

## EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

TRIBUTE TO THE LIFE OF  
VALERIE POPE-LUDLAM

**HON. JOE BACA**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 3, 2011*

Mr. BACA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to ask Congress to pay tribute to a respected member of the Westside community and civil rights activist, Valerie Pope-Ludlam. Valerie passed away on Sunday, April 24, 2011.

Valerie moved to California from Michigan in 1962. For the following decades Valerie Pope-Ludlam served the community as an outspoken leader and advocate. She began working at Patton State Hospital and continued until 1964 when she started Welfare Rights. The organization advocated for both the rights and educational opportunities for women on welfare.

The following year she started the League of Mothers with Frances Grice and Bonnie Johnson. The three women fought for the rights of African Americans in the educational system and the workplace. They spearheaded a legal battle against the San Bernardino Unified School District to end the de facto segregation in the Westside.

In 1969 Valerie founded the Westside Community Development Corporation (CDC). The CDC trained hundreds of young adults in construction, allowing the organization to rehabilitate houses and sell them to families who would otherwise not be able to afford the down payment. Close friend and niece, Frances Grice, reflects, "She has done so many wonderful things. . . The Governor used to call her 'the Sun Lady.'" Long before green jobs became popular, Valerie built the first Westside solar energy conservation project. The project cost \$2 million and gained national recognition from *Ebony Magazine* for its success in providing green energy to low income homes.

Valerie will always hold the honor of becoming the first African American female 6th ward council person. Other council members describe her as a sounding board and a valued mentor. She will leave a lasting impact on both the individuals she touched and the community at large. Professionally, Valerie was known for confidence and tenacity. On a more personal note, she was a loving mother and grandmother. She always put her family at the forefront throughout her public service.

Valerie leaves with cherished memories three children: Marshall Griffin, Michelle Beauregard, and George Beauregard as well as nine grandchildren, seventeen great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild. My thoughts and prayers, along with those of my wife, Barbara, and my children, Mayor Pro Tem Joe Baca Jr., Jeremy, Natalie, Jennifer are with Valerie's family at this time. Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me today in honoring and remembering a tireless advocate Valerie Pope-Ludlam.

IN HONOR OF DAVID YOST, THE  
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER OF  
AMERISOURCEBERGEN

**HON. JIM GERLACH**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 3, 2011*

Mr. GERLACH. Mr. Speaker, I rise to salute the career and many contributions of David Yost, the Chief Executive Officer of AmerisourceBergen, one of the world's largest pharmaceutical distribution and services companies headquartered in my district in Valley Forge, Pennsylvania.

Mr. Yost will retire this July. Following his graduation from the U.S. Air Force Academy and military service, Dave spent most of his professional career with Amerisource Health Corporation and, after the 2001 merger with Bergen Brunswig Corporation in 2001, AmerisourceBergen Corporation. In a career spanning 37 years, he has served as CEO for 14 years and has guided the company successfully through a rapidly changing business environment. The company has experienced astonishing growth from \$40 billion in revenues in 2002 to nearly \$80 billion this year and it continues to handle many challenges presented by our evolving health care system.

David Yost is an exceptional leader with impeccable commitment to the highest ethical standards. He has led a company that is a shining example of how our health care marketplace should operate today—a company that delivers savings, efficiency, security and integrity of product for patients who need these medicines. In addition, he has a history of giving, including as a Founding Director of the U.S. Air Force Academy Endowment Fund which provides cadets with facilities and programs for their professional development. He has generously initiated employee-company match contributions for those affected by disasters such as Hurricane Katrina and the recent Japanese earthquake disaster.

David Yost has provided a long-term vision for the industry, reforming the entire enterprise by reducing inventory size and its associated costs, and stressing the importance of technology and strategic partnerships in moving the company forward. AmerisourceBergen was the first national distributor to announce that it would only purchase pharmaceuticals directly from the manufacturer to ensure the integrity of products to patients. He also instilled pride in the company's workforce for the important work they do. There is a sign over the door of every AmerisourceBergen distribution center that reads "Thank you for what you do. People's lives depend on it."

Through it all, David Yost has been a devoted husband and father and active in his community. He now prepares for a well-deserved retirement to spend more time with family and pursue other interests.

Mr. Speaker, it is a privilege to represent many of the fine employees of

AmerisourceBergen and I join them in saluting David Yost for his vision, leadership and outstanding service during a long and exemplary career.

IN HONOR OF POLISH  
CONSTITUTION DAY, 2011

**HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 3, 2011*

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of Poles, Polish-Americans and the Honorable Ambassador from Poland, Robert Kupiecki, and his wife, Malgorzata Kupiecki, on the occasion of Polish Constitution Day, celebrated on May 3, 2011.

Polish Constitution Day is a day when people of all cultures join with the people of Poland to celebrate the rich culture, traditions and history of Poland. After almost five centuries of struggle and perseverance, the Governmental Statute of Poland became the first written constitution in Europe on May 3, 1791. The Polish Constitution established the separation of government powers, freedom of religion, and abolished elements of serfdom, all of these are key elements of freedom and democracy.

The Polish American Congress strives to make Americans of Polish heritage more successful and involved U.S. citizens by encouraging them to assume the responsibilities of leadership. Since its foundation over sixty years ago, the group has created programs to successfully integrate people of Polish decent in the U.S. and enrich Cleveland's social fabric. These programs include the Displaced Persons Program, which allowed almost 150,000 Polish immigrants to enter the U.S. after World War Two. The group also won American veterans benefits for Polish Veterans of both World War One and World War Two. The Polish American Congress has played a crucial role in the Polish Community, and in its many years of support and service has been an invaluable contribution to the City of Cleveland and this nation. This year, the Greater Cleveland Community can celebrate Poland's rich history and culture by joining Cleveland's Polish community in attending events such as the Polonia Ball, the Grand Parade and the Photographic Exhibition.

Mr. Speaker and colleagues, please join me today, Polish Constitution Day, in honoring the struggles, courage and triumphs of the people of Poland and honoring all people of Polish descent. Through their successive struggles for freedom, the people of Poland have given the world hope.

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CONCURRENT RESOLUTION ON  
THE BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR  
2012

SPEECH OF

**HON. TODD C. YOUNG**

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, April 14, 2011*

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union had under consideration the bill (H. Con. Res. 34) establishing the budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2012 and setting forth appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2013 through 2021:

Mr. YOUNG of Indiana. Mr. Chair, the good people of Indiana want jobs. And you know what? We know how to create them. In Indiana, under Gov. Mitch Daniels, we've seen a government that spends less and taxes modestly. And we've seen that lead to job growth. That's why Indiana, during these tough economic times, is a national leader in private sector job growth. The Budget Committee crafted a budget for our Federal Government that, like Indiana, spends less and taxes less. The result is a plan that will help create 2.5 million jobs by the end of this decade. Recent economic history isn't good to the big spenders. It shows that borrowing and spending trillions of taxpayer dollars we don't have doesn't create jobs. And jobs won't be created if we go along with the President's plan, or the plan from the other side of the aisle, to increase taxes. It's no great secret that the job creators in this country aren't hiring because unchecked spending, of course, leads to fears. It leads to fears that we're going to have to raise taxes in the future. It leads to fears of future inflation. And it leads to fears that interest rates are going to go up. By calling for a measure of spending discipline, as we do, we replace fear with hope—hope that we can restore conditions where job creators can go out and put Americans back to work. That's what the people of southern Indiana want. Now, I mentioned Indiana a minute ago and the success we've had there in creating private sector jobs. We didn't do it all with respect to our policies on spending. Instead, we also looked at tax policy. We understood that it just didn't make sense to jack up taxes during a down economy. Instead, we kept them steady, and we made our tax code more efficient—just as some of our neighboring States were doing the opposite. As a result, many businesses chose to move back to Indiana, or to move to Indiana for the first time. We see the reverse trend nationally, unfortunately. Many businesses are leaving this great country, or are not getting off the ground because of our job-destroying tax code and our punitive corporate tax rates. Mr. Chair, we improve upon those previous policies, we learn from the errors of the past. I urge my colleagues to help us create those jobs by voting yes on this House Republican budget.

IN RECOGNITION AND HONOR OF  
GREG BUNKER

**HON. DORIS O. MATSUI**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 3, 2011*

Ms. MATSUI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the memory of Greg Bunker and his remarkable leadership as Executive Director of the Francis House, a Sacramento-based homeless services agency. Greg passed away in December, and his contributions to Sacramento are being recognized at this year's Feast for the Streets fundraiser. For 21 years, he was a tireless advocate for Sacramento's homeless population.

Greg was a remarkable leader who inspired an entire community with his unrelenting optimism. He cared deeply about his work and the people around him. He will be sorely missed.

Born in Ohio, Greg moved to California after serving in the Vietnam War. He intended to make a change in the world, and his unrelenting support for the needy allowed him to do so. He soon joined the Francis House and led it as it grew and prospered.

Through the years, the Francis House has offered a wide range of services and resources for Sacramento's homeless population, and, because of Greg, it has become well-known in the Sacramento area and beyond as a non-profit that passionately fights for the needs of the homeless.

Greg initiated a campaign for a safe place for the city's homeless, and he brought the issue of poverty to the forefront of the public's attention. For over two decades, he made sure that the thousands of people who needed help were not overlooked, and Sacramento is a better place because of him.

Around 30,000 people come to the Francis House each year for assistance, and Greg's daily vigor and hunger for change was a blessing for them. Whether it was through transportation vouchers, emergency housing, or simply emotional support, Greg was always there to help.

His sincere and long-term dedication to the homeless cause truly made a difference to many people. He never turned anyone away from the Francis House, and his kindness was a light for people who rarely encountered true compassion.

Sadly, Greg passed away much too early in December. The outpouring of support has been inspiring, as the tens of thousands of people that he helped through the Francis House, as well as the countless others who have been touched by Greg's selflessness, have shown their gratitude to his family.

In addition to Greg's achievements helping the homeless, he was a loving husband and father. I would like to recognize Greg's wife Stephanie and his two sons, Jesse and Simon, and express my sincere condolences for their loss.

Mr. Speaker, I feel honored to join the many Sacramentans who are paying tribute to this incredible man. I ask all of my colleagues to join me in remembering Greg Bunker, and to continue his work by being passionate about helping those less fortunate.

IN HONOR OF BRENT LARKIN

**HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 3, 2011*

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of Mr. Brent Larkin, a lifelong resident of Cleveland who is being recognized as Voices of Ohio's Children's 2011 Champion for Children.

Mr. Larkin was born and raised in the greater Cleveland area. He graduated from Brush High School and went on to Ohio University, where he received a degree in journalism in 1969. Soon after graduating, he became a reporter for the Cleveland Press, thus beginning an illustrious career. In 1981, Larkin began working for the Cleveland Plain Dealer, and in 1991, he was named head of the Plain Dealer's opinion page. As head of the opinion page, he wrote many thoughtful editorials addressing the concerns of children within the social welfare and juvenile justice system. He was inducted into the Cleveland Press Club Hall of Fame in 2002.

In addition to his newspaper career, Brent Larkin has long been an advocate for young people. He has worked to raise awareness of the importance of early childhood programs and services. He has also served as a volunteer with Invest in Children, Cuyahoga County's initiative to promote investment in and support of children through programs such as Home Visiting, Early Literacy, Healthy Start Outreach, Universal Pre-Kindergarten, and Special Needs Child Care. It is this dedication to the young people of his community that has prompted Voices for Ohio's Children to name him 2011 Champion for Children.

Mr. Speaker and Colleagues, please join me in honor and recognition of Mr. Brent Larkin, a distinguished journalist dedicated to improving the lives of children within his community.

HONORING THE AFRICAN AMERICAN  
EDUCATION TASK FORCE

**HON. BARBARA LEE**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 3, 2011*

Ms. LEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the African American Education Task Force, co-chaired by Mr. Oscar Wright and Mrs. Wandra Boyd, for its record of success in encouraging and acknowledging academic achievement by African American youth in California's Oakland Unified School District.

Today, the African American Education Task Force and the Oakland Unified School District will celebrate a successful decade of recognizing our local African American students' Honor Roll status. The African American Education Task Force Academic Achievement Celebration takes place at the ACTS Full Gospel Church, pastored by Bishop Bob Jackson in Oakland, California.

During this year's event, 1,150 African American students from the 8th through 12th grades will be honored for attaining grade point averages of 3.00 or above for the 2010–2011 school year. This outstanding group of young people has accomplished a great deal, and we are pleased to commend them for

their academic dedication and success. Especially in light of the great budgetary challenges faced by the State of California and the City of Oakland, these students have proven themselves to be bright, capable and resourceful.

I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate each and every student for earning this distinction. Thank you for understanding and promoting the importance of staying in school. By continuing to be the best students possible and by making the most of your education, you will enjoy a full range of opportunities to achieve your personal goals, as well as give back to your communities.

Your accomplishments represent the strength of your initiative and a commitment to excellence. The skills and discipline you have developed will be of great use as you continue to follow your dreams toward success. I am so very proud of you for taking personal pride in your studies. Oakland's future leaders are certainly present at this celebration of academic achievement, and I welcome your many civic contributions in the years to come.

On behalf of the residents of California's 9th Congressional District, I again salute you for your exemplary academic performance. I am confident that you will continue this fine record of scholarship, service and success. Keep up the good work, and I wish you the very best in all of your future endeavors.

INTRODUCING THE EVERY CHILD  
DESERVES A FAMILY ACT

**HON. FORTNEY PETE STARK**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 3, 2011*

Mr. STARK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to introduce legislation that will give thousands of children in our foster care system a chance at having the one thing many of them say is all they have ever truly wanted—a family. There are approximately 500,000 children in our foster care system right now. Over 125,000 of those are waiting to be adopted, but there are just not enough qualified adoptive and foster parents. That leads to nearly 25,000 youth “aging out” of care each year with no permanent family. These young people are more likely than nearly any other group to become homeless or incarcerated, or to suffer with mental illness or substance abuse.

There is an acute shortage of adoptive and foster parents. Yet, despite this fact and the documented terrible consequences of long stays in the child welfare system, some states have enacted discriminatory bans prohibiting children from being placed with qualified parents due solely to the parent's marital status or sexual orientation. A number of additional states are actively considering similar discriminatory restrictions. Most recently, Arizona enacted a law to restrict the ability of unmarried and gay and lesbian individuals from adopting. Only six states affirmatively allow gay and lesbian couples to adopt jointly.

This is unfair to good people who want to open their homes to youth, unimaginable for kids who just want a family to love them, and unsafe for children for whom we in this body are responsible. If states will not do the right thing, the Federal government should.

Congress invests over \$7 billion in the child welfare system each year. We should not ac-

cept policies that use Federal funds to enact discriminatory barriers to adoption and close the door to thousands of potential homes. Studies suggest that upwards of 2 million gay and lesbian individuals are interested in adopting or fostering a child. There are already approximately 1 million lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgendered (LGBT) parents raising about 2 million children in the U.S. Leading child welfare, public health, medical and legal organizations agree that opening up the homes of all qualified prospective parents can help support the unique needs of foster youth. Groups including the Child Welfare League of America, the National Association of Social Workers, the American Psychological Association, and the American Bar Association, all support the ability of qualified unmarried and LGBT couples to foster and adopt. More than 30 years of research indicates optimal development for children is based on the stable attachments to committed and nurturing parents, not on the marital status, sexual orientation or gender identity of the parents. This research consistently demonstrates that children raised by same-sex parents exhibit the same level of emotional, cognitive, social and sexual development outcomes as children raised by straight parents.

When considering a potential placement for a child, the only criteria should be what is in the child's best interest and whether the prospective parent can provide a safe and nurturing home. Bigotry should play no part in this decision. That is why I am introducing the “Every Child Deserves a Family Act.” This legislation would simply prohibit any entity that receives Federal child welfare funds from denying or delaying adoption or foster care placements based solely on the prospective parent's marital status or sexual orientation. States and child welfare agencies that fail to end discriminatory practices would face financial penalties. This is the same approach that has put an end to race discrimination in adoption and foster care placements.

Children in our foster care system are some of our most precious—and vulnerable—youth. They depend on us to do all we can to find them supportive and loving families, and it is our obligation to act in their best interests when doing so. To fail in our task of opening every possible door to stable, permanent and loving homes is a grave disservice to these children and to our country. We cannot allow divisive politics and the culture war to further harm these children by shrinking the number of prospective adoptive and foster parents. I hope that all of my colleagues will join me in saying yes to children and no to bigotry by co-sponsoring the “Every Child Deserves a Family Act.”

IN REMEMBRANCE OF DAVID  
BRODER

**HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 3, 2011*

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor and remembrance of the life of David Broder, who was a great servant and patriot to this country.

Mr. Broder was born in Chicago Heights, Illinois in 1929. He received his bachelor's de-

gree in liberal arts and soon began writing for two prominent newspapers, The Chicago Maroon and the Hyde Park Herald. By 1960, he was writing for the New York Times covering the presidential race between John F. Kennedy and Richard Nixon. He soon took a job writing for the Washington Post, where he remained for more than 40 years.

Throughout his career, Mr. Broder achieved many milestones and was recognized for his superb skills in the art of journalism. He won a Pulitzer Prize in 1973 for his political commentary and was the recipient of the 4th Estate Award from the National Press Club in 1988. He was honored by Washingtonian Magazine as one of the best 50 journalists in both 2005 and 2009. Mr. Broder boasted the most appearances for a journalist on Meet the Press with over 400 since 1963.

Though David, unfortunately, left us one month ago, he will always remain in our memories because of his work and service covering the issues that matter most to this country.

Mr. Speaker and colleagues, please join me in remembering the life of David Broder and his devotion to uncovering the truth. David was truly a remarkable individual and a phenomenal asset to all of us here in Washington and around the world.

HONORING SGT. JOHN STONE

**HON. ELIOT L. ENGEL**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 3, 2011*

Mr. ENGEL. Mr. Speaker, we go to baseball games to relax, root for our heroes on the field, and enjoy the company of other fans. But on April 14, 2010, for John Stone it was a day to be a hero in the stands at Yankee Stadium when he saw a woman choking on a piece of food.

Mr. Stone, a staff sergeant and medic in the Connecticut National Guard who served in Iraq, was enjoying the game in his Don Mattingly jersey when he saw a crowd of people around a woman 15 rows away who was choking. It was Toby Weiss who came to root for the Yankees but was now choking on a piece of food.

Seeing the crowd, Sgt. Stone assumed all was well, but then he realized no one was able to help the terrified woman who was already turning blue. He ran to her and performed the Heimlich maneuver and jarred loose the food.

Mrs. Weiss, the wife of Rabbi Avi Weiss of the Hebrew Institute of Riverdale, was checked out at the aid station at the stadium and was well enough to return to the game and to thank Sgt. Stone.

Rabbi Weiss said other people rushed to help his wife but they weren't able to help. “Suddenly,” he said, “this kind of Elijah figure appeared from nowhere. He knew exactly what to do.” Mrs. Weiss also insisted Sgt. Stone was heaven-sent. “God sent me an angel,” she said, noting that her unassuming hero blushed over the praise.

Following the scare, fans applauded, hugged and high-fived Sgt. Stone on his way back up to his seat. Stone, who lives in Montville, Connecticut, was at the Stadium with his brother Jamie, an Army infantry soldier on leave from duty in Afghanistan.

Sgt. Stone is being honored at Rabbi Weiss's Hebrew Institute of Riverdale and I want to join everyone there in congratulating him and thanking him for his heroic deed.

Jews have a saying that to save a life is to save the world. Sgt. John Stone has indeed saved a very large part of our world here in Riverdale. Sgt. Stone, from his service in Iraq treating our wounded to his saving Mrs. Weiss at Yankee Stadium, represents the true character of America. I am proud to join in thanking him for his heroic actions.

RECOGNIZING CHILDREN'S MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS DAY

**HON. TAMMY BALDWIN**

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 3, 2011*

Ms. BALDWIN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Children's Mental Health Awareness Day, which occurs each year during National Children's Mental Health Awareness Week.

In 2004, the National Federation of Families for Children's Mental Health began designating the first full week of May as Children's Mental Health Awareness Week to promote the positive development of our youth. Additionally, since 2006, the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration's Center for Mental Health Services has declared one day during the week National Children's Mental Health Awareness Day.

On this special day, a distinguished coalition is gathering in Wisconsin. Groups like Wisconsin Family Ties, the Wisconsin Alliance for Infant Mental Health, Wisconsin United for Mental Health, the Supporting Families Together Association, and Wisconsin Public Broadcasting are joining with affected youth, their families, and others in our community. They stand together at the Madison Children's Museum to focus our attention on this important public health issue.

In Wisconsin the statistics paint a startling picture. One out of every five children who appear healthy is, in fact, suffering from mental health problems. Children with mental illness and disabilities have a far greater likelihood of being suspended or expelled from school, abusing drugs or alcohol, or ending up in the juvenile justice system. In 2008, only 11 percent of Wisconsin children living with serious mental health disorders received any public mental health services, less than one third the rate for adults.

However, not all hope is lost. At the federal level, the passage of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act includes numerous provisions that will help diagnose, treat, and support children with mental illness and their families. For example, the law immediately eliminates pre-existing condition clauses for children. This will help ensure that more families can afford to seek treatment for their child and may do so without fear of losing their coverage.

We must continue to pursue a course of action that works to not only identify and diagnose mental illness as early as possible, but also provide comprehensive treatment to those affected. The better we are able to serve the needs of our youth who suffer from mental illness, the sooner we can reduce long term costs associated with dropout rates, sub-

stance abuse, homelessness, and the justice system. We know that children with mental illness can live full and productive lives as long as we provide them with the support they need.

In the 1800s, the color green was used to identify people who were labeled "insane." Since then, the color has taken on a very different meaning, one that now signifies new life, new growth, and new beginnings. Today, I join with children, families, and supporters both in south central Wisconsin and across the nation in wearing the color green to show our support. Above all, I salute all those who are working to raise awareness of this crucial issue and hope today serves as a reminder that each one of us can and must do better to address children's mental health issues.

IN HONOR OF LIEUTENANT NICK DIMARCO

**HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 3, 2011*

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of Lieutenant Nick DiMarco of the Garfield Heights Police Department and his well-deserved retirement. As a long-serving officer of the law, and the founder of the acclaimed Shop with a Cop Program, Lt. DiMarco has served the people of the greater Cleveland area with honor and professionalism.

Lt. Nick DiMarco was appointed to the Garfield Heights Police Department in 1966. On February 1st, 1986, he was promoted to the rank of Sergeant, and on January 11th, 1990, he rose to the rank of Lieutenant. After 45 years of service, Lt. DiMarco retired from a long career of serving the public on February 16th, 2011.

Besides serving valiantly as an officer of the law for so many years, Lt. DiMarco also established the Shop with a Cop Program in 1995. The program, which occurs annually during the holiday season, raises money to purchase gifts for underprivileged children. On the day of the event, children are escorted to a major retail store via a police-accompanied motorcade and allocated \$120 to shop. Each child is accompanied by a police officer from the various participating departments. The program, now in its 15th year, has helped over 1,000 children in the greater Cleveland area, and involves officers from 17 police departments who volunteer their time to share the holiday spirit with those less fortunate. This past year, the program raised \$38,900; 391 children participated.

In addition to his dedicated career with the Garfield Heights Police Department, Lt. Nick DiMarco served as the President of the Fraternal Order of the Police of Ohio from 1990 to 2011, where he fought to protect the rights and privileges of law enforcement officers in Ohio.

Mr. Speaker and colleagues, please join me in honoring Lt. Nick DiMarco's long career of public service and civic virtue.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. LEONARD L. BOSWELL**

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 3, 2011*

Mr. BOSWELL. Mr. Speaker, I regret my absence in the House yesterday, May 2, 2011, as I was in my district attending to personal business. Had I been present, I would have voted "yes" on rollcall vote 278.

HONORING BILL KNOWLES

**HON. CHARLES J. "CHUCK" FLEISCHMANN**

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 3, 2011*

Mr. FLEISCHMANN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor an outstanding individual whose commitment and dedication has done so much to provide exceptional government services to the residents of Hamilton County, Tennessee. Those of us who live and work in Hamilton County can be thankful for the tireless efforts of Mr. Bill Knowles in his 36 years of service as Hamilton County Clerk.

First elected in 1974, County Clerk Bill Knowles has made it his priority to not just provide excellent services to his constituents, but to also manage an office that provides innovative ideas and consistently exceeds expectations. Shortly after being elected to his position, Bill Knowles solved the problem of long waits for vehicle registration tags by making it possible to renew tags by mail. Mr. Knowles's initiative was soon followed by the Tennessee legislature, which passed a law requiring tags to be mailed in throughout the state.

The exceptional work ethic and innovative ideas that are the hallmark of Bill Knowles have resulted in many firsts for Hamilton County. Hamilton County was the first county in Tennessee to allow for tag renewal by Internet. It was the first to have on-the-spot vehicle title printing. The county led the way with electronic record keeping and continued this development by computerizing marriage records in 2009.

In recognition of a litany of impressive accomplishments over a 36 year career, I hereby salute Clerk Bill Knowles and thank him for his service to the people of Hamilton County. I, for one, am grateful for his service, and I know that the fine residents of Hamilton County join me in honoring him.

IN HONOR OF LESLIE L. MEGYERI

**HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 3, 2011*

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Leslie L. Megyeri, who is being honored by the American Hungarian Foundation. Leslie will be the recipient of the Abraham Lincoln award for his courageous actions during the 1956 Hungarian Revolution.

During Mr. Megyeri's adolescence he read the great Hungarian poet Petöfi, whose words

he took to heart. These words were: "Stand up Hungarians—Your Country is calling, the question is do you want to be a slave or free?" Although he was only a teenager at the time, on October 23rd, 1956, he followed his father and took up arms against the Communists in power. However, the Soviets arrived to support the now collapsed Hungarian Communist government against the revolutionaries. He was one of 10,000 Hungarian freedom fighters who fought to defend his homeland; they were overwhelmed and Mr. Megyeri was driven into Austria.

Following the 1956 Hungarian Revolution Mr. Megyeri emigrated to the United States and embraced freedom with open arms. He attained his extension education at several American universities and worked numerous jobs. Throughout his long career he has worked as an attorney for the Federal Aviation Administration, an audit manager for the Government Accountability Office, and on several congressional committee staffs. After spending several years practicing private law, in 2003, Mr. Megyeri began his tenure as President of the Hungarian Reformed Federation of America.

Among other noteworthy achievements, Leslie has received the Gold Cross of Merit from the President of Hungary for his involvement in assisting Hungary in their efforts to join the North Atlantic Treaty Organization.

Mr. Speaker and colleagues, please join me in honoring an outstanding individual who has committed himself toward the cause of freedom and liberty.

IN RECOGNITION OF PHIL DALY  
HOSE COMPANY #2

**HON. FRANK PALLONE, JR.**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 3, 2011*

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Phil Daly Hose Company #2 of Long Branch, New Jersey, as its members gather to celebrate its 125th Anniversary. Since its founding in 1886, Phil Daly Hose Company has faithfully protected the local residents, businesses and visitors of the City. Their honorable and courageous actions are undoubtedly deserving of this body's recognition.

Phil Daly Hose Company continues to expand their capabilities through the acquisition of new technology. The Art Smeal Pumper, capable of delivering 2000 gallons of water per minute, will provide the fire company with greater capabilities to assist residents and provide greater services to the citizens of Long Branch. Similarly, the addition of the Emergency One Rescue Truck has expanded the fire company's abilities to assist with rescue mission throughout the area. Phil Daly Hose Company has a proud and long standing history of valor and sacrifice. Their heroic actions while serving their community is a testament to the selfless actions of the members to protect and serve the residents of Long Branch. The members of this fire company continue to exemplify their unwavering dedication and service for their fellow citizens and community.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in honoring Phil Daly Hose Company #2 on its 125th Anniversary and thanking the men and women who

have served and protected the City of Long Branch.

HONORING JIM WELLEHAN

**HON. MICHAEL H. MICHAUD**

OF MAINE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 3, 2011*

Mr. MICHAUD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Jim Wellehan, the Vice President of Maine's Lamey-Wellehan's shoe stores and the 2011 Auburn Business Association Citizen of the Year Award.

Jim is an exceptional businessman, helping to win Lamey-Wellehan the Boston Shoe Travelers Association award for 2011 Retailer of the Year. More importantly, Jim's commitment to a quality product goes hand in hand with helping to build a quality community.

Jim is committed to the environment, already having cut carbon emissions at Lamey-Wellehan by 23 percent and is on pace to achieve his company's ultimate goal of a 50 percent reduction by 2020. It's no coincidence that among the many honors that Jim has received is the 2007 Maine Sierra Club Business of the Year.

In recent years, Jim has served on the Lewiston Planning Board, the Board of Overseers at St. Joseph's College, the Board of the Finance Authority of Maine, President of the Board of the Lewiston Auburn Occupational Center, a member of the Maine Small Business Coalition and a youth soccer league coach.

There are few individuals more deserving of this award than Jim. His commitment to his state, community and customers is unprecedented, and I am pleased that he is being recognized.

Mr. Speaker, I hope you will join me in honoring Jim Wellehan, the 2011 recipient of the Auburn Business Association Good Citizen Award.

IN HONOR OF CEDRIC THORBES

**HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 3, 2011*

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of Cedric Thorbes, a young man who has displayed outstanding leadership. Mr. Thorbes has been named 2011's Youth Champion by Voices for Ohio's Children.

Cedric Thorbes was born in Liberal, Kansas and raised in Cleveland, Ohio. He is currently a senior at Glenville High School, where he is a merit-roll student and President of his senior class. Outside of school, Mr. Thorbes can often be found giving back to his community. He currently serves as the President of the Cleveland NAACP Youth Council, Chapter President of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, and the Youth President of the Brotherhood, Respect, Intelligence, Conduct, and Knowledge (BRICK) program. Cedric has also served as a leadership ambassador for the Cleveland Metropolitan School District.

Cedric has been recognized by the Cleveland community for his service and was the

recipient of this year's Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Community Service Award. Cedric was also recently awarded a \$25,000 scholarship after participating in the Maltz Museum of Jewish Heritage's "Stop the Hate! Youth Speak Out" essay contest.

Mr. Speaker and Colleagues, please join me in honoring Mr. Cedric Thorbes for his unwavering dedication to leadership in his community and being named 2011's Youth Champion. I wish him the best in all of his future endeavors.

A TRIBUTE TO DR. DERO G.  
DOWNING

**HON. BRETT GUTHRIE**

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 3, 2011*

Mr. GUTHRIE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the memory of a remarkable Kentuckian, Dr. Dero G. Downing. On April 4, Dr. Downing, Western Kentucky University's fourth president, passed on at the age of 89, leaving behind a lasting impression that will live on for years to come.

Dr. Downing served many roles throughout his lifetime but was best known for his time spent as WKU's president. Before serving as president, Dr. Downing became the university's registrar in 1959. Three years later, he was named dean of admissions. He then took the administrative affairs vice president position when it was created and held that position until becoming WKU's president in 1969.

During his decade long tenure as president, Dr. Downing could be found socializing with students, staying involved with WKU sports, and consistently keeping the campus in praiseworthy shape. He resigned as president in 1979, but not without first leaving his legacy on the hill.

Dr. Downing always conducted himself as a man of honor, loyalty and spirit. He exemplified to the fullest extent how indeed "The Spirit Makes the Master."

I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Dr. Dero G. Downing for his many great contributions to the Commonwealth of Kentucky and as an architect in contributing to the successes of Western Kentucky University throughout his adult life.

SERGEANT KINTERKNECHT, OFFICER  
RAGSDALE AND OFFICER  
WITTE TRIBUTE

**HON. SCOTT R. TIPTON**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 3, 2011*

Mr. TIPTON. Mr. Speaker, it is a true honor to stand and pay tribute to three members of the Montrose Police Community that displayed courage exceeding the call of duty. On July 25th, 2009, Sergeant Kinterknecht, along with Officers Ragsdale and Witte, and other members of the Montrose Police Department and Montrose County Sheriff's Department responded to a domestic violence call that quickly turned violent.

Soon after authorities arrived, gunfire erupted, tragically leaving Sergeant Kinterknecht fatally wounded, and Officers Ragsdale and

Witte severely wounded in both of their legs. In the chaos that followed many other police personnel responded boldly providing CPR and other life saving techniques as needed, while securing the crime scene.

Sergeant Kinterknecht, a Montrose native, has been posthumously awarded the Purple Heart and the Medal of Honor by the Montrose Police Department for his valor in the face of great and imminent danger. Sergeant David Kinterknecht had been involved with law enforcement since he was 14, as a member of the Montrose Police Explorers, a local youth group. He was a committed family man who is survived by his wife Kathy and his daughters Andrea and Amanda.

Officer Rodney Ragsdale, who made his way to Montrose from Suburban Denver, was another man who had been deeply involved in law enforcement. Officer Ragsdale was shot in both of his legs, and for his display of bravery he was also awarded the Purple Heart and the Medal of Honor by the Montrose Police Department.

Officer Larry Witte was just 23 at the time of the incident, and only two years out of Western State College in Gunnison. Officer Witte was also severely wounded from gunshot wounds in both of his legs, and for his steadfastness in dire circumstances he was also awarded the Purple Heart and the Medal of Honor. Officer Witte has a lovely wife, Chelsea, and a beautiful young daughter, Julia. He has recovered from his wounds and is back on patrol in Montrose.

Mr. Speaker, it has been an honor to rise in tribute to these three brave men. We should never forget the sacrifices the men and women in law enforcement make every day to insure our safety, and the sacrifices of their families. To Officer Ragsdale and Officer Witte, thank you for your service and gallantry. To the Kinterknecht family, our thoughts and prayers have, and continue to be, with you all. Sergeant Kinterknecht gave his life in service, and he shall not be forgotten.

KATHRYNN MERRILLS

**HON. ED PERLMUTTER**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 3, 2011*

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Kathryn Merrills for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. Kathryn Merrills is a 7th grader at Oberon Middle School and received this award because her determination and hard work have allowed her to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Kathryn Merrills is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Kathryn Merrills for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. I have no doubt she will exhibit the same dedication and character in all her future accomplishments.

HONORING CROATIAN PRESIDENT  
IVO JOSIPOVIC

**HON. ELTON GALLEGLY**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 3, 2011*

Mr. GALLEGLY. Mr. Speaker, I would first like to thank Croatian President Ivo Josipović for traveling to the United States and taking part in the Congressional Croatian Caucus kick-off event.

Although President Josipović has been in office for little over a year, his record in promoting an environment of genuine regional dialogue, better mutual understanding, across-the-board cooperation, and a Euro-Atlantic perspective for the whole of South East Europe has been noteworthy.

Since taking office he has pursued the path of regional reconciliation, a policy that has been matched with concrete action. For example, President Josipović expressed regret for all the victims of the tragic events of the 1990s irrespective of their ethnic background, religious identity, or country of origin. He has also pursued open dialogue with all the key partners in the region of South East Europe, but in particular with Serbian and Bosnian and Herzegovinian high officials.

His efforts at promoting the eventual membership of all the countries in the region into the EU and NATO, have been widely recognized. President Josipović's effort in realizing "Europe, whole, free and at peace" is acknowledged and has been highly commended by the Administration and prominent members of Congress, as it complements U.S. efforts in that part of the world.

Croatia's two-year-long record of NATO membership already bears his mark. President Josipović showed strong leadership and responsibility at the December 2010 NATO summit in Lisbon, in regard to Croatian contributions to NATO led peace-keeping missions. Moreover, he has offered his strong support to Allied efforts in Afghanistan, where Croatian troops and experts assist in transitioning this country to stability and security, using its own capabilities, which was clearly expressed on his recent visit to Kabul.

Again, on behalf of the Congressional Croatian Caucus, I would like to welcome President Josipović to the United States and for his role in building a closer friendship between our two nations.

LANCE ORTIZ

**HON. ED PERLMUTTER**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 3, 2011*

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Lance Ortiz for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. Lance Ortiz is a 12th grader at Jefferson Senior High and received this award because his determination and hard work have allowed him to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Lance Ortiz is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive

to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Lance Ortiz for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. I have no doubt he will exhibit the same dedication and character in all his future accomplishments.

IN TRIBUTE TO TEMPLE BETH  
EMETH V'OHHR PROGRESSIVE  
SHAARI ZEDEK ON THE OCCA-  
SION OF THEIR CENTENNIAL  
YEAR

**HON. ANTHONY D. WEINER**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 3, 2011*

Mr. WEINER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize Temple Beth Emeth v'Ohr Progressive Shaari Zedek on their 100th Anniversary. The temple has provided faithful and devoted service to the Brooklyn community and has shown great commitment to the Jewish religion.

For 100 years, Temple Beth Emeth v'Ohr Progressive Shaari Zedek has shown great dedication to the Brooklyn community and has instilled their members with a strong sense of Jewish identity. I commend this outstanding temple and the excellent work they have done in the Brooklyn community and the City of New York.

Temple Beth Emeth v'Ohr Progressive Shaari Zedek represents the best of the Brooklyn community. They have dedicated their talents to provide their neighbors time for spiritual reflection and renewal with weekly Shabbat services and have improved the quality of life for their neighbors, friends, and family.

Temple Beth Emeth v'Ohr Progressive Shaari Zedek is truly a pillar of strength built on the support of their faithful members. Their members' generous and active involvement has contributed to the many years of phenomenal service that the temple has provided.

I am honored to recognize Temple Beth Emeth v'Ohr Progressive Shaari Zedek on the occasion of their centennial year and further extend my gratitude for their many loyal years of service to the Brooklyn community and I hope they continue to grow and provide the quality service for which they are so well known.

75TH ANNIVERSARY OF ST.  
GEORGE ORTHODOX CHURCH

**HON. DALE E. KILDEE**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 3, 2011*

Mr. KILDEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 75th anniversary of St. George Orthodox Church. The parish celebrated this occasion this past weekend with a banquet and brunch.

The parish was organized in 1936 by families that had immigrated from Lebanon, Syria and Palestine. Due to the success of these immigrants the parish thrived and the first church was built in 1938. Many of the original

members remain a vibrant part of parish life to this day. The parish relocated to the existing church 40 years ago in 1971. Currently there are 230 families that make their spiritual home at St. George Orthodox Church. Despite the diversity of cultures among the parishioners, the Church members are united in their Orthodox Faith rooted in Apostolic Succession.

Mr. Speaker, I ask the House of Representatives to join me in congratulating Father Joseph Abud, the parishioners, clergy, staff, and friends of St. George Orthodox Church for 75 years of worship, fellowship, and inspiration. May God continue to bless the parish with enthusiasm and spiritual growth for many, many years to come.

VIVIAN FIELD MIDDLE SCHOOL  
CELEBRATING 50 YEARS OF EDUCATION

**HON. KENNY MARCHANT**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 3, 2011*

Mr. MARCHANT. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride that I rise today to recognize the 50th anniversary of Vivian Field Middle School. As a former student of Carrollton-Farmers Branch ISD, it gives me great satisfaction to recognize Vivian Field Middle School for its five decades of educational excellence.

In 1960, Tom Field, a former county commissioner and staunch supporter of public education, donated 7.5 acres of land to Carrollton-Farmers Branch ISD for a new school. Mr. Field, however, had one requirement of the school district: the new school had to be named after his wife, Vivian. The school district honored his wish and constructed Vivian Field Junior High School.

Vivian Field Junior High School opened in the fall of 1961. The school consisted of the sixth, seventh, and eighth grades. The main building was structured with three wings which were connected by a gymnasium on the southeast side and a cafeteria on the west side. In 1969, to accommodate its growing student body, Vivian Field Junior High School constructed an additional wing, providing a formal entrance and additional classrooms. Since opening, the school has changed its name to Vivian Field Middle School to better reflect the grades and programs.

Today, Vivian Field Middle School has approximately 900 students across three grades. The middle school has been honored by the Texas Education Agency as a "Recognized" school from 2005 to 2010, and has been commended on the State and National level for continually providing an outstanding education for its students.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the 24th District of Texas, I ask all my distinguished colleagues to join me in commending the administrators, teachers, and students of Vivian Field Middle School for its five decades of exemplary education in our community.

LYDIA AGEDE

**HON. ED PERLMUTTER**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 3, 2011*

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Lydia Agede for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. Lydia Agede is a 12th grader at Standley Lake High School and received this award because her determination and hard work have allowed her to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Lydia Agede is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Lydia Agede for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. I have no doubt she will exhibit the same dedication and character in all her future accomplishments.

TRIBUTE TO USMC MASTER  
SERGEANT FRANK MASON

**HON. DUNCAN HUNTER**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 3, 2011*

Mr. HUNTER. Mr. Speaker, every so often, the heroism of America's greatest generation is relived through personal accounts, ceremony and celebration. It was these Americans who lead our nation to victory in Europe and the Pacific during World War II, and then returned home to build an economy and set the gold standard for future generations to not only admire, but to follow.

One of these great Americans, Marine Corps Master Sergeant Frank Mason, is celebrating his 90th birthday, a significant milestone that encompasses a lifetime of service and sacrifice. Frank's story, starting with his childhood and carrying through his career in the Marine Corps, is truly inspiring. And his courage as a prisoner of war following the fall of the Philippines is an example of the same American selflessness and fighting spirit that continues to motivate the men and women of the Marine Corps, and every other American who understands that freedom comes at a cost.

Seeing both an obligation of duty and opportunity in the Marine Corps, Frank enlisted in the Marines in 1937 at 17 years of age. Frank was assigned to the 1st Battalion, 4th Marine Regiment and, after a year in Hawaii, he joined the Battalion in Shanghai, China—Oa part of the world that, outside of books and maps, was unfamiliar to most Americans—until the threat of a Japanese attack forced the evacuation of all American troops on November 28, 1941—days before the bombing of Pearl Harbor. Frank's next stop was the Philippines, where the Marines would soon put up a valiant fight against a determined and relentless Japanese enemy committed to fighting until the last man.

The Philippines was a strategic asset for both the U.S. and the Japanese during World

War II. And the Island of Corregidor was the culmination of the Japanese campaign for the Philippines. It was on Corregidor that Frank and others, cornered and outnumbered, endured multiple waves of attacks. They held their ground. The fighting intensified until Japanese tanks went into action and stacked the odds against the Marines on the Island.

Many were wounded, and under fear that Japanese landings would continue overnight, General Jonathan Wainwright made the decision to surrender.

General Wainwright's famous words to President Roosevelt provide a clear window into the conditions facing Marines on Corregidor, saying "There is a limit of human endurance, and that point has long passed." On May 6, 1942, the Corregidor garrison, with two officers sent forward with a white flag, surrendered to the Japanese.

Frank's account of these events aptly reflects the attitude of a Marine rifleman. An attitude, in fact, that reflects the tradition and honor of the Marine Corps to this day. Franks asserts that, "we never surrendered. We were ordered to stop fighting."

Frank was put on a "hell ship" and transported to Japan with other Prisoners of War, where he was starved and nearly worked to death in a nickel and lead mine for over three years. Still, Frank did not lose his spirit or his desire to live. With some incredible fortune and personal resourcefulness, Frank survived. And when most people might say they've done their part and try restoring some normalcy to their lives, Frank made the conscious decision to stay in the Marine Corps. His extraordinary levels of experience, fortitude and resilience, would be needed yet again, this time in Korea.

Less than a decade after the World War II victory parades rolled through America, Frank's next test would come during the Korean War and the historic battle of the Chosin Reservoir—a badge of pride for the Marine Corps, which, once again, faced insurmountable odds against a formidable enemy. Frank showed that the right leadership and experience is invaluable, under even the most difficult and dangerous conditions.

It's impossible to quantify Frank's contribution to the nation, but what's certain is that there are only a few Americans whose experience and sacrifice compare to his. Frank is part of an elite class of Americans who deserve our unending appreciation.

It was Ronald Reagan who famously said, "Some people live an entire lifetime and wonder if they have made a difference in the world. Marines don't have that problem." Mr. Speaker, I believe Frank is an example of the type of Marine President Reagan had in mind. Frank made a difference and we are all thankful for his service.

On the occasion of his 90th birthday, I ask that my colleagues join me in paying tribute to Master Sergeant Frank Mason—a true American hero.

LIZBETH BLANCO-RAMOS

**HON. ED PERLMUTTER**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 3, 2011*

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Lizbeth Blanco-Ramos for receiving the Arvada Wheat

Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. Lizbeth Blanco-Ramos is a 12th grader at Warren Tech North and received this award because her determination and hard work have allowed her to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Lizbeth Blanco-Ramos is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Lizbeth Blanco-Ramos for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. I have no doubt she will exhibit the same dedication and character in all her future accomplishments.

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HONORING COMMAND SERGEANT  
MAJOR ROBERT VAN PELT

**HON. CHRISTOPHER P. GIBSON**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 3, 2011*

Mr. GIBSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today on behalf of the people in New York's 20th District to express our sincere appreciation for the dedication and sacrifices of one of our own, Command Sergeant Major Robert Van Pelt.

CSM Van Pelt selflessly and courageously served in the United States Army between March 1969 and December 1971, after which he joined the New York National Guard. During his time in both the Army and National Guard, CSM Van Pelt served a vital role as a Fixed Station Autodin Technical Controller and NCO in other units related to Signal corps operations. He served with distinction and honor and achieved the impressive rank of Command Sergeant Major of the NY Army National Guard in 1991. During this period, CSM Van Pelt served in the Vietnam War, most notably in the First Signal Brigade in Phu Lam, Republic of Vietnam and earned numerous medals and commendations, including Meritorious Service Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster, the Vietnam Service Medal with one star, and the Humanitarian Service Medal, among many others.

Outside of this service, CSM Van Pelt also achieved many other milestones, including completing Advanced Signal NCO Course Phase 2 at Ft. Gordon, GA, and the USA Sergeants' Major Academy, Class #37 at Ft. Bliss, TX, as well as receiving a Bachelor of Science Degree at State University of New York. In addition, he has been happily married for almost 40 years to his wife, Deborah, with whom he has two daughters, Stephanie and Sandra. He continues his professional advancement through the electrical industry as an Instrumentation and Controls supervisor and his membership in IBEW Local Union #25.

It is an honor to know that such impressive and dedicated men and women like CSM Van Pelt are willing to sacrifice so much in the name of freedom. It is even more moving that my family and I have the privilege of their protection in our home state and district. I thank CSM Van Pelt and his family for their service.

IN RECOGNITION OF ROBERT  
"BOB" FLETCHER, JR.

**HON. DORIS O. MATSUI**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 3, 2011*

Ms. MATSUI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor Mr. Robert Fletcher, Jr. for his commendable service to Sacramento Japanese-American families during World War II and his work in the Sacramento community.

Bob Fletcher was born on July 26, 1911 in San Francisco, California to Robert Fletcher, Sr. and Olive Barkley. Following his upbringing in Redwood, Bob attended the University of California, Davis, where he received a degree in Agriculture Science in 1933.

Following his graduation from UC Davis, Bob worked as a state fruit and vegetable inspector at various locations, including the Florin Train Station, where he became friends with several local Japanese-American farm owners. In 1940, Bob became the director of the Sacramento County Farm Bureau.

After the December 7, 1941 attack on Pearl Harbor and the subsequent internment of Japanese-Americans, Bob quit his job as a state agriculture inspector and took control of three Japanese-American family farms belonging to the Tsukamotos, Nittas and Okamotos. He farmed the 90 acres of land until they returned home in 1945, when he returned their land to them and split half the profits.

Bob's desire to improve his community continued, and, in 1953, he helped form the Florin Fire Protection District, a local volunteer fire department at which he served as a volunteer Assistant Chief for 20 years, then served as the Chief for an additional 12 years. He retired in November of 1974.

In October of 1959, Bob helped found the Florin County Water District, to protect the water rights of local farmers and provide clean water to the community. After more than 40 years, Bob continues to serve as a board member to this day.

In 1985, Bob helped form the Florin Historical Society, and donated five acres of his land to build the Florin Community History Center and adjacent park, to preserve the history of the Florin community.

Mr. Speaker, I am honored to recognize Mr. Robert Fletcher, Jr. for his meritorious work in the Sacramento community, his ability to look past racial barriers and help save the farms of three Japanese-American families, and his more than 80 years of outstanding civil service. I ask all my colleagues to join me in commending Bob Fletcher for his truly remarkable service.

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KAYLA TREJO

**HON. ED PERLMUTTER**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 3, 2011*

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Kayla Trejo for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. Kayla Trejo is a 12th grader at Jefferson Senior High and received this award because her determination and hard work have allowed her to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Kayla Trejo is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Kayla Trejo for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. I have no doubt she will exhibit the same dedication and character in all her future accomplishments.

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IN HONOR OF M. SHIRLEY AUSTIN,  
OF HOLBROOK, MA

**HON. STEPHEN F. LYNCH**

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 3, 2011*

Mr. LYNCH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of M. Shirley Austin, in recognition of her outstanding civic contributions to Holbrook, Massachusetts, and to commend her for a lifetime of dedicated service to her community.

Shirley has dedicated over 45 years of loyal service to her town, beginning in 1966. For 39 of those years, she has tirelessly served Holbrook as Town Clerk. Shirley was first elected as Town Clerk in 1972, and has been elected in 13 consecutive elections over the 39 year time span.

During her distinct career, Shirley has been a continuous member of the New England Town Clerks Association, and served as the Association's Massachusetts representative. In addition, she was also a member of the Tri-County (Norfolk, Plymouth, Bristol) Town Clerks Association and continued her leadership as the organization's secretary.

An active participant in her community, Shirley has been a member of the Holbrook Town Democratic Committee for over 40 years. Her extensive and impressive resume also includes serving as a member of the Holbrook Rotary Club, a leader of the Holbrook Rotary Club's Student Government Day, and a Director for the Randolph Savings Bank.

Lastly and most importantly, Shirley has been a trusted advisor and mentor to the town of Holbrook, providing citizens with valuable and experienced advice for decades.

Mr. Speaker, it is my distinct honor to take the Floor of the House today to join with Shirley's family, friends, and contemporaries to thank her for her remarkable civic service to her hometown of Holbrook, Massachusetts, and to the United States of America. I hope my colleagues will join me in celebrating Shirley's distinguished career and in wishing her good health and success in all of her future endeavors.

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KAYLEEN LAWTON

**HON. ED PERLMUTTER**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 3, 2011*

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Kayleen Lawton for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award.



Kayleen Lawton is an 8th grader at North Arvada Middle School and received this award because her determination and hard work have allowed her to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Kayleen Lawton is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Kayleen Lawton for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. I have no doubt she will exhibit the same dedication and character in all her future accomplishments.

HONORING CALIFORNIA STATE  
SENATOR LONI HANCOCK

**HON. BARBARA LEE**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 3, 2011*

Ms. LEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the extraordinary career of California State Senator Loni Hancock as we celebrate 40 years of her dedicated public service. Having served on local, state and federal levels of government throughout her career, she made history as the first woman elected to be Mayor of the City of Berkeley. Senator Hancock continues to be a celebrated, invaluable member of the California State Legislature, and we join together in praise of her remarkable contributions to the Bay Area, California, and beyond.

Raised on the East Coast, Loni Hancock received her B.A. from Ithaca College in 1963. After moving to Berkeley with her family upon graduation, she earned an M.A. in Social Psychology from the Wright Institute in 1978. Her four decades of advocacy for social justice, environmental protection, economic development and access to high-quality, affordable education and health care began with her involvement in the historical political movements of the 1960s and 1970s.

Like many involved in Berkeley's hotbed of political activism, Ms. Hancock's opposition to the war in Vietnam and her work championing racial justice and women's equality led her to community organizing. She was active in the Community for New Politics (which later became the Berkeley Coalition), Women for Peace, and Bay Area Women Against Rape.

In 1971, Loni Hancock began eight years of service as an elected member of Berkeley City Council. In that role, she had the opportunity to shape programs and policies that reflected the nation's burgeoning civic reforms, including affirmative action hiring of women and people of color, job and benefits restructuring for city workers, and the administration of parental leave, rent control, recycling programs and campaign finance reform. As a council member, she also successfully pushed to preserve the Berkeley marina and its surrounding wildlife from development.

From 1986 to 1994, she served two terms as the first elected woman Mayor of Berkeley, resulting in the city's urban renaissance and the revitalization of its downtown. During a tough economic climate, she balanced seven consecutive city budgets, forged innovative city partnerships with the school district and

led efforts to secure additional open space (including Ohlone Park and the East Shore State Park).

From there, she served President Clinton's administration as head of the Western Regional Office of the U.S. Department of Education, where she helped direct millions in federal funding to launch after-school, early reading preparation, college preparedness and career-to-school programs in California schools. She also oversaw a host of domestic volunteer programs as President Jimmy Carter's Regional Director for ACTION (the precursor of the Corporation for National Service).

In 2002, Loni Hancock began three terms representing the 14th District in the California State Assembly. She was elected to the California State Senate in 2008, and currently represents the 9th State Senate District. As a State Legislator, Loni Hancock has authored landmark legislation and provided leadership on important issues. Her work has led to policies that improve and preserve our public schools, invest in programs to prevent crime and reduce recidivism, provide multi-faceted protection of our environment and encourage increased efficiency and fair elections in state government.

On behalf of California's 9th Congressional District, State Senator Loni Hancock, I salute you. Your 40 years of public service have made an indelible mark in our community. Thank you for your continued work, and best wishes to you and your loved ones in the years to come.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. TIM GRIFFIN**

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 3, 2011*

Mr. GRIFFIN of Arkansas. Mr. Speaker, on Monday, May 2, 2011, I missed the rollcall vote No. 278 for unavoidable reasons.

Specifically, my direct flight from Little Rock, Arkansas, to the Baltimore-Washington International Airport (BWI) that was scheduled to depart at 10:40 a.m. (CDT) and to arrive at 2:05 p.m. (EDT) was delayed due to mechanical failure for approximately four hours and did not arrive until 6:15 p.m. (EDT) at BWI. Because of this delay I did not arrive at the Capitol until after rollcall vote No. 278 had concluded.

I would have voted as follows: Rollcall vote No. 278: "yea" (H.R. 1423, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 115 4th Avenue Southwest in Ardmore, Oklahoma, as the "Specialist Micheal E. Phillips Post Office").

MALOREY BOPP

**HON. ED PERLMUTTER**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 3, 2011*

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Malorey Bopp for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. Malorey Bopp is an 8th grader at Arvada K-8 and received this award because her determination and

hard work have allowed her to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Malorey Bopp is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Malorey Bopp for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. I have no doubt she will exhibit the same dedication and character in all her future accomplishments.

HEMP HISTORY WEEK

**HON. RON PAUL**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 3, 2011*

Mr. PAUL. Mr. Speaker, I rise to speak about Hemp History Week. To celebrate the American heritage of growing industrial hemp, the Hemp Industries Association, Vote Hemp, American manufacturers, and allied companies and organizations have declared May 2 to May 8, 2011 to be Hemp History Week. Throughout the week, people will recognize America's legacy of industrial hemp farming and call for reinstating respect for farmers' basic right to grow industrial hemp.

Industrial hemp was legally grown throughout our country for many years. In fact, George Washington and Thomas Jefferson grew industrial hemp and used it to make cloth. During World War II, the federal government encouraged American farmers to grow hemp to help the war effort.

Despite industrial hemp farming being an important part of American history, the federal government has banned cultivation of this crop. In every other industrialized country, industrial hemp, defined to contain less than 0.3 percent THC—the psychoactive chemical found in marijuana, may be legally grown. Nobody can be psychologically affected by consuming industrial hemp. Unfortunately, because of a federal policy that does not distinguish between growing industrial hemp and growing marijuana, all industrial hemp must be imported. The result is high prices, outsourced jobs, and lost opportunities for American manufacturing.

Reintroducing industrial hemp farming in the United States would bring jobs to communities struggling in today's economy, provide American farmers with another crop alternative, and encourage the development of hemp processing factories near American hemp farming.

Industrial hemp is used in many products. For example, industrial hemp is used in protein supplements, non-dairy milk, and frozen desserts. Hemp flour is in breads, crackers, chips, dips, and dressings. Hemp seeds may be eaten plain or added to prepared foods. Additionally, hemp oil is used in a number of cosmetic and body care products, and hemp fiber is used in cloths. Industrial hemp is also present in bio-composite materials used in buildings and automobiles.

I first introduced the Industrial Hemp Farming Act six years ago to end the federal government's ban on American farmers growing industrial hemp. Since then, the industrial

hemp industry has grown much larger. Despite its American history, industrial hemp is the only crop that we can buy and sell but not farm in the United States. The federal government should change the law to allow American farmers to grow this profitable crop as American farmers have through most of our nation's history. I plan to reintroduce the Industrial Hemp Farming Act next week. Please cosponsor the Industrial Hemp Farming Act and join me in celebrating Hemp History Week.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE FIRST  
ANNUAL ROOSEVELT ISLAND  
CHERRY BLOSSOM FESTIVAL

**HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 3, 2011*

Mrs. MALONEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the First Annual Roosevelt Island Cherry Blossom Festival, which took place last month on Roosevelt Island in the heart of New York City. This "Celebration of Hope" featured the dedication of a beautiful grove of cherry trees along the Island's west promenade, which offers breathtaking views of the Manhattan skyline, as well as numerous cross-cultural offerings.

Proceeds from the Festival are being donated to the Roosevelt Island Japanese Association relief drive to aid those affected by the recent devastating earthquake and tsunami in Japan, which is also being supported by the Japan Society in New York City and designated charities.

The Roosevelt Island Cherry Blossom Festival featured performances by four different traditional music groups and by Roosevelt Island's own "Karate Kids". It also featured numerous gastronomic exhibits and tastings, including a continuous tea ceremony, a sushi and sake tasting offered by Roosevelt Island's Fuji East Restaurant, and a beer tasting put on by the Roosevelt Island Bar & Grill. In addition, the Festival included many offerings in the visual arts, including origami folding lessons, a photography contest, and an art auction hosted by the Roosevelt Island Visual Art Association (RIVAA) Gallery.

The Roosevelt Island Cherry Blossom Festival truly offered something for everyone: It was free and open to the public, but the proceeds from all sales will be donated toward Japanese earthquake and tsunami relief.

Roosevelt Island holds a unique place in the history of our nation's greatest metropolis. It began to be developed into a largely residential community by the State of New York in 1969 with a master plan designed by the world-renowned architects Philip Johnson and John Burgee as its guideline. This design envisioned a diverse mixed-income community in a largely traffic-free environment, a plan that has been successfully implemented.

The first residential housing complex on Roosevelt Island opened in 1975, followed a year later by three additional developments. Today, Roosevelt Island is famous for its parks, historic landmarks, first-rate health care facilities, and its scenic Tramway, the only commuter tram in the United States. It also offers a warm and comfortable environment to a thriving population of active and involved New Yorkers who call it their home.

Mr. Speaker, I request that my colleagues join me in paying tribute to the first annual Roosevelt Island Cherry Blossom Festival and all its organizers and volunteers. The Festival's mission of serving others offers inspiration to us all.

LORENZO TOLENTINO

**HON. ED PERLMUTTER**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 3, 2011*

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Lorenzo Tolentino for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. Lorenzo Tolentino is an 8th grader at Creighton Middle School and received this award because his determination and hard work have allowed him to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Lorenzo Tolentino is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Lorenzo Tolentino for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. I have no doubt he will exhibit the same dedication and character in all his future accomplishments.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE  
CENTENNIAL OF DALY CITY

**HON. JACKIE SPEIER**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 3, 2011*

Ms. SPEIER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to celebrate the 100th birthday of the city of Daly City, California. Known as the "Gateway to the Peninsula," Daly City sits at the northernmost edge of San Mateo County, stretching from the Pacific Ocean to the West to almost San Francisco Bay on the East.

Although the Ohlone Indians occupied much of this area since the 6th century, the Spanish claimed it in the early 16th century. In 1769 the explorer Don Gaspar de Portola learned of the existence of San Francisco Bay and within a few years the Presidio and Mission Dolores were established and European settlers began to inhabit the north peninsula.

After the Mexican-American War, the U.S. government declared the area between San Bruno Mountain and Lake Merced government property that could be acquired by private citizens. This led to a brief land rush by mainly Irish settlers who established ranches and farms in what today are the neighborhoods of Serramonte and Westlake and the cities of Colma and Pacifica. It didn't take the farmers long to discover one of the signature characteristics of the area: fog. Many farmers fled, others converted to dairy and cattle farms. Had Mark Twain visited Daly City instead of San Francisco, he would have changed his well-known statement to "the coldest winter I ever experienced was a summer in Daly City."

The tensions before the American Civil War led to a famous duel in 1859 near Lake Merced. California was divided between pro-slavery and Free Soil advocates. Two of the main figures in this debate were U.S. Senator David Broderick, a Free Soil advocate, and David Terry, a former state chief justice in favor of extending slavery into California. In the duel Terry mortally wounded Broderick who died three days later. This incident is considered the first shot of the Civil War and the location marked with two granite shafts is a designated California Historical Landmark.

Of course Daly City wouldn't be Daly City without its namesake. John Daly was 13 years old when he came to what is now San Mateo County from Boston in 1853. His mother died during the Panama crossing and young Daly had to fend for himself. He found work on a dairy farm and learned the business quickly. He married his boss' daughter and in 1868 bought his own 250 acres on the "top of the hill." He soon supplied milk and dairy products from his own cows and other dairies in the area and became a prominent businessman.

Populations were growing in San Francisco and on the south peninsula, but not in the Daly City area—until 1906. On the morning of April 18, 1906 a major earthquake off the coast near Mussel Rock destroyed much of San Francisco and displaced thousands of people. John Daly, who had moved to San Francisco, but maintained his business on the top of the hill, opened his farmland up to refugees, offering them temporary shelter, milk, butter and eggs. He realized the value of his land and subdivided his property in 1907. As streets and housing tracts emerged, the need for city infrastructure and services grew. The first attempt to incorporate the city of Vista Grande in 1908 failed. Three years later, on January 16, 1911, a petition was filed with the San Mateo County supervisors to incorporate the city of Daly City. In a special election on March 18, the incorporation narrowly passed in a 132 to 130 vote.

Daly City didn't grow much until the late 1940s when the developer Henry Doelger bought 600 acres of sand dunes and built Westlake. Doelger houses kept spreading West and South. Soon, major Daly City landmarks like Seton Medical Center and Serramonte Shopping Center were added.

Today, Daly City is San Mateo County's largest city with a population of over 108,000. Residents love their town and are proud of its diversity. After Honolulu, Daly City has the second largest Asian American community in the United States—about half of the residents are Asian and most are Filipino which is why the city is commonly called "Pinoy Capital."

Mr. Speaker, I ask this body to join me in celebrating the history and future of the city of Daly City on this day of its Centennial, March 22, 2011.

IN RECOGNITION OF NATIONAL  
TEACHER DAY

**HON. CHARLES B. RANGEL**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 3, 2011*

Mr. RANGEL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today, on National Teacher Day, to recognize the important work of nearly 4 million teachers in public, private, charter and religious education institutions all throughout our great nation.

Teachers go to work every day to educate, inspire and help children of all backgrounds to achieve their dreams and become successful. Among the eighty thousand educators in New York City is Dr. Althea Bradshaw-Tyson, principal of The Young Women's Leadership School (TYWLS) in my Northern Manhattan congressional district.

I had the privilege of visiting The Young Women's Leadership School (TYWLS) of East Harlem and seeing firsthand the extraordinary impact Dr. Bradshaw-Tyson and the teachers have had on their students. Under their guidance, TYWLS of East Harlem has made history and headlines by providing low-income students of color an outstanding college-prep education and by offering a personalized, dynamic, hands-on learning environment where girls thrive academically. Nearly every student of TYWLS graduates on time and attends four-year colleges.

At a time when our education system needs stronger support, our teachers are faced with innumerable obstacles. They are being blamed for the deficit, their rights taken away and wages slashed. Even worse, their livelihoods are being threatened by mass layoffs in school systems across America. Yet class sizes keep increasing as school budgets keep being cut.

We cannot hope to win the future without an educated and inspired workforce. Throughout this National Teacher Appreciation Week as we honor their invaluable service and efforts, let us remember the life-changing impact of outstanding educators such as Dr. Bradshaw-Tyson, and continue to support our nation's teachers.

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DEDICATION OF STATUE OF  
PRESIDENT GERALD FORD

**HON. DALE E. KILDEE**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 3, 2011*

Mr. KILDEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the legacy of an extraordinary man, dedicated public servant and proud Michigander: President Gerald Ford.

For 25 years, President Ford served as a Representative from Michigan. As Minority Leader he was respected on both sides of the aisle as a strong and capable leader. As he famously said "I have had a lot of adversaries in my political life, but no enemies that I can remember."

He ascended to the Presidency during a difficult chapter in our nation's history. Through his dedicated leadership, he helped guide the country out of the turmoil caused by Watergate and in the process he distinguished himself as truly one of the most honorable Presidents we have ever had.

I have served under seven Presidents in my 34 years in Congress, but President Ford was the first. His State of the Union Address was the first I had the privilege to attend on the floor of the House of Representatives and it is an experience I will never forget.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor this great American patriot and proud Michigander.

LAWRENCE SALAZAR

**HON. ED PERLMUTTER**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 3, 2011*

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Lawrence Salazar for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. Lawrence Salazar is a 9th grader at Jefferson Senior High and received this award because his determination and hard work have allowed him to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Lawrence Salazar is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Lawrence Salazar for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. I have no doubt he will exhibit the same dedication and character in all his future accomplishments.

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RECOGNIZING POLISH  
CONSTITUTION DAY

**HON. JANICE D. SCHAKOWSKY**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 3, 2011*

Ms. SCHAKOWSKY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Polish Constitution Day and to commemorate the signing of Europe's first codified constitution on May 3, 1791.

Three years after the adoption of our own constitution, Poland became the second nation in the world to codify a constitution. Under the leadership of King Stanislaw August, Poland approved a constitution that contained many of the groundbreaking democratic principles also embraced by America's founding fathers. Among those was the separation of legislative, executive, and judicial powers. The constitution also placed peasants under the protection of the government and established the concept of political equality.

Since the adoption of the 1791 Constitution, Poland has withstood countless hardships to emerge as a strong U.S. friend and ally. Here in the United States, Polish-Americans have made critical contributions to the development of our nation. This weekend, the city of Chicago's vibrant Polish community, the largest outside of Warsaw, will hold its 120th annual parade in honor of this historic document.

I join with people in the United States, Poland, and around the world in commemorating the anniversary of this historic document, celebrating Polish history, and recognizing the important contributions that the Polish people have made to the development of democracy.

RECOGNIZING NATIONAL MPS  
AWARENESS DAY

**HON. KENNY MARCHANT**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 3, 2011*

Mr. MARCHANT. Mr. Speaker, I would like to recognize the National MPS Society for their 36 years of supporting families while searching for cures. Mucopolysaccharidosis or MPS is a group of genetically determined lysosomal storage diseases that render the human body incapable of producing certain enzymes needed to break down complex carbohydrates. The damage caused by MPS on a cellular level adversely affects the body and damages the heart, respiratory system, bones, internal organs, and central nervous system. MPS often results in intellectual disabilities, short stature, corneal damage, joint stiffness, loss of mobility, speech and hearing impairment, heart disease, hyperactivity, chronic respiratory problems, and, most importantly, a drastically shortened life span.

Symptoms of MPS are usually not apparent at birth and without treatment; the life expectancy of an individual affected begins to decrease at a very early stage in their life. Research has resulted in the development of limited treatments for some of the MPS diseases.

I urge my colleagues and their staff to join me in recognizing May 15, 2011 as National MPS Awareness Day. This is an important time during which the MPS disease community will help increase the awareness of this devastating disease, as well as supporting research to improve treatments, find cures and receive early diagnosis. The MPS families are encouraged to reflect and support each other and to reach out to those families who have lost loved ones to MPS. By wearing their purple ribbons and sharing these ribbons within their community, they are increasing public awareness about this disease. This date is also the start of the national MPS Run/Walk season along with other local community activities to raise awareness along with money for research and for family assistance programs.

I commend the National MPS Society for their unwavering commitment to bring about awareness of this disease and to continue to advocate for federal legislation to streamline the regulatory processes and to speed effective treatments and cures for their loved ones while advocating for funding of respite and enhancing special education. More must be done to find cures and effective treatments.

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IN RECOGNITION OF CHARLIE  
GETZ

**HON. JACKIE SPEIER**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 3, 2011*

Ms. SPEIER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to congratulate Charlie Getz, a nearly four-decade veteran of the California Attorney General's office, on the occasion of his retirement. Charlie has served the people of the Bay Area and the entire state of California with great distinction.

I got to know Charlie when I first ran for Congress in 1979 and I've considered him a

close and dear friend ever since. He served as co-manager of my successful campaign for San Mateo County Supervisor in 1980 and has played a significant role in legislative victories at all levels of government.

Charlie has worked in the California Attorney General's office for 38 years in numerous high-level positions, and holds the distinction of being the second-youngest person to be appointed as Deputy Attorney General IV. He investigated the Los Angeles Unified School District when it built a high school on a toxic waste site. He successfully shut down a statewide development scam where local government bonds were being used to finance private developers that preyed on seniors and other people on fixed incomes. Mr. Getz won an Attorney General Award for Excellence, among other honors, for his work on litigation surrounding the infestation of Mediterranean fruit flies (Medfly). A University of California-Berkeley study later concluded that his work on the Medfly saved the state's economy \$5 billion per year. During that time, Charlie never lost a single case or motion.

Charlie is an avid model railroader. He is a member of the board of directors of the National Model Railroad Association, has given talks around the world about this popular hobby, and has written for *Narrow Gauge* and *Shortline Gazette* magazine for over 30 years. He is an acknowledged expert on the assassination of President Kennedy, has lectured on this subject on numerous occasions and has a library of volumes on JFK that is extraordinary. He is a highly-talented poet and not so gifted comedian. Charlie could have earned a lot more money over his lifetime if he had gone into writing comedy for late night television. Instead, he dedicated his life to statewide public service. Charlie is also passionate about the public's interest at the local level. Despite a demanding daytime schedule at the California Department of Justice, Charlie served for many years on the planning commissions of two communities in which he lived: South San Francisco and San Carlos. Unbeknownst to most of us, his votes and vision shaped the character of these two cities for many decades.

Charlie Getz is a graduate of the University of California at Los Angeles with a bachelor's degree in history and the University of Southern California School of Law.

In short, Charlie Getz is a Renaissance man in our modern era. He is fortunate to be blessed with a wonderful wife, Margaret, who is also brilliant, a computer specialist, teacher, and a professional chef. Margaret will have her hands full ensuring that Charlie stays on track during retirement. I wish both Charlie and Margaret the very best in the next chapter of their lives.

Mr. Speaker, I ask this body to join me in celebrating the extraordinary career of a dedicated public servant, a wise citizen, and an uncommon friend, Charlie Getz.

HONORING RABBI STEVEN  
CHESTER

**HON. BARBARA LEE**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 3, 2011*

Ms. LEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the extraordinary career and long-time spiritual

guidance of Rabbi Steven Chester as he retires from over 22 years at the helm of East Bay's oldest Synagogue, Temple Sinai, located in the City of Oakland. Under Rabbi Chester's excellent leadership, Temple Sinai has become even more effective in the promotion of worship, education, service and volunteerism within its large congregation, and throughout our community.

Additionally, with the completion of the new Rabbi Steven and Leona Chester Campus, the Rabbi's work and his family's many contributions have formed a tangible legacy within Temple Sinai. Consistent with his many years of service, Rabbi Chester's namesake is a place of gathering and good works that will serve both the modern and traditional needs of his beloved congregation.

Rabbi Steven Chester's multi-faceted career began long before his tenure at Temple Sinai. After receiving his bachelor's degree in History from the University of California, Los Angeles, he earned a B.H.L. from Hebrew Union College in Los Angeles and an M.H.L. from Hebrew Union College in Cincinnati, Ohio. He spent a seventh year of rabbinical studies in Israel, and was ordained in 1971. By the time of his ordination, Rabbi Chester was already a vocal advocate for many social issues, including supporting civil rights and ending the war in Vietnam. This early penchant for activism and the promotion of peace and human dignity would play a role in Rabbi Chester's spiritual teachings and community service throughout the span of his career.

Spending five years of his rabbinate at Temple Beth Israel in Jackson, Michigan, Rabbi Chester utilized proximity to the state's main prison to provide weekly counseling and spiritual services to its prisoners as the facility's Jewish chaplain. From 1976 to 1989, Rabbi Chester served Temple Israel, located in Stockton, California, where he was also an adjunct professor in the Religious Studies department at the University of the Pacific.

Over two decades ago, he left Stockton to become Rabbi at Temple Sinai. Founded in 1875, the Synagogue is a historic landmark that continues to serve the largest Jewish community in the East Bay and has deep roots in the Oakland community. During Rabbi Chester's tenure, he added a pre-school, introduced adult education programs and supported the congregation's return to more traditional practices, including the re-introduction of Hebrew into the service. He also continued the congregation's history of advocating for social justice by championing local affordable housing and health care for the underserved, supporting women's reproductive rights and protesting the genocide in Darfur.

Whether participating in the Hurricane Katrina prayer service at the Oakland Arena, taking a bold public stance on global conflicts, or sponsoring a school for the poor and orphaned in Siem Reap, Cambodia—Rabbi Chester has inspired many through his insight and actions. In fact, among his many accolades, Rabbi Chester was voted the 2006 Reader's Choice for "Minister/Rabbi/Imam with the Biggest Heart" in the East Bay Express.

On behalf of the residents of California's 9th Congressional District, Rabbi Steven Chester, I salute you. I thank you and your wife, Leona, for your countless contributions to the well-being of our East Bay community. Your work promoting the values and traditions of Judaism has served our many Jewish community mem-

bers and enriched the amazing diversity we enjoy in Oakland. I congratulate you on your many achievements, and I wish you and your loved ones all the best in this next chapter of life.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE CHI  
STATE ORGANIZATION OF THE  
DELTA KAPPA GAMMA SOCIETY  
INTERNATIONAL

**HON. DORIS O. MATSUI**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 3, 2011*

Ms. MATSUI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the Chi State Organization of the Delta Kappa Gamma Society International as they join together to celebrate their 75th year in California. It is a great pleasure to recognize the Chi State Organization of the Delta Kappa Gamma International Society's dedication to promoting the professional and personal growth of women educators, and excellence in education. Over 6,000 California members will celebrate this historic milestone at their annual convention this year, themed "Soar on Wings of Transformation." I ask all of my colleagues to join me in honoring their leadership in our community, our state, and throughout the country.

Delta Kappa Gamma Society International was founded in 1929 and the Chi State Organization was established in 1936. The seven purposes of the organization are: to bring women educators of the world together; to honor women who are committed to distinctive service in the field of education; to advance the professional interest of women in education; to initiate, endorse and support legislation and public policy that is in the interests of education and of women educators; to endow scholarships to aid outstanding women educators; to stimulate the personal and professional growth of members; and to inform the members of current economic, social, political and educational issues so that they may participate effectively in our society.

Over the last 75 years, the Chi State Organization has funded and participated in a number of literacy projects throughout California, given scholarships to members and grants to non-members to pursue continuing education, and volunteered in classrooms and communities.

Mr. Speaker, I am honored to pay tribute to the Chi State Organization of Delta Kappa Gamma Society International on their 75th anniversary, and their outstanding commitment to California's teachers and students, while promoting excellence in education.

KAYLA KOVAL

**HON. ED PERLMUTTER**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 3, 2011*

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Kayla Koval for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. Kayla Koval is a 7th grader at Drake Middle School and received this award because her determination

and hard work have allowed her to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Kayla Koval is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Kayla Koval for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. I have no doubt she will exhibit the same dedication and character in all her future accomplishments.

CONGRATULATING "TEAM WILSON" OF THE CIVIL AIR PATROL'S ORLANDO, FLORIDA CADET SQUADRON

**HON. DANIEL WEBSTER**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 3, 2011*

Mr. WEBSTER. Mr. Speaker, I congratulate "Team Wilson" of the Civil Air Patrol's Orlando, Florida Cadet Squadron for recently earning the Commander in Chief's trophy at the Air Force Association's 2011 CyberPatriot National Championship.

It was almost a year ago that "Team Wilson" began to lay the foundation for the success that I am pleased to recognize. In an era when our national security increasingly relies upon protecting vital networks, these young men are committed to acquiring the skills necessary to defend against a cyber threat. Over four hundred and fifty teams competed in the CyberPatriot III tournament for the opportunity to demonstrate their ability to patch and secure computer systems at the National Championship held this past February. I am pleased to acknowledge the achievement of "Team Wilson," who held themselves to the highest standard of performance throughout several rounds of competition and brought home the Commander in Chief's trophy for First Place in the All Service Division.

The members, coaches, parents and mentors of "Team Wilson" from the Orlando Civil Air Patrol have certainly earned our recognition. I thank coaches Nina Harding and 1stLt. Mark Strobidge for their steady guidance and dedication to the team's success. I also would like to acknowledge the contributions of Mr. Gary Palmer, whose mentorship and expertise provided "Team Wilson" with the tools to match their determination. However, much of the credit for this outstanding victory belongs with team members C/TSgt. Michael Hudson, C/MSgt. Evan Hamrick, C/SrA. Reid Ferguson, and C/SMSgt. Matt Allen. Team Captains C/SSgt. Isaac Harding and C/2ndLt. Shawn Wilson also deserve special recognition.

Meeting the new global challenges of the 21st century is fast hinging upon the capability to protect our critical telecommunications and network infrastructure. I am encouraged when I learn that so many young people are participating in competitions like CyberPatriot III to prepare themselves to serve our Nation on the front lines of the cyber security effort.

In conclusion, I wish all the best to the members of "Team Wilson" as they apply their technological competency and commendable work ethic to future pursuits.

HONORING REV. ROBERT A. WILD, S.J.

**HON. GWEN MOORE**

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 3, 2011*

Ms. MOORE. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor Rev. Robert A. Wild, S.J., President of Marquette University in Milwaukee, whose leadership has resulted in groundbreaking new educational and research facilities, innovative academic programs, increased donor support, and strong relationships with students, faculty, staff, alumni, and the community.

Rev. Robert A. Wild, S.J., began his duties as president of Marquette University in Milwaukee on June 17, 1996, and will retire on July 31, 2011. During his tenure, Father Wild has built upon the university's core strengths of an academically rigorous, values-centered curriculum; solid, practical preparation of students for work in a world of increasing complexity and diversity; and formation of individuals as ethical and informed leaders in their religious, cultural, professional, and civic communities. Father Wild has also promoted the Catholic, Jesuit identity of Marquette by inspiring its mission of the search for truth, the discovery and sharing of knowledge, the fostering of personal and professional excellence, the promotion of a life of faith, and the development of leadership expressed in service to others, all for the greater glory of God and the common benefit of the human community.

Father Wild has committed Marquette to making a higher education accessible to all students, regardless of financial means, such that more than 20 percent of the student body is now comprised of first-generation students. He has been a tireless supporter of student financial aid and academic support, including the Educational Opportunity Program, which enables low-income and first-generation students to enter and succeed in higher education via four Federal TRIO Programs.

Father Wild has inspired the formation of diverse leaders at an institution that was the first Catholic university in the world to admit women to be educated alongside men in its regular undergraduate programs in 1909. Marquette now receives more than 20,000 undergraduate applications each year to continue to provide a transformative experience for our nation's young men and women.

Numerous faculty and staff have provided their time and talent to serving the city of Milwaukee under Father Wild's leadership including three dental clinics operated by the School of Dentistry that provide oral health care particularly to underserved residents. Father Wild's leadership of the Near West Side of Milwaukee recognizes that the university's success and that of the community are one and that it is important to invest Marquette's work, wisdom and wealth in neighborhood goals. His community involvement has spurred neighborhood investment by numerous others, making a more vibrant and safer community the lasting result. Father Wild has also been a champion for the Milwaukee community through the Milwaukee Water Council, where he serves on the board, and service to the Greater Milwaukee Committee and the Metropolitan Milwaukee Association of Commerce.

Under Father Wild's leadership, Marquette became the first university in the country to

partner with the Boys & Girls Clubs of America for full-tuition scholarships; offered the first on-line master's degree program in Wisconsin; established its first endowed deanship; and received its first eight-figure contribution from an individual. He led Marquette's entry into the BIG EAST Conference in 2005, where intercollegiate athletes vie with the most competitive teams in the country. In the 15 years of Father Wild's tenure, Marquette completed the most successful comprehensive campaign in its history, raising a total of nearly \$800 million. More than 36,000 individuals have received a Marquette degree during Father Wild's tenure, individuals rooted in the university's pillars of excellence, faith, leadership and service.

I extend my thanks to Father Wild upon his retirement from Marquette University for his unparalleled leadership in transforming not only the university and its students, but Milwaukee and Wisconsin in so many ways that will have lasting impact for decades to come.

IN HONOR OF THE VIETNAMESE COMMUNITY OF CLEVELAND AND THE 36TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE FALL OF SAIGON

**HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 3, 2011*

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in remembrance and recognition of the 36th Anniversary of the Fall of Saigon. This historical date commemorates the end of the Vietnam War, and represents the beginning of a new life for tens of thousands of Vietnamese people, as they began their hopeful journey to America.

On April 30, 1975, the ancient city of Saigon fell to the conquest of communist troops. This action solidified the communist takeover of South Vietnam. Thirty-six years later, I rise to honor the memory and sacrifice of the hundreds of thousands of South Vietnamese soldiers, American soldiers and civilians who made the ultimate sacrifice in the name of liberty.

Despite the violent takeover and the rule of repression that followed, the culture, spirit and hope reflected by the Vietnamese people remained steadfast. After the fall of Saigon, thousands of Vietnamese, determined to rebuild their lives, began a treacherous exodus out of Vietnam. Their daring escape was on foot, through thick jungles and over jagged mountains. They escaped by boat, through snake-infested rivers and across turbulent seas. They became refugees in many nations, including America, with nothing more than the clothes on their backs and the hope for freedom in their hearts.

Mr. Speaker and Colleagues, please join me in honoring and remembering the hundreds of thousands of men and women who struggle for peace and freedom, then and now. We also honor agencies and churches such as The Vietnamese Community of Greater Cleveland and St. Helena Catholic Church, which offer havens of support, services and hope to immigrants from all over the world. The Vietnamese culture, through the care and commitment of its people, has flourished in Cleveland

and across America, yet remains forever connected to its ancient cultural and historical traditions that spiral back throughout the centuries, connecting the old world to the new, spanning oceans and borders in the ageless quest for peace—from Vietnam to America.

HONORING TIMOTHY EGAN'S  
ACHIEVEMENTS IN JOURNALISM

**HON. JIM McDERMOTT**

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 3, 2011*

Mr. McDERMOTT. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor Mr. Timothy Egan today because I, and countless other readers, have learned so much from his first-rate reporting and his terrific books. In well-deserved acknowledgement of Mr. Egan's ongoing contributions to our civic discourse and public understanding, the Rainier Club, one of Seattle's oldest urban institutions, has named Mr. Egan its "Artist Laureate for 2011."

Many in this chamber will recognize Mr. Egan's byline as the Northwest Correspondent of The New York Times. He is a Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist whose insightful reporting and opinion pieces exemplify outstanding journalism. Even more remarkably, Mr. Egan's talents, and achievements, are not limited to newspaper reporting. Hardly. His six successful books include five works of non-fiction (The Good Rain, Breaking Blue, Lasso the Wind, The Worst Hard Time, and The Big Burn) as well as a novel (The Winemaker's Daughter).

Mr. Egan's books are great reads—his subjects range from the distinctive qualities of the Northwest region and an unsolved Spokane murder case to the powerful mythology of the American West and most recently, an early twentieth century wildfire that triggered permanent and far-reaching changes in land management policy and attitude. In 2006, Mr. Egan published perhaps his best-known book, *The Worst Hard Time: The Untold Story of Those Who Survived the Great American Dustbowl*, for which he received the National Book Award. This is a powerful account of a truly critical episode in our country's history. Mr. Egan details the almost incomprehensible hardships endured by those American families who fought to survive the Dust Bowl of the Thirties, and in so doing, he brings his subjects and their circumstances fully to life.

His newest book, *The Big Burn: Teddy Roosevelt and the Fire that Saved America*, recounts the story of the devastating 1910 wildfire in the Rocky Mountain high country that claimed nearly 100 lives and changed forever our commitment to protect our public lands and their precious resources. His research is painstaking, and his commitment to the story unflinching. Through his lens, we better understand ourselves and our relationship to the natural world.

In addition to the Pulitzer Prize for outstanding newspaper reporting and the National Book Award, Mr. Egan has twice received the Washington State Book Award and the Pacific Northwest Booksellers' Award.

Mr. Speaker, on the occasion of the honoring of Tim Egan's lifetime achievements, the Rainier Club celebrates a son of Seattle who has reached millions with words of purpose

and meaning. I extend to him my congratulations and my appreciation. Thank you.

CONGRATULATING THE CITY OF  
PERRIS ON THEIR CENTENNIAL  
CELEBRATION

**HON. DARRELL E. ISSA**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 3, 2011*

Mr. ISSA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the City of Perris, California and congratulate them on the occasion of their Centennial Celebration for 100 years of cityhood.

This unique farming town has grown remarkably over the past century. Founded in 1911 in Riverside County, the City of Perris has flourished as a vibrant and growing community that is rich with culture and history. With fewer than 500 people in the early 1900s, today it is home to more than 50,000 Californians and growing.

Perris was built at the connector of The California Southern Railroad which ran from Barstow to San Diego. Perris has taken great pride in maintaining its heritage by renovating and reopening the Santa Fe railway station in 2009 as home to the Orange Empire Railway Museum building. Its city has also become an internationally recognized epicenter for world class skydivers to test the limits of their sport. Lake Perris is a natural wonderland where people celebrate a national icon through the Bald Eagle Count Project.

I commend the City's history of leaders and am honored to represent this community. As they gather to honor the past, celebrate the present and embrace the future, I applaud the City of Perris and its renowned heritage.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that the House recognize the City of Perris on the occasion of its Centennial Celebration.

HONORING ALVIN J. APPOLD

**HON. DALE E. KILDEE**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 3, 2011*

Mr. KILDEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Alvin J. Appold, retiring after 18 years as the Clerk of Frankenlust Township, Michigan. The township will hold a celebration this evening in his honor at the Township Hall.

Alvin Appold is a lifelong resident of Frankenlust Township. He served as the Township Clerk from 1984–1992 and 2000–2011. Prior to assuming the Clerk's duties, Alvin worked in the construction trade, as a farmer, and as an appraiser. He is an active member of St. Paul Lutheran Church singing in the choir and working as a Sunday Greeter. Alvin enjoys politics and was dedicated to performing his duties in a serious, professional manner. He is very proud of Frankenlust Township and the role he played in its significant development in recent years. Now that he is retired, Alvin plans to spend more time pursuing his leisure activities: working out at Delta College's pool, gardening and playing golf.

Mr. Speaker, I ask the House of Representatives to join me in congratulating Alvin J.

Appold as he retires as Frankenlust Township Clerk. I wish him the best in his future endeavors for many, many years to come.

HONORING THE 2011 MAINEBIZ  
BUSINESS LEADERS OF THE YEAR

**HON. MICHAEL H. MICHAUD**

OF MAINE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 3, 2011*

Mr. MICHAUD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the honorees of the 2011 MaineBiz Business Leaders of the Year Award. Each year, MaineBiz highlights the most outstanding businessmen and women helping to move Maine's business community forward. This year's honorees, Fletcher Kittredge, Martin Grimnes and Andy Shepard are among the best that Maine has to offer.

Fletcher Kittredge is CEO of Great Works Internet, GWI. In 17 years, GWI has grown from a small dial-up Internet company for one Maine community to a statewide Internet company with more than 50 locations. Fletcher has also been instrumental in the Three Ring Binder project, which has begun utilizing funds from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act to expand broadband service throughout rural Maine.

Martin Grimnes is the example of a true success story. After leaving his \$50 million dollar composites corporation in 2000, Martin is now at the helm of Harbor Technologies. In just a few years, Harbor Technologies has performed outstanding work on contracts like the new 103-foot composite pilings for use by the Navy in Pearl Harbor. With a product estimated to last 150 years, Harbor is now expanding overseas. Despite the company's overseas work, Martin is ensuring that Harbor Technologies remains based in Maine.

Andy Shepard, from my district, knows how badly northern rural Maine needs economic development. In only a few years since forming the non-profit Maine Winter Sports Center, Andy has helped to bring Olympic Trials, trainers and the World Cup Biathlon to northern Maine. This has contributed to millions in revenue for the northern part of my state.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in honoring some of the best business leaders that Maine and America have to offer. In addition to their success in the private sector, Fletcher Kittredge, Martin Grimnes and Andy Shepard have remained committed to their local communities and used their entrepreneurial skills to develop economic opportunities throughout Maine.

HONORING RUBY WINDRAM

**HON. ELIOT L. ENGEL**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 3, 2011*

Mr. ENGEL. Mr. Speaker, public service done honestly and well is a boon to our citizens. For 37 years Rubye Windram has adhered to those principles, serving the people of New York at the Social Security Administration. Ms. Windram is now retiring with her numerous performance awards, including two Commissioner's Citations and three Regional Commissioner's Citations.

Ms. Windram started working for the people on September 10, 1973 as a Claims Representative in the Boro Hall Field Office in New York. Two months later she transferred uptown and in 1978 she was named Operations Analyst and after another 2 months she was promoted to Operations Supervisor in East Harlem. She was named Branch Manager of the West Farms office and 4 years later was named Assistant District Manager in the North Bronx.

She continued her ascent at SSA and in 2003 she joined the Regional Office staff, becoming Deputy Assistant Regional Commissioner for Management and Operations Support. Throughout her career Ms. Windram used her growing and extensive knowledge of field operations to serve the agency and the public.

In retirement, Ms. Windram plans to travel and spend more time with her family. She also plans to share her experience and knowledge by teaching. I join her colleagues in wishing her the very best in retirement and in thanking her for her years of serving the public so admirably and well.

RECOGNIZING MEMBERS OF  
HONOR FLIGHT SOUTH ALABAMA

**HON. JO BONNER**

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 3, 2011*

Mr. BONNER. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride that I rise to commend Honor Flight South Alabama and the 89 World War II veterans this very special organization is bringing to Washington, D.C., on May 4, 2011.

Founded by the South Alabama Veterans Council, Honor Flight South Alabama is an organization whose mission is to fly heroes from Mobile, Baldwin, Washington, Clarke, Monroe, Covington, and Escambia counties in Alabama to see their national memorial.

Over six decades have passed since the end of World War II and, regrettably, it took nearly this long to complete work on the memorial that honors the spirit and sacrifice of the 16 million who served in the U.S. armed forces and the more than 400,000 who paid the ultimate sacrifice. Sadly, many veterans did not live long enough to hear their country say “thank you” yet, for those veterans still living, Honor Flight provides for many their first—and perhaps only—opportunity to see the National World War II Memorial, which honors their service and sacrifice.

This Honor Flight begins at dawn when the veterans will gather at historic Fort Whiting in Mobile and travel to Mobile Regional Airport to board a US Airways flight to Washington. During their time in their nation’s capital, the veterans will visit the World War II Memorial, Arlington National Cemetery, and other memorials.

The veterans will return to Mobile Regional Airport Wednesday evening, where a very large crowd of family and friends are expected to greet them.

Mr. Speaker, Wednesday’s journey of 89 heroes from South Alabama is an appropriate time for us to pause and thank them—and all of our military who fought in World War II—for they collectively and literally saved the world. They personify the very best America has to

offer, and I urge my colleagues to take a moment to pay tribute to their selfless devotion to our country and the freedom we enjoy.

I salute each of the 89 veterans who made the trip on May 4, 2011. May we never forget their valiant deeds and tremendous sacrifices: Clavis Akridge, Mary Balch, Herbert Barnhart, Harry Bennitt, Nathan Beverly, Blake Blakeney, Jim Botts, Sr., Robert Bryant, Howard Carney, Sr., Harold Childers, Charles Christie, Dale Crittenden, Arthur Days, Jr., Donald Delmarter, Gerald Devuyt, William, Duffy, Sr., John Elliott, Hardy Eubanks, Osburn Flener, Delbert Ganson, Albert Garrett, James Glisson, George Grant, Bobbie Gwin, James Hathcock, Jr., Allen Honeycutt, Andrew Jackson, Jordan Jackson, Ralph Jackson, Weyman Jobe, Ben Johnson, Henry Jones, Emory Jones, Mathew Kautzer, Robert Killam, Kenneth Kollar, Joseph Kress, William Krist, William Lauten, John Loper, Reginald Loper, Charles Loury, James Maupin, Bruce Maynard, Perry McClure, Bryant McDonald, Jr., Glenn Merrill, Robert Middleton, John Mobley, Tristram Mock, James Mullineaux, Albert Murrell, William Nanney, Jr., James Nettles, John Nettles, Jr., Ronald O’Donnell, John Odom, Morgan Odom, Curtis Outlaw, Sr., John Overbeck, Oliver Palanjan, Orin Parker, Jr., William Patterson, Hurshel Paul, Webster Pedersen, Peter Richardson, Tom Robertson, Albert Roll, Jr., Joe Salzmann, Norman Sannes, Frank Schneider, Louis Spadaro, Lamar Stapleton, Bernie Steele, Rene Stiegler, Jr., Orrin Strickler, Floyd Stringfellow, Irvine Tucker, Waid Turner, Donald VanBeek, James Walker, Sr., Eldred Ward, Jr., Hugh Wiggins, Lewis Wilder, Frederick Witzel, Vernon Woodcock, Robert Yearty, Joseph Zulofsky, and Eldred Latham.

HONORING MS. CINDY SMITH FOR  
HER 32 YEARS OF DEDICATED  
SERVICE TO AMERICAN AGRICULTURE

**HON. FRANK D. LUCAS**

OF OKLAHOMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 3, 2011*

Mr. LUCAS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Ms. Cindy Smith, the outgoing Administrator of the U.S. Department of Agriculture’s Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS). She has served as Administrator of APHIS since September 2007, ably carrying out the mission of APHIS: protecting American agriculture.

Ms. Smith has dedicated her life to public service, and is a true success story. She started out at APHIS in 1979 as a clerk-typist. She worked her way from the bottom to the top of the agency, showing a real commitment to its important mission, no matter the job. She understands the value of leadership development. The APHIS Leadership Development Roadmap she inspired has served as a model for other Federal agencies.

As APHIS Administrator, Ms. Smith led a major regulatory agency that protects U.S. plant and animal health, administers the Animal Welfare Act, and conducts wildlife damage and disease management activities, overseeing more than 8,800 employees.

Ms. Smith has a unique ability to identify emerging issues and determine a course of

action to attain high-quality outcomes that are technically sound while still respectful of the taxpayers’ dollars. She understands how to build momentum for her ideas, while working closely with stakeholders on all sides of an issue to strengthen support and identify consensus.

When HINT influenza started gaining international attention in 2009, Ms. Smith provided key leadership in shaping USDA’s response. She formulated an effective response plan, recognizing what the impacts and implications of detection in the U.S. livestock population would be, and how it would affect the swine industry. She directed APHIS to align animal health and human health officials at the Federal, State, and local levels to coordinate U.S. policy should H1N1 be identified in the U.S. swine herd, and she ensured the swine industry was included in the discussion. Under her leadership, APHIS and its partners developed action and communication plans that government and industry stakeholders praised for their inclusiveness and transparency. Once a case of H1N1 was identified, government officials spoke with one voice, providing a clear message to the public and stakeholders, assuring them of the safety of pork, and how APHIS and government efforts were protecting the swine industry and human health. Due to the groundwork she laid, the United States was able to avoid trade disruptions with Canada, and address concerns raised by Mexico.

With foresight, vision, and an ability to collaborate and get others behind her ideas, Ms. Smith demonstrated genuine leadership in what could have been a major crisis. Her efforts dramatically minimized the impact on American agriculture, and were of innumerable value to this country.

Ms. Smith has always demonstrated forward thinking. While she was Deputy Administrator for APHIS’ Biotechnology Regulatory Services program, she recognized the growing importance of biotechnology in agriculture, as well as the need for more rigorous requirements for field tests of GE crops. She was instrumental in developing a program to help companies and researchers enhance their compliance with biotechnology regulatory requirements. Through its proactive approach to compliance, companies who participate in the Biotechnology Quality Management System are better able to analyze their operations, identify vulnerabilities, and see that they’re addressed. The program she helped implement ensures accountability by confirming that trials of these necessary and beneficial crops are conducted responsibly. The program she created continues to grow, as more and more universities and small and large businesses recognize the value of participation.

Ms. Smith’s integrity, dedication, professionalism—and perhaps most importantly, her leadership—have served the United States well in all these endeavors. While she is not retiring from federal service, and has taken a new role as APHIS’ Chief Advisor for Government, Academia, and Industry Partnership, I wanted to thank her for her 32 years of service with APHIS, her successful tenure as administrator, and her continued commitment to the American people and U.S. agriculture.

INTRODUCTION OF THE ASTHMA  
MANAGEMENT PLANS IN SCHOOL  
ACT

**HON. MAZIE K. HIRONO**

OF HAWAII

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 3, 2011*

Ms. HIRONO. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to introduce the Asthma Management Plans in School Act.

Asthma is the most common childhood disease in the United States, affecting 7.1 million children.

Every year, children lose more than 13 million school days due to asthma, and their parents must skip work to take care of them.

Hawaii has a higher rate of childhood asthma than any other state. According to the latest data from the Centers for Disease Control, 18.6% of children in Hawaii have had asthma

at some point in their life. This is much higher than the national rate of 13.3%. Along with common allergens and irritants, Hawaii's volcanic fog, or "vog," is a common trigger for asthma attacks, due to the continuous eruption of Kilauea volcano on Hawaii Island.

In Kona on Hawaii Island, 13.8% of people with asthma have needed to go to the emergency room for treatment. In the Nanakuli/Waianae area on Oahu, 10.4% went to the emergency room. Asthma costs Hawaii an estimated \$18.2 million each year in direct medical costs alone.

Although asthma cannot be cured, it can be controlled with education and the right medicine.

The Asthma Management Plans in School Act will help children who suffer from an asthma attack while in school. My bill will provide grants to schools or local public health agencies in high-asthma areas to develop asthma management plans.

Grantees will be able to purchase emergency asthma medication and devices including inhalers, nebulizers, spacers, valved holding chambers (VHCs), and epinephrine to stop anaphylactic shock. School staff will learn about the disease and gain tools to help children if they have an asthma attack at school.

This bill has been endorsed by the Allergy & Asthma Network Mothers of Asthmatics (AANMA), the leading nonprofit organization dedicated to eliminating suffering and death due to asthma, allergies, and related conditions.

I am proud to work with the Hawaii Department of Health Asthma Control Program and the Hawaii Asthma Initiative.

I also thank my colleague Congresswoman Carol Shea-Porter for her work on this legislation in the previous congress.

I urge my colleagues to support the bill.