

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

A TRIBUTE IN HONOR OF THE LIFE OF NATHAN S. GOODWIN

HON. ANNA G. ESHOO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 22, 2013

Ms. ESHOO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Nathan S. Goodwin, of Glendale, Wisconsin, who passed away peacefully on October 5, 2013 at the age of 93.

Nathan Goodwin proudly served his country as an Army Warrant Officer in the Pacific during World War II. He returned to Wisconsin after the war where he raised four children with his wife of 64 years, Eleanor (nee Siegman). He was President of Temple Beth El's Men's Club and devoted his free time to fishing, gin rummy and poker.

Nathan Goodwin loved his family deeply and is survived by his beloved wife Eleanor, his children Jack (Patricia) Goodwin, Alan (Claudia) Goodwin and Julie (Michael) Walker. He was predeceased by his son Richard (the late Susanne) Goodwin. He was the fond brother of the late Adeline (the late Max) Nelson and loving grandfather of Stefanie Goodwin, Jordan (Christine) Goodwin; Hannah Goodwin, Emily Goodwin; Molly Walker and Nora Walker. I'm proud to have his granddaughter Erica Goodwin as part of my Washington, D.C. congressional staff.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the life and accomplishments of Nathan S. Goodwin, and join me in extending our condolences to the entire Goodwin family. Their loss is also a loss to our nation of a good and decent man who lived an exemplary life as a citizen, a patriot, a husband, a father and a grandfather.

RECOGNIZING THE RECIPIENTS OF THE 2013 NIAGARA STREET AREA BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATION ANNUAL DINNER AWARDS

HON. BRIAN HIGGINS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 22, 2013

Mr. HIGGINS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the outstanding recipients of the 2013 Niagara Street Area Business and Professional Association.

The Niagara Street Area Business and Professional Association is an association of business and professional men and women living in, owning or operating a business or service in the Niagara Street Community. They are dedicated to improving and aiding in the development of the community. The members of the Association work together to make Niagara Street a progressive and serving community of which one can be proud. This year's awardees embody these noble values.

The recipients of the 2013 Niagara Street Area Business and Professional Association

Awards are the Zajac Funeral Home, Inc., Marsha (Koban) Frost, Norma Higgs, Bob Anderson, Niagara Street School, Nick D'Agostino, Rev. Kevin Dobbs and Don King.

Each of these impressive individuals has made significant contributions in various career and community endeavors. I am proud to see such dedicated, hard-working individuals be recognized tonight, and applaud their efforts to better our community.

Mr. Speaker, thank you for giving me the opportunity to recognize the recipients of the 2013 Niagara Street Area Business and Professional Association Awards, and those who work tirelessly for this valuable organization. Their achievements are commendable and their devotion to our community is inspiring. I wish each and every one of them the best in all their future endeavors.

IN SUPPORT OF THE GREATER WEST BLOOMFIELD REPUBLICAN CLUB

HON. KERRY L. BENTIVOLIO

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 22, 2013

Mr. BENTIVOLIO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of the Greater West Bloomfield Republican Club of Michigan, who like so many organizations throughout our country have diligently educated our citizens on various public issues facing us today. Exercising their Constitutional right to peacefully assemble and in many cases petition their government for a redress of grievances in support of the restoration of liberty, not in restricting it; shrinking our bloated government, not expanding it; who want to reduce taxes, not raise them; abolish costly government programs, not create them; expose the abuses and oppressions of tyrannical dictates; and promote the freedom and independence of our citizens, not the interference of government in their lives; and observe the limited, enumerated powers of our Constitution, not ignore them.

Mr. Speaker, these truly American patriots of every cultural, religious and ethnic background have found a common cause in fighting back today's proliferating big government rules and regulations imposed by costly bloated government bureaucracies who are accountable to no one at the expense of individual rights.

They are God-fearing, freedom-loving Americans who desire nothing more than to rein in big government's tendency toward excessive coercion and the insidious spread of government overreach. They question when the validity of laws and morality contradict each other. They desire nothing more than the extension of individual freedom in a Democracy that attaches all possible value to citizens rather than making each citizen a mere agent, a mere number; a Democracy that seeks equality in Liberty rather than in restraint and servitude.

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Mr. Speaker, thank you for allowing me a few short minutes to give this testimony in support of a truly American organization.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ANN M. KUSTER

OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. KUSTER. Mr. Speaker, on October 14, 2013, I missed the following rollcall votes: number 547, to table the appeal of the ruling of the Chair; number 548, passage of H.J. Res. 80; and number 549, on agreeing to the Grayson amendment to the title. Had I voted, I would have voted "nay" on rollcall vote number 547, "nay" on rollcall vote number 548, and "aye" on rollcall vote number 549.

HONORING THE 75TH ANNIVERSARY OF SAINT PETER THE APOSTLE CHURCH

HON. RODNEY P. FRELINGHUYSEN

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 22, 2013

Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Saint Peter the Apostle Church, located in Parsippany, Morris County, New Jersey, which is celebrating its 75th anniversary.

Saint Peter the Apostle Church has been serving the growing Catholic community of the Lake Parsippany and Lake Hiawatha areas since its beginning on June 29, 1938. Bishop Thomas McLaughlin, the church's founder, along with Father Philip J. Coyne, the church's first pastor, began Saint Peter the Apostle Church's momentous progression. Initially in 1938, the church borrowed space from the Lake Hiawatha Fire Station to host mass. In September of 1939, Father Coyne and Bishop McLaughlin signed the contracts to begin construction of the facility that would house Saint Peter the Apostle Church for nearly 50 years.

Reverend James P. Smith's arrival as pastor in 1941 was yet but another key moment in the church's history. In tandem with the Archdiocese of Paterson's Bishop James A. McNulty, Father Smith coordinated a \$450,000 project to construct a new convent, school, and auditorium in March of 1959. Later that year the school opened its doors to its first body of students ranging from kindergarten to fourth grade. Under the supervision of Sister Mary Mueller, OP, the principal, Saint Peter

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the Apostle School received Middle State accreditation, one of the school's most notable accomplishments.

June 8, 1965 marked the start of another expansion within the church and it began with the appointment of Reverend William F. Wanerka as pastor. The church's pastoral family grew once again in the 1980s with the addition of Reverend George Dimler and Reverend David Richardson as the first permanent deacons. However, it was not until the addition of Monsignor Flanagan on June 15, 1985 when the church and the school underwent its largest transformation to date.

The first few years of Monsignor Flanagan's tenure witnessed the rapidly increasing church community outgrow the original facility built in 1939 and 1940. As the church community grew in those few years, Monsignor Flanagan supervised numerous workers and volunteers to plan and construct a new, larger church capable of accommodating up to 1,000 people. Opening on February 20, 1988 the new and improved facility was capable of hosting programs like their new Sunday Gospel Program for children. This new facility gave the parish the ability to serve even more members of the Parsippany community.

Unfortunately, the increase in church members did not bring an increase in Saint Peter the Apostle School enrollment. However, rather than close the school and relinquish their ability to provide an education for those students that remained, the Saint Peter the Apostle School merged with Saint Christopher School, another parish in Parsippany. The new school, All Saint Academy, now serves the children of three Parsippany churches, Saint Peter the Apostle, Saint Christopher, and Saint Ann. The merger has allowed the Saint Peter the Apostle Church to serve an even larger number of children within the Parsippany area for many years to come.

Saint Peter the Apostle Church has provided an invaluable and meaningful service for the people of Parsippany and will continue to do so with the continued support of the members of the parish and of the community.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you and my colleagues to join me in congratulating Saint Peter the Apostle Church as they celebrate their 75th anniversary.

IN MEMORY OF TARA HOWARD
KNAUFF

HON. KEVIN BRADY

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 22, 2013

Mr. BRADY of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Tara Howard Knauff, who I had the privilege of knowing during her tenure at KTRH NewsRadio in Houston. Tara was a small town girl from rural upstate New York who dreamed of making a difference. We Texans were blessed that for many crucial years, she brought her talents and passion to make a difference in the Lone Star State.

Tara got her start in broadcast journalism at Utica College of Syracuse University and honed her talents at WGY, WHAM, and WSYR before packing up her horse and making the move to Texas.

While at KTRH, Tara was a newsroom leader who reported, anchored, edited, and rose to

the position of assistant news director. When Tara returned to New York, she took her talents to a national stage at ABC NewsRadio. A leader in the ABC newsroom, friends and co-workers all seem to use the same words to describe Tara: "mentor," "hard worker," "inspirational," and so much more.

Tara, who adopted so many young journalists, found her own happiness with a partner who waged a heroic battle against cancer with her day in and day out.

Just last May, Tara married retired Major General Robert "Bob" Knauff, a former commander of the New York Air National Guard and fighter pilot. When she told her friends about him, she wanted them all to "Google" him to see how amazing he is. After giving so much to his country, Bob gave Tara his undivided attention, support, and love during her long battle with cancer.

While Tara lost her battle this week, her spirit lives on in the hundreds of broadcast journalists around the Nation that she encouraged every day. Today, so many of her protégées are vowing to continue her legacy and make their Tara proud.

Tara leaves behind a beloved family, including her soul mate Bob Knauff, her sister Deborah, brother Merritt, and sister-in-law Lynne, and many nieces and nephews, Damaris, Devin Brianna, Laura, and Mick.

HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY
OF MRS. HELEN SONDEL AS SHE
CELEBRATES HER 100TH BIRTH-
DAY

HON. BRIAN HIGGINS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 22, 2013

Mr. HIGGINS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of Helen Sondel as she celebrates her 100th birthday on October 31st, 2013.

Born in Poland in 1913, Helen made the journey to the United States at the age of thirteen. Due to the poor health of her mother, Helen bravely made the journey alone. Once she arrived in America, she was reunited with her father.

Determined to begin a new life in the United States, Helen made her way to Buffalo, New York. She enrolled in the Buffalo Public School System, seizing her opportunity to obtain an education.

During World War II, Helen channeled her indefatigable spirit into supporting the war effort at home. She worked in the Bell Aircraft Factory, which produced fighter planes, including the first supersonic aircraft, the Bell X-1.

She married the love of her life, Anthony Sondel on May 20, 1933. After nearly seven years of marriage, the couple adopted their beloved son David from the Father Baker infant home. Helen's family has grown to include six grandchildren and eleven great-grandchildren, who she loves dearly.

Helen is a faithful member of the St. John Baptist church in Kenmore. She enjoys staying active by gardening, playing cards, shopping, and spending time with her family.

Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride that I rise today to celebrate Helen Sondel's 100th birthday, her generous spirit, and her boundless love for her family and friends. Thank you for

allowing me a few moments to recognize the legacy of this outstanding woman. I wish Helen and her family all the best for their many years to come.

TRIBUTE TO DANNY HENRY
POULOS, JR.

HON. TOM LATHAM

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 22, 2013

Mr. LATHAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and memory of Danny H. Poulos of Council Bluffs, Iowa who passed away on October 4th following a yearlong struggle with glioblastoma, a terminal form of brain cancer.

Danny was born on December 30th, 1970 to his parents Dan and Kathy and grew up with his siblings Helen and George. After graduating from Abraham Lincoln High School, Danny went on to earn a degree in construction management from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. Upon obtaining his degree, Danny married his wife Julie and together they had three children—Danny III, Sylvia, and Bobby.

Danny will fondly be remembered for his invaluable contributions to the family business, Pizza King, which has been a part of his family for decades. Throughout the years, Danny became the face of Pizza King, often mentoring those around him and ushering the restaurant towards countless awards for service, atmosphere, food and more.

While the contributions to his business and neighbors have defined his role in the community, Danny would be the first to tell you that his family was always his number one priority. Danny is survived by his wife, parents, children, siblings and numerous extended family members that will never forget his incredible love and dedication.

Mr. Speaker, Mr. Poulos was a one-of-a-kind Iowan who truly embodied the work ethic and family values our state is renowned for. In his passing, we are reminded of his creative mind, loving heart, and fighting spirit which will be deeply missed. I invite my colleagues in the House to join me in offering the Poulos family my prayers and deepest sympathies during this extraordinarily difficult time.

IN RECOGNITION OF CRAIG AND
MARC KIELBURGER

HON. LOIS CAPPS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 22, 2013

Mrs. CAPPS. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to honor the tireless work and dedication of Craig and Marc Kielburger on behalf of the world's children.

Craig and Marc Kielburger co-founded Free the Children in the mid-1990s when Craig, at the age of 12, organized several of his classmates after being inspired by the story of a young Pakistani child labor activist.

Over the span of 18 years, Free the Children has expanded to have a global impact, using a holistic approach to work on some of the developing world's most challenging issues. Since 1995, the organization has contributed to the construction of more than 650

schools that serve approximately 55,000 children around the world. Free the Children has also provided 1,000,000 people with clean water, health care and sanitation services, and has assisted 30,000 women achieve economic sufficiency. Today, Free the Children has a presence in 45 countries, and Craig, Marc and their team have successfully recruited 2 million volunteers under the age of 18 to give back to their peers around the globe.

After many successful years of growing Free the Children, Craig and Marc launched Me to We, an organization focused on promoting sustainable business and consumer practices. This unique operation taps into the power of the market, teaching and encouraging young consumers to make socially conscious choices each time they spend money. The organization coordinates numerous volunteer trips abroad each year, and more than \$5 million raised by Me to We has been reinvested in Free the Children since 2009.

Craig and Marc Kielburger have dedicated nearly their entire lives to educating and empowering young people. The impact of their work has spread far beyond Free the Children and Me to We—indeed, Craig's and Marc's programs are equipping today's youth with the tools they need to become responsible global citizens and forward-thinking leaders. I am pleased and honored to recognize Craig and Marc Kielburger for their accomplishments and unflagging effort to making the world a better place.

RECOGNIZING NORWOOD "WOODY"
OLMSTED ON HIS RETIREMENT
FROM FEDERAL SERVICE

HON. MADELEINE Z. BORDALLO

OF GUAM

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 22, 2013

Ms. BORDALLO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mr. Norwood "Woody" Olmsted on the occasion of his retirement, after 31 years of service with the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) Office of Legislative Affairs, and legacy Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS). His retirement was effective on June 28, 2013.

Before Woody began his extensive career as a federal civilian employee, he spent 18 years as a high school music teacher. He later worked with the INS as an Immigration Inspector in Maine. He was subsequently transferred to the Los Angeles International Airport where he continued as an Immigration Inspector until he was promoted to an Immigration Examiner position at the Los Angeles District Office. He moved to Washington, D.C., in 1988, to work in the INS Office of Congressional Relations, now the USCIS Office of Legislative Affairs. During this time, Woody shared his knowledge and expertise on immigration laws and regulations with Congressional staff and helped resolve many urgent and high-profile inquiries. His dedication to his work earned him numerous awards and recognitions, and he remains well-regarded among Members of Congress and Congressional staffers.

Woody is married to Emily Duenas Olmsted from Guam; both are active and longtime members of the Guam Society of America in Washington, D.C.

For his service to our country, I extend a very sincere un Dangkulo na Si Yu'os Ma'ase. I wish Woody and his wife, Emily, the very best as they transition to the next stage of their life and enjoy a long and happy retirement together.

HONORING MIKE WICKERSHAM

HON. LUKE MESSER

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 22, 2013

Mr. MESSER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mike Wickersham of Winchester, Indiana on being selected by Governor Mike Pence to chair the Indiana Region 6 Works Council.

Mike is President of Wick's Pies, Inc., which has produced pies and pie shells for more than 50 years in Winchester. He serves his community as a member on the Randolph County Economic Development Board, the Region 6 Local Elected Officials Executive Council, the Randolph County YMCA, and as a Randolph County Commissioner.

Mike's civic leadership and business experience will be an asset for Hoosiers as he serves as Chair of the Indiana Region 6 Works Council. The Indiana Works Councils, created by Governor Pence, are responsible for submitting evaluations of the career, technical and vocational education opportunities that will be used to better prepare high school students for entering the workforce.

I ask the entire 6th Congressional District to join me in congratulating Mike Wickersham on having been selected to serve the State of Indiana as Chair of the Indiana Region 6 Works Council.

ACKNOWLEDGING CAROL HADLEY

HON. JEFF DENHAM

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 22, 2013

Mr. DENHAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge Carol Hadley, President of the California Federation of Republican Women 2012–2013. Carol is an energetic and tireless leader for the Republican Party, its elected officials, and conservative principles and ideals. She has performed an exemplary service for her party and the California Federation of Republican Women over the years, and her term as President will be coming to an end this year.

Carol grew up in Manassa, Colorado. She attended Eastern New Mexico University and also, Eastern Oregon University where she obtained a Bachelor of Science degree. Carol found a partner in life when she married Jerry Hadley, and he has been supportive in her endeavors ever since. Mrs. Hadley has been active in the Republican Party for numerous years, holding many local and state positions within the organization before being elected President in 2012.

Carol has been an outstanding advocate all across the state of California promoting the objectives of the CFRW. Through her efforts, she has let the charge to: "Promote an informed public through education and activity;

increase the effectiveness of women in the cause of good government; influence legislation and maintain a CFRW presence in State government in accordance with CFRW goals; promote a wider knowledge of the principles and policies of the Republican Party; Encourage active citizenship; cooperate with the California Republican Party and the County Central Committees for the election of Republican Nominees; facilitate cooperation among Federated Republican Women's Unit Clubs; and foster loyalty to Republican candidates in all elections including nonpartisan elections."

Mr. Speaker, please join me in celebrating with the California Federation of Republican Women as they honor Carol Hadley and her leadership. Congratulations, I wish Carol every success in her continued endeavors in support of our nation, its freedom and its history.

CONGRATULATING BETH HARWELL

HON. MARSHA BLACKBURN

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mrs. BLACKBURN. Mr. Speaker, there's an old quote that reminds us women hold up half the sky. I rise today, Mr. Speaker, to honor one woman who holds up half the Tennessee sky and all the State House. I congratulate State Representative Beth Harwell as she receives the Joe and Honey Rodgers Leadership Award.

Unanimously elected as Tennessee's first female Speaker of the House in 2011, Beth Harwell began her elected service in the state's 96th General Assembly. Receiving the Rodgers Leadership Award as the 2013 Christian Civic Leader of the Year, Speaker Harwell is recognized for her work in areas such as preventing child abuse, lowering unemployment, and reforming welfare.

Citizens have a divine obligation to serve their communities. I am grateful for organizations like The Operation Andrew Group and United 4 Hope as they offer their time, talents, and treasures to the Middle Tennessee area. Along with her husband Sam and children Allie, Sam, and Tucker, I congratulate Speaker Harwell and I ask my colleagues to join with me in celebrating Speaker Harwell's good work, her dedication to serving the least among us, and her leadership in Tennessee.

SIGNIFICANCE OF NATIONAL
LATINO HIV/AIDS DAY

HON. CHARLES B. RANGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 22, 2013

Mr. RANGEL. Mr. Speaker, the physical, emotional, and psychological toll of HIV/AIDS is overwhelming, and contributes to family stress, community breakdown, and lost work productivity. HIV/AIDS has taken a devastating toll on minority populations, particularly the Latino community, which is why promoting National Latino AIDS Awareness Day is so important.

This year's theme is "Hispanics United to End AIDS," highlighting the progress made toward combating the deadly virus and encouraging members of the Hispanic community to

work together to ensure they have adequate resources and opportunities for healthier and brighter futures.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), Latinos represented 16 percent of the U.S. population but accounted for 20 percent of the new HIV infections and 19 percent of people living with HIV infection. As of 2011, Latinos make up 31.9 percent of New Yorkers living with HIV/AIDS. Knowing one's HIV infection status by getting tested is critical for seeking early medical treatment and intervention. This also helps prevent unknowingly transmitting the infection to other individuals.

Senator Kristen Gillibrand and I authored a bill, Communities United with Religious Leaders to Eliminate (CURE) HIV/AIDS Act, which will expand educational HIV/AIDS activities, develop policies for providing culturally relevant and sensitive treatment to individuals with HIV/AIDS, and incentivize payments to healthcare providers to implement HIV/AIDS testing. HIV/AIDS cannot conquer our communities. Let's keep fighting to eradicate this dreadful disease.

TAIWAN'S NATIONAL DAY

HON. DINA TITUS

OF NEVADA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 22, 2013

Ms. TITUS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today with the people of the Republic of China (Taiwan) as they celebrate as their National Day this week.

I am proud to consider myself a friend of the Republic of China and value the relationship between our two nations, which over the last century, has resulted in strong relationship focused on our cultural and economic ties. I visited Taiwan as a state legislator and often welcome its representatives to District One.

With the recent expansion of the Visa Waiver Program to include the Republic of China, the United States in general and Las Vegas particularly are excited about hosting even more visitors from Taiwan.

Moreover, I would also like to see Taiwan join the International Civil Aviation Organization soon. Taiwan's participation in this important organization will promote global aviation safety and security while strengthening ICAO as an institution.

The United States and Taiwan continue to share a close friendship and important economic relationship, and I congratulate the people of Taiwan on the occasion of their National Day.

IN SUPPORT OF THE TROY/ CLAWSON REPUBLICAN FORUM

HON. KERRY L. BENTIVOLIO

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HONORING THE LIFE AND SERVICE OF DELFINA TYQUIENGCO AGUIGUI

HON. MADELEINE Z. BORDALLO

OF GUAM

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 22, 2013

Ms. BORDALLO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and service of Delfina Tyquengco Aguigui, a devoted educator and public servant on Guam. She was born in the village of Merizo on December 1, 1921 to Ignacio Babauta Aguigui and Buevenida Tyquengco Aguigui. She passed away on September 21, 2013 at the age of 91.

Delfina dedicated herself to educating Guam's youth. Upon graduating from Syracuse University in New York, she returned to Guam as a teacher within the Guam public school system. She went on to become the principal of George Washington High School in Mangilao, Associate Superintendent for Secondary Education, and then the Deputy Director of the Guam Department of Education. In these capacities, she worked to improve the quality of education for Guam's public school students. She was also a member of the University of Guam faculty where she was responsible for student housing.

Delfina also worked to improve the federal-territorial relationship between the United States and Guam. In 1975, she was appointed to the 13th Guam Legislature's Political Status Commission, which worked to educate the people of Guam on the need to review Guam's political relationship with the U.S. This Commission organized the first formal plebiscite, which was held in September of 1976, where the people of Guam expressed their desire to improve Guam's political relationship with the U.S. In 1976 Delfina was also appointed the Executive Director of the Guam American Revolution Bicentennial Commission and organized local festivities to commemorate the 200th anniversary of the American Revolution.

Delfina will be missed by all who knew her. I extend my sincere condolences to her family, friends, and loved ones. I join the people of Guam in honoring her for her many contributions to our island and people.

HONORING WALTER CRENSHAW, JR., LONGEST LIVING MEMBER OF THE TUSKEGEE AIRMEN

HON. HENRY A. WAXMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 22, 2013

Mr. WAXMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a true American Hero.

This weekend, Walter Crenshaw, Jr. will celebrate his 104th birthday. As the longest living member of the Tuskegee Airmen, he has led a remarkable life.

In October 1942, Walter Crenshaw was inducted into the United States Army Air Corps, ultimately attaining the rank of Sergeant. Sergeant Crenshaw was stationed at Tuskegee Army Air Field (TAAF) in Tuskegee, Alabama from 1942 through 1944. He served as the Administrative Assistant to the Provost Marshall during the initial training for the 99th Pursuit Squadron's training period as well as the 332nd Fighter's Squadron. An additional 500 cadets would follow during his service. Sergeant Crenshaw was responsible for the induction and background work on each cadet. As a result, he came to know each man personally.

The Tuskegee Airmen broke through racial, military and political barriers to become the first African American military aviators in the United States Armed Forces. Sergeant Crenshaw was among the men to successfully join this courageous group of men. He has been since honored for his service, receiving the Congressional Medal of Honor and the Harriet Tubman Living Legends Award, and his profile is a permanent part of the exhibit, "Tuskegee Airmen, Men in Flight" at the California African American Museum in Los Angeles.

After leaving the service, he and his wife lived in Detroit while he served for 22 years as the Head of Shipping Clerk for Railway Express.

They retired to Santa Monica in 1977, where Mr. Crenshaw kept active with photography and taking classes at Santa Monica College. At least four days a week, he would bike to the Santa Monica Pier to fish. Now, he currently resides in the Veterans Home of California in West Los Angeles on the VA Medical Center Campus. His many interests include

Jazz, particularly Duke Ellington, watching baseball games, and attending the First A.M.E. Church in Los Angeles. The Crenshaw family now spans four generations.

I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Sergeant Crenshaw, an American treasure, and wishing him a healthy and joyous 104th birthday.

IN RECOGNITION OF MALALA
YOSAFZAI

HON. WILLIAM R. KEATING

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 22, 2013

Mr. KEATING. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to Malala Yosafzai, who today was awarded the European Parliament's Sakharov Prize for Freedom of Thought.

I join our European counterparts in honoring Malala's tremendous bravery in the face of repeated and unconscionable threats, including an assassination attempt last year, when she was shot by Taliban gunmen while returning home from school.

Malala's courageous advocacy for the rights of girls to have the same education as boys inspires us all.

Throughout our history, Americans have understood the importance of education. Put simply, we are a stronger, healthier, and more prosperous nation because we have made quality primary and secondary education available to all our children.

The same is not true in other parts of the world, especially in societies torn apart by conflict, violent extremism, and poverty. There are tens of millions of girls out of school around the world, and women make up nearly two thirds—almost 500 million—of the world's illiterate adults. In her address to the United Nations, Malala reminded the world of the power of education to combat ignorance, intolerance, and violent extremism by promoting human dignity and creating undreamed-of opportunity.

Mr. Speaker, I join Malala in her call on the world's leaders to ensure that all children—girls and boys alike—have access to a quality education. By working with our international partners to achieve this goal, we can help families around the world lift themselves out of dire poverty and, in so doing, make the world a safer and more prosperous place.

RECOGNIZING THE 2013 SAFEST
HOSPITAL IN ILLINOIS

HON. ADAM KINZINGER

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 22, 2013

Mr. KINZINGER of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize OSF St. James—John W. Albrecht Medical Center in Pontiac, Illinois for being named the Safest Hospital in Illinois by Consumer Reports magazine.

Like many Americans, I am concerned about the increasing cost of healthcare in the United States. With healthcare spending by patients on the rise, it is critical to find ways to ensure healthcare remains accessible and affordable. OSF St. James is a leader in this

regard. By striving to provide safe treatment to patients on a daily basis, they reduce the frequency of readmitted patients which in turn reduces the added cost of additional procedures and care. The City of Pontiac and the surrounding area can take pride in their local hospital for the quality of care it provides to family, friends, and neighbors.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the 16th District of Illinois, I wish to express our appreciation of the staff at OSF St. James—John W. Albrecht Medical Center for their diligent work and commitment to providing safe healthcare to their patients.

IN MEMORY OF COLONEL PHILIP
A. BOSSERT, USAF (RET.)

HON. HOWARD P. "BUCK" McKEON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. McKEON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Colonel Philip Bossert of the United States Air Force. Colonel Bossert bravely, and peacefully, embarked on his final journey after a valiant battle against glioblastoma, an aggressive form of brain cancer.

A decorated veteran of 4 wars, Colonel Bossert honorably served his country for more than three decades.

Phil graduated from the U.S. Air Force Academy in 1982, and was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant in the USAF. During the ensuing years he received a Masters of Arts in Economics, magna cum laude, from Old Dominion University; a Masters of Military Art and Science from U.S. Army CGSC; a Master of Public Administration, summa cum laude, Auburn University; and a Master of Arts in Strategic Studies from the Air War College.

From 1983 through 1987 he served as a CT-39B aircraft commander and C-21A instructor pilot out of Langley AFB in Virginia. From 1987 through 1991, he was a C-141B instructor pilot and wing combat plans officer at McGuire AFB in New Jersey. In 1991, Phil had assignments in Colorado, Kansas, and Illinois, and by 2000 he was a Lieutenant Colonel and Commander of the 821st Air Mobility Squadron out of McGuire AFB.

Shortly after 9/11, Phil was deployed to Bagram Air Base outside of Kabul, Afghanistan. At one point, he was the highest ranking officer at the air base between December 2001 and February 2002. After Afghanistan, Phil became the Chief of Training and Exercises for the NATO Interim Deployable Air Operations Center at Ramstein Air Base in Germany. He was bumped to full bird Colonel in 2004, at which time he became Commander of the USAFE Air Mobility Operations Control Center, also at Ramstein Air Base in Germany. This put him in charge of the entire C-141 fleet for Europe and the Middle East.

Among his many awards and decorations are the following: the Legion of Merit, Defense Meritorious Service Medal, the Air Force Commendation Medals, the Army Commendation Medal, Air Force Outstanding Unit Medal, Air Force Organizational Medal, the Combat Readiness Medal, Afghanistan Campaign Medal, the Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, the Southwest Asia Service Medal, and the Kuwaiti Liberation Medal (Saudi Arabia & Kuwait).

Phil summed up his time in uniform by saying that "I will be at peace with myself knowing that I did my job during the longest war in American history." Then, after 28 years of dedicated service to our great nation, Phil decided to retire in 2010 and enter the private sector.

Instead of pursuing a career in academia, Phil again was serving our country as a private citizen, offering up leadership training to the Afghan military. He was assigned to the NATO training mission at Camp Eggers, in the Green Zone in Kabul, and taught 30 senior Afghan officers how to develop a three-year, \$15 billion defense budget.

Phil had a focus and a drive in him that was unparalleled. He was relentless. He was detail oriented. His rich understanding of global affairs was perfectly complimented by an unquenchable thirst for knowledge.

Aside from the aforementioned masters' degrees, he had also served on the faculties of the Air Force Academy and the University of Houston, and was a member of the Council on Foreign Relations. Phil published 97 articles, book reviews, and editorials on various topics. He also published two books, and was currently in the process of working on his third about his three deployments to Afghanistan.

Phil had a no-nonsense outlook on life. In his words, "[stuff] happens and it's out of our control. You just have to live your life to the fullest and have no regrets."

Colonel Bossert epitomized the American ethos of hard work, dedication, and strength of body, mind, and spirit. He devoted his life to the service of others, and I would have been honored to have had the privilege of knowing him better.

Colonel Philip A. Bossert, USAF (Ret.) was 54. He was a hero.

RECOGNIZING THE CLINIC OF
PHOENIXVILLE, CHESTER COUNTY,
PENNSYLVANIA

HON. JIM GERLACH

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 22, 2013

Mr. GERLACH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate The Clinic of Phoenixville, Chester County, Pennsylvania on reaching the incredible milestone of having provided medical care amounting to over 100,000 visits.

Founded in 2001, The Clinic began as the dream of Dr. Lorna B. Stuart and the Reverend Marie Z. Swayze to create a medical center that would provide comprehensive health care to the uninsured. Operating with a donation of \$200,000 from an anonymous donor, The Clinic collaborated with St. Peter's Episcopal Church to establish a home for The Clinic in the former Rectory of the Church. Additional money was raised to furnish and complete the medical facility and St. Peter's generously allowed the Rectory to be leased for one dollar a year for The Clinic's first ten years of operation. The daily work and caring dedication of the 11 professional staff members and over 115 volunteers have allowed The Clinic to serve the medical needs of so many individuals throughout its history.

Mr. Speaker, in honor of having provided medical care amounting to over 100,000 visits, I ask that my colleagues join me today in recognizing The Clinic of Phoenixville, Chester

County, Pennsylvania, and its continuing mission to provide comprehensive medical services to the uninsured of Phoenixville and the surrounding communities.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. CAROLYN MCCARTHY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 22, 2013

Mrs. MCCARTHY of New York. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably absent from September 30–October 16, 2013. If I were present, I would have voted on the following: September 30th: rollcall No. 501—Ordering Previous Question on H. Res. 367, “nay”; rollcall No. 502—Agreeing to the Resolution H. Res. 367, “nay”; rollcall No. 503—Suspend the Rules and Pass S. 1438, “yea”; rollcall No. 504—Receding from the House Amendments, Concurring in the Senate Amendment with Amendment on H.J. Res. 59, “nay.”

October 1st: rollcall No. 505—Agreeing to the Resolution—H. Res. 368, “nay”; rollcall No. 506—Suspend the Rules and Pass H.J. Res. 72, “nay”; rollcall No. 507—Suspend the Rules and Pass H.J. Res. 71, “nay”; rollcall No. 508—Suspend the Rules and Pass H.J. Res. 70, “nay.”

October 2nd: rollcall No. 509—Ordering Previous Question on the Rule H. Res. 370, “nay”; rollcall No. 510—Agreeing to the Resolution—H. Res. 370, “nay”; rollcall No. 511—Approving the Journal, “nay”; rollcall No. 512—Table the Appeal of the Ruling of the Chair on H.J. Res. 70, “nay”; rollcall No. 513—On Passage—H.J. Res. 70, “nay”; rollcall No. 514—On Passage—H.J. Res. 73, “nay.”

October 3rd: rollcall No. 515—Table the Appeal of the Ruling of the Chair on H.R. 3230, “nay”; rollcall No. 516—On Passage—H.R. 3230, “nay”; rollcall No. 517—Table the Appeal of the Ruling of the Chair on H.J. Res. 72, “nay”; rollcall No. 518—On Passage—H.J. Res. 72, “nay.”

October 4th: rollcall No. 519—Ordering the Previous Question on H. Res. 371, “nay”; rollcall No. 520—Agreeing to the Resolution—H.J. Res. 77, “nay”; rollcall No. 521—Tables the Appeal of the Ruling of the Chair on H.J. Res. 85, “nay”; rollcall No. 522—On Passage of H.J. Res. 85, “nay”; rollcall No. 523—Table the Appeal of the Ruling of the Chair on H.J. Res. 75, “nay”; rollcall No. 524—On Passage—H.J. Res. 75, “nay.”

October 5th: rollcall No. 525—On Passage—H.R. 3223, “yea”; rollcall No. 526—Suspend the Rules and Pass H. Con. Res. 58, “yea.”

October 7th: rollcall No. 527—Table the Appeal of the Ruling of the Chair on H.J. Res. 77, “nay”; rollcall No. 528—On Passage—H.J. Res. 77, “nay”; rollcall No. 529—Table the Appeal of the Ruling of the Chair on H.J. Res. 77, “nay”; rollcall No. 530—On Passage—H.J. Res. 84, “nay”; rollcall No. 531—Ordering the Previous Question on the Rule on H. Res. 373, “nay”; rollcall No. 532—on Agreeing to the Resolution—H.J. Res. 373, “nay”; rollcall No. 533—Table Appeal of the Ruling of the Chair on H.R. 3273, “nay”; rollcall No. 534—On Passage H.R. 3273, “nay”; rollcall No. 535—On Passage—H.J. Res. 89, “yea.”

October 9th: rollcall No. 536—Table the Appeal of the Ruling of the Chair on H.J. Res.

89, “nay”; rollcall No. 537—On Passage H.J. Res. 90, “nay”; rollcall No. 538—Suspend the Rules and Pass H.J. Res. 91, “yea.”

October 10th: rollcall No. 539—Table the Appeal of the Ruling of the Chair on H.J. Res. 79, “nay”; rollcall No. 540—On Passage H.J. Res. 79, “nay.”

October 11th: rollcall No. 541—Table the Appeal of the Ruling of the Chair on H.J. Res. 76, “nay”; rollcall No. 542—On Passage—H.J. Res. 76—“nay”; rollcall No. 543—Ordering the Previous Question on H. Res. 380, “nay”; rollcall No. 544—Agreeing to the Resolution—H.J. Res. 380—“nay.”

October 12th: rollcall No. 545—Agreeing to the Resolution—H.J. Res. 378, “yea”; rollcall No. 546—On Motion to Instruct Conferees on H.R. 2642, “yea.”

October 14th: rollcall No. 547—Table the Appeal of the Ruling of the Chair on H.J. Res. 80, “nay”; rollcall No. 548—On Passage of H.J. Res. 80, “nay”; rollcall No. 549—Agreeing to the Grayson (FL) Amendment to the title, “yea.”

October 16th: rollcall No. 550—Motion to Concur in the Senate Amendments—H.R. 2775, “yea.”

HONORING REV. GRIFFIN DAVIS, SR. ON THE 48TH ANNIVERSARY OF HILL TOP MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH

HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 22, 2013

Mr. HASTINGS of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Rev. Griffin Davis, Sr. on the occasion of the 48th anniversary of his ministry. He is the longtime pastor of Hill Top Missionary Baptist Church in Riviera Beach, Florida.

Rev. Davis is widely known as a compassionate person who will always go out of his way to help the less fortunate among us. He truly embodies the words of Jesus, who said, “Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works.” Rev. Davis’ lifetime of good works is well known among people of faith in the Riviera Beach community.

The city and its residents know that they can count on him for support whenever there is a need for civic improvements, and in every effort to assist the poor and disabled—especially senior citizens and children. Rev. Davis’ moving words touch countless lives each Sunday, but his sermons make up only a small part of the many good deeds that he continues to perform each and every single day. As he approaches a half century of serving God and all his children, I am pleased to join his family, his friends, and everyone in the community in honoring him.

Mr. Speaker, Rev. Davis is one of the finest people that I have had the privilege to know, and I wish him continued success in his life and ministry for many more years to come. He is a selfless individual who has given so much to his community, and I am extremely humbled to not only represent him in Congress, but also to call him my dear friend.

RECOGNIZING ROANOKE ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE ON ITS 75TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. G.K. BUTTERFIELD

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 22, 2013

Mr. BUTTERFIELD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Roanoke Electric Cooperative that recently celebrated its 75th anniversary delivering affordable electricity to rural eastern North Carolina. The Cooperative is headquartered in my Congressional District in Aulander, North Carolina and serves seven of the 24 counties I represent.

The Cooperative grew out of the Rural Electrification Administration (REA) created by President Franklin Roosevelt. REA’s goal was to foster the construction of electric distribution lines so that rural areas of the country could avail themselves of the great benefits of electricity.

Roanoke Electric Cooperative was chartered on September 30, 1938 and construction began immediately. By the middle of 1939, the 56 miles of electric distribution lines that had been constructed went live and provided electricity to 317 individual locations in rural North Carolina.

Before the Cooperative existed, Americans living in rural areas began their day at sunrise and ended it at sunset. Every task—be it simple or complex—had to be done manually. Washing and drying clothes, farm work, cooking, cleaning, and even accessing water took time and effort that had been drastically reduced in urban areas due to the existence of electricity.

Struck by the glaring inequity between rural and urban areas, then-Nebraska Senator George Norris said “I had seen first-hand the grim drudgery and grind which had been the common lot of eight generations of American farm women. I knew what it was to take care of the farm chores by the flickering, undependable light of the lantern in the cold rains of the fall and the icy winds of winter. Those rural women were conscious of the great gap between their lives and the lives of those women whom by birth or choice lived in towns and cities with electricity in their homes.”

Now Roanoke Electric Cooperative has more than 2,000 miles of electric distribution lines and serves nearly 15,000 individual locations in its seven county footprint. The Cooperative is led by Curtis Wynn who serves as its President and CEO. Mr. Wynn is the first African American in the nation to serve an electric cooperative in that capacity. Under his visionary leadership, Roanoke Electric Cooperative has been recognized by the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association (NRECA) and has received the Community Service Network Award on two separate occasions. Mr. Wynn also serves on the Board of Directors for NRECA.

Mr. Speaker, Roanoke Electric Cooperative has proudly and effectively served my constituents in rural eastern North Carolina for 75 years. I offer my sincere congratulations to Mr. Wynn and his team and ask that my colleagues join me in sending best wishes to Roanoke Electric Cooperative as it continues to be a vital and integral part of the lives of families and businesses in eastern North Carolina.

HONORING THE LIFE OF ERMA
CRAVEIRO TROWE

HON. JIM COSTA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 22, 2013

Mr. COSTA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the life of Erma Jeremias Craveiro Trowe who passed away on October 13, 2013 at the age of 96. Her character exemplified the very best of what our nation has to offer—she was thoughtful, generous, and possessed a strong work ethic.

Erma was a Central Valley native. She was born to Antonio and Francisca Jeremias on January 8, 1917 at Summit Lake near Fresno, California. The Jeremias's were Portuguese immigrants, and they managed a farm in Fresno County. When times were tough during the Great Depression, Erma and her seven siblings worked alongside their parents to help sustain the family farm. Erma attended California State University, Fresno, formerly known as Fresno State College and was one of the first in her family to graduate from college.

Erma married Joe Craveiro in 1938. They had four children: Audrey, Jerry, Bob, and Thomas. Joe and Erma raised their children in the Kearney Park area. Erma stayed active in the community, and was a supporter of Houghton-Kearney School, St. Patrick's Church in Kerman, and numerous Portuguese fraternal organizations. Joe and Erma also operated a dairy and grew alfalfa, cotton, and sugar beets.

When Joe passed away, Erma pursued a teaching career. She began at Madison Grammar School then went to Ahwahnee Middle School, and eventually settled at St. Anthony's School, where she taught fifth grade for many years. Teaching young people was very rewarding for Erma, and her students felt fortunate to have her as a teacher. Erma always found joy in the learning process. She loved languages and studied Portuguese, Spanish, Russian, and French. Her curiosity about the world and different cultures led her to travel to Africa, Europe, and Asia.

Aside from her commitments to her family, career, and the ranch, Erma had a lifelong involvement in various community activities. She was a member of the Fig Garden Women's Club, served as a Cub Scout Mother, and volunteered on the Parents Teacher's Association (PTA). Erma was also instrumental in the development of the Houghton-Kearney Elementary School.

Erma married William Trowe in 1981, and he passed away seven short years later. However, her faith in God never wavered. She believed that God has a plan for all of us, and His presence can be felt in each of our lives.

Erma was a very dear friend to the Costa family. She was one of my mother's greatest confidantes, and my sister, Bette, and I could always depend on her to be there for us in times of need.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in paying tribute to the life of Erma Jeremias Craveiro Trowe. She is admired by all who had the pleasure of knowing her, and she will be remembered for her warm and loving heart.

SUPPORT OF THE NORTH OAK-
LAND COUNTY REPUBLICAN
CLUB

HON. KERRY L. BENTIVOLIO

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 22, 2013

Mr. BENTIVOLIO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of the North Oakland County Republican Club of Michigan, who like so many organizations throughout our country have diligently educated our citizens on various public issues facing us today. Exercising their Constitutional right to peacefully assemble and in many cases petition their government for a redress of grievances in support of the restoration of liberty, not in restricting it; shrinking our bloated government, not expanding it; who want to reduce taxes, not raise them; abolish costly government programs, not create them; expose the abuses and oppressions of tyrannical dictates; and promote the freedom and independence of our citizens, not the interference of government in their lives; and observe the limited, enumerated powers of our Constitution, not ignore them.

Mr. Speaker, these truly American patriots of every cultural, religious and ethnic background have found a common cause in fighting back today's proliferating big government rules and regulations imposed by costly bloated government bureaucracies who are accountable to no one at the expense of individual rights.

They are God-fearing, freedom-loving Americans who desire nothing more than to rein in big government's tendency toward excessive coercion and the insidious spread of government overreach. They question when the validity of laws and morality contradict each other. They desire nothing more than the extension of individual freedom in a Democracy that attaches all possible value to citizens rather than making each citizen a mere agent, a mere number; a Democracy that seeks equality in Liberty rather than in restraint and servitude.

Mr. Speaker, there is a great political awakening taking place in our country today. The roots of which are solid stock and American made, they are visionary individuals who understand the moral foundations of a Constitutional Republic, the benefits of free markets, and individual liberty. May they continue to strive valiantly and dare greatly.

Mr. Speaker, thank you for allowing me a few short minutes to give this testimony in support of a truly American organization.

RECOGNIZING AUDREY WEINER

HON. ELIOT L. ENGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. ENGEL. Mr. Speaker, I'd like to take this opportunity to recognize an outstanding leader in the field of aging and long-term services and supports. Audrey Weiner is the outgoing chair of LeadingAge, and I congratulate her on what she and her organization have accomplished during her two-year term.

LeadingAge members and affiliates touch the lives of 4 million individuals, families, em-

ployees and volunteers every day. The LeadingAge community includes 6,000 not-for-profit organizations in the United States, 39 state partners, hundreds of businesses, research partners, consumer organizations, foundations and a broad global network of aging services organizations that reach over 30 countries. The work of LeadingAge is focused on advocacy, education, and applied research. The organization promotes a full range of aging services, including adult day, home health, hospice, community-based services, PACE, senior housing, assisted living residences, continuing care communities, and nursing homes as well as technology solutions and person-centered practices that support the overall health and wellbeing of seniors, children, and those with special needs.

LeadingAge's leadership imperatives—strengthening not-for-profit leadership, engaging consumers, expanding long-term services and supports, financing options, innovation and technology and developing workforce talent—have shaped the organization's agenda throughout Audrey Weiner's service as LeadingAge's chair. She has overseen LeadingAge member task forces working on policies to advance these goals on behalf of people who need long-term services and supports.

In addition to her leadership of LeadingAge, Ms. Weiner has worked extensively with elders and their families facing the need for long-term services and supports. She heads one of the largest and oldest faith-based, not-for-profit long-term services and supports organizations in the country. Jewish Home Lifecare, located in New York City, provides a full array of long-term services and supports to thousands of people every year. These services include skilled nursing, short-stay rehabilitation, home care services, telehealth, geriatric care management, adult day services, informational resources for family caregivers and affordable senior housing. The integration and high quality of long-term services and supports achieved by Jewish Home Lifecare help individuals and families facing the enormous challenges of long-term disability.

I hope my colleagues will join me in commending Audrey Weiner for her long-standing service to America's older adults, her advocacy to make long-term services and support affordable and her commitment to ensure all seniors have a place to call home.

ON THE OCCASION OF THE CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION OF ST. GEORGE ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH

HON. GARY C. PETERS

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 22, 2013

Mr. PETERS of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, I rise today on the occasion of St. George Orthodox Church of Troy's Centennial to congratulate Reverend Joseph Antypas and the congregation on this great milestone in the celebration of their faith.

The Greater Detroit community is a region that mirrors the United States, both in the cultural diversity of its residents and their commitment to the American values of equality and freedom. A century ago, newly arrived Orthodox Christian immigrants from Lebanon and

Syria came to the Greater Detroit to share in the American Dream, an opportunity for their families to freely observe their faith and access their full potential. When they arrived, they joined the American work force and began the hard work necessary to secure a brighter future for their children. As an important part of establishing their community and families in their new homeland, they founded the St. George Parish of the Antiochian Orthodox Christian Archdiocese of North America in 1913. Just a short time later, the parishioners of St. George laid the cornerstone for their church in Detroit.

Named in honor of the Great Martyr George, a staunch defender of the Antiochian Orthodox Christian faith, the Church has been an integral part of the community, allowing its members to continue their traditions and pass them along to future generations. Over the course of its existence, the sanctuary of St. George has called several different sites in the Greater Detroit area home in an effort by its leaders to house an ever expanding congregation. As the congregation has prospered, it has undertaken many different outreach initiatives, designed to support new congregation members and the broader Southeast Michigan community.

Under its current leader, Reverend Joseph Antypas, the congregation of St. George has continued to thrive and moved its current home in Troy in 1994. In 2005, to better serve the community, the leaders of St. George oversaw the construction of a youth education and activities center that will allow younger church members to fully explore and develop their abilities. Furthermore, the Church has been instrumental to its members' continued welfare as our nation has faced the challenges of a difficult economy. It is a testament to the strength of the congregation of St. George that its members will also be celebrating the burning of the mortgage for its current home in Troy while they are celebrating its centennial.

Mr. Speaker, it is my pleasure to again congratulate Reverend Antypas, as well as the other leaders, and congregation of St. George Orthodox Church on achieving this great milestone in their community and in the celebration of their faith. I know St. George will continue to serve its members and community well and I wish its leaders and congregation success in their future endeavors.

SOUTH NASHVILLE ALL-STARS

HON. MARSHA BLACKBURN

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 22, 2013

Mrs. BLACKBURN. Mr. Speaker, Tennessee is home to many young talents. Whether in the music, technology, health care, or artistic communities, America's youth find success. I'm please today to rise and add one more group to the list of outstanding young talent: baseball players.

The South Nashville All-Stars headed earned their place in the World Series with a 5–3 win over Henrico, VA in the southeast region final. While they did not leave the Series with the title, they returned home to Middle Tennessee to fans, friends, and family all proud of their outstanding accomplishments.

I ask my colleagues to join with me in celebrating the hard work, perseverance, and

dedication of: Austin Kasick #14, Ben Pickman #32, Blake Kirchenbauer #3, Blake Money #15, Bricen Russell #23, Christopher McElvain #7, Connor Smith #13, Knox Preston #24, Robert Hassell #9, Tanner Morgan #1, Trae McLemore #21, and Zane Denton #25.

I join with their friends, parents, coaches, and supporters in celebrating their wonderful season.

IN SUPPORT OF OAKLAND COUNTY YOUNG REPUBLICANS

HON. KERRY L. BENTIVOLIO

OF MICHIGAN

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RECOGNIZING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE CHOWCHILLA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT

HON. JIM COSTA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 22, 2013

Mr. COSTA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Chowchilla Elementary School District as they celebrate their 100-year anniversary. Chowchilla Elementary School District is comprised of four elementary schools and one middle school: Stephens Elementary, Fuller Elementary, Reagan Elementary, Fairmead Elementary, and Wilson Middle. For the past 100 years, Chowchilla Elementary School District has provided students with an excellent education that promotes high academic performance, personal responsibility, and respect for oneself and others.

In 1913, Chowchilla Grammar School was built. Several years later, due to the growing community, two additional classroom wings were added to the building. In 1949, numerous additions were made to the school, including a new office, restrooms and classrooms. Today, this building is now Stephens Elementary School.

In 1949, Merle L. Fuller Elementary School was established. Ronald Reagan Elementary School was completed in 2008 due to the land that was granted to Chowchilla Elementary School District in 2003 from C&R Holdings, LTD. Over a hundred years ago, students at Fairmead Elementary School were taught in a large warehouse in Fairmead, California. In 1913, a school building was completed, and in 1964, Fairmead Elementary School joined the Chowchilla Elementary School District. Wilson Grammar School was constructed in 1920, but was burned down years later. It was rebuilt in 1940, and is currently the location of Wilson Middle School.

The Chowchilla Elementary School District serves a diverse group of students. Every school district has its own challenges, but the administrators and teachers at Chowchilla Elementary School District are dedicated to providing their students with a quality education.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Chowchilla Elementary School District during their 100-year anniversary. We must thank all the administrators, faculty, and staff that provide students in the Central Valley with a quality education.

90 YEARS OF GEORGETOWN, TEXAS NOON LIONS CLUB

HON. JOHN R. CARTER

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 22, 2013

Mr. CARTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate 90 years of extraordinary service by the Georgetown, TX Noon Lions Club. Throughout their history, the Club has helped where help is needed—in their own communities and around the world—with unmatched integrity and energy.

Founded in 1923, the Georgetown Noon Lions Club has made a real difference in Central Texas. They've provided generous scholarships to deserving high school seniors.

Through the Kid Sight team, they've promoted eyesight health for hundreds through regular vision screening events. The Club's philanthropy has directly benefited the Boys and Girls Club as well as the Texas Lions Camp.

When the Georgetown Noon Lions Club gets involved, problems get smaller and communities get better. The Club continues to fulfill the inspiring personal code of Lions Club founder Melvin Jones, "You can't get very far until you start doing something for somebody else."

The Georgetown Noon Lions Club's commitment to service reflects the best values of Central Texas. I applaud their work and wish them well on their 90th birthday and for many years to come.

HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH

HON. ALAN GRAYSON

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 22, 2013

Mr. GRAYSON. Mr. Speaker, I submit the following.

RECOGNIZING THE CAREER OF MARITZA REYES

Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of Hispanic Heritage Month, to recognize the accomplishments and career of Maritza Reyes. Mrs. Reyes has done invaluable work as a legal professional and a Latina leader in Central Florida.

Mrs. Reyes is currently an Associate Professor of Law at Florida A&M University College of Law. Mrs. Reyes grew up in Florida. She earned a B.S. in Accounting magna cum laude from Florida Atlantic University, a J.D. summa cum laude from Nova Southeastern University Shepard Broad Law Center, and an LL.M. from the Harvard Law School. She currently serves on the Board of Advisors of the Harvard Latino Law Review. Professor Reyes teaches Civil Procedure, Evidence, Immigration Law, Advanced Topics in Immigration Law, Latinos and the Law, and Professional Responsibility. She also serves as faculty advisor to the Hispanic American Law Students Association. Her areas of research and writing include immigration law and policy, ethics, evidence, federal courts, and Latinos and the law. Professor Reyes is admitted to practice in Florida, as well as before the Supreme Court of the United States, the United States Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit, and the United States District Courts for the Southern and Middle Districts of Florida.

Prior to joining academia, Mrs. Reyes worked in the commercial and international litigation groups of Holland & Knight LLP, was employed as a career law clerk and staff attorney in the federal courts, and served as a certified legal intern in the United States Attorneys' Office where she prepared briefs that were filed in the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit. She has provided pro bono and volunteer services individually and through the Florida Immigrant Advocacy Center, Lawyers for Children America, the Florida Democratic Lawyers Council and Children First. Prior to attending law school, Professor Reyes worked for Fortune 100 and Fortune 500 companies as well as small businesses.

Mrs. Reyes believes in the importance of education as a means to improve individual lives and society in general. At Harvard, Mrs.

Reyes served as General Editor of the Harvard Latino Law Review and as External Affairs Coordinator of La Alianza. She held a Harvard Law School Post-Graduate Research Fellowship from 2008 to 2011 and was awarded a Congressional Hispanic Caucus Institute Graduate Scholarship. Mrs. Reyes attended Nova law school on a full-tuition merit scholarship as a Goodwin Scholar, served as Articles Editor of the Nova Law Review, won a Best Brief Award in the Moot Court First Year Appellate Writing Competition and earned membership in the Moot Court Honor Society. She received a Public Interest Pro Bono Award, the Student Bar Association Academic Achievement Award, the National Association of Women Lawyers Outstanding Law Student Award and recognition in Who's Who: American Law Students (2000 ed.). During her undergraduate accounting studies, she was inducted into the Beta Alpha Psi, Phi Kappa Phi and Beta Gamma Sigma Honor Societies.

I am happy to honor Maritza Reyes, during Hispanic Heritage Month, for her accomplishments and commitment to education, public service, and equality for all Hispanics in Central Florida and nationwide.

RECOGNIZING THE CAREER AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF MAGDA IVETTE TORRES

Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of Hispanic Heritage Month, to recognize the public service of Magda Ivette Torres within the Hispanic community in Central Florida. She currently serves as a news analyst and journalist for both WPRD 1440 AM radio and En Agenda News Analysis Talk Show.

Born in Mayagüez, Puerto Rico, Magda Ivette has more than 24 years of combined professional experience in journalism (print, radio, and television), public relations, law, government, teaching, and community affairs. Her work experience began after she graduated from the University of Texas at Arlington and she obtained her law degree from the Catholic University Law School in Ponce, Puerto Rico. Magda Ivette has worked for WOLE-TV, WLEO-AM, WISO-AM, WEUC-FM, the City of Ponce, La Perla del Sur Newspaper, EFE News Agency, Inter American University, legal aide at the Senate of Puerto Rico, Browning Ferris Industries, and Intel Puerto Rico. She also worked as a communication consultant for The Puerto Rico Bar Association.

Magda has worked within the Central Florida community to ensure that Hispanic voters are informed and exercise their ability to vote. Since 2003, she has hosted the "En Agenda" talk show, a daily news analysis program. Magda has dedicated the majority of her show to analyzing state, local, national, and international news. Magda Ivette collaborates with different organizations and public service institutions to inform her audience about their services and provide solutions to community problems. She regularly writes and assists Hispanics in communicating with courts and government entities. She also assists those with special needs so that they receive appropriate medical care, food, and shelter.

I am happy to honor Magda Ivette Torres, during Hispanic Heritage Month, for her dedication to civic engagement and service to the Hispanic community.

HONORING THE LIFE AND SERVICE OF ROSINÍN RODRIGUEZ PEREZ

Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of Hispanic Heritage Month, to recognize Rosinín

Rodriguez Perez for her outstanding service to the community.

Rosinín was born in Guayama, Puerto Rico on October 18th, 1937. Her parents were Heriberto Rodriguez and Isabel Pérez. Rosinín Rodriguez is currently the Spiritual Leader and Vice-President of Congregación Mita Inc., the only church founded in Puerto Rico that has expanded nationally to 11 states and internationally to 10 countries in Latin America and Europe.

Rosinín holds a Bachelors degree in Social Sciences with a concentration in Psychology and Sociology from the University of Puerto Rico, Rio Piedras Campus, where she also completed graduate courses in Counseling and Education. Upon graduation, Rosinín worked as a middle school teacher in Bayamon, Puerto Rico, where she taught Spanish and Social Studies. She later worked as a Vocational Rehabilitation Counselor helping students finish their vocational education. She also worked for the Social Security Administration in the division of disability determination and later joined the Puerto Rico Department of Education's Youth Opportunity Center. From 1965 to 1971 she worked as a Career Counselor for the Puerto Rico Department of Labor.

Rosinín joined the Congregación Mita Church in 1962 and lived in the Pastoral House with Juanita Garcia Peraza "Mita," founder of the church. After Juanita Garcia Peraza passed away, Rosinín continued working alongside Teófilo Vargas Sein "Aaron," current President of the church and Spiritual Leader. She was a key contributor to the expansion of the church in Puerto Rico and the United States. In Florida, the church has congregations in Orlando, Ocala, Miami, and Tampa.

Rosinín has distinguished herself by her great moral and spiritual values, hard work, and commitment to the service of others. Rosinín has been the founding member of several church institutions. Among them are: Colegio Congregación Mita, a school in Puerto Rico, where Rosinín served as its first administrator; El Paraíso Nursing Home, an institution that cares for seniors who are unable to care for themselves due to their physical and/or emotional conditions; and the Office for Counseling and Social Work. This institution provides professional services by certified social workers, psychologists, gerontologists, in matters such as drug addiction, alcoholism, domestic violence, family and marriage relations, physical and/or mental health problems, employment, and housing. These services are available free of charge to members and non-members of the church in all the states and countries where the church has been established, including Orlando, FL.

I am happy to honor Rosinín Rodriguez Perez, during Hispanic Heritage Month, for her extraordinary contributions to the Congregación Mita Church and the communities the church serves in the United States and around the World.

RECOGNIZING THE COMMUNITY SERVICE OF ROMUALD JOSE LEYDON

Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of Hispanic Heritage Month, to recognize the career of Romuald Jose Leydon.

Mr. Leydon was born in New York City on August 9, 1965 to Puerto Rican parents. At his third birthday, he was officially adopted by his Irish stepfather and received his last name Leydon. He moved to Puerto Rico in 1973,

when he was eight years old. Raised in both the Puerto Rican and Irish cultures, Leydon committed himself to working for his community and helping it grow.

Mr. Leydon graduated from Margarita Janer Palacios High School in Guaynabo, Puerto Rico where he completed a course of Marketing and Distribution in 1984. He joined the Seminary Bethsaida Inc. in Worcester, Massachusetts in 1990 where he studied Leadership and Theology. He finished his bachelor's and master's degree in 2010 and his doctoral degree in 2012.

Mr. Leydon worked from 1995 to 2000 as a Church Administrator at Bethsaida Inc. He moved to Osceola County, Florida in 2003 where he worked as a Chief Financial Officer at Tones Distribution Group for five years. From 2009 to 2010 he was the President of Operations in Ameriwalk Inc., where he organized various events for non-profit organizations. He is currently the Dean and Professor of Theology at the Christian School Renewal.

Mr. Leydon is involved with the Christian community and strongly supports the Food Pantry "Pan de Vida" at the Renewal Church in the Buenaventura Lakes community in Kissimmee, FL. Mr. Leydon has been married to his wife, Ivette Reyes, for over 25 years and enjoys spending time with his son and three grandchildren.

I am happy to honor Romuald Jose Leydon, during Hispanic Heritage Month, for his selfless service to the community in Florida's Ninth Congressional District.

RECOGNIZING THE LEADERSHIP OF TIRSO MORENO

Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Tirso Moreno, a leader and advocate of farmworkers and immigrants in the 9th Congressional District in the State of Florida. He has fought to provide farmworkers with a living wage, adequate housing, safe working conditions, and educational opportunities.

Tirso was born in Tamaulipas, Mexico, near the Texas border. At a young age he learned to pick corn and cotton on the family's farm. In 1971, at the age of 17, he emigrated to the United States with his family to do farm work. For 11 years, he and his wife worked as migrant workers, harvesting oranges, grapefruits, and lemons in Florida from November to May, and apples in Michigan from June to October.

In 1976, Tirso joined the United Farm Workers (UFW) union and from 1979 to 1982, he served on the negotiation committee for the collective bargaining agreement between the UFW and Coca Cola/Minute Maid. In 1982, Tirso became the lead organizer for the Farmworker Project of the Office for Farmworker Ministry in Apopka, Florida.

In 1983, Tirso and the Notre Dame Sisters founded the Farmworker Association of Florida of which Tirso is currently the General Coordinator. Under his leadership, the Association expanded in 1992 from a small local group to a statewide organization with more than 10,000 members. FWAf now has four offices throughout Florida, a staff of 25, and a membership of more than 4,000 Latino, Haitian, and African-American families. FWAf provides educational programs, legal assistance, a worker-owned credit union, and a food cooperative.

Tirso is also a co-founder and board member of the Farmworker Health and Safety Institute, and serves on the boards of several

other organizations such as the Southern Partners Fund, the Domestic Fair Trade Association, the National Immigrant Farming Initiative, and the Rural Coalition. He has worked to establish international cooperation with immigrants and farmworkers on both sides of the Mexico/United States border. Tirso advocated on farmworkers' behalf in national and international meetings such as the Via Campesina North America and International Gatherings, United States Social Forums, World Social Forums, and the United Nations World Conference Against Racism.

I am happy to honor Tirso Moreno, during Hispanic Heritage Month, for his outstanding leadership on behalf of immigrants and farmworkers in my district and throughout the country.

HONORING THE ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF SHEYLA ASCENCIOS

Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of Hispanic Heritage Month, to recognize the civic accomplishments of Sheyla Asencios within the Central Florida community. Ms. Asencios currently serves as the Florida Democratic Party Central Florida Hispanic Media and Outreach Coordinator.

After immigrating to the United States from Peru at the age of three, Ms. Asencios was raised in Kissimmee, Florida. Early in her journalistic career, Ms. Asencios worked as a news reporter and magazine writer for the Valencia College weekly newspaper, The Valencia Source and college magazine, Caffeinated. She soon rose to the position of managing editor for The Source, while also working as an intern for Orlando's major newspaper, the Orlando Sentinel and the television news station NBC's WESH 2 News. As a journalist, she sought to uncover the truth and report on under-represented groups, students, and the Latino community in Osceola and Orange Counties.

Upon graduation from the University of Florida, Ms. Asencios began devoting much of her time to public service. She became a Juvenile Drug Court and Teen Court volunteer in Orange, Osceola, and Alachua counties and worked as a legal and development assistant at the Legal Aid Society of the Orange County Bar Association (OCBA). Her ability to foster relationships and her background in public service led to her becoming the OCBA's youngest staff member when she was hired as Marketing Manager. She became the program manager of the bar association's community outreach program, Leadership Law. After only two years of managing the program, Leadership Law won the 2012 LexisNexis Community and Educational Outreach Award, placing the OCBA in the national spotlight. By its second year, the program's financial sponsors nearly doubled, benefiting the OCBA and its sister affiliates.

This past fall, Ms. Asencios took an active role in the 2012 elections, working for State Senator Darren Soto's successful campaign in District 14. Sheyla also volunteers for the Legal Aid Society of the OCBA and is a freelance journalist for South Florida's major metropolitan newspaper, the Miami Herald.

I am happy to honor Sheyla Asencios, during Hispanic Heritage Month, for her dedication to serving the Central Florida community.

RECOGNIZING THE SERVICE AND LEADERSHIP OF VIVIANA MARGARITA JANER

Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Viviana Margarita Janer for her service and leadership within her community in Florida's Ninth District.

Viviana was born in Rio Piedras, Puerto Rico and raised in New York City. She has a Bachelor of Business Administration with a major in Public Accounting and an MBA with academic honors. She currently serves as the Treasurer for the Democratic Hispanic Caucus of Florida.

Viviana has over 20 years of experience in the business world, and currently works as a Senior Manager of Internal Audit at a major Hospitality company. She was a volunteer for President Obama's reelection campaign and acted as a Neighborhood Team Leader holding weekly events within her community. Viviana also had the great honor of introducing President Obama in front of a crowd of 3,000 in her hometown of Kissimmee.

Viviana has volunteered for organizations such as the Destiny Foundation, the Second Harvest Food Bank, Give the Kids the World, Pine Hills YMCA, and the Central Florida Breadbasket. She has also been an advocate for countless social issues and has campaigned for other candidates, including Senator ED MARKEY. Vivian is a member of the Osceola County Commission Affordable Housing Advisory Committee, as well as an active member of the Progressive Democrats of America, the Democratic Executive Committee, and the Democrats of Celebration. She is also a founding member of Organizing for Action.

I am happy to honor Viviana Margarita Janer, during Hispanic Heritage Month, for her outstanding public service to the Central Florida community.

REMEMBERING MR. ROBERT GREINER

HON. PAUL COOK

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 22, 2013

Mr. COOK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Mr. Robert "Bob" Greiner of Victorville, CA, who passed away October 17th, 2013 after leaving what will be a lasting impression on the members of the Victor Valley community.

During the Korean War, Bob was drafted into the Army and eventually served as part of the Military Police. Bob's service to his country did not stop there. After leaving the Army, Bob opened car dealerships where, he became a well known face around the town.

During the recession and throughout the closure of George Air Force Base, he provided work to those in need. Bob's service to his country and community is a legacy that will not soon be forgotten.

Today, I join with the Town of Victorville and the whole country in remembering this great soldier, community leader, father, and husband. My thoughts and prayers go out to his wife, Mrs. Greiner, and all the friends and family of this extraordinary man.

IN SUPPORT OF THE REPUBLICAN
LIBERTY CAUCUS**HON. KERRY L. BENTIVOLIO**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 22, 2013

Mr. BENTIVOLIO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of the Republican Liberty Caucus who like so many grass-root organizations throughout our country have diligently educated our citizens on various public issues facing us today. Exercising their Constitutional right to peacefully assemble and in many cases petition their government for a redress of grievances in support of the restoration of liberty, not in restricting it; shrinking our bloated government, not expanding it; who want to reduce taxes, not raise them; abolish costly government programs, not create them; expose the abuses and oppressions of tyrannical dictates; the Republican Liberty Caucus promotes the freedom and independence of our citizens, not the interference of government in their lives; and observe the limited, enumerated powers of our Constitution, not ignore them.

Mr. Speaker, these truly American patriots of every cultural, religious and ethnic background have found a common cause in fighting back today's proliferating big government rules and regulations imposed by costly bloated government bureaucracies who are accountable to no one at the expense of individual rights.

They are God-fearing, freedom-loving Americans who desire nothing more than to rein in big government's tendency toward excessive coercion and the insidious spread of government overreach. They question when the validity of laws and morality contradict each other. They desire nothing more than the extension of individual freedom in a Constitutional Republic that attaches all possible value to citizens rather than making each citizen a mere agent, a mere number of the state; a Constitutional Republic that seeks equality in Liberty rather than in restraint and servitude.

Mr. Speaker, there is a great political awakening taking place in our country today. The roots of which are solid stock and American made, they are a visionary group of individuals who understand the moral foundations of a Constitutional Republic, the benefits of free markets, and the Blessings of individual liberty. May they continue to strive valiantly and dare greatly.

Mr. Speaker, thank you for allowing me a few short minutes to give this testimony in support of the Republican Liberty Caucus, a truly American grass-roots organization.

RECOGNIZING OF ONE ACCORD
MINISTRY**HON. DAVID P. ROE**

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 22, 2013

Mr. ROE of Tennessee. Mr. Speaker, I submit these remarks today to commend Of One Accord Ministry of Hawkins and Hancock Counties for their 25 years of service to East Tennessee.

Of One Accord Ministry began humbly in 1988 in the home of Sheldon Livesay, founder

and director of the organization. Livesay's desire to give back to the people of East Tennessee led to the creation of this organization, which began with the aim of meeting the needs of low-income families in the First District of Tennessee and has since expanded to include a free medical clinic, a drug recovery program, and several international humanitarian missions.

This year marks the 25th year of operation for Of One Accord Ministry. In its time, this organization has served over 833,000 East Tennesseans with the distribution of approximately 11 million pounds of food, 21,600 winter coats, and 900 pairs of eyeglasses. In addition, Of One Accord Ministry has served countless others internationally with over 1 million meals around the globe.

Of One Accord Ministry has dedicated itself to improving the lives of low-income families in both Appalachia and around the world and I sincerely thank them for all that they do for the Volunteer State.

OUR UNCONSCIONABLE NATIONAL
DEBT**HON. MIKE COFFMAN**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 22, 2013

Mr. COFFMAN. Mr. Speaker, on January 20, 2009, the day President Obama took office, the national debt was \$10,626,877,048,913.08.

Today, it is \$17,075,230,597,788.39. We've added \$6,448,353,548,875.31 to our debt in 4 years. This is \$6.4 trillion in debt our nation, our economy, and our children could have avoided with a balanced budget amendment.

RECOGNIZING DARIUS ASSEMI

HON. JIM COSTA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 22, 2013

Mr. COSTA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Darius Assemi as he is honored with the Fresno State Alumni Association's Top Dog Distinguished Alumnus Award. Darius is well deserving of this award as he has contributed so much to the City of Fresno and our entire Central Valley.

Darius immigrated to the United States from Iran almost 40 years ago. He graduated with honors from California State University, Fresno in 1983 with a degree in Civil Engineering. After graduation, he served as vice president of Granville Homes up until 2009 when he became president. Granville Homes is a local business that is family-owned and operated.

Fresno has benefitted in so many ways from the efforts made by Darius. Granville's developments are spread throughout the city. They provide housing to individuals of all ages, ethnicities, and socio-economic backgrounds. For over 30 years, Darius has stood behind Granville's mission "to improve the well-being of people in our community" and promote "positive change in the lives of people in the Central Valley." For the past eight years, Darius has hosted a "Home of Hope" fundraiser. Participants buy one hundred dollar raf-

file tickets with the possibility of winning a new home. All of the proceeds from the raffle tickets are donated to local non-profits around the Central Valley. Since 2006, over 2.4 million dollars has been raised. The donations provide shelter, healthcare, education, and food to thousands of individuals.

Darius plays a big role in the city's effort to revitalize downtown Fresno. Granville has completed four housing projects downtown, and two more projects are in the works. As a result, over 500 individuals have moved to the area. Residents are making contributions to downtown Fresno that will have a lasting impact on the city's entire economy.

In addition to his work at Granville Homes, Darius is the chair of American Medical Overseas Relief (AMOR). AMOR is a non-profit organization that is improving the health of thousands of women and children in Afghanistan. In 2009, the Afshar Hospital in Kabul, Afghanistan was built due to funding from AMOR. The 100 bed hospital serves more than 3,500 patients a month.

Darius also sits on several other boards including the California Transportation Commission, the California Health Sciences University, the Islamic Cultural Center of Fresno, and the Fresno Chamber of Commerce.

Mr. Speaker, it is with great respect that I ask my colleagues in the House of Representatives to recognize Darius Assemi for his commitment to ensuring that the City of Fresno continues to prosper and thrive.

CALLING FOR JUSTICE FOR THE
BYTYQI BROTHERS**HON. TIMOTHY H. BISHOP**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 22, 2013

Mr. BISHOP of New York. Mr. Speaker, today I am introducing a concurrent resolution calling upon the government of Serbia to bring to justice those responsible for the murders of Ylli, Agron and Mehmet Bytyqi in July 1999. The resolution also calls on our government to do what it can to encourage and assist a successful prosecution of the case. I want to thank my fellow colleague from New York, Mr. Grimm, for co-sponsoring this resolution.

The three Bytyqi brothers were American citizens. Their ethnic Albanian family emigrated to the United States from Kosovo, and some family members reside in my district on Long Island. During the Kosovo conflict which prompted the NATO air campaign against Serbia, the brothers traveled to the region to fight. Remaining in Kosovo after a cease fire agreement ended the conflict, the three young men escorted an ethnic Romani neighbor and his family from Kosovo to Serbian controlled territory, where they would be safer. Accidentally straying across the border, they were detained by police in southern Serbia and then sentenced for illegally entering the country. When released from prison, they were not set free but taken to a Ministry of Interior special forces training camp where they were executed and buried in a mass grave with the bodies of dozens of ethnic Albanians from Kosovo.

To be clear, the Bytyqi brothers were not sentenced for any crime other than illegal entry. They were not afforded an opportunity

to defend themselves in a court of law. They were not given a fair and public trial. They were shot, in cold blood, by a paramilitary unit working under the Ministry of Interior.

In 1999, Serbia was under the rule of Slobodan Milosevic, whose regime fomented ethnic hatred and was responsible for some of the worst atrocities in Europe since World War II. Today, Serbia is a very different place, moving forward in its democratic development, improving relations with its neighbors and advancing on its path toward European integration. In doing so, it has worked to prosecute many of the crimes committed in the Milosevic era. It is unfortunate, however, that those responsible for the murders of the Bytyqi brothers continue to elude justice.

Our government should do everything it can to ensure the successful prosecution of those responsible for the murders of U.S. citizens abroad. It should provide resources as needed, and it should make it clear to the authorities in Belgrade that inaction does have repercussions on bilateral relations. This resolution encourages just that. The resolution will also hopefully convey to the Serbian authorities the concerns of the U.S. Congress, and it is my hope they will respond by removing any protection given to the perpetrators of this crime and prosecuting them in a court of law. Hopefully, Serbia's political leaders will not only recognize the seriousness which we attach to this case but also understand that it is in Serbia's interest to let justice work to sever the ties with the Milosevic past that have held the country back from a Europe where it otherwise belongs.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to support this resolution and its passage in this Congress.

HONORING DOTTIE BERGER
MACKINNON

HON. KATHY CASTOR

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 22, 2013

Ms. CASTOR of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of an outstanding leader of the Tampa Bay community, Dottie Berger MacKinnon. Her tireless crusade to better the lives of neglected and abused children is an inspiration to the Tampa Bay community and to this great nation.

Among Mrs. Berger MacKinnon's numerous accomplishments is her work in founding charities that support needy children. In 1992, Mrs. Berger MacKinnon led a community effort to found Joshua House, a kid's shelter in the Tampa Bay area which now handles children ages 7 to 17 who have been removed from their homes. Never tiring of making a positive difference, Mrs. Berger MacKinnon worked to found Kid's Charity of Tampa Bay in 2006. Kid's Charity also manages A Kid's Place, a 60-bed emergency shelter for children waiting to be placed with a foster family. Mrs. Berger MacKinnon's visionary leadership resulted in raising \$5 million for A Kid's Place to build an amazing facility that now has helped more than 700 abused, abandoned and neglected children.

A native of Kentucky, Berger MacKinnon had an early passion for politics that led her to move at age 15 to live with an aunt on the

outskirts of Washington. She later moved to Tampa where she earned a B.A. in political science in 1984 from the University of South Florida. She joined the Gulf Coast Division for the Children's Home Society of Florida in 1985 where she served as one of its State Board members.

Mrs. Berger MacKinnon won a seat on the Hillsborough County Commission in 1994 and went on to become chairman from 1996 to 1997. On the Commission, she continued to fight for abused and neglected children. Mrs. Berger MacKinnon served on the Hillsborough County Hospital Authority, as well as three terms on Tampa General Hospital's governing board. Here, she was instrumental in its transformation into a not-for-profit institution. Mrs. Berger MacKinnon was inducted into the Hillsborough County Women's Hall of Fame earlier this year.

Mrs. Berger MacKinnon was diagnosed with breast cancer in 1999 and unfortunately passed away this October. Through her brave battle with cancer, Mrs. Berger MacKinnon was an inspiration to others who are fighting this devastating disease. To carry on her tenacious spirit and honor her legacy, I introduced the Eliminating Disparities in Breast Cancer Treatment Act. This Act will help ensure greater access to cancer treatment for women across the Nation. Mr. Speaker, today on behalf of the many people who have been inspired by her diligent efforts and for the thousands of children whose lives are forever bettered by her never-ending generosity, we salute and thank Dottie Berger MacKinnon.

THE 150TH ANNIVERSARY OF
FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF
HAMPTON

HON. ROBERT C. "BOBBY" SCOTT

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 22, 2013

Mr. SCOTT of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate a legacy of faith in Virginia's Third Congressional District. This year, First Baptist Church of Hampton is celebrating its 150th anniversary, and I would like to take a moment to reflect on the history of this esteemed institution and its contributions to the greater Hampton Roads community.

The history of many African American churches in existence today developed from a small band of worshippers who sat in the "designated section" of a white church. In this respect, First Baptist Church of Hampton is no exception and was borne out of worshippers at the Hampton Baptist Church located a short distance away from the present church site. With Reverend Zechariah Evans as its first pastor, First Baptist Church of Hampton came into its own and built its own building to house services.

The Church continued to grow and prosper, but in September 1944, a catastrophic fire destroyed the church building. Members of the community and sister churches rallied to support First Baptist Church. With generous support from the Hampton Baptist Church and other supporters in the community, the sanctuary was restored and the facility was improved and expanded.

Over the years the Church grew in its capacity, its membership, and its mission. Com-

munity outreach became an integral part of the work of the Church. The accomplishments of First Baptist Church of Hampton are far too many to list, but among them are the founding of the People's Building and Loan Association under Reverend Richard Spiller and the organization of the Big Brothers of America in Hampton under the leadership of Reverend Seymour J. Gaines.

On July 6, 2006, First Baptist Church officially elected Reverend Dr. Richard W. Willis, Sr. as its tenth and current pastor and he has continued to lead the church in its strong tradition, dedicated to fellowship and social action.

Over the years, the First Baptist community has continued to grow and flourish. The church now offers programs to increase healthy living through its Health Ministry program, hosts voter registration drives, provides housing for the homeless through "A Night's Welcome," and remains steadfast in providing for the least of these, through its efforts in meal service and food distribution.

As First Baptist Church of Hampton gathers to celebrate this historic milestone, the church can truly remember its past, celebrate its present, and focus on its future as "[a] place on the harbor where heaven meets heaven." I would like to congratulate Reverend Willis and all of the members of First Baptist Church of Hampton on the occasion of its 150th Anniversary. I wish them many more years of dedicated service to the community.

IN SUPPORT OF THE WILLOW RUN
TEA PARTY CAUCUS

HON. KERRY L. BENTIVOLIO

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 22, 2013

Mr. BENTIVOLIO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of the Willow Run Tea Party Caucus of Ann Arbor, Michigan who like so many grass-root organizations throughout our country have diligently educated our citizens on various public issues facing us today. Exercising their Constitutional right to peacefully assemble and in many cases petition their government for a redress of grievances in support of the restoration of liberty, not in restricting it; shrinking our bloated government, not expanding it; who want to reduce taxes, not raise them; abolish costly government programs, not create them; expose the abuses and oppressions of tyrannical dictates; and promote the freedom and independence of our citizens, not the interference of government in their lives; and observe the limited, enumerated powers of our Constitution, not ignore them.

Mr. Speaker, these truly American patriots of every cultural, religious and ethnic background have found a common cause in fighting back today's proliferating big government rules and regulations imposed by costly bloated government bureaucracies who are accountable to no one at the expense of individual rights.

They are God-fearing, freedom-loving Americans who desire nothing more than to rein in big government's tendency toward excessive coercion and the insidious spread of government overreach. They question when the validity of laws and morality contradict each other. They desire nothing more than the extension of individual freedom in a Democracy

that attaches all possible value to citizens rather than making each citizen a mere agent, a mere number; a Democracy that seeks equality in Liberty rather than in restraint and servitude.

Mr. Speaker, there is a great political awakening taking place in our country today. The roots of which are solid stock and American made, they are visionary individuals who understand the moral foundations of a Constitutional Republic, the benefits of free markets, and individual liberty. May they continue to strive valiantly and dare greatly.

Mr. Speaker, thank you for allowing me a few short minutes to give this testimony in support of a truly American grass-roots organization.

RECOGNIZING JERRY TARKANIAN

HON. JIM COSTA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 22, 2013

Mr. COSTA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Jerry Tarkanian or "Tark the Shark," for being inducted into the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame. Nationwide, Jerry is most recognized for his achievements as the basketball coach for University of Nevada, Las Vegas (UNLV), but in California's 16th Congressional District, we know Jerry as California State University, Fresno's (Fresno State) spirited and energetic former head basketball coach. Fresno State is Jerry's alma mater, and the community is very proud to say so.

Jerry was born in Euclid, Ohio, and is the son of Armenian immigrants. He moved halfway across the country to get an education and play basketball. In 1955, he graduated from Fresno State, and later earned his master's degree in Educational Management from the University of Redlands.

Jerry began his coaching career at San Joaquin Memorial High School in Fresno. He then went on to coach high school basketball in Southern California, and then coached at Riverside City College from 1961–1966 and Pasadena City College from 1966–1968. Jerry was successful at the city college level, and brought four consecutive teams to the California Junior College Championships.

Jerry coached his first Division I team at California State University, Long Beach from 1968–1973. As a coach during the late 60's, he defied some of the social norms of the time by becoming one of the first coaches to start more than three African-American players. He is also one of the first coaches to recognize the advantages of coaching junior college athletes. Jerry took a personal interest in his players and wanted them to succeed on and off the court. He reached out to young men who lived in inner-cities and normally would not have access to a higher education.

In 1973, Jerry moved to Nevada to become head coach at UNLV. During his tenure, he made four Final Four appearances, and in 1990 won the NCAA Division I National Championship. For many years to come, Jerry would be recognized as the individual who turned around the basketball program at UNLV and made it into a winning program. When his career ended at UNLV, Jerry returned to Fresno and coached at his alma

mater from 1995–2002. For six years in a row, his teams had 20-win seasons.

Jerry coached 42 players who were drafted by the NBA, including 12 first-round selections. Some of his most notable players include: Larry Johnson, Stacey Augmon, Armen Gilliam, and Sidney Green. He also coached Roscoe and Clifton Pondexter also known as the Pondexter brothers who were a powerhouse at San Joaquin Memorial and have since left a legacy at the high school.

Due to the efforts made by Jerry and the "Stadium Builders" in the mid 1990's, The Savemart Center was built. For years, there had been discussions regarding an on-campus arena at Fresno State, but it was not made into a reality until Jerry began his successful coaching career at the university. When he finished his coaching career, Jerry worked as the Senior Development Consultant for the Savemart Center.

Jerry is appreciated by individuals throughout our nation, but he is especially treasured in Fresno, California. Central Valley residents take pride in Fresno State, and it was an honor to have Jerry leading our Bulldogs on the basketball court.

Jerry is married to Lois Tarkanian and they have four children and 11 grandchildren.

Mr. Speaker, it is with great respect that I ask my colleagues in the House of Representatives to recognize Coach Jerry Tarkanian as he is recognized for all of the contributions that he has made to the game of basketball.

RECOGNIZING THE EIGHTEENTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE MILLION MAN MARCH

HON. CHARLES B. RANGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 22, 2013

Mr. RANGEL. Mr. Speaker, I remember eighteen years ago today, watching hundreds of thousands of Black men flood the National Mall in Washington, DC to promote unity and family values that would instill a sense of pride and personal responsibility in the community. Since that uplifting day, I am pleased to say that the Black community has made great strides in achieving the goals of the Million Man March, and honor that effort as we continue to strive for social and economic progress for all.

It was most inspiring to hear many prominent leaders encourage and empower husbands, fathers and sons all across the nation to "go back home" and reclaim prosperity and success for their lives, families and communities. Following the March, an impressive 1.7 million Black men registered to vote and many became more active in promoting civil rights. Since then, we have a larger middle class, more college graduates, and more Blacks are holding political offices. Our two-term President Barack Obama is a testament to how far we have come.

While I am proud of what the Black community has accomplished, there is much more to be done. Blacks still face crippling obstacles that make it difficult for them to remain in or join the middle class. At 12.6 percent, the unemployment rate for Black men and women is disproportionately higher than that of the overall population. In addition, the median wealth

of Black households is 20 times less than that of non-Hispanic whites. Blacks are still trapped by poverty in urban neighborhoods plagued by drugs, crime and violence.

As we commemorate the 18th Anniversary of the Million Man March, the words and ideas conveyed on October 16, 1995, must continue to resonate among leaders and activists today. As a nation we look not at our differences, but at what we can do to uplift our communities and come together to take pride in all we have accomplished as we improve income equality, equal opportunity and the realization of the American Dream for everyone.

LAWRENCEBURG BABE RUTH BASEBALL TEAM SOUTHEAST REGIONAL CHAMPIONS

HON. MARSHA BLACKBURN

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 22, 2013

Mrs. BLACKBURN. Mr. Speaker, the Tennessee Seventh Congressional District is home to many young talents. Whether in the music, technology, health care, or artistic communities, America's youth find success. I'm please today to rise and add one more group to the list of outstanding young talent: baseball players.

Led by coach David Weathers, the young men from Lawrenceburg left Babe Ruth Baseball League 13-year-old World Series as the Southeast Regional Champions. Dedicated to athletics, sportsmanship, and the great sport of baseball, these 13 young men represented Lawrenceburg, Tennessee, and the Southeast Region with great pride.

I ask my colleagues to join with me in celebrating the hard work, perseverance, and dedication of Ben Stagg, #43; Bradley Huckaba, #6; Clay Gambel, #9; Jacob Hallmark, #7; Jacob James, #10; Jacob Laws, #23; Jett Beasley, #1; Kendall Franklin, #88; Koltar Houser, #14; Lance Pope, #4; Ryan Weathers, #25; Sam Crane, #5 and Sawyer Turnbow, #18.

I join with their friends, parents, coaches, and supporters in celebrating their wonderful season.

AMERICAN HERO GETS A HOME: IN HONOR OF MARINE SERGEANT KEN KALISH

HON. SAM JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 22, 2013

Mr. SAM JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a true American patriot on a day worth remembering. Today, the Dallas Builders Association joined Operation Finally Home, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, on their mission to honor and serve our wounded and disabled veterans and their families as they transition from combat to civilian life. Their mission today is to present Marine Sergeant Ken Kalish with the keys to a mortgage free, custom-built home in Grand Prairie, Texas as a way to thank him for his honorable sacrifice and selfless service to our country.

Sergeant Ken Kalish, born on December 11, 1988 in Independence, Missouri, grew up understanding the core of what it means to be

an American. Seeing his grandfather serve as an Army Ranger and his dad in the U.S. Navy, Ken always knew one day he would follow his family's legacy and join the ranks to serve his county. After graduating from Hutch High in 2007, he enlisted in the U.S. Marine Corps and reported shortly after to Camp Pendleton for boot camp.

After completing the necessary training, he joined the Combat Engineering battalion to serve overseas in Iraq. Following his first tour of duty, Ken returned stateside and trained as a dog handler to seek out IED (improvised explosive devices), also commonly referred to as

"roadside bombs." Specifically, Ken trained a black Labrador retriever named Flynn, and in October of 2010, Ken and Flynn deployed to Afghanistan to detect these destructive mine-like devices. With only 30 short days left on his second tour, Ken stepped on an IED a few moments after loading Flynn into the accompanying vehicle. Ken was severely wounded in the explosion.

Despite the difficulty, Ken refuses to allow his injuries to define his present and his future. In his words, "there's no point in being sad over this" but instead focus on "what I have to do next." His resiliency of spirit,

unending courage, and commitment to service over self make 24-year-old Ken a patriot and a hero. Men like Ken embody the best of America. He stands as a shining example to us all, and we owe him and his family our deepest gratitude.

Ken, thank you for your sacrifice to preserve and protect the freedoms we enjoy each and every day. Without your willingness to serve, we would not have the privilege to call America the land of the free and home of the brave. This newly built home could not go to anyone more deserving.

God Bless you and I salute you.