

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS

HON. SHEILA JACKSON LEE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 26, 2011

Ms. JACKSON LEE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I will begin by thanking Congressman AL GREEN and Congressman TED POE for organizing this evening's Special Order in honor of Domestic Violence Awareness Month.

As a Senior Member of the Judiciary Committee, I believe we need stronger laws to protect survivors of abuse and their families. In 1994, I was an original co-sponsor of the Violence Against Women's Act (VAWA) which was a landmark piece of legislation that sought to improve the criminal justice system and community-based response to domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault and stalking in the United States. In addition, we must do more to address the causes of domestic abuse and to aid the victims of this violence.

Domestic Violence Awareness Month serves as an important reminder about this important issue. It is a travesty that domestic violence is one of the most underreported crimes in our country. 1 out of every 4 women will experience domestic violence in her lifetime. This is an epidemic that does not discriminate based on age, race, religion or gender.

Across the country there are non profits, community based organizations, and religious groups that are diligently working to address all the issues that rise from domestic violence. One such organization is the National Coalition Against Domestic Violence and another is in my hometown of Houston, TX, the Houston Area Women's Center.

I sat on the board of the Houston Area Women's Center and I witnessed firsthand the challenges they faced when addressing the needs of men, women, and children who are the victims of violence.

According to the National Coalition Against Domestic Violence (NCADV) 85 percent of all domestic violence victims are women. It is disturbing that every 9 seconds a woman in the United States is assaulted or beaten; more often than not she knows her abuser.

The numbers are alarming, between 2001 and 2005, about 63 percent of nonfatal intimate partner victimization against women occurred at home, 9.4 percent of these attacks were near home and 11.1 percent of the abuse occurred at a friend or neighbor's home.

The aggressors were often intimate partners, relatives, friends, acquaintances and even strangers. Every year nearly 5.3 million women over the age of 18 will be the victims of domestic violence. According to a report by the Center for Disease Control and Prevention, this violence will result in nearly 2 million injuries and 1,300 deaths.

HOUSTON TX—A STORY OF ABUSE AND TORTURE

For many years a Houston woman endured abuse at the hands of her husband Gregory.

After gaining the courage to leave him, Gregory continued to stalk and threaten her. Then one afternoon, Gregory kidnapped this mother and for 17 hours she would endure torture. She fought as Gregory strapped her to a bed with extension cords. That night, she survived multiple beatings. This was not the end of her ordeal. Gregory used a lighter and a can of hairspray as an accelerant to burn her breasts and her genitals. All while their one year old sat in the next room. This monster stuffed her mouth with a rag to muffle her screams. Fortunately, she was able to escape. Incidents like this must be prevented. What made an already tragic situation even more so, was once apprehended Gregory was charged with a lesser crime of abuse of a relative. I call for stronger laws to address the pervasive issue of domestic violence.

According to the Houston Area Woman's Center in 2010, 142 women were murdered in Texas by an abusive partner. The youngest of these victims was only 17 years old and the oldest victim was 78. In 2007, the Center served over 2,800 survivors of domestic violence and answered almost 39,000 calls regarding domestic violence.

In the State of Texas, at least 74 percent of Texans know someone who has experience some form of physical, sexual, or verbal abuse. Yet, these incidents remain underreported. It is my hope that Domestic Violence Awareness month will give voice to the victims of violence.

I hope this month more victims will come forward to face their attackers in a court of law. And I hope these brave men and women will find the support they need. Because the effects of domestic abuse exist long after the physical scars have healed. The psychological effects of domestic violence are deep seated. 60 percent of battered women report problems with depression. Additionally, suicide rates amongst victims are sky rocketing and a growing number of victims display symptoms of Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD). This is the sort of disorder we normally associate with troops who return home after surviving the horrors of war.

THE IMPACT ON CHILDREN

Domestic violence affects every member of the family, including the children. These home environments leave children living in constant fear. It is not a surprise that these children, who bear witness to violence at home, are themselves at greater risk for abuse and neglect. Studies show that child abuse occurs in 30 to 60 percent of family violence cases that involve families with children. (J.L. Edleson, "The overlap between child maltreatment and woman battering." Violence Against Women, February, 1999.)

The numbers of children who live in violent homes is alarming. Each year an estimated 3.3 million children are exposed to violence against their mothers or female caretakers by family members. (American Psychological Association, Violence and the Family: Report of the APA Presidential Task Force on Violence and the Family, 1996)

These young people suffer both physically and emotionally. A study by Ackerman and Piker found that families under stress produce children under stress. If a spouse is being abused and there are children present, the children are undeniably influenced by the abuse. These children are affected in ways similar to children who have experienced physical abuse. They are often unable to establish nurturing bonds with either parent.

We must do more to protect victims of violence. As you know a child who experiences abuse or neglect is more likely to have developmental delays and impaired language or cognitive skills; to be identified as a "problem" child (with attention difficulties or challenging behaviors); to be arrested for delinquency, adult criminality, and violent criminal behavior; to experience depression, anxiety, or other mental health problems as adults; engage in more health-risk behaviors as adults; and have poorer health outcomes as adults.

These children through no fault of their own are undergoing a trauma. As a result they are more likely to develop social, emotional, psychological and or behavioral problems than those who are not. Recent research indicates that children who witness domestic violence show more anxiety, low self esteem, depression, anger and temperament problems than children who do not witness violence in the home.

The trauma experienced by children can show up in emotional, behavioral, social and physical disturbances that effect their development and can continue well into their adulthood. It is well documented that children who witness violence in the home grow up to repeat the same patterns as adults and men who have witnessed their parents' domestic violence are three times as likely to abuse their own wives. The National Institute for Justice reports that being abused as a child increases the likelihood of arrest as a juvenile by 53 percent and as an adult by 38 percent.

IMPACT ON THE ECONOMY

Domestic violence has a negative impact on both families and the economy. The victims of domestic violence lose about 8 million paid work days per year in the United States alone. This is the equivalent of 32,000 full-time jobs. These instances of violence cannot continue. The first step towards remedying the issue is to raise awareness. I stand here today in support of the victims of domestic violence.

However, we must remember that government alone is not the only answer to improving the lives of survivors and victims of domestic violence in our nation. Partnerships between schools, businesses, parents, and other community entities are useful tools to address the issues that arise from domestic violence. We must support actions that enrich our communities and to ensure that the victims and survivors have the support they need.

Again, I am honored to be a part of this effort, and applaud all my colleagues who are involved in supporting Domestic Violence Awareness Month.

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HONORING THE BRAVE FIRE-FIGHTERS WHO SAVED MAGNOLIA AND ALL THOSE WHO SUPPORTED THEM

HON. KEVIN BRADY

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 26, 2011

Mr. BRADY of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the brave men and women who answered the call when wildfires roared. Having survived Hurricanes Rita and Ike, my district and the people of Southeast Texas know and understand the devastation Hurricanes bring. This September we dealt with a very different kind of disaster in the form of massive wildfires.

Luckily for us, our September miracle was granted Labor Day weekend as fire crews from across Texas and in fact the entire country came to Magnolia to battle a three county blaze that threatened to consume well over ten-thousand homes and businesses in Magnolia as well as thousands more in neighboring Grimes and Waller Counties.

Having been out on the line with them to see for myself how the fire lines came right up to families' back porches—yet they saved home after home—it is impossible for me not to be in awe of these heroes. Their skill and dedication saved the town of Magnolia and I can't wait to join them this Saturday in Unity Park to honor their success and hard work.

Magnolia Volunteer Fire Chief Gary Vincent united over a hundred different fire fighting agencies by his side and with the help of our dedicated Sheriff Tommy Gage, his deputies, our constables, our police departments, our Fire Marshall Jimmy Williams, school districts, the Texas Forest Service and many others stepped up. California's Interagency Incident Management Team not only took our thanks back to the Golden State, they take back the model for how communities and first responders unite with charities from the United Way, Red Cross, local food banks, churches, YMCAs and Chambers of Commerce to provide a response that firefighters across this nation will be talking about for years to come.

If a firefighter was thirsty, three volunteers would rush over with water and there were likely two more behind carrying hot meals just in case that firefighter might be hungry as well. All the firefighters who came in from across the country could talk about was how well they were treated in Texas, God's country.

Today, it's an honor for me to be here on the House floor to honor my heroes who made it possible for thousands of families to have homes to go home to. This Saturday, our community will honor those who held the line by celebrating their service and by heeding their warnings that the fire danger remains extraordinarily high as the drought drags on.

RECOGNIZING AVON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL OF AVON, SOUTH DAKOTA FOR BEING NAMED A BLUE RIBBON SCHOOL

HON. KRISTI L. NOEM

OF SOUTH DAKOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 26, 2011

Mrs. NOEM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Avon Elementary School of Avon, South Dakota for being named a Blue Ribbon School by the United States Department of Education.

This year the Department of Education named 305 schools Blue Ribbon Schools, Avon Elementary School was one of them. I would like to congratulate Avon Elementary School for its incredible academic achievements. This school reflects the attributes all American education institutions strive for: academic improvement and tangible results. These early successes will give students the ability to further their education and open doors to future opportunities. The commitment of students and staff to quality education and a high level of performance is commendable.

Again, congratulations to Avon Elementary School for being named a Blue Ribbon School.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. DANNY K. DAVIS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 26, 2011

Mr. DAVIS of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I was unable to cast votes on the following legislative measures. If I were present for rollcall votes, I would have voted "aye" for the following votes:

Roll 801, October 24, 2011: On Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass H.R. 320: To designate a Distinguished Flying Cross National Memorial at the March Field Air Museum in Riverside, California.

Roll 802, October 24, 2011: On Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass, as Amended H.R. 1160: To require the Secretary of the Interior to convey the McKinney Lake National Fish Hatchery to the State of North Carolina, and for other purposes.

HONORING KEITH KIRBY AND CURBCO FOR 25 YEARS OF SUCCESS

HON. DALE E. KILDEE

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 26, 2011

Mr. KILDEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor two great men and one great company.

As a young man Robert Matsko served in the United States Air Force. After leaving the military he earned a bachelor's degree in liberal arts from Michigan State University. Upon completion of his degree, Robert worked at A.C. Spark Plug for 7 years. In 1967 he began teaching at Randels Elementary in the Carman School District. Mr. Matsko found his calling as an elementary school teacher. He

taught at Carman for 27 years making a lasting impression on hundreds of young students, especially Keith Kirby. During his career, Robert Matsko was twice awarded "Who's Who of Teachers in America."

At the age of 11, Keith Kirby decided to start his own business. Keith began mowing lawns and that business became what is known today as Curbco. Curbco is a multi-million dollar business that has grown from lawn care to a full service maintenance company. They specialize in landscape, snow removal, street sweeping as well as paving and asphalt maintenance. Keith embodies the American Dream and the entrepreneurial spirit that makes this country great. His vision and investment have created jobs for many and helps provide for our community.

In his humble ways Keith credits much of his success to his 4th and 5th grade teacher, Mr. Robert Matsko. We all have a teacher that has changed us for the better and Keith thought it was important to highlight his teacher at Curbco's 25 year anniversary party.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in congratulating Keith Kirby and Curbco on reaching the milestone of 25 years in business. Also, join me in thanking Mr. Robert Matsko for his years of dedication to the profession of teaching.

RECOGNIZING HAMLIN JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL OF HAYTI, SOUTH DAKOTA FOR BEING NAMED A BLUE RIBBON SCHOOL

HON. KRISTI L. NOEM

OF SOUTH DAKOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 26, 2011

Mrs. NOEM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Hamlin Junior High School of Hayti, South Dakota for being named a Blue Ribbon School by the United States Department of Education.

This year the Department of Education named 305 schools Blue Ribbon Schools, Hamlin Jr. High School was one of them. I would like to congratulate Hamlin Jr. High School for its incredible academic achievements. This school reflects the attributes all American education institutions strive for: academic improvement and tangible results. These early successes will give students the ability to further their education and open doors to future opportunities. The commitment of students and staff to quality education and a high level of performance is commendable.

Again, congratulations to Hamlin Jr. High School for being named a Blue Ribbon School.

HONORING THE TWENTIETH CENTURY CLUB OF BUFFALO

HON. KATHLEEN C. HOCHUL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 26, 2011

Ms. HOCHUL. Mr. Speaker, I submit the following Proclamation.

Whereas: The Twentieth Century Club of Buffalo is located in the City of Buffalo in Erie County; and

Whereas: The Twentieth Century Club of Buffalo was founded in 1894 by Miss Charlotte Mulligan and other graduates of the Buffalo Seminary to promote cultural pursuits; and

Whereas: The Twentieth Century Club of Buffalo is considered to be among the oldest clubs for women in the United States; and

Whereas: The Twentieth Century Club of Buffalo played an important role during the Pan American Exposition and serves as an important reminder of the City of Buffalo's outstanding architectural history; and

Whereas: The Twentieth Century Club of Buffalo remains a vital and forward thinking club which is consistent with the sophisticated elegance that has defined the club for over a century; and

Whereas: The Twentieth Century Club of Buffalo has been designated a National Historic Landmark as a result of the support, energy and steadfast commitment of its members; be it further

Resolved; That we pause in our deliberations to honor the Twentieth Century Club of Buffalo on their designation as a National Historic Landmark and their service to the Western New York Community.

CONGRATULATING TOM TEMPLE

HON. BRUCE L. BRALEY

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 26, 2011

Mr. BRALEY of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, today I'd like to congratulate my good friend Tom Temple on his upcoming retirement from the Iowa Pharmacy Association. Tom has served in his current role at the Iowa Pharmacy Association since 1980, and has become a friend and adviser to me.

Tom has dedicated his life to medicine, and has been a leader on pharmaceutical issues across the state of Iowa. He has served as CEO of the Iowa Pharmacy Foundation and the Collaborative Education Institute. He has assisted numerous professional organizations including the American Pharmacists Association, the National Alliance of State Pharmacy Associations, and the American Society of Association Executives.

Tom has also been active in the higher education community, advising universities on current issues affecting the pharmaceutical industry. He served on the Advisory Committees for Drake University, the University of Iowa, and the University of Illinois College of Pharmacy.

Tom has been a tremendous advocate for Iowa pharmacists. When I was traveling in Afghanistan earlier this year, and came across a tiny pharmacy in a village there, my first thought was, "wouldn't Tom Temple get a kick out of this?"

Tom will be missed very much by his colleagues and peers in the coming years, but his influence and leadership will never be forgotten. I congratulate him on all of his success and wish him a rewarding and relaxing future.

RECOGNIZING NATIONAL BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

HON. ADAM SMITH

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 26, 2011

Mr. SMITH of Washington. Mr. Speaker, as we honor National Breast Cancer Awareness Month, I rise to call upon my colleagues to join me in stressing the importance of getting regular mammograms. Regular mammograms are crucial for early detection of this terrible disease. The earlier breast cancer is detected, the better chance there is of winning the fight against breast cancer.

Every two minutes, a woman is diagnosed with breast cancer, making this the most frequently diagnosed cancer among women in the United States. While traditionally thought of as an older woman's disease, breast cancer is found in women of all ages. The likelihood of diagnosis increases with age, but breast cancer is today being found more and more frequently among women in their 20s and 30s.

Today, the two and a half million breast cancer survivors living in the United States are a testament to the courage and perseverance of the Americans who have faced this condition. These survivors are also living reminders about the importance of breast cancer awareness, following recommended screening guidelines, ensuring that those affected receive treatment, and continuing to fund groundbreaking and innovative research.

Breast cancer does not discriminate; this deadly disease affects everyone regardless of age, wealth, or status. I stand in support of all of those who have been affected by breast cancer and encourage all available steps be taken to detect early and defeat this disease.

RECOGNIZING SHARON F. DELZER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL OF ESTELLINE, SOUTH DAKOTA FOR BEING NAMED A BLUE RIBBON SCHOOL

HON. KRISTI L. NOEM

OF SOUTH DAKOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 26, 2011

Mrs. NOEM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Sharon F. Delzer Elementary School of Estelline, South Dakota for being named a Blue Ribbon School by the United States Department of Education.

This year the Department of Education named 305 schools Blue Ribbon Schools, Sharon F. Delzer Elementary School was one of them. I would like to congratulate Sharon F. Delzer Elementary School for its academic achievements. This school reflects the attributes all American education institutions strive for: academic improvement and tangible results. These successes will give students the ability to further their education and open doors to future opportunities. The commitment of students and staff to quality education and a high level of performance is commendable.

Again, congratulations to Sharon F. Delzer Elementary School for being named a Blue Ribbon School.

A TRIBUTE TO PASTOR LESTER CHARLES SMITH

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute and to honor Pastor Lester Charles Smith for his leadership in guiding the New Jerusalem Holy Church towards participating in a community of building God's Kingdom on Earth as it is in Heaven.

Pastor Smith has a proven track record of accomplishments and over the years has led his congregation through the integrity of his heart. While his ministry has often been tested, Pastor Smith has stayed his God given course and kept the mandate of his divine assignment. With such leadership, the New Jerusalem Holy Church has its principles firmly rooted in the belief that we must appropriate the great salvation of God through commitment and excellence.

Pastor Smith understands that our personal lives, family lives, and church lives should always be a reflection of the stability we have with God. He has built an organization that strives everyday to spread the word of God while demonstrating excellence in all that they do. As is preached by Pastor Smith the congregation is called to demonstrate, to a world in search of truth, the wisdom rooted objective in submission to their Heavenly Father.

Pastor Smith has transformed the mission of the church and has pushed for many programs to be implemented under his leadership. Pastor Smith has partnered with the Brooklyn AIDS Task Force and Feed the Children at New Jerusalem to provide food for the community throughout the holidays. Along with the Brooklyn AIDS Task Force, Pastor Smith has offered advice and techniques for childcare, development and health news for parents.

Pastor Smith is expanding his vision to include the establishment of a Community Development Corporation which will provide an ongoing GED program, an after school program for youth, and a job training program. Currently Pastor Smith is training to become a certified chaplain with the New York State Chaplain Task Force.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to recognize Pastor Lester Charles Smith for his leadership at the New Jerusalem Holy Church and the unrelenting hope he has for his congregation, community and fellow man.

HONORING MARY FRANCES BLEY ON HER RETIREMENT FROM CRS

HON. JAMES P. MORAN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 26, 2011

Mr. MORAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a longtime Arlington, Virginia resident, Mary Frances Bley, who will retire from the Congressional Research Service (CRS) on October 31st. During her 28 years of service with CRS, Ms. Bley distinguished herself by passionately and diligently working to ensure that congressional needs for research were responded to promptly and with the best information and analysis available.

A native of Washington state, Ms. Bley joined CRS in 1984 as a temporary employee in the Inquiry Section where she directed congressional requesters to the CRS employees best suited to respond to their particular needs. She quickly moved from a temporary to a permanent position, and soon afterward to a leadership position within the section.

During her time in the Inquiry Section, Ms. Bley returned to graduate school part-time and in 1987, she earned a Master's Degree in Library Science (MLS) from The Catholic University of America. After obtaining her MLS, she moved to a librarian position in the Congressional Reference Division within CRS, where she responded directly to congressional requests.

Ms. Bley's special aptitude for serving Congress was evident in her work as a librarian. In 1993, she was invited by CRS leadership to participate in a detail to the new Congressional Services Team in the Office of the Librarian of Congress. In this position, she worked to further the mission of the team to study and enhance the Library's understanding of and responsiveness to congressional needs, and congressional understanding of the Library's mission and potential.

In the mid-1990s, Ms. Bley was frequently at the forefront of the transition at CRS from a world dominated by print research materials to a digital research world. Her early efforts were mostly visible only to her CRS colleagues as she worked on efforts to digitize reference materials and facilitate access to on-line federal data sources.

Ms. Bley specialized in appropriations and budget issues, and made significant enhancements to the appropriations and budget information available through the CRS website. The culminating accomplishment of Ms. Bley's work was the extremely popular Appropriations Status Table. This tool, updated daily, allows CRS colleagues and Congress to access extensive and timely information on current and historical appropriations activities through one convenient resource.

Throughout her career, CRS leadership recognized Ms. Bley's work for Congress with numerous awards, including individual and group Special Achievement Awards and a Meritorious Service Award. Ms. Bley's efforts as a team member were lauded in one award as the "glue" that held the CRS Appropriations Team together. In another, Ms. Bley's work was praised as being "distinguished by creativity, independent initiative, thoroughness, timeliness, and a service orientation that resulted in detailed responses and products of the highest quality."

During her tenure, Ms. Bley won the respect and admiration of her colleagues and those she served in Congress. She will be remembered for her poise; her sense of perspective; her thoughtful analysis; her ability to identify and implement practical solutions to complex problems; her wit, humor, and energy; and her excitement in learning from and collaborating with colleagues. Her vision and leadership will continue to benefit CRS and Congress long after her retirement on October 31, 2011.

Mr. Speaker, I am honored to ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Ms. Bley upon her retirement from CRS. She epitomizes the dedication and excellence that make CRS the envy of legislatures around the world.

HONORING THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF NAVAL AIR STATION LEMOORE

HON. JIM COSTA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. COSTA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the 50th anniversary of Naval Air Station Lemoore (NASL) and the Century Anniversary of United States Naval Aviation. The NASL has been home to many historical milestones and an asset in providing safety and security for the people of the San Joaquin Valley, California, the Western Front and our great nation.

On July 8, 1961, NASL was commissioned and began its operation under the command of Captain Howard M. Avery. At the time, the commissioning ceremony included over 110,000 people and the military asset was worth \$100 million. Over its 50 year history, the base has seen its fair share of challenges to maintain the support of the Western Front. Initially a small 1,460-acre Army Airfield, the base has grown to a 31,000-acre state of the art facility that provides housing to its residents.

NAS Lemoore has been a pioneer in firsts. The first flag ceremony was held in front of the administration building in September 1960; the first 800 Capeheart units were built in 1961; and the first night landing with Commander Vernon Binion and Lieutenant Commander Thomas Dreis in October 1960 on the 13,500 foot runway. Perhaps a less mentioned piece of history in the Navy is the Women Accepted for Volunteer Emergency Service (WAVE). The first WAVE officer was a woman from Honolulu in February 1961, Lieutenant Junior Grade Sue Ann Rice; long way from home taking a chance to serve her country and found her way to our community of Lemoore.

Naval air stations are an integral part of the United States Military. As of 2010, our nation boasted 19 naval air stations with a concentration in California and Florida. In a world of post September 11 vigilance, these stations provide the Navy with a stationary base of operations for aircraft-related testing and training. Since 1998, the principal mission of NASL is to support Strike-Fighter Wing, U.S. Pacific Fleet and its mission to train, man, and equip West Coast Strike-Fighter squadrons. Throughout its history, the United States has seen many wars, presidents and difficult times. Nonetheless, its armed men and women have consistently been there to protect us.

Today we celebrate the 50th Anniversary of the Naval Air Station Lemoore and the 100th Anniversary of Naval Aviation. This anniversary is not only a great tribute to this important military base, but also an excellent time to thank our men and women in uniform who continue to protect the people of our great country every day. I ask my colleagues to recognize today the protectors of freedom, the sentinels of our shores and the falcons of our skies, the brave soldiers of the United States Navy.

ON RECOGNIZING PRAVINA RAMANATHAN FOR HER WORK TO PROTECT THE CIVIL RIGHTS OF MICHIGAN RESIDENTS AND ADVOCATE ON BEHALF OF MICHIGAN'S ASIAN AMERICAN COMMUNITIES

HON. GARY C. PETERS

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 26, 2011

Mr. PETERS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor my friend, Pravina Ramanathan, for her work with the State of Michigan over the last fifteen years to protect the civil rights of its diverse residents.

As a Civil Rights Enforcer and the Asian American Liaison to the Michigan Department of Civil Rights (MDCR), Pravina makes it her daily mission to protect the safety and well-being of Michigan residents and serves as an advocate for the needs of my state's Asian American communities. In her role as a Civil Rights Enforcer, Pravina devotes her energy to assessing many of the civil rights complaints which come before her office and works with victims, witnesses and other professionals to ensure that victims of discrimination are protected. Expounding further upon that work, Pravina uses her role as the Asian American Liaison to the MDCR to design and implement programs that build connections and understanding between Michigan's diverse ethnic communities. Specifically, Pravina has instructed Michigan state employees on how to exercise cultural competency, organized panels to help Asian ethnic communities better understand their rights and directly assisted victims of hate crimes and discrimination.

In recognition of her outstanding work as a civil rights advocate and protector, Pravina has been honored with numerous awards by local ethnic communities. In 1988 she was first honored as a Gold Medalist in Hindu law by Bangalore University as she graduated with a Bachelor of Law in Advocacy. In 2002, the Association of Kannada Kootas of America honored Pravina for her work to protect the civil rights of Asian Americans. She received a similar recognition from the Michigan Konkani Association in 2003 for her with the State's Indian American communities. And just earlier this month, Pravina was recognized by her own Sikh community in Michigan for her advocacy work on its behalf.

Mr. Speaker, everyday civil rights advocates, like Pravina Ramanathan, are making it their mission to ensure that our country continues to be a land of tolerance where we draw strength from our diversity. Pravina's civil rights work has earned her the praise of many organizations in Michigan and I know she will continue to be successful as she works to strengthen cross-cultural dialogues and enhance protections for victims of discrimination.

RECOGNIZING THE FINALISTS OF
THE UP2US COACH OF THE YEAR
AWARD

HON. BRIAN P. BILBRAY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 26, 2011

Mr. BILBRAY. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to recognize Up2Us—a leader in sports-based youth development—on the occasion of its annual awards ceremony for its Coach of the Year contest to be held here in Washington, D.C. As America's youth continue to be hit hard by the bad economic climate, it is encouraging to see an organization like Up2Us rise to the challenge.

Up2Us is leading a national movement to advance sports as a tool for addressing the critical issues facing youth in this nation, including childhood obesity, academic failure and anti-social behavior. Up2Us supports a national network of nearly 500 member organizations in all 50 states, serving 25 million youths through a plethora of sports.

In order to help serve this vast network, Up2Us launched its "Coach Across America" initiative (CAA) which is an AmeriCorps program that is the first nationwide effort to mobilize a workforce to promote positive youth development through sports. In partnership with the Corporation for National and Community Service and Nike, CAA coaches use sports as a means to promote health and nutrition, education success, civic engagement and personal and social development among youth in some of the nation's poorest neighborhoods.

Last year, CAA directed 250 AmeriCorps members to serve as coaches in 105 youth programs across 20 states to work with more than 35,000 kids. In exchange for college tuition awards and a living stipend, coaches completed a total of 170,000 service hours, which is equivalent to \$3.5 million in national service. AmeriCorps recruited more than 1,000 program volunteers, connected roughly 500 new parents to their respective programs and conducted more than 250 service-learning projects totaling 35,000 hours of youth volunteer service effort.

The 35,000 kids served by CAA coaches have access to the programs they need for their full development. They are provided a safe place to acquire new knowledge and skills and gain a heightened sense of competency and self-respect through working to make a difference in their communities. They build relationships with caring adult role models, develop leadership skills on and off the field; and have a better understanding of healthy eating and the importance of physical activity and exercise. In recognition of the powerful role that coaches have on the lives of youth, Up2Us runs an annual "Coach of the Year" contest to honor the unsung heroes who devote their lives to the positive development of youth through sports.

Mr. Speaker, as Up2Us and its participating members honor the winners of this year's Coach of the Year contest here in Washington, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating this year's finalists. They are among a distinguished group of individuals dedicated to improving the lives of our youth through sport. Two of the winners hail from San Diego, America's Finest City.

Lisa Hawk is the Exercise & Health Science Department Chair, Athletic Director and la-

crosse coach at the Preuss School at UCSD. The Preuss School is a nationally recognized school that serves a diverse, low-income population. Lisa received her Master's degree from the University of Maryland, where she also served as a coach and administrator. Lisa is a proud advocate for sports as a tool for positive youth development and is changing lives through her work. Her athletes recognize how special Lisa is. "She sees the potential in each of her players and does not quit until that spark she sees within us is released for the public eye to see," one of the athletes said. "She has helped me through the turbulence of a teenage life to the hectic lifestyle at home and has given me a comfortable place to go as well as someone to turn to."

Renato Paiva is the Executive Director of Access Youth Academy, a program designed around three pillars: academics, the sport of squash and community service. He joined Access Youth Academy in May of 2007 from Harvard University where he was the Assistant Coach of the squash team. Originally from Brazil, Renato was a Brazilian Junior Champion and a top junior in South America. Renato graduated from Ruy Barbosa University with a business degree. Many of Renato's students submitted nominations with personal stories of how their lives have been changed. "Renato has completely transformed the lives of underprivileged inner city children in the San Diego area by teaching them the game of squash and getting them to excel in the sport, and in life," a grateful mentee said.

In light of all the struggles today's youth face, it is time we recognize quiet heroes like Lisa and Renato as they help better the lives of thousands of individuals across the country. By encouraging programs like Up2Us and their Coach Across America initiative, we can help make the lives of many young Americans healthier and brighter.

A TRIBUTE TO THE PARKINSON'S
DISEASE AND RELATED DIS-
ORDERS CENTER

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 26, 2011

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to and honor the Parkinson's Disease and Related Disorders Center established at Kings County Medical Center and SUNY Downstate Medical Center. This center has been critical as a research, outreach and comprehensive care center for many constituents in Brooklyn and the New York region.

The Parkinson's Disease and Related Disorders Center was created with the intention of providing patients and medical personnel with the proper understanding of this disease with a focus on treatment. This center has two locations that are being recognized: Kings County Medical Center and SUNY Downstate Medical Center. At SUNY Medical the capabilities of this center include two attending physicians, a clinical trials coordinator, research fellows and assistants led by Dr. Ivan Bodis-Wollner, Dr. Marta San Luciano and the center coordinator Dr. S. Glazman. Patient Advocate, Mrs. Aida Torres, and Head Nurse, Mrs. Patricia Craig RN, provide invaluable support to the clinic as it provides tertiary care for Parkinson's Disease and Related Disorders.

Under the direction of Dr. Bodis-Wollner and Dr. San Luciano, SUNY Medical Center has been able to focus on the education and treatment options for this disease. Tests include CT scan, MRI, PET scan, EMG/Nerve conduction studies, EEG, laboratory tests, cardiovascular, pulmonary and gastrointestinal function tests, speech and swallow evaluation, and genetics testing.

Kings County Medical Center is undergoing similar work at its Parkinson's Disease Center of Excellence. Kings County Hospital Center was the first ever public hospital in the world to be designated as a Center of Excellence by the National Parkinson Foundation and selected by the National Institutes of Health for exploring neuroprotection, a form of therapy which aims to slow the progression of the disease. The main goal in mind is to provide tertiary care for all patients and help to adjust their lives so that living with the long-term effects of Parkinson's disease is easier.

The Kings County Medical Center support staff work tirelessly to offer quality specialty services for the health needs of Central Brooklyn's diverse communities and neighborhoods. The Center of Excellence is another example of this service that goes above and beyond the patient care that is needed.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to recognize the Parkinson's Disease and Related Disorders Center of Kings County and SUNY Downstate Medical Centers for their continued work in this field.

PLEDGE A DRUG-FREE LIFE DURING
NATIONAL RED RIBBON
WEEK

HON. CHARLES B. RANGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 26, 2011

Mr. RANGEL. Mr. Speaker, I hope schools, businesses, the faith community, families, and community organizations in our Manhattan Congressional District will join together this week in celebration of Red Ribbon Week, taking place October 22–30, 2011. By wearing red ribbons and participating in community anti-drug events, young people have the opportunity to make a pledge to a drug-free life. Red Ribbon Week also honors DEA Special Agent Enrique "Kiki" Camarena who died on February 7, 1985, while fighting against drug trafficking and abuse, as well as all men and women who have made the ultimate sacrifice in the pursuit.

Established in 1988, Red Ribbon Week is the nation's oldest and largest drug prevention program in the nation reaching millions of Americans. The National Family Partnership estimates that more than 80 million people participate in Red Ribbon events each year. The campaign is a unified way for communities to take a stand against drugs and show intolerance for illicit drug use and the consequences to all Americans.

Nearly one million New Yorkers reported using illicit drugs in the past year (16%). The only way to change this trend is by educating our youth on the dangers and effects of illegal drugs with initiatives like Red Ribbon Week. I have seen firsthand how drug use can ruin a life, and the crippling effects it can have on families and neighborhoods. I ask our community to reach out to our children by helping them make a pledge to a drug-free life.

CELEBRATION OF THE FESTIVAL
OF DIWALI**HON. MICHAEL M. HONDA**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 26, 2011

Mr. HONDA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the joyous Festival of Diwali. Diwali directly translates from Hindi, into "Row of Lights." From this translation, Diwali has come to be known as "The Festival of Lights." Celebrations of Diwali involve the lighting of lamps to symbolize hope and joy. Other common practices include lighting fireworks and distributing sweets and gifts. The lighting of lamps is meant to symbolize the victory of good and the removal of darkness, or evil. The spiritual darkness is said to be "vanquished" by the many lights, bringing happiness and bliss to the people of this Earth.

This cultural and religious festival is celebrated by nearly 1 billion Hindus, Sikhs, Jains, and Buddhists in more than 20 countries. In the United States, some 2 million people observe Diwali, including many in the multi-cultural congressional district that I am proud to represent.

Diwali is one of the most important holidays within Hinduism. In the Hindu faith, Diwali is linked to Rama's triumphant return following his victory over Ravana as told in the epic "The Ramayana." Following Rama's victory, his people lit clay lamps along the capital city as to celebrate the returning of their King. These clay lamps were called Deepavalis, which Diwali is a shortened version of. In many Hindu calendars, Diwali corresponds with the start of a new year, correlating with the ideas of rebirth and renewal.

In Jainism, Diwali marks the date upon which Lord Mahavira achieved the state of absolute bliss or Nirvana. It is said that King Chetaka, upon Lord Mahavira achieving Nirvana, lit a multitude of lamps in order to create a material light to replace the light of intelligence that had been lost.

In the Sikh tradition, the foundation of the Golden Temple is said to have been laid on Diwali. In this tradition, the 6th Sikh guru Hargobind was released from prison on the festival of Diwali. Hundreds of lamps were lit in honor of Hargobind's return.

Mr. Speaker, there is great diversity among the faiths that celebrate this joyful holiday. Across all of these traditions, Diwali holds significance in the South-Asian community as a time of hope, happiness and the renewal of life. For this reason, I am proud to be a co-sponsor of House Resolution 439, recognizing the historical and religious importance of Diwali. I would like to join with all those celebrating this joyous time and wish Shubh Diwali to all.

IN HONOR OF FILIPINO AMERICAN
HISTORY MONTH**HON. BARBARA LEE**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 26, 2011

Ms. LEE of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the millions of Filipino Americans across America and to recognize October as Filipino American History Month.

Filipinos first arrived on America's shores in the 16th century and they are now the third largest Asian American community in the United States with nearly 4 million Americans of Filipino descent.

Filipino Americans have contributed to the United States in every field of endeavor, like science, medicine, education, business, politics, agriculture, and they have served with distinction in our armed forces.

They continue to enrich American life through their contributions to our arts and culture.

In my home district, the California 9th, there are over 68,000 Filipino Americans and I know that my district is stronger and more successful because of their presence.

I believe that it is important to acknowledge the important role that immigrants play in the fabric of American life and I would encourage the leadership to act quickly on S. Res. 287, to officially designate October 2011 as "Filipino American Awareness Month."

IN MEMORY OF THE LIFE OF
MILDRED HEMMONS-CARTER**HON. MIKE ROGERS**

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 26, 2011

Mr. ROGERS of Alabama. Mr. Speaker, I would like to pay tribute to the life of Mrs. Mildred Hemmons-Carter who passed away on Friday, October 21, 2011.

Mrs. Hemmons-Carter was born in Benson, Alabama, on September 12, 1921 and graduated from school in 1941 with a degree in Business from the Tuskegee Institute.

On February 1st of 1941, Mrs. Hemmons-Carter received her pilot's license making history as the first African-American woman to do so.

On February 1st of this year, a celebration was held to honor the 70th anniversary of her licensing.

Mrs. Hemmons-Carter is survived by her husband of 70 years, Ret. Col. Herbert E. Carter, an original Tuskegee Airman.

It is a sad day in Alabama as we lose one of our great women who proved the sky is the limit. We honor the memory of Mildred Hemmons-Carter today.

A TRIBUTE TO DR. IVAN BODIS-
WOLLNER**HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 26, 2011

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to and honor Dr. Ivan Bodis-Wollner for his work on advancing the knowledge of Parkinson's Disease, towards finding a cure and establishing a PD Clinic that offers specialized, comprehensive care for all patients.

Dr. Bodis-Wollner has established and maintained a Parkinson Disease and Related Disorders Clinic, designated as a Center of Excellence (COE) by the National Parkinson Foundation since 1995. His work as a Professor of Neurology and Ophthalmology has

taught him the discipline needed to continue his outreach in this field. In this capacity Dr. Bodis-Wollner, popularized the concept of the "Pre-Cardinal stage" of Parkinson's disease both in the field of neurology and in the lay press. This concept helps to recruit patients in early phases for participating in NIH sponsored neuroprotective trials clinical research.

Dr. Bodis-Wollner has done extensive work in the Brooklyn area producing ongoing, renewable multicenter research for the potential neuroprotective effect of Creatine and of Co-Q10. Several of his works focus on the affluence of Parkinson's disease in inner city communities and among African Americans and other racial and ethnic groups. The significant strides Dr. Bodis-Wollner has made in his research will undoubtedly benefit countless numbers of constituents in my district and the New York region.

Dr. Bodis-Wollner was Chief Editor of Clinical Vision Sciences and after its merger, Section Editor of Vision Research in all for 14 years. He has lectured around the world, taught medical students, and trained scores of younger scientists who have worked with him and learned from him in his laboratory. Among his students are professors of neurology and clinical neurophysiology and faculty members in neurology. Dr. Bodis-Wollner is also the Chairman of the "Non-Motor" working group of the Parkinson Study Group, a nationwide think-tank for clinical Parkinson Disease Research. Further, he has published well over 100 research studies in peer reviewed journals including Nature, Science, Journal of Physiology, Brain, and Annals of Neurology.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to recognize Dr. Bodis-Wollner for his accomplishments in the area of health care and his service to Brooklyn and New York.

RECOGNIZING FIRE CHIEF JIM
MILLER, A FORMER LOCKPORT
TOWNSHIP FIRE CHIEF WHO
PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF
74**HON. DANIEL LIPINSKI**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 26, 2011

Mr. LIPINSKI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of a selfless public servant, former Lockport Township Fire Chief Jim Miller. On September 13, Chief Miller passed away at the age of 74. As a firefighter, he dedicated his life to protecting his neighbors. As Fire Chief, he helped steer the Lockport Township Fire Department through turbulent economic times.

Mr. Miller began his remarkable career as a firefighter in 1959. He became Fire Chief in 1979 and served in that capacity until 1987. As Fire Chief, he kept his station afloat despite scarceness of equipment and firefighters. When he became Fire Chief, instead of purchasing the traditional new white helmet, Mr. Miller simply spray painted his old helmet white because of the Department's tight budget. After the economy rebounded, he kept his old white helmet and elected to purchase better equipment for his firefighters instead. This small example of his willingness to do the best for his firefighters and share the hardship of a tight budget made him a model for what a Fire Chief and a great leader should be.

Firefighting was in Jim Miller's blood. Both his uncle and father were firefighters and he passed on much of his wisdom to his son-in-law. He also considered all those at his station to be part of his extended family and treated them as such. He made it a point to visit his station when returning to Lockport Township from his retirement home in Florida to see his old colleagues. During these trips he would marvel at the new technology and increased number of firefighters. Firefighters then and now know that without his courage to keep the station afloat in the 1980s, these improvements might not have been possible.

Mr. Miller was preceded in death by daughter Jodi Miller and survived by his loving and devoted wife of 54 years, Jyme, and his children Jami, Kelly, and Jim.

Please join me in honoring the life of Jim Miller. He was a brave and selfless public servant. His contributions to Lockport Township and his life of service will not be forgotten.

HONORING MARILYN A. BOK

HON. TOM MARINO

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 26, 2011

Mr. MARINO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of my constituent, Marilyn A. Bok, on the occasion of her retirement.

After completing high school, Marilyn attended the College of St. Rose, where she earned her Bachelor's Degree in chemistry. She then went on to earn her Master's Degree in Public Administration from the John F. Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University.

Before starting the Community Foundation for the Twin Tiers, Marilyn taught, owned a consulting and research firm, served as Chair of the Board of Commissioners of Bradford County, and served as Director of Rural Services Institute at Mansfield University. Additionally, Marilyn wrote several grants for startup funding for the Bradford County Dental Clinic, the Family Literacy Program, and the Bradford County Tobacco Cessation Program.

Marilyn Bok began her tenure with the Community Foundation for Twin Tiers in 2001, having served as both volunteer Board Chair and CEO after founding the organization.

Marilyn has always had a strong commitment to volunteering in her community. She has served as President for numerous organizations, including: Penn York Opportunities for the Handicapped, Inc.; Valley Jaycees; and Greater Valley Youth Activities Council. Marilyn has also chaired over numerous committees, including: Regional Workforce 90s Task Force; Executive Committee Northern Tier Regional Planning Commission; and Endless Mountains Heritage Park Management Committee. In 2009, Marilyn was recognized by WATS/WAVR as Individual of the Year for her many contributions to her community.

Marilyn and her husband, Edward, are the proud parents of four and grandparents of eight. They have resided in the Wyoming Valley for over 45 years.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor my constituent, Marilyn Bok, on the occasion of her retirement and ask my colleagues to join in praising her commitment to community and country.

HONORING THE WORK OF ALEX KANKULA

HON. STEVE ISRAEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 26, 2011

Mr. ISRAEL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay special tribute to Alex Kankula's dedication and commitment to helping our nation's veterans. Mr. Kankula is a distinguished veteran of both World War II and the Korean War serving in both the United States Navy and Coast Guard.

After his discharge from active duty, Mr. Kankula selflessly dedicated the next thirty years of his life to improving the lives of our nation's veterans. Mr. Kankula has been a volunteer at the Northport VA Medical Center in New York for three decades. Over the years he's been an advocate for homeless veterans by working in halfway houses in four different Long Island towns. Seeing the tremendous need our homeless veterans face every day, he's worked in the community to collect clothing, food, house wares, and furniture for these veterans.

Mr. Kankula's leadership also paved the way for the creation of two new programs at the Northport VA Medical Center. He recognized the need for nursing home patients to have a recreational outlet and established a wheelchair dock-fishing program. The nursing home patients look forward to this excursion and visit local waterways for a fun day of fishing several times a year. Mr. Kankula then went on to create an "Adopt a Vet" program to ensure nursing home patients were always remembered on their birthdays and holidays. He connects the veteran patients with community members who send birthday cards, holiday greetings, and letters. The creation of these two programs has raised the morale of countless veterans.

I offer my recognition of Alex Kankula's unwavering dedication to our nation's veterans. His patriotic spirit and selfless devotion has improved the lives of veterans and serves as an example for all Americans.

IN REMEMBRANCE OF SANFORD "CORKY" KURLAND

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 26, 2011

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise to remember Sanford "Corky" Kurland, co-founder and owner of Corky & Lenny's, the popular Cleveland-area restaurant and deli. Corky passed away last Saturday after a long illness.

Corky Kurland was a native Cleveland and a 1948 graduate of Glenville High School. He worked with his father Carl Kurland on a food truck and helped at a small grocery store that his parents bought on Union Avenue. After graduating from meat cutting school in Toledo, he went to work at the Miami Restaurant at East 105th and Euclid in the then-bustling Uptown section of Cleveland. He enlisted in the U.S. Army and became a chef at Fort Benning, Georgia, in 1952. When he returned to Cleveland, he took a job as a counterman and manager at Eddie Sands Deli

at Cedar Center in South Euclid. When Sands decided to sell his deli, Corky Kurland became a partner with Dave Katz, who already owned a deli on Lakeshore Boulevard. After a year, Katz wanted to stay on Lakeshore and sold his share of the business to Corky and Lenny Kaden, a mutual friend who was then in the menswear business. Corky and Lenny became partners and renamed the business "Corky & Lenny's" in 1956. In 1973, Corky and Lenny opened a second deli on Chagrin Boulevard in Woodmere. In 1991, Corky's son Kenny and his nephew Earl Stein bought out Lenny Kaden's share of the business and the three have been partners ever since. The partners closed the Cedar Center location in 1994 but celebrated 55 years in business recently at the Chagrin Boulevard store.

Corky & Lenny's is a true meeting place. Many business deals have occurred there, as have many blind dates, some that became marriages. Corky & Lenny's is a magnet for celebrities when they come to town. Actors and comedians such as Totie Fields, Liberace, Joel Gray, Shecky Greene, Sammy Davis Jr., Jackie Mason, Frankie Valli; athletes including Jim Thome, Zydrunas Ilgauskas, Mike Brown, Moe Vaughn, Wally Szcwabiak, and Mike Holmgren; and elected officials, including Howard Metzenbaum and John Glenn have been spotted there. I have been a patron of Corky & Lenny's since my days as a caddy at east-side golf courses while still a teenager. I had breakfast there just last week. And as usual, I saw people there whom I have known for many years.

Corky Kurland was active in his community and liked to spend time with his family. He was a frequent traveler who made friends wherever he went. He was a member of Beth Am and B'nai Jeshurun synagogues, the Knights of Pythias, the Masons, the Kiwanis, the Beachwood Chamber of Commerce, the Jewish Community Center, the Jewish War Veterans, the Lake Forest Country Club and the Hawthorne Country Club.

Mr. Speaker and respected colleagues, please join me in mourning the loss of Sanford "Corky" Kurland. I send my sincere condolences to his wife of 57 years, Gloria; his son Kenny; his daughter Dr. Susan Kurland Rapkin; his sister Helen Manheim; his 6 grandchildren; his extended family; his many friends, and the loyal patrons of Corky & Lenny's.

EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR FDA'S APPROVAL OF ARTIFICIAL PANCREAS TECHNOLOGIES

HON. JOHN KLINE

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 26, 2011

Mr. KLINE. Mr. Speaker, I offer the following statement urging the U.S. Food and Drug Administration to move forward in the approval process of artificial pancreas technologies and issue draft guidance no later than December 1, 2011.

Diabetes is a common, serious, and costly disease that poses a major public health problem. Diabetes affects more than 25 million adults and children in the United States or 8.3 percent of the population. One out of every

three Americans born in the year 2000 is predicted to develop some form of diabetes during his or her lifetime. One third of every Medicare dollar is spent on individuals with diabetes, and estimates show diabetes costs the U.S. economy \$174 billion annually. In my home state alone, approximately 243,000 Minnesotans have been diagnosed with diabetes.

The statistics about diabetes and its consequences for Americans are staggering. But they are not nearly as compelling as hearing firsthand from a child with type 1 diabetes what he or she goes through to keep their glucose levels stable. Recently, I met with the Theis, Strader, Melhus, and Nash families, who came to my office as part of an effort organized by the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation. They shared with me what it's like to live with the disease and what medical tools are available to better manage it.

One such medical advancement is the artificial pancreas. This technology has the potential to dramatically improve the health and quality of life of those who have diabetes. As shown in a landmark study in February 2010, a first generation artificial pancreas system can improve diabetes control and even lower the risk of blood glucose emergencies. Specifically, it will combine two external devices—an insulin pump and a continuous glucose monitor (CGM)—which will stabilize glucose levels by automatically providing the correct amount of insulin at the appropriate time.

Before this technology can be made available to people with diabetes, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration must approve next steps in the regulatory process. Earlier this year, I sent a letter to FDA's Commissioner Margaret Hamburg, urging her to quickly provide clear and reasonable guidance so outpatient artificial pancreas studies can proceed as soon as possible. I urge the FDA to issue this draft guidance no later than December 1, if not sooner, to enable artificial pancreas technologies to be tested in an outpatient setting and be made available to those who need it.

INTRODUCING THE PROTECT SMALL BUSINESS JOBS ACT

HON. RON PAUL

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 26, 2011

Mr. PAUL. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to introduce the Protect Small Business Jobs Act. This bill gives small businesses six months to correct any noncompliance with federal regulations. If a business is in compliance at the end of the six months, then the federal government cannot fine, or pursue any other legal action against the business. Small businesses that demonstrate good faith efforts to come into compliance can receive an additional three-months grace period. Any small business may challenge a finding that it is in noncompliance with regulations without forgoing the six-month grace period.

As I am sure my colleagues are aware, American businesses face a tangled web of ever-changing rules and regulations. These businesses, which cannot afford a team of lawyers to monitor the *Federal Register*, can be forced to spend thousands of dollars in legal fees and fines related to regulations they

did not even know existed. The legal fees imposed on small businesses for inadvertent violation of federal regulations divert funds away from growing businesses and creating new jobs.

Mr. Speaker, at a time of continuing high unemployment and stagnant growth, doesn't it make sense to give small businesses a reasonable time to comply with federal regulations rather than just hitting them with job-destroying fines and legal bills? I hope all my colleagues will stand up for small businesses and their current and potential employees by cosponsoring the Protect Small Business Jobs Act.

RECOGNIZING MARINE CORPS CAPTAIN JASON "DUKE" DEQUENNE

HON. STEVE STIVERS

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 26, 2011

Mr. STIVERS. Mr. Speaker, today I rise in recognition of Marine Corps Capt. Jason "Duke" Dequenne, who on October 15, 2011, began a run like no other: 236.2 miles to celebrate the 236th birthday of the Marine Corps and, more importantly, to honor those Marines who gave the ultimate sacrifice while serving in Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom.

On November 10, 1775, in Philadelphia, PA, the Marine Corps was founded under the commission of Samuel Nicholas, who promptly began recruiting from a local pub, Tun Tavern. Though it no longer exists today, Dequenne laced up his shoes and hit the pavement outside that very pub known now as the birthplace of the Marines for the first day of his history-making feat on October 15, 2011. In order to accomplish his 236.2 mile route, Dequenne will run a punishing 15 miles each day until finishing with the 36th Marine Corps Marathon in Washington, DC on October 30, 2011.

However, the birthday of the Marine Corps is not the sole motivation behind his unfathomable trek; each mile will be dedicated to telling the story of a fallen soldier. Dequenne felt the individual stories and sacrifices were not being relayed effectively to the public, who often only see lists of names and ranks of fallen heroes. In attempts to change this, Capt. Dequenne will participate in speaking engagements along this Philadelphia to DC route after each run to tell the stories of Marines who gave the ultimate sacrifice.

Each step of the 236.2 journey will not only embody the memory of a fallen Marine, but will raise money through the Marine Corps Law Enforcement Foundation. All proceeds will be donated to military and law enforcement families who have lost loved ones in the line of duty.

Capt. Dequenne enlisted as a Marine in 1996, before completing Office Candidate School in 2005. He currently serves at The Basic School in Quantico, VA, as the assistant logistics officer.

As a serving member of the Ohio Army National Guard and veteran of Operation Iraqi Freedom, I thank Capt. Jason Dequenne for honoring our fallen heroes and raising support and awareness for their families. One foot in front of the other, Oo-rah!

SECTION 37 OF THE AMERICA INVENTS ACT

HON. JOHN CONYERS, JR.

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 26, 2011

Mr. CONYERS. Mr. Speaker, last month, the President signed into law the Leahy-Smith America Invents Act. I was a co-sponsor of a bipartisan amendment that added Section 37 to the House bill, which then passed the Senate and was enacted into law.

Section 37 is an important provision that clarified the procedure for filing patent term extension applications under the Hatch-Waxman Act. It codified a sensible decision by a federal district judge and was meant to end years of confusion about this issue that had threatened to stifle innovation.

Before the Senate voted on the House patent bill, an amendment was offered to strike Section 37. That amendment was fully debated and was defeated on a bipartisan basis. Last week, however, there was discussion of Section 37 on the floor of the Senate and it was suggested that Section 37 does not take effect for a year. But that is incorrect.

Section 37 explicitly says that it "shall apply" to applications and court cases that are pending on the date of enactment of the bill. To apply to pending applications and cases, Section 37 obviously had to be effective immediately. Section 37 says very clearly exactly what it applies to so the default effective date provision for the Act does not apply here.

During the entire debate over Section 37, not a single person suggested that Section 37 would not be effective immediately. In fact, everyone understood it would take effect right away and would govern currently pending applications and cases. The United States Patent and Trademark Office agreed with this interpretation. In fact, just last week, the Department of Justice explained in a court filing that this is the only possible interpretation of the law.

In the end, the amendment to strike Section 37 was defeated during Senate debate. It is too late now to re-write history. And it is clear that Section 37 explicitly says that it is to be effective immediately.

HONORING DR. KATHERINE GOBLE JOHNSON FOR CONTRIBUTIONS DURING HER 33-YEAR CAREER AS AN AEROSPACE TECH- NOLOGIST AT THE NASA LANG- LEY RESEARCH CENTER IN HAMPTON, VA AND HER EF- FORTS TO HELP AFRICAN-AMER- ICAN YOUTH ENTER SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNICAL CAREERS

HON. ROBERT C. "BOBBY" SCOTT

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 26, 2011

Mr. SCOTT of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Dr. Katherine Goble Johnson. Dr. Johnson, a retired 33-year employee of the NASA Langley Research Center is to be honored at a banquet on Saturday, October 29, 2011, and I would like to take a moment to recognize some of her numerous accomplishments.

Born in White Sulphur Springs, West Virginia, it was apparent from very early on that Dr. Johnson was driven to succeed. The local schools only offered classes to African Americans through the eighth grade, so Dr. Johnson's father enrolled her and her siblings in a school 125 miles from their home. Taking full advantage of this educational opportunity, Dr. Johnson graduated high school at the age of 14. Dr. Johnson then went on to study at West Virginia State College, now West Virginia University. In 1937 at the age of 18, she graduated Summa Cum Laude with majors in Mathematics and French. She continued her education at West Virginia University with further studies in Mathematics and Physics.

Dr. Johnson began her career in education as a teacher, a job that she held for seven years. She eventually relocated to Newport News where, in 1953, Dr. Johnson began her work at the NASA Langley Research Center, where she would go on to have a great impact on studies relating to various projects over the course of her career.

When hired in 1953, like almost all women at NASA, Dr. Johnson was hired to perform technical calculations. Women of African American heritage were typically assigned to all black "computer pools." Within weeks of her entry in the NASA ranks, Dr. Johnson was asked to temporarily assist in the Spacecraft Dynamics Branch in the Flight Dynamics and Control Division. She never returned to her "computer pool."

Dr. Johnson went on to help calculate the trajectories flown by the 1969 Apollo spacecraft that landed on the moon and to coauthor 21 NASA reports and professional conference papers at a time when those who performed calculations were typically not named as participants. According to Dr. Johnson, even after computers began to be used to calculate the orbits of Mercury capsules, John Glenn called on her to verify the computers' calculations.

Throughout the course of her career, Dr. Johnson has been the recipient of numerous awards, including the NASA Lunar Orbiter Achievement Award, the NASA Apollo Team Group Achievement Award, three NASA Special Achievement Awards, an honorary Doctorate of Laws from the State University of New York, honorary Doctor of Science degrees from Capitol College and Old Dominion University, and she was honored by the National Technical Association as "Mathematician of the Year" in 1997.

Dr. Johnson has also been featured in various "Who's Who" lists throughout her career. She has been honored in the Philadelphia Electric Company's Exhibit honoring 24 black inventors and scientists at the Afro-American Historical and Cultural Museum, the Department of Energy's "Black Contributor's to Science and Energy Technology" list, and Time Life's Series entitled African-Americans: Voices in Triumph Leadership Volume.

A member and leader of many organizations, Dr. Johnson has served as Treasurer of the National Technical Association both on the local and national level, as President of the of the Lambda Omega Chapter of the Alpha Kappa Alpha sorority, and as a Trustee and Elder at Carver Memorial Presbyterian Church in Newport News, Virginia, where she continues to be a dedicated member.

Mr. Speaker, it gives me great pleasure to recognize and commend Dr. Katherine Goble Johnson today for her service to the United

States, to her community, and to the Commonwealth of Virginia.

IN HONOR OF MARY TENCH

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 26, 2011

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of Mary Tench as her family and friends gather in celebration of her 100th birthday.

Mary was born on December 7, 1911 in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania to Charles and Anna Zacharzuk. Charles and Anna had six children: Mary, Pauline, Alex, John, Pete and Joe. Mary's youngest brother, Joe, lives in Tennessee and is her only living sibling.

When Mary was thirteen years old, her parents moved the family to Bedford, Ohio. As young girl, Mary met her neighbor and future husband, James A. Tench. During their courtship, James took Mary to dances and picnics with his Hungarian dance group. They were married in February 1928 and went on to raise eight children: MaryAnn, Emory, Edward, Theodore, Rozella, Alex, Gerald and their stepson, John. In 1948, James and Mary purchased their first house located at 7634 Finney Avenue in Cleveland for \$8,200. Mary lived in this home until 1990 when she moved to Simi Valley, California. In 1998, Mary returned to Cleveland and lived independently until 2009 when she moved in with her daughter, Rozella.

During World War II, Mrs. Tench worked for Parker Hannifin. In the early 1950s she joined the staff of Cleveland Republic Steel Corporation in the executive cafeteria. This job inspired Mary to start her own catering business, Fancy Catering. For 25 years, Mary catered weddings and special events for the US Coast Guard. When James retired from the Cleveland Pneumatic Tool Company in 1975, Mary left the catering business so they could enjoy retirement together. James and Mary celebrated 59 years of marriage before James's death in 1987.

Mrs. Tench is a lifetime member of the VFW. She served as President of Post 3456 and is a current member of Lake Erie Post #1974 in Parma. She also served as President of the Knights of Columbus, Isabella Guild. Mary still belongs to the Women's Catholic Council of Cleveland, the Ladies Auxiliary Knights of Columbus and the Parma Democratic Club where she served as Secretary/Treasurer. She was an elected Precinct Committee Woman, a Presiding Judge for the Board of Elections and worked at the voting polls for over 30 years. Mary volunteered on political campaigns including my 1977 mayoral campaign.

During an interview with her great-granddaughter, Mary told stories of surviving The Great Depression, experiencing many wars and voting for the first time, at the age of 21, for President Franklin D. Roosevelt in 1932. Her hobbies include traveling, crocheting, cooking, playing cards, bingo, reading and going to the Donna Smallwood Activity Center.

Mary's commitment to faith is reflected through her involvement with the Holy Name Parish, her family and her community. GiGi, as she is affectionately called by her family, has 32 grandchildren, 59 great-grandchildren,

25 great-great-grandchildren and 1 great-great-great-grandchild.

Mr. Speaker and colleagues, please join me in honor and celebration of Mary Tench whose life is framed by the love of her family, her faith and the appreciation she has for the life she has lived. I wish Mrs. Tench a joyous 100th year and blessings of peace, health and happiness.

CELEBRATING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF TEMPLE BETH-EL

HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKY

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 26, 2011

Mr. VISCLOSKY. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I congratulate Temple Beth-El in Munster, Indiana, as its congregation joins together in celebration of its 100th Anniversary. To celebrate this Centennial, members will hold a celebratory reception at Temple Beth-El on October 29, 2011.

Truly, Temple Beth-El has had a long and dynamic history in the Calumet Region's Jewish Community. When it was first established in 1911, Temple Beth-El served as a modest Reform Congregation, holding its services in a rented building in Hammond, Indiana. In fact, for a short time after World War One, Temple Beth-El briefly came to share its rental property with fellow Temple, Knesseth Israel. However, in 1925, the Temple was finally able to purchase its own location, the W. B. Conkey Mansion in Hammond, Indiana, where they remained until 1955. The congregation later moved to 6947 Hohmann Avenue, also located in Hammond, where it remained for 41 years. Due to the changing needs of its congregation, the Temple eventually sold its Hammond property to move to Munster, Indiana on August 15, 1999. Conducting a "Torah Walk," they marched their Torahs from their old property in Hammond to their new building at 10001 Columbia Avenue, in Munster, where they are soon to celebrate their rich, hundred-year history. Currently, the members of Temple Beth-El can be proud of a Reform congregation of over 200 households, an ample facility featuring a sanctuary, classrooms, a kitchen, and library, as well as an admirable dedication to community service programs, in which members passionately serve those in need throughout the community. Additionally, Temple Beth-El recently helped to sponsor the inspirational exhibit, "A Fine Romance: Jewish Songwriters, American Songs, 1910-1965," which was on display at the Munster Center for Visual and Performing Arts until October 20, 2011, and will be visiting 55 sites throughout the United States in 2011 and 2012.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you and my other distinguished colleagues join me in honoring and congratulating Temple Beth-El of Munster, Indiana, on its 100th Anniversary. Through the years, the members of Temple Beth-El have dedicated themselves to preserving the traditions and spiritual beliefs of Reform Judaism. For their dedicated service, and for touching the lives of countless individuals, they are worthy of our highest praise.

IN HONOR OF FILIPINO AMERICAN HISTORY MONTH

HON. ENI F.H. FALEOMAVAEGA

OF AMERICAN SAMOA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 26, 2011

Mr. FALEOMAVAEGA. Mr. Speaker, together with the Congressional Asian Pacific American Caucus, I rise today in honor of Filipino American History Month.

Based on the 2010 Census there are approximately 3.417 million Filipino Americans in the United States, making them the third largest Asian American group. Filipino Americans reside in nearly every Congressional district in the United States, contributing to the diversity and vitality of their communities. The largest population of Filipino Americans resides in California, Hawaii, Illinois, New Jersey, New York, Texas and Washington State. In my district of American Samoa, the Filipino population has greatly contributed to the diversity of culture, the business community, as well as health, education, and social service sectors.

The earliest documented proof of Filipinos in the Continental United States was on October 18, 1587, when the ship *Nuestra Señora de Esperanza* under the command of Pedro de Unamuno set ashore in Central California during the Manila-Acapulco galleon trade era. In 1988, on the 225th Anniversary of this historic date, the Filipino American National Historical Society established a year-long, national observance in order to honor the countless ways that Filipino Americans have contributed to the development of our nation over the centuries. That year, the Society also declared October as Filipino American History Month.

Immigration from the Philippine islands in the early 1900s represented the first large wave of Filipinos coming to America as they worked in the agricultural industry. During World War II, over 250,000 Filipinos served alongside American soldiers in the United States military. The Immigration Act of 1965 opened the door for the next wave of Filipinos coming to the U.S.

Today, Filipino Americans are part of every sector of American life, working in health, entertainment, engineering, education, military and the public sector. In the realm of government, for example, my dear friend and colleague and fellow member of CAPAC, Congressman BOBBY SCOTT of Virginia, earned the distinction in 1993 of being the first American with Filipino ancestry to serve as a voting member of Congress.

Mr. Speaker, economically, culturally, and socially, Filipino Americans have contributed in countless ways toward the development of our nation. Today we honor the Filipino American community, those who have served and those who continue to add to the vibrancy and strength of our great nation.

RECOGNIZING SCHOOL LIBRARIES AND TEACHER LIBRARIANS

HON. JERRY McNERNEY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 26, 2011

Mr. McNERNEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the importance of school libraries,

which are changing to better address the needs of students in the 21st Century. School libraries are an important part of our educational system and help prepare students for college and a good career.

Teacher librarians teach students how to conduct good research, how to be critical users of the information they find, and how to avoid plagiarism. They also play an important role teaching online research skills and raising awareness of cyber safety issues.

For these reasons, I rise to recognize the invaluable contributions that teacher librarians and school libraries make to our education system.

OUR UNCONSCIONABLE NATIONAL DEBT

HON. MIKE COFFMAN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 26, 2011

Mr. COFFMAN of Colorado. Mr. Speaker, today our national debt is \$14,943,613,298,774.71.

On January 6, 2009, the start of the 111th Congress, the national debt was \$10,638,425,746,293.80.

This means the national debt has increased by \$4,305,187,552,480.91 since then. This debt and its interest payments we are passing to our children and all future Americans.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. KATHY CASTOR

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 26, 2011

Ms. CASTOR of Florida. Mr. Speaker, on May 25, 2011 I was unable to record my vote on the Foxx Amendment to H.R. 1216. If I had been able to vote, I would have voted "no".

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH

HON. DAVID G. REICHERT

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 26, 2011

Mr. REICHERT. Mr. Speaker, the late Norm Maleng, a courageous man and King County's former prosecuting attorney, once described domestic violence as "... [A] crime against the human spirit." Mr. Speaker, Norm was right. Domestic violence is a terrible scourge that irreparably damages individual lives, families, and communities. Its effects are permanent. It can't be taken back or apologized away.

We like to set up lines of demarcation, Mr. Speaker, and separate each other into distinct groups: women and men, black and white, young and old, rich and poor, urban and rural, and so on. Domestic violence ignores these distinctions in its assault on the human spirit.

The startling statistics send a clear message: domestic violence is a powerful force that recognizes no boundary. Every year, fifteen-and-a-half million children are exposed to

domestic violence in their homes and 2,000 children will die because of it. One in four women and one in nine men will be victimized by domestic violence in their lifetime. In my home state, 755 lives were lost to domestic violence between 1997 and 2010. The majority of homeless women and children in the United States are in that position because of domestic violence. If, somehow, those statistics don't frighten and sadden you, think about it in another way: Every year, the United States spends \$5.8 billion dollars in health care, lost productivity, and lifetime earnings because of domestic violence.

I urge my colleagues to support organizations committed to stamping out domestic violence in their hometowns and across their state and nation. Organizations like the Eastside Domestic Violence Program, EDVP, in the 8th District of Washington. In 2010, EDVP answered 10,069 crisis calls from victims of domestic violence and provided services to 4,700 victims. EDVP not only provides a 24-hour help line for victims, but they also provide shelter and safe places for victims to stay after they've made the difficult choice to leave their home behind. Unfortunately, for every person receiving shelter at EDVP, they are forced to turn away 18. They simply lack the resources needed to meet the full need of the community.

Mr. Speaker, together, as a community and as a nation, we can help prevent domestic violence and better serve those who've been victimized. As we observe Domestic Violence Awareness Month throughout October, I urge every American to take the time to tell their spouse, mother, father, child, brother, sister, or friend how important they are to their life. Hug every single one. Find out how best to extend a helping hand to victims and find the "EDVP" in your area.

HONORING MAYOR RUDOLPH CLAY

HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKY

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 26, 2011

Mr. VISCLOSKY. Mr. Speaker, it is with fond admiration and profound respect that I take this time to recognize a dear friend and one of Indiana's most distinguished citizens, the Honorable Mayor Rudolph Clay, of Gary, Indiana. For his many years of public service and his countless efforts toward improving the lives of Northwest Indiana residents, Rudy will be honored at a celebratory reception at the Genesis Convention Center, in Gary, Indiana, on Friday, October 28, 2011.

Rudolph Clay was born in Courtland, Alabama. Following the passing of his mother, Rudy and his brother, David, were raised by their aunts, Daisy Washington and Mary Lucy Hunter, in Gary, Indiana. After graduating from Roosevelt High School, Rudy continued his education, earning a track scholarship to Indiana University in Bloomington. He would later return to Gary, and it was during this time that he met and fell in love with his wonderful wife, Christine Swan. They were married on November 30, 1957. Mayor Clay then served in the United States Army from 1958 to 1960. Through the Vietnam era and the Civil Rights Movement, Rudy's unwavering passion to serve people, particularly those most in need,

and his strong desire to be a catalyst for positive change propelled him on his remarkable journey.

In 1972, Rudy was elected to the Indiana State Senate in the third district. While in this position, the focus of his work included working for better treatment and training programs for prison inmates, creating a victim's compensation fund, and establishing a Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday. Subsequently, Rudy was elected to the Lake County Council in 1978 and then re-elected in 1982. During this time he fought against the unfairness in hiring practices at the Lake County Government Center and the raising of utility rates. In 1984, Rudy Clay was elected as Lake County Recorder. Three years later, he was elected Lake County Commissioner and served four elected terms in this capacity.

In 2005, Rudy became the first African American elected to serve as the Lake County Democratic Chairman, a position he held until 2009.

The Gary Precinct Organization appointed Rudy mayor of Gary in 2006, and he was elected mayor the following year. Mayor Clay's extraordinary energy, his profound empathy for people and his lifelong commitment to leave a better world for following generations have led to preeminent achievements. They have positively impacted the lives of countless individuals as well as the progress and future of Indiana.

Throughout his illustrious career, Mayor Clay has been recognized with many distinguished awards. Rudy was honored by Governor Evan Bayh with the Outstanding Hoosier Award in 1994, and in 2005, Governor Joseph Kernan honored the Mayor with the prestigious Sagamore of the Wabash Award, to name a few.

Although Rudy has received many esteemed honors for his commitment to the residents of Indiana, his greatest source of pride is his family. Rudy and his amazing wife, Christine, have been married for 54 years this November. They have one beloved son, Rudy Clay, Jr.

On a more personal note, I also want to thank Rudy for his graciousness and warm friendship over the years. I also would be remiss if I did not thank him for the deep respect he has always shown to my father, John Vislosky.

Mr. Speaker, I respectfully ask that you and my other distinguished colleagues join me in honoring Mayor Rudy Clay for his staunch devotion to the people of Gary as well as all of Northwest Indiana. Rudy's unselfish and lifelong dedication to serving the people of Northwest Indiana is worthy of the highest commendation, and he serves as an inspiration to us all. I am proud to call him my friend.

REMEMBERING DR. HARVE
RAWSON

HON. TODD C. YOUNG

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 26, 2011

Mr. YOUNG of Indiana. Mr. Speaker, I rise along with Congressman MIKE PENCE to honor the life and legacy of Professor Harve Rawson.

Harve Rawson was greatly talented and abundantly generous. He earned a bachelor of

arts in psychology from Antioch College, and went on to earn a master of arts and doctorate in research psychology at Ohio State University. For thirty-two years Dr. Rawson served as a professor of psychology at Hanover College, and later served as dean of faculty at Franklin College. He was the first two-time winner of the Baynham Teaching Award, and he was named the Mary E. Hamilton Distinguished Professor of Psychology at Hanover College.

Dr. Rawson was a two-time Fulbright Scholar in psychology and also spent a year teaching at the College of Health Sciences in Bahrain. His great passion for traveling also took him to more than 100 countries and all seven continents. Throughout his long and storied career, he authored dozens of research articles, gave more than 500 professional presentations, and wrote nine books about his personal experience and interests.

His list of accolades and recognitions include being named a Malone Scholar, a Sagamore of the Wabash by the State of Indiana, a Kentucky Colonel, a Citizen of the Year by the National Association of Social Workers, and a Distinguished Academic Psychologist by the Indiana Psychological Association. Dr. Rawson was also awarded the Golden Quill Award for Outstanding Research and the Outstanding Community Service Award for Psychologists.

But beyond his many academic achievements, Harve Rawson was known as a generous leader who truly possessed a servant's heart. He founded Englishton Park Children's Program, a short-term residential program for at-risk children, where he served as director for 25 years. He was also a founding and long-time board member of the Jefferson County Youth Shelter in Madison, Indiana. Mr. Rawson was a four-time president of the Lide White Boys and Girls Club Board of Directors, a long-time member of the Board of Directors of Englishton Park Presbyterian Ministries, Inc., and a member of the Big Brothers Big Sisters board. His impact on the community will forever be remembered by the many lives he touched during his lifetime of service.

We offer our deepest condolences to his sons Paul and Reed, his brother John, his sister Margaret, and his four grandchildren. During this difficult time, we pray you find solace in faith and family.

NATIONAL WORK AND FAMILY
MONTH

HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 26, 2011

Mrs. MALONEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of October as National Work and Family Month. Each and every day American families make choices about how to best care for their family and to fulfill work obligations.

Over the last 50 years, the demographics of the U.S. workforce have changed significantly and with that, so have our needs. With more women in the workforce, fewer households have at least one parent at home. According to Census data, 70 percent of children are raised in families headed by either a working single parent or two working parents. In addition, more households are caring for older rel-

atives as medical advances continue to extend life expectancy. It's important that as my colleagues and I work to create and grow jobs, we also ensure that these jobs afford all Americans the chance to take care of their families and maintain a paycheck.

In an effort to acknowledge the realities of our modern workforce I have reintroduced the Family and Medical Leave Enhancement Act (H.R. 1440) to expand the number of workplaces required to comply with the original 1993 Family and Medical Leave Act, FMLA, and the Family and Medical Leave Inclusion Act to add same-sex spouses, grandparents, and grandchildren (H.R. 2364) as leave beneficiaries under FMLA. In addition, I will soon reintroduce the Working Families Flexibility Act, legislation that gives employees the right to request flexible work arrangements.

Strong work and family policies help attract, motivate, and retain a talented workforce and businesses should be encouraged to think strategically about the flexibility and family-friendly benefits they offer to their workers.

HONORING PHIL BLAZER

HON. JOHN GARAMENDI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 26, 2011

Mr. GARAMENDI. Mr. Speaker, I offer my highest congratulations today to Mr. Phil Blazer of California on the 5th anniversary of his founding of Jewish Life Television (JLTV).

In 2006, Mr. Blazer initiated America's first full-time Jewish television network, which is now seen in all 50 states through DIRECTV, along with cable distribution on Comcast, Time Warner and other systems.

Jewish Life Television (JLTV) originates from its headquarters in Encino, California and reaches over 36 million households in America and over 80 million households across Europe, North Africa, and the Middle East. The network's ratings show an audience of 3-4 million different households during any given month. Over 160,000 homes watched the Kol Nidre-Yom Kippur Service on JLTV.

Jewish Life Television programming features news, talk shows, cooking, comedy, and entertainment. JLTV also broadcasts live events including the American Israel Public Affairs Committee (AIPAC) Policy Conference, the Jewish Federation's General Assembly, the March of the Living, and the Maccabiah Games in Israel.

Mr. Blazer's award-winning weekly television program, Jewish Life, was established in 1977, and has featured interviews with prominent figures from all walks of life including Nobel Peace Prize winner Elie Weisel, Yitzak Rabin, Elizabeth Taylor, and Sandy Koufax. Blazer is the editor and publisher of the National Jewish News, which he founded in 1973. His radio program, Jewish Soul, began broadcasting in 1965 and continues to be heard weekly around the world and on the internet.

During his 46 years of working in Jewish media, Mr. Blazer has played a valuable role in numerous projects for the Jewish community and for America. He was a key catalyst in the rescue of nearly 1,000 Ethiopian Jews through U.S. Government Operation Joshua. Mr. Blazer championed California's Holocaust

Education bill, led a counter-rally against Neo-Nazis in Skokie, Illinois, and started dialogue between Jews and Gentiles in post-war Berlin.

Mr. Blazer helps Israelis, the Jewish Diaspora, and America maintain strong ties. In addition to the aforementioned activities, he has led Hollywood celebrities and other leaders on trips to Israel. He attended the 1979 White House Peace Signing Ceremony between Israeli Prime Minister Menachem Begin, Egyptian President Anwar al-Sadat, and U.S. President Jimmy Carter. Prime Minister Begin stated Blazer knows "Israel better than any American" the Israeli Prime Minister had ever met and was "rare" as a "true leader" of the Jewish people.

IN RECOGNITION OF CLYDE
MANN'S EFFORTS TO CREATE A
NATIONAL SCIENCE DAY

HON. FORTNEY PETE STARK

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 26, 2011

Mr. STARK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today with my esteemed colleague, Congressman MIKE HONDA, to recognize Clyde Mann and celebrate his efforts to establish a National Science Day in the United States. Mr. Mann is a science instructor at Warm Springs Elementary School in Fremont, California. Recently he organized, almost single-handedly, a Science Alliance Day at the school.

During the Science Alliance Day a team of 40 Silicon Valley executives visited and made presentations to the 846 students at Warm Springs Elementary School. During this day-long, school-wide extravaganza students were able to get excited about science and learn about the ways that science shapes our future.

Mr. Mann recognizes the growing need for a trained workforce that is knowledgeable about science and technology and his goal is to establish a National Science Day throughout the country. If this goal is accomplished Mr. Mann is sure that our country's students will develop a passion for science by participating in science activities during National Science Day celebrations at their schools. Recently he said, "you're going to have a whole generation of kids across the country that are going to be very interested and engaged in science and to want to pursue science in the future. This is the Apollo moment acted upon."

The start of Warm Spring's science day was spectacular. There were demonstrations featuring robots, dry ice, DNA models, Maglev demonstrations, Mars rover facsimiles, and exploding balloons, and geysers of Coke powered by Mentos, not to mention the scientists and technology executives attending the event. To make sure that the students were not distracted by hunger there were even science themed snacks. According to an excited fourth-grader, "we made edible DNA with toothpaste and marshmallows and twisters". This sort of excitement is exactly what Clyde Mann envisions in his efforts to create a National Science Day.

Congressman HONDA and I applaud Clyde Mann for his accomplishments, commitment, and vision for a National Science Day. If established, National Science Day will excite students about science as well as provide them

with a knowledge base to prepare for the future.

H.R. 2273, COAL RESIDUALS REUSE
AND MANAGEMENT ACT

HON. BETTY MCCOLLUM

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 26, 2011

Ms. MCCOLLUM. Mr. Speaker, I rise in opposition to H.R. 2273, the Coal Residuals Reuse and Management Act. This bill represents yet another attempt by Republicans to put the interests of polluters ahead of public health and the well-being of our communities.

Despite the catastrophe of the Tennessee Valley coal ash spill in 2008, Republicans refuse to allow any meaningful oversight of coal companies. The Tennessee Valley disaster released more than one billion gallons of toxic sludge, flooding hundreds of acres of land and destroying numerous homes and farms. EPA needs the authority to require coal companies to have preventative measures that ensure we do not bury entire communities under toxic sludge. H.R. 2273 would prevent EPA from coming up with even minimal nationwide standards for toxic coal ash.

Minnesota has historically been highly dependent on coal. Thanks to one of the most stringent renewable energy standards in the country that requires 25% of our energy comes from renewable resources by 2025, we are beginning to transition to a clean energy economy. But we are still dealing with the legacy of coal ash.

Statewide, Minnesota has 15 coal ash ponds over 30 years old. One plant in St. Paul, the High Bridge Generating Plant, burned coal since 1923 before converting to natural gas in 2007. The ponds can contain high concentrations of arsenic, mercury, lead and other toxic chemicals. It is unimaginable that Republicans now want coal ash to have less stringent regulations than those required for our household disposable trash.

EPA has spent three years looking at how best to regulate coal ash working with citizens, local community officials and industry. EPA needs to now be allowed to do its job in determining how best to protect the public health. This bill is an unnecessary and harmful intrusion into that process. I urge my colleagues to learn from the Tennessee Valley tragedy and oppose this bill.

HONORING KAREN SAY, WINNER
OF THE SMALL BUSINESS AD-
MINISTRATION 8(A) GRADUATE
FIRM OF THE YEAR AWARD

HON. ADAM SMITH

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 26, 2011

Mr. SMITH of Washington. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor Karen Say, president of Saybr Contractors, Inc. of Tacoma, Washington, for receiving the 8(a) Graduate Firm of the Year Award.

Each year, the Small Business Administration awards an 8(a) Business Development Program graduate the Small Business Admin-

istration Firm of the Year Award. The 8(a) Development Program is a successful program that is an essential instrument for helping socially and economically disadvantaged entrepreneurs gain access to the economic mainstream of American society. It offers business training, counseling, marketing assistance and high-level executive development.

Karen Say founded Saybr Contractors, Inc., in 1997 by filling a narrow niche for upgrading underground storage tanks. Shortly after, Karen expanded her company to include construction, fuel systems, alternative fuels, sitework, and environmental services. Today, Saybr Contractors is a sizable woman-owned general contracting business.

Prior to graduating from the 8(a) Program, Karen and Saybr secured more than \$50 million in 8(a) federal contracts. The 8(a) certification will continue to help Saybr Contractors, Inc., grow its commercial and government business and thrive in a competitive business environment.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues in the House of Representatives please join me in honoring Karen Say, winner of the Small Business Administration 8(a) Graduate Firm of the Year Award.

RECOGNIZING DANIEL G. MOFFAT
FOR HIS SERVICE TO THE PEOPLES
OF GUAM

HON. MADELEINE Z. BORDALLO

OF GUAM

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 26, 2011

Ms. BORDALLO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mr. Daniel G. Moffat, former President and Chief Executive Officer of GTA TeleGuam, and commend him on his contributions to transforming the Guam Telephone Authority from a government operation to an effective, successful and thriving telecommunications enterprise on Guam.

Dan Moffat became the President and Chief Executive Officer of GTA TeleGuam in January 2007. He arrived on Guam when GTA TeleGuam was in the process of transforming from a government owned and operated telephone system to a privately owned communications service in a rapidly developing and competitive market.

Utilizing twenty five years of experience in the telecommunications industry, Dan guided GTA TeleGuam in recruiting, training and developing a highly motivated team using local talent. He improved Guam's telephone services, and developed high speed broadband Internet access and wireless systems. He brought emerging technologies to our island and built a world class communications infrastructure serving our region. Dan's leadership and spirit of entrepreneurship brought the latest innovative products and services to his customers. His efforts and contributions in telecommunications transformed services on Guam with digital technology. Under his leadership, many opportunities were realized for the people of Guam in international communications and networking.

Dan Moffat promoted Chamorro values as part of GTA TeleGuam's corporate culture. He challenged his management team to incorporate the principles of local values and traditions in GTA's business practices. He became

a part of our island family and he ensured that GTA TeleGuam employees gave back to our community through public service. GTA TeleGuam participated in many community causes such as the Relay for Life, Strides for a Cure, the American Cancer Society, the Make-a-Wish Foundation, the United Service Organization (USO), the American Red Cross, the UOG Endowment Foundation, the Salvation Army, Habitat for Humanity, the Guam Special Olympics, the Guam Humanities Council, and many other events supporting non-profits on Guam.

The people of Guam will miss a community leader, businessman, and friend. The continuing success of GTA TeleGuam will always be a reminder of Dan's leadership and vision. I wish Dan, his wife Jane, and his family the very best on their departure from Guam, and I join the people of Guam in commending him for his service to our community.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. LOIS CAPPS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 26, 2011

Mrs. CAPPS. Mr. Speaker, I was not able to be present for the following rollcall votes on October 25, 2011 and would like the record to reflect that I would have voted as follows:

Rollcall No. 803: "no."

Rollcall No. 804: "yes."

HONORING 30TH ANNIVERSARY OF HUMPHREY JOB CORPS CENTER

HON. BETTY McCOLLUM

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 26, 2011

Ms. McCOLLUM. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to commemorate the 30th anniversary of the Hubert H. Humphrey Jobs Corps Center in Saint Paul, Minnesota, and to honor the students, staff and volunteers who make the Center a success.

Job Corps provides hope and the opportunity to create a better life for thousands of young Americans every year, through career technical and academic training. Vice President Hubert H. Humphrey was one of the early architects of Job Corps, and it is a fitting tribute to his leadership that Minnesota's Job Corps Center continues to proudly bear his name 30 years after the first students walked through the doors on July 15th, 1981.

The Humphrey Job Corps Center gets results. By 1985, the Center's job-placement rate reached 90%, and in 1986 the Center became one of the first Job Corps Centers in the nation to be accredited by the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools.

Humphrey Job Corps continues to grow and innovate. Today it serves between three-hundred to four-hundred students each year, offering training in subjects ranging from business technology to medical office support, to drivers education. Recently, the Center has embraced innovations in the Green Sector. All

students entering advanced manufacturing, automotive, and construction fields receive training in renewable and sustainable practices. Earlier this year, it was an honor to participate in the ribbon cutting of the official opening of the new Technology Trades Building and the Single Mothers' Dorm.

Not only does Humphrey Job Corps give students the practical skills they need to succeed professionally, it has helped build and connect communities. Humphrey Job Corps students regularly volunteer their time and energy to serve their neighbors in crisis nurseries; and organizations such as Toys for Tots; the Special Olympics; and the Veterans Rest Camp in Hugo, Minnesota.

Students' services are not limited to their neighborhood, or even their state. Humphrey Job Corps students have partnered with communities across the upper Midwest to assist in times of need. They have traveled to Grand Forks, North Dakota; Rushford, Minnesota; Saint Peter, Minnesota; and Fargo, North Dakota to help communities heal after recent natural disasters. Today, Humphrey Job Corps students give more than 5,000 volunteer hours each year.

Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to submit this statement for the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD in honor of the 30th anniversary of the Hubert Horatio Humphrey Job Corps Center and all the students, staff and volunteers.

RECOGNIZING OCTOBER AS FILIPINO AMERICAN HISTORY MONTH

HON. LAURA RICHARDSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 26, 2011

Ms. RICHARDSON. Mr. Speaker, October is Filipino American History month, a month dedicated to honoring the achievements of a people that have contributed significantly to American history and culture. Filipino Americans have had a long and important presence in the United States and have played a substantial role in shaping the current American landscape.

During Filipino American History month, we pay tribute to Filipino culture and customs and as we honor Filipino traditions and heritage. Filipino Americans continue to contribute to American society and are leaders in all aspects of American life, serving as lawyers, doctors, artists, writers, elected officials, teachers, and members of the armed forces. Filipino Americans reside in nearly every Congressional district in the United States, continuing to enrich our culture bringing new ideas and innovation to our nation.

As a member of the Congressional Asian Pacific American Caucus, I am proud to represent one of the largest Filipino communities in the United States. Relations between the United States and the countries of the Pacific Rim are extremely important and this is why only a few short months ago, I introduced H. Res. 275, my annual resolution honoring the anniversary of the independence of the Philippines. This resolution reaffirms the bonds of friendship and cooperation which exist be-

tween the United States and the Philippines as well as a strong commitment to strengthening these bonds. In addition, H. Res. 275 seeks to increase public awareness of the vibrant and beautiful culture of the Philippines and support the continuing development of the Filipino American community as an integral part of America's cultural fabric.

Mr. Speaker, it is my honor and privilege to represent the people of the 37th Congressional District of California, which is one of the most ethnically, culturally, and racially diverse congressional districts in the country. This is especially true of Carson, one of the major cities in the 37th congressional district. Southern California, which includes Carson, is home to one of the largest Filipino American populations in the country and is considered a preferred destination for Filipinos looking to start a new life in our country.

As we celebrate Filipino American History Month, I am proud to announce that the City of Carson will be receiving a special monument of Dr. Jose P. Rizal, a decorated Filipino national hero. The Dr. Jose Rizal Monument Movement (JPRMM) Inc., has offered to donate the monument to Carson for placement in the City's International Sculpture Garden.

Mr. Speaker, Dr. Jose Rizal was a proponent of democracy and peaceful reforms during the Spanish colonization of the Philippines in the 1800s. He advocated for liberty through peaceful means rather than by violent revolution and was considered by Mohandas Gandhi as a forerunner in the cause for freedom.

Dr. Rizal was executed by the Spanish on December 30, 1896, a date which is marked annually as "Rizal Day," a Filipino national holiday. After his execution, Dr. Rizal became a martyr in the fight for Filipino independence and his commitment to nonviolent reform served as inspiration for the Filipino people and many others around the world.

Mr. Speaker, the benefits that the Dr. Jose P. Rizal monument will bring to my district and the city of Carson especially are substantial. The monument will chronicle the rich history and significant contributions made by Filipino Americans to the City of Carson, the state of California, and the United States as well as promote the diversity and interests of Carson residents comprising of various nationalities, races and ethnicities.

In addition, the Rizal monument will remind Filipino Americans of the democratic underpinnings of the Filipino heritage and encourage Filipinos from all over California, as well as the United States to visit Carson to pay homage to the national hero.

I applaud the efforts of Carson for according a place of honor to Dr. Jose Rizal. He continues to be recognized globally for his efforts to bring freedom, liberation and justice through peaceful means to all peoples. His leadership, patriotism, and dedication to his country should serve as inspiration to us all.

Mr. Speaker, during Filipino American History Month I encourage all Americans to take time to recognize the contributions of Dr. Jose Rizal as well as the achievements of Filipino Americans that have helped to make our country better. The best way to honor Filipino American History Month is to continue to cherish and preserve the ethnic and cultural diversity that strengthens this nation.

REGARDING THE NEED FOR
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Mr. RAHALL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to call on the U.S. Food and Drug Administration to expedite its consideration of the artificial pancreas, a technology that will benefit those with type 1 diabetes.

Recently, I was visited by Lori and Jay Happala; Gina Frye; and Margaret Hoover at my office in Beckley, West Virginia, as part of the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation's Promise to Remember Me campaign.

These families and one of their children who is diagnosed with type 1 shared with me per-

sonal stories about what life is like for sufferers of type 1 diabetes, and how continued research and breakthroughs in technology can help improve management of this disease.

The Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation and other clinical experts from organizations like the American Diabetes Association have indicated that an artificial pancreas has the potential to transform the lives of those with type 1 diabetes by automatically controlling blood glucose levels around the clock, enabling them to remain healthy until a cure is found. My constituents argue that this technology has the potential to help those with diabetes better manage their type 1 diabetes in a more cost efficient manner, as well as help them to lead more fulfilling, active lives and reduce the risk of further health complications like kidney failure and heart disease.

Before this technology can be made available, the FDA must approve next steps in the regulatory process to continue the development of artificial pancreas systems. Earlier this year, my colleagues and I wrote to the FDA, requesting a clear and reasonable regulatory pathway so that outpatient studies can proceed as soon as possible.

Recently the FDA committed to publishing draft guidance for public comment by December 1. On behalf of the millions of Americans with diabetes, I urge the FDA to issue this draft guidance in a timely manner, so that artificial pancreas technologies can be tested in an outpatient setting and be made available to those who need as expeditiously as possible. Continued delays may slow innovation that has the potential to dramatically improve the lives of those with diabetes.