp Outdoor Education Center offers a variety of activities for people of all ages. There are two classrooms for formal learning, a large auditorium, a natural history library, natural history displays, and nearly two miles of natural trails for hiking. The center offers programs for families, classes of all grades, scouts, or any other groups interested in learning about the environment of the swamp. Visitors can partake in such programs as Lenape Day, the Maple Sugar Festival, Baby & Me Hikes, summer camp programs, bird watching, and much more. They have four different short trails for hiking, as well as an observation blind and a pond observation deck for visitors to enjoy the diverse wildlife. The Great Swamp Outdoor Education Center is dedicated to the preservation of the Great Swamp, as well as fun, informative, and accessible education on the habitat and its wildlife.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you and my colleagues to join me in congratulating the Great Swamp Outdoor Education Center, the professional staff of the Great Swamp National Wildlife Refuge, and their many dedicated organizations and volunteers as they celebrate their 50th Anniversary.

RECOGNIZING THE ALABAMA TRUCKING ASSOCIATION

HON. ROBERT B. ADERHOLT

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 12, 2013

Mr. ADERHOLT. Mr. Speaker, it is my privilege to recognize the many contributions of

the Alabama Trucking Association to the well-being of the State of Alabama as the Association celebrates its 75th anniversary in 2013.

The Alabama Trucking Association was founded in 1938 in Birmingham and later incorporated and moved its offices to Montgomery. The Association has grown from 16 trucking companies in 1938 to over 675 trucking related firms in 2013, and has been a valuable source of information and statistics pertaining to trucking. With one of every fourteen citizens in Alabama being employed by the trucking industry, trucking provides over 106,570 jobs contributing to the economic growth and development of the State. The Alabama trucking industry pays \$545 million in federal and state roadway taxes and fees representing 38% of all taxes and fees owed by Alabama motorists, despite the fact that trucks represent only 13 percent of vehicle miles traveled in the State. In addition, trucks serve all areas of Alabama and are the only transportation for goods for over eighty percent of Alabama communities and play a major role in transportation import and export movement.

The Alabama Trucking Association members put safety first through improved driver training, investment in advanced safety technologies and active participation in industry safety initiatives at the local, state and national levels. The leadership of the Alabama Trucking Association has developed many friendships among Alabama's trucking companies, related industries and organizations, and members of the State Legislature and state and federal government agencies.

The Alabama Trucking Association is well respected and has been very successful with its legislative and regulatory agenda, its efforts to improve highway safety, and the efficiency of trucking in Alabama.

I am thankful for the Alabama Trucking Association and the service and support they provide to a vital part of Alabama and our na-

tion's economy and work force. Congratulations to them again for 75 excellent years.

HONORING THE LIFE AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF TOM STAED

HON. JOHN L. MICA

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 12, 2013

Mr. MICA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and accomplishments of an outstanding businessman, a community leader and a friend, Tom Staed. With his passing on February 26, 2013, both his family and our state have lost a loved one and strong voice for the benefit of our region.

Tom was born on April 27, 1931, in Memphis, Tennessee and attended Sacred Heart Grammar School and Christian Brothers High School in Memphis before attending Memphis State. His college career was interrupted by the Korean War as he was called to serve in the United States Marine Corps and distinguished himself as an artillery coordinator. After being honorably discharged as a Corporal, he returned to Memphis State where he became Editor of the School Newspaper, President of Sigma Alpha Epsilon, graduated with a B.A. in Journalism, and then went on to Tulane University School of Law.

While at Tulane, Tom met Barbara Dodd, and the couple soon married and moved to Daytona Beach, Florida. It was in Daytona Beach where Tom began his long, successful, and distinguished career in the hospitality industry; almost singlehandedly transforming the landscape of hotels on the coast of Volusia County through his 11 hotels and interests in the Ocean Eleven Resorts. He financed and purchased several old hotels in the Daytona

area and was able to make them successful in a short time through hard work, determination, and a can-do style.

Tom was a recognized leader and committed member of both the Florida and national lodging and tourism industries, and firmly believed in civic involvement. Some of the notable local, state, and national boards he was appointed to include President of Best Western International Inc., President the Florida Hotel and Motel Association, Chairman of Florida's Governor's Tourism Advisory Council, Visit Florida, Inc., Chairman of the American Hotel and Motel Association. He was the Florida Hotelier of the Year in 1982. He was also a past Chairman and Founding member of the Halifax Area Advertising Authority.

Tom had a life long interest in politics and I recall the last time I saw Tom at one of his hotels, he spoke of past campaigns and issues he worked on over 30 years in Florida and specifically his times as a trusted friend and ally of leaders in both the Democrat and Republican Parties. He was truly a gift to all Floridians.

As someone who served on numerous local associations, commissions and boards for civic and charitable organizations, Tom was a committed philanthropist that always focused on giving back to those less fortunate than himself.

A devoted husband, father and grandfather, he truly made an indelible mark on his family, community and industry. In our community, the name Tom Staed stood for integrity, compassion and public service, and through that principled dedication he leaves a proud and distinguished legacy. Mr. Speaker, I ask all Members of the U.S. House of Representatives join me in recognizing Tom Staed's years of service and dedication to our community, our state and our Nation.